

Town News

Bulletin Board

AMHERST REPUBLICANS Monthly Meeting

Saturday, August 1, 8:00 AM
Joey's Diner, Route 101A, Amherst

Our guest speaker will be Matt Mayberry, recently elected Vice Chairman of the New Hampshire Republican State Committee. For more information please visit www.amherstrepublicans.org

Attention SHS Graduates Class of 2010

Cumulative folders are available to graduates of the Class of 2010. They can be picked up in Student Services between 7:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Please call ahead (673-9940 ext. 5308 or 5309) so that your cum folder will be available when you arrive. All folders not claimed by Monday, August 3rd will be destroyed.

11th Annual New England Peach Festival

Peach Festival sponsored by Milford's Church of Our Saviour, will be held rain or shine on Saturday, August 15 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. This year's event moves to a new downtown location on the Milford Community House lawn, located at the corner of Elm and Union streets, just outside of the Milford Oval.

Girls on the Run Registration

Girls on the Run is a 10-week, curriculum based program that inspires girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. Program registration will open on Monday, August 10th at 7pm. For more information on team locations and registration, please visit the website: <http://www.girlsontherunnh.org/>. Scholarships are available.

Amherst Town Band summer performances

Tuesday, August 18, 6:30 PM, Concert on the Green, Amherst
Tuesday, August 25, 6:30 PM, Greeley Park, Nashua

For additional information, visit the band's web site, www.amhersttownband.org.

Public Forum on new Turf Field at SHS

On Thursday, August 6th there will be a Public Forum on the proposal for a new Turf Field at Souhegan High School. You may know that a local businessman has come forward with a donation of \$500,000 to support the installation of the field. The Forum begins at 7:00 p.m. in the high school theater. Information about the forum can be found at sau39.org

Alex Preston In Concert

Alex's debut CD was released on July 21. The record release concert will be held on August 1st at the Palace Theatre, Manchester at 7 p.m. Alex is the 22 year old singer/song writer from Mont Vernon who finished third on American Idol. For tickets and details contact the Palace Theatre at 668-5588.

Library Ice Cream Social!

On Friday, August 7th, from 3:30-4:30 pm, there will be a celebratory Ice Cream Social on the Town Common. Rumor has it that in keeping with our "Every Hero Has a Story" theme, there may be a visit from....SUPERMAN!...If he turns up, Miss Sue and Miss Sarah are going to challenge him to an arm-wrestling contest!! There will also be face painting and other activities. Don't miss this final farewell to summer. It will be an afternoon that you won't soon forget!

Wounded Heroes Golf Classic

Join the 1st Annual Golf Tournament to raise funds for the benefit of the Semper Fi Fund on September 11, 2015 at the Amherst Country Club. This fund provides financial assistance and lifetime support to post 9/11 wounded, critically ill and injured members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families.

The Bookside Café Now Open At The Toadstool Bookshop In Milford

The Bookside Café at the Toadstool Bookshop in the Lorden Plaza Milford is now open. An intimate part of the bookstore, the café welcomes book browsers as well as those just looking for a quick cup of coffee, tea, or pastries or a more substantial breakfast or lunch. Breakfast is available Monday through Friday beginning at 8 am and Saturday at 9 am. The café closes at 4 pm.

Amherst Area Newcomers Club Monthly Meetings

Amherst Area Newcomers Club holds monthly social meetings both informative and entertaining. We have many interest groups that also meet weekly or monthly including book group, knitting, bunco, crafts, golf (is still meeting), out to lunch, movie night, poker and more.

For more information on our activities visit our website at www.nhnewcomers.com. We would love to meet you!

DISCUSSION GROUP at TOADSTOOL BOOKSHOP

On the first Thursday of each month, the discussion group meets from 7PM to 8:30PM. We share ideas on philosophy, current affairs and familiar truths. For more information contact: Norah at 673 – 6948.

Open to All Southern New Hampshire Women

The Amherst Area Newcomers Club has been an active social organization in the area for 45 years.

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

Employment Opportunity

Police Crossing Guard

Wilkins Elementary School

The Amherst Police Department is seeking a motivated and dedicated candidate to fill the position of Part Time Officer - Crossing Guard at the Wilkins Elementary School. All training will be provided and no experience is necessary. Applicants must possess a desire to serve the community and display a keen sense of responsibility. The successful applicant will be assigned to the pedestrian crossing at the Wilkins Elementary School on Boston Post Road to ensure pedestrian safety and to provide the safe and orderly flow of traffic throughout the school year. All uniforms and safety apparel will be provided by the Amherst Police Department. Hours of assignment include 45 minutes in the morning and 45 minutes in the afternoon each day that school is in session. Starting pay is \$160 per week. Applicants should submit a resume and letter of interest to the Amherst Police Department in person, via mail, or via e-mail. Closing date for resumes is August 3, 2015.

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Historic Amherst

Caring for Parents in Old Age On Amherst Farms at Beginning of 19th Century

BY KATRINA HOLMAN

At the turn of the 18th to 19th century, one way that yeomen planned for their survival and comfort in old age was for the (usually elderly) father to convey his farm – or half of the farm – to a particular grown-up son, in exchange for continued care for himself & wife in the family home for the rest of their natural lives and a decent burial at their decease, as well as the promise that the son would carry on the farm in a good husbandlike manner. Some of these agreements were quite brief and to the point. But other, less trusting deals spelled out the conditions in greater detail. Some specifications as to what the son was to provide for the parents are so exacting that they are of historical value for what they reveal about productivity of local agriculture. Such agreements are called life leases and they are found in the registry of deeds in the form of a mortgage with the tell-tale words “provided nevertheless if ...” The foreclosure in such cases would be that if the son failed to fulfill the conditions satisfactorily, he would have to pay full value of the real estate or pa (or the heirs) could reclaim ownership of the farm. (Such deals meant that none of the other children would inherit the farm.) Here are two examples in Amherst.

Shannon Farm Near Baboosic Lake

Andrew Shannon, a weaver who came from Reading, Mass., resided on his farm by the south end of Baboosic Lake from about 1761 to 1802 – except when off fighting in the Revolutionary War. Four children were born to him & wife Phebe in Amherst, including William born in June 1767. If Andrew did indeed die in April 1817 at age 89 (Secomb, p. 193), that would have made him 61 years old in June 1799 when he “sold” his 100-acre farm in Amherst, N.H. to [his son] William for \$1000, however “reserving to myself and my wife during the period of our natural lives the house we now live in & convenient privileges round the same & also a small piece of



Abiel Steele House – 106 Horace Greeley Road. This cape was the farmhouse owned & occupied by the Joseph Nichols family from 1805 (100 acres) to 1832 (63 acres).

ground now inclosed the southerly side of the road opposite my house for a garden” (deed 49:59), in exchange for life lease for Andrew & wife Lydia for same amount (mortgage 49:288). The conditions were that William would: pay \$100 to such creditors as Andrew shall choose and at such periods he shall mention; well & faithfully husband the farm and bring Andrew & wife during both their natural lives half of all the corn & grains, fit for use, into Andrew's house, as well as half of all the cider, winter apples & sauce of all kinds into Andrew's cellar, and half the flax, dressed & fit for use; keep winter and summer on the farm 2 cows and 6 sheep for sole use of pa & wife; cut firewood sufficient for summer & winter and haul to door of pa & wife, and further, if thereto required by either, cut the wood fit for the fire; furnish pa & wife with horse, when there was one on the farm, to ride when they had occasion; furnish pa & wife with doctoring & nursing, in case of sickness, & with any necessities they may stand in need of from time to time; pay half the rates [taxes] of the farm from year to year; and afford Andrew & Lydia a decent burial at their decease.

In an unusual move, the son borrowed (in form of mortgage) the full \$1K against the Amherst farm from the Town of Wilton

AMHERST RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Baboosic Lake 2015

Baboosic Lake Town Beach will be guarded daily 9am-7pm Monday-Friday and 10am-7pm week-ends June 11-August 28th

We will also be renting Stand up Paddle Boards and Kayaks this year!

For more information please visit www.amherstrec.org

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.
8/4 6:00-7:00pm UNH's Little Red Wagon Performing Company:
Puppet Show “What’s the com-OCEAN?”
8/11 6:30-8:00pm FolkSoul Band
8/18 6:30-8:00pm Amherst Town Band
8/25 Time TBA Our Back to School Event

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

Trips

Three Rivers Overnight White Water Rafting Trip

Finish summer off with a huge splash while rafting down the Kennebec River in northern Maine! Join us as we embark on our first overnight trip with our new mini bus! More information can be found at amherstrec.org.

Amherst Recreation Programs and Events

White Water Rafting Trip Details

Who: Ages 12+
What: Overnight White Water Rafting Trip, West Forks Maine
Where: West Forks, Maine (meet at Souhegan High School)
When: August 26-August 27
Fee: \$125R; \$145NR

Trip to NH Craftsmen's Fair & Lake Sunapee Tour

Join us for our maiden voyage in our new Amherst Recreation Bus for a day in Sunapee. We will start our day by heading to the 81st annual Craftsmen's Fair at Mount Sunapee where you will have time to explore the exhibits, watch demonstrations and have a wander around. We will depart the fair at 1:15pm and head over to Lake Sunapee Harbor to embark on the MV Kearsarge for a narrative cruise of Lake Sunapee.

Who: Adults and Families
When: Thursday August 6th
Departure: 8:30am
Return: 5pm
Fee: \$40R, \$50N/R (Includes admission to the fair and cruise, lunch is on your own)

Hobo Harvest Time Express Train Day Trip

Join us as we take our new mini bus out on the road! This fall, we will be taking a day trip to Lincoln, NH during the peek of fall foliage season. Price includes round trip train ride, admission to the Hobo Harvest Festival activities, lunch, and transportation to and from the events.

Trip Details

Who: Adults and Families
What: Hobo Harvest Time Express Train Day Trip w/lunch
Where: Meet at Souhegan High

School Parking lot
When: October 3rd; 9am-5:30pm
Fee: \$35R per child; \$39R per adult; \$45NR per child; \$49NR per adult

NEW Programming

Tot Soccer

Our program is offered to 3 and 4 year olds who will be introduced to the basic building blocks of soccer including dribbling, passing and kicking skills through games and activities appropriate for their age group. This program is offered on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings from 9/16-10/15.

Fall Soccer
Fall soccer is now open for registration! We offer programming from ages 3-13. Season starts 9/12. Please visit our website for pricing options. Late Fees kick in on August 15!

Fall Baseball

Fall baseball is now open for registration for minors, majors, and Babe Ruth. Please visit our website for more information.

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

Basket Making Workshop

Join NH Craftsman Artisan Ray Lagasse for a single 8-hour day and make a basket from scratch to finished project. These beautiful and useful baskets can be given with pride as a holiday gift.

Who: Adults 18-108
When: Saturday 9/26; 8am-4:30pm
Where: AMS; Life Skills Room
Fee: \$125R; \$135NR

Zumba Gold for Beginners

merely six months later. Well, from there things got messy. Somehow, the father ended up with the land again, borrowing \$500 from Mr. Money-bags himself, Robert Means, Esquire in April 1800 on 100+ acres. The April 1801 tax invoice shows Andrew (not William) residing in Amherst (poll tax) with agricultural land of half acre orcharding, 2 acres mowing, 1 acre tillage, 4 acres pasturing and his taxable livestock being 1 cow and 1 2-year-old neat stock, and wild land & buildings valued \$60. In April 1802, Andrew sold “all my homestead farm” in Amherst for \$1000 to someone from Lyndeborough, in a kind of swap deal.

Joseph Nichols Farm Near Bedford Line

One Joseph Nichols came to Amherst from Litchfield in 1805 and bought a farm, bounded northerly in part by Pulpit Run brook, with house whose present address is 106 Horace Greeley Road (although it faces the abandoned Old Joppa Hill Road leading to Bedford) for \$800 (deed 72:383). In December 1807, Joseph executed his first life lease, whereby his son John Nichols, who had just recently reached his majority, got the 100-acre farm (with nominal value of \$1000) in exchange for: carrying on faithful and prudent cultivation of the farm and giving half of the farm's produce to his pa & wife Polly (specifically, half of the cider, apples for common use and for winter, flax dressed fit for use, corn, grains, and sauce of all kinds, all of which was to be delivered to Joseph at his dwelling house on the premises in due season annually; providing & keeping 1 cow & 4 sheep for them but also keeping an additional cow & 2 sheep provided by pa; furnishing firewood; letting Joseph & Polly retain full use of the house; and paying off pa's debts. And further, the son was required to: allow his pa & wife the use & improvement of about half an acre of land in front of the house on easterly side of highway as also a

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Perfect for beginners and folks over 50...this is a “kinder, gentler Zumba.” Laugh! Dance! Love your Body! With no need to be perfect, this feels joyous...like dancing in your living room with all your “crazy” friends!

Please visit www.amherstrec.org for more information

Tiny Toes Dance

Our Tiny Toes Dance program is for girls and boys ages 3-5. In this 4 week program, students will get an intro to dance.

Who: Boys and Girls ages 3-5
What: Tiny Toes Dance
Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center
When: 9/11-10/2 from 10:15-11am
Fee: \$30R; \$35NR

Archery

This is an Olympic Style target archery program taught by certified instructors. The program will teach the basic fundamentals of shooting target archery focusing on safety and proper shooting form.

Who: Grades 1-4 and Grades 5-8
When: 9/18-10/16
www.amherstrec.org for pricing options

Family Programming

Birthday Parties at PMEC!

Create amazing birthday memories this year with a Birthday Party for your child age 3-12 at the Peabody Mill Environment Center!

We have several themes to choose from or we can work together to tailor one just for your Birthday Girl or Boy. Please visit www.amherstrec.org for more details.

We add programs weekly, so check our website often...

And make time in your life for Recreation!

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