



## Sweet touch

Resident Anastasia Karolick puts the finishing touches on one of several gingerbread houses to be placed around the Dosberg Manor at Weinberg Campus on North Forest Road, Amherst. The holiday crafts were completed on Dec. 21.

Photo by Joe Eberle

## Union contracts Settlements not expected by year's end

by JESSICA L. FINCH  
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With four days remaining in 2006 and town employees and representatives off for the holidays, it appears three of the town's major union contracts will not be settled by 2007.

The Amherst Employees Association, Highway and Police unions will begin the new year under the existing contract if an agreement is not settled. Both the highway and police contracts expired in 2005.

Personnel Director Robert McCarthy was not available for comment on contract negotiations but told The Amherst Bee last week that benefits would not be affected by failure to settle.

The contracts affect approximately 410 employees, Supervisor Satish Mohan said.

"We want to make (the contracts) as uniform as possible and give the employees all they are due," Mohan said. "Taxpayers want employees to get the best benefits."

He added that any unreasonable demands need to be taken care of for the benefit of the taxpayers.

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## Police arrest suspects in credit union holdup, recover \$70,000

Amherst police arrested three male suspects after they allegedly held up the Boulevard Credit Union on Friday. Police were called to the credit union located at 2787 Niagara

Falls Boulevard at 10:30 a.m.

The three suspects had entered the credit union with clothing or masks covering their faces. Reports state at least one man was armed with a .45-caliber pistol.

Employees and patrons were ordered to the floor as the suspects gathered money. The suspects exited the business shortly before the officers arrived.

Responding officers, with the assistance of Town of Tonawanda police, set up a perimeter near the credit union and began searching for the three suspects.

Officers Robert Stephens and Todd Homberger apprehended two of the suspects in a wooded

area off Niagara Falls Boulevard after they fled the credit union.

Anthony D. Wilson Jr., 19, of Buffalo and Adrian D. Applewhite, 19, of Buffalo were taken into custody at gunpoint. Officer Steven Larwood of the Town of Tonawanda Police Department assisted.

Floyd S. Harper, 24, of Buffalo, was arrested on a side street near the scene. Officer Jeffrey Gilbert stopped a green 1998 Oldsmobile occupied by Harper. He was also taken into custody at gunpoint.

The .45-caliber pistol and more than \$70,000 in cash was recovered. The three suspects were charged with first-degree robbery and weapons possession.



SONGS FOR THE HOLIDAYS — Amherst Central High School students Danielle Chiz and Devon Borowski sing holiday songs at the Amherst Center for Senior Services on Dec. 20.

Photo by John Rusac

## Town Board meeting schedule for 2007 set

The Amherst Town Board has set the dates for the 2007 meetings: Jan. 2 and 16, Feb. 5 and 26, March 5 and 19, April 2 and 16, May 7 and 21, June 4 and 18, July 2 and 16, Aug. 6 and 20, Sept. 4 and 17, Oct. 1 and 15, Nov. 5 and 19, and Dec. 3 and 17.

Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held in the council members' chambers in town hall, 5583 Main St. For town board and agenda information, visit [www.amherst.ny.us](http://www.amherst.ny.us).

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