



# The Bee

AMHERST'S NEWSPAPER

FREE

## Spindle items



**KEATON  
DEPRIEST**

Associate  
Editor

• **KEEP READING** — Although I haven't been in study hall for about 20 years, I still understand how tempting it may be to take a break from academics at the start of summer vacation.

While a short break from academia may be OK, I urge students in the area to take this advice: never stop learning.

State Sen. Michael Ranzenhofer is also encouraging students to continue their education during these next 10 weeks without school. The senator has launched his summer reading

program with the theme of "Build a Better World."

Using his website, [ranzenhofer.ny-senate.gov](http://ranzenhofer.ny-senate.gov), summer readers can create a profile, record reading progress, share books on Facebook and earn a certificate.

While many students may already have to read books during the summer as part of their new grade's curriculum, there is always time to read another book.

According to Ranzenhofer's office, more than 2.1 million students participated in summer reading at New York libraries in 2016. I strongly encourage area students to take advantage of their time off by reading new books.

• **EARLY DEADLINE** — The submission deadline for the July 5 edition of The Amherst Bee will be 5 p.m. Thursday, June 29.

Copies will be distributed on Wednesday, July 5, as normal. The Bee office will be closed Tuesday,

July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

• **SPECIAL EVENT** — The Town of Amherst Veterans Committee has set the sixth memorial recognition of veterans names to be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, at the Amherst Veterans Memorial in the Amherst State Park, at 400 Mill St.

Anyone interested in nominating a veteran for inclusion on the wall may contact Dawn Cerra at 631-7013 or at [dcerra@amherst.ny.us](mailto:dcerra@amherst.ny.us).

Additionally, applications may be downloaded directly at [www.amherst.ny.us/pdf/veterans/veterans\\_memorial.pdf](http://www.amherst.ny.us/pdf/veterans/veterans_memorial.pdf)

The town has set a deadline of Friday, July 7, for names to be submitted for inclusion on the wall for the August ceremony.

• **HONOR ROLLS** — The Bee publishes honor rolls from middle schools and high schools in the town.