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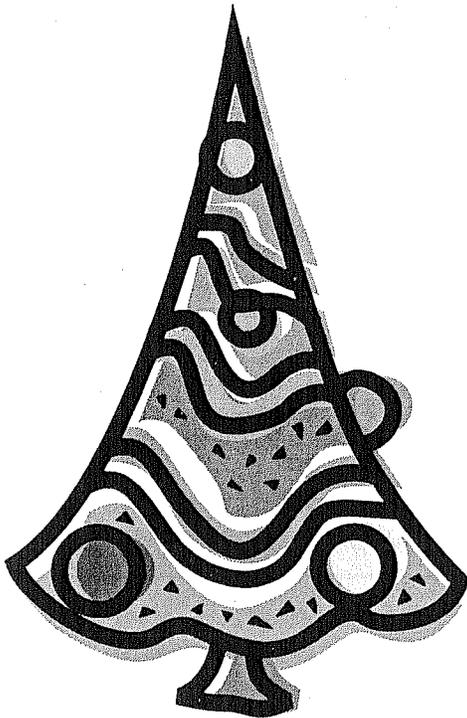
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# AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER

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DECEMBER 2014



## December Events:

Longmeadow Snowflake Fair—December 6

Toys for Tots Drive—thru December 12

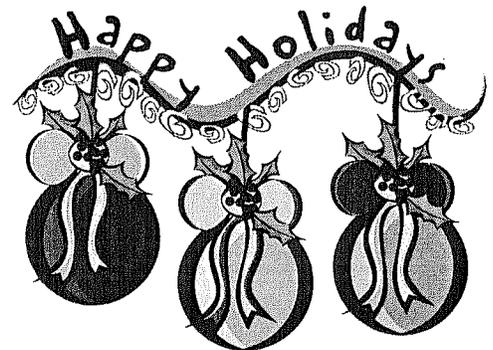
Santa Breakfast—December 13

PTA Holiday Fair—December 13

Dollars for Scholars Meeting—December 15

Library Gingerbread House—December 20

*More info on all the above can be found inside this issue of the Crier.*



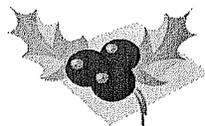
## Town Clerk and Tax Collector

### Holiday Hours

December 24, 25 & 26 – Closed

December 31 – 8:00 AM–12:00 Noon

January 1 – Closed



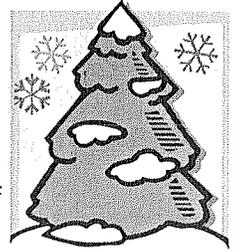
## Seniors - Save the Date



The Auburn Senior Holiday Dinner is January 31, 2015 at 1:00 pm.

The invitation and more information will be in the *January Crier*

## News from the Auburn Town Hall



### Tax Bills Bring Unwelcome Winter Greetings

For municipal government through New Hampshire, the fall is a busy time of year as budgeting for the next year is in full gear, while the setting of tax rates, the mailing of property tax bills and the preparation to close out financial records for the current year are also underway.

In 2014, the Town of Auburn was again one of the first communities in New Hampshire to have its tax rate set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration (NHDRA). With property tax bills in the mail the first week of November, it is no longer news to property owners that rates have increased.

The 2014 tax rate was set at \$21.31 per thousand by NHDRA. This includes four components -- \$4.53 for the town; \$13.11 for the local education; \$2.57 for the state education, and \$1.10 for the county. For comparison purposes, the 2013 total rate of \$19.59 per thousand, was inclusive of \$4.31 for the town; \$11.53 for local education; \$2.59 for state education and \$1.16 for the county.

Various budgets and warrant articles approved by local voters last March approved totaled appropriations of \$17,905,087 for the town and school district combined. Of that amount, \$13,392,288 needs to be raised by taxes. In general terms, the Town budget increased 2% in 2014, close to the 1.4% rate of inflation. The budget for the School District had increased by 8%.

An unusually large increase of nearly \$20 million in the property valuation for Auburn helped to reduce the amount of increase in the tax rate. In March, as voters considered various town budget and warrant articles, it was estimated the Town's portion of the tax rate would increase to \$4.61 if all proposals were adopted by the voters.

The real driver for the tax rate increase experienced in 2014 though was a revenue issue. For the Town, overall revenues were down with the largest portion of the decrease coming from the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement the Town has with Manchester Water Works.

On the school district side of the ledger, although we are not as familiar with their issues and budget, one of the single biggest impacts the Auburn School Board had to deal with were unexpected costs in the area of special education that were not fully identified until late in the school year. The School Board came to both the Budget Committee and the Commissioner of the NH Department of Education in April and explained the problems they faced. At that time, they received approval to expend what was expected to be their fund balance to cover the costs they were legally required to cover.

In normal times, the fund balance of the school district at the end of one year becomes a source of revenue against the next year's budget. This reduces the amount of money that would be needed to be raised by taxes. Most years, the Auburn School Board will have \$500,000 or more in a fund balance. The lack of a fund balance at the end of the 2013-2014 school year resulted in a larger than normal amount of money to be raised in the 2014 property tax bills.

While this explanation does not make it any easier for local taxpayers to meet the obligation of their property tax bills, they are entitled to know why there was such an increase.

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### Speed Limit and Parking Ordinances

During the months of October and November, the Board of Selectmen completed work on adopting formal ordinances that establish speed limits for all Town maintained roads throughout the community, in addition to standards for parking vehicles on Town roads and public land.

The speed limit ordinance does not change any existing speed limits within the community, which range from a low of 25 miles per hour in a few limited areas to a high of 45 miles per hour on some of the state highways in Auburn. In general terms, virtually all Town roads are set at 35 miles per hour.

The parking regulation ordinance is largely ensuring all Town roads are not blocked to traffic and potential emergency response vehicles responding to calls for service by having vehicles parked within the Town right-of-way. It also includes the winter parking ban that has been in place for decades, which allows for the Town's snow removal operations to proceed without incident of vehicles parked in the area where plow trucks need to plow snow.

The ordinances were discussed at several meetings of the Board of Selectmen in the spring and summer, followed by review and recommendation from the Town's Highway Safety Committee. The Selectmen held a public hearing on both ordinances that spanned two different nights in October and November.

### Happy Holidays

As this is the last edition of The Auburn Village Crier for 2014, we want to take this opportunity to wish all Auburn residents and their families and friends a happy and joyous holiday season. Be careful out there in the winter weather.

Russell Sullivan

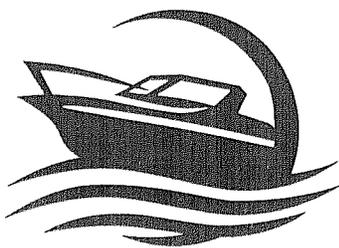
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Auburn Board of Selectmen

## 2015 BOAT REGISTRATION RENEWALS

Renewal notices will be sent out by the State in December.



Remember—You can renew your boats with us right here at the Auburn Town Clerk's office as soon as you receive your renewal notice.



## Auburn Police Department

By Captain Gary F. Bartis

It's been ages since I did any Trick or Treating, and if I did it now I'm sure there would be many unkind words said (I'm trying to keep it clean). I grew up in a housing project in Manchester and the treats were many if you survived the tricks. As a young person the anticipation of going out with some friends and collecting all that candy was very difficult to contain. We did it and made out very well. The only injuries you would hear about were due to clumsiness, or an occasional neighborhood bully.



Manchester had sidewalks, streetlights, and a better sense of goodness that doesn't quite exist today. Of course the Manchester Police had a large Police Department, and they put out extra patrols in all the neighborhoods. However at some point Manchester changed that practice, and Manchester went to Sunday afternoon Trick or Treating until a couple years ago. So far that decision to return to the evening Trick or Treating has not come back to grab Manchester in the behind.

Why all this talk about Halloween a couple months after it has passed? Well, some residents have complained about the spirit (excuse the pun) of the season being taken away. These citizens of Town wish to see Auburn celebrate the holiday on the traditional date in the evening, like the way I enjoyed it in my youth, and how Manchester does it now.

Historically Auburn has held the Trick or Treating hours on a Sunday near the Halloween date, and in the afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Chief Picard has been the Chief in Auburn for twenty-five years and ever since he took that office, Chief Picard has made the decision to celebrate on a Sunday afternoon. Why? Agree or disagree - it's easy to see the reasoning in the decision. First, the sunlight is still with us. Also, there are no streetlights, no sidewalks, and no extra patrols to maintain the proper safety for the young people of Auburn during the nighttime hours. This is an issue Chief Picard has taken seriously since day one. He also grew up in Manchester and experienced the same great Trick or Treating I experienced, but that was many years ago. Everybody agrees the times are now more of a safety concern than any other time in the past. As long as this burden lies on his shoulders, his decision each year probably won't change.

To drive this point home, we only had to look at the news the day after this year's Halloween to learn of a crash in Nashua during the nighttime Trick or Treating hours. A car hit some Trick or Treaters in a cross walk on a Nashua street causing substantial injury. The Auburn Police point to that as an example of what we are trying to avoid.

We do want to hear from the residents of Auburn to get your opinions on this. Do you agree or disagree with what I've written? Do you have a solution to this? Does the spirit (there I go again) of the season out weigh the safety of the people participating? E-mail the Chief or myself with your thoughts, we want to know how you feel. The Chief is [chiefpicard@comcast.net](mailto:chiefpicard@comcast.net) and mine is [captainbartis@comcast.net](mailto:captainbartis@comcast.net).

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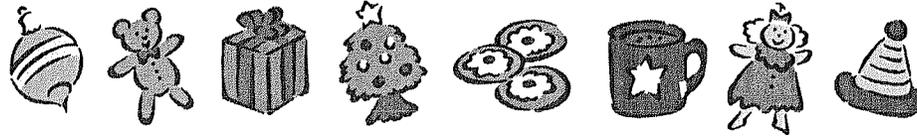
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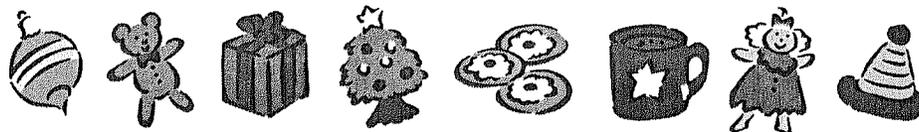


# MAKE A CHILD SMILE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The Auburn Police Department and Auburn Fire Department are joining forces with the Marine Corps Reserves to make a difference in the lives of children by delivering toys to deserving families

Beginning November 17th thru December 12th  
We will be collecting **NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS** at the  
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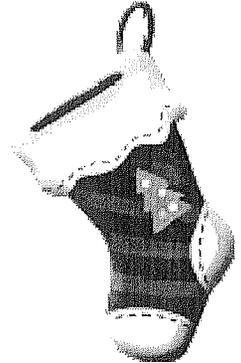


## Auburn Fire Department

by Gordon L. Butcher

### Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Training Returns:

It's time once again for SCBA training for the Auburn Fire Department. This is an annual requirement for all members of the department who must enter burning buildings for either rescue or fire suppression operations. In addition to locally built training aids, the New Hampshire Fire Academy makes available a 38 foot long; three level trailer in which SCBA training is conducted. This piece of equipment replicates the hazards and obstacles that firefighters face when entering structures filled with smoke and fire. To successfully complete the training process, two firefighters must begin at the top level of the trailer and crawl through a confined maze system and work their way to the bottom level. While wearing approximately 70 pounds of gear, the participants must traverse a variety of obstacles and changes in levels that force the firefighters to work through openings that decrease in size as they move to the base of the trailer. The firefighters are unable to see their surroundings or their partners due to the heavy smoke that fills the maze. The maze system must also be completed without exhausting the approximately 20 minutes of air that is supplied by their air packs. Participants must remain on their hands and knees and are unable to sit up while in the trailer (this simulates a defensive posture against super-heated air). It is extremely easy to become "stuck" within the confines of the trailer's pathways and as such, the SCBA training provides grueling mental and physical challenges. The trailer is supplied at no cost to the department or town and is accompanied by three certified instructors.



In an effort to provide meaningful and quality training, the Department's Training Officer has developed a program whereby comprehensive SCBA drills are conducted. These drills cover proper and timely assembly of SCBA equipment, participation in a confidence course, as well as a 30 minute drill using only about one third of the normally available air supply. Training on the proper care and maintenance of SCBA equipment is also provided.

It is essential that all members be trained to safely and effectively carry out the department's missions. Thorough training helps reinforce proper techniques and practices and thereby improves operations, public relations, and morale. SCBA training and drills are just one small part of that process.

### Call Log for October 2014

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# Griffin Free Public Library

by Ricky J. Sirois, Library Director

If you haven't visited us in a while, here are some of the great things happening at Griffin Free that you might have missed:

Our new Local/Regional history collection allows you to explore the history of Auburn and surrounding communities, and the stories of New Hampshire and New England that have shaped our region. In addition, we have a large collection of old Auburn town histories that you can examine here at the library.

We have upgraded security for your online account - see a member of our staff to make sure you have correct login information for your Griffin Free Account and your New Hampshire Downloadable Books account

Brand new library tote bags, featuring Griffin Free Public Library's full color logo, are now available for only \$12

Our book displays and friendly staff are here to help you find just the thing you are looking for, either here or through our extensive Interlibrary Loan network that can get you items from across the state!

The Friends of Griffin Free Public Library have acquired some new museum discounts for you - come by or call to get information on the Boston Children's Museum and the Museum of Fine Arts, as well as Manchester's Millyard Museum, now available!

Griffin Free Public Library would like to wish everyone a joyous, peaceful, and safe holiday season. Thank you for all your support in 2014, and we hope to see you early and often in 2015!

### Library Programs for December

**Tuesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 a.m.** - Infant/Toddler Storytime with Miss Mary. Enjoy movement games, songs, and stories to educate and entertain!

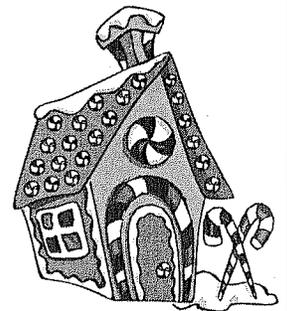
**Thursday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.** - NH Author's Week. Local author Cher Griffin will be here to discuss independent publishing and what it takes to get started writing. She will also have copies of her books available for signing. Registration required, but this event is free and open to the public.

**Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 p.m.** - Estate Planning workshop, presented by Attorney Edward Beasley of Beasley and Ferber. This free workshop will help you prepare your assets and estate to best serve you and your descendant's needs. Space for this program is limited. Please call 1-800-370-5010 to register, or contact the library. This event is free and open to the public.

**Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.** - Letters to Santa Storytime. We will have stories and use pictures to create collage letters to Santa.

**Tuesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.** - Infant/Toddler Storytime

**Saturday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.** - Create your own Gingerbread House for kids - enjoy some fun holiday stories, and make your own Gingerbread House to take home!



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## Parks & Rec

by Helen Hiltz

Thank-you!!!!



Peter Pappas accompanied by daughter Jessica

We would like to thank all of you who attended the Coffee House on November 8<sup>th</sup>! It was a huge success and we heard a lot of positive feedback. Lori Collins, AVS Principal and Michel O'Rourke, Assistant Principal, were instrumental in our efforts to transform the AVS cafeteria into a 70's style coffee house. Thank-you for your support! A big "thank-you" goes out to the members of Longmeadow Church for their unwavering support of the entire concert series this year. We would also like to thank Loukomama's Pizza in Auburn and Finesse Pastries in Manchester and all of the individuals who donated prizes. There were many volunteers who assisted with the setup, clean up, baking, etc. for the event. Your efforts were very much appreciated! And last...but not least...thank-you to *all* of the performers who made the evening so much fun! It was nice to see local talent performing and bringing their families along!

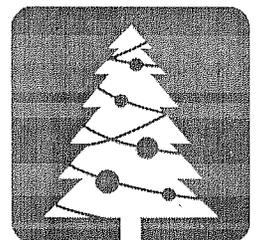
We are now seeking feedback on what you would like to see for the 2015 concert series. Do you want to see some other style of music included? Would you like to be considered for a performance at one of the events? Do you prefer the indoor venue to the outdoor venue? Let us know your thoughts! Please contact Helen Hiltz at [auburnnhrecdept@aol.com](mailto:auburnnhrecdept@aol.com) or 603-682-9181 with any comments, suggestions, etc.

The **Winter Carnival and Burning of the trees** is scheduled for **January 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. at the Auburn Skating Rink and Safety Complex. The Auburn Fire Department and the Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a fun filled afternoon of skating and sliding for all. Remember to bring your Christmas trees to the Safety Complex so that we can enjoy a really big bonfire this year! Boy Scout troop 127 will be partnering up with the Parks and Recreation Department and the Auburn Fire Department to offer a unique Christmas tree pick up service for those who can't deliver the trees to the Safety Complex. Please keep your eyes open for pick up dates available. If you would like to make a donation to Troup 127 for this unique experience, it can be left with the tree to be picked up. Hope to see you all at the Winter Carnival!

## Christmas Tree Pick-Up Services

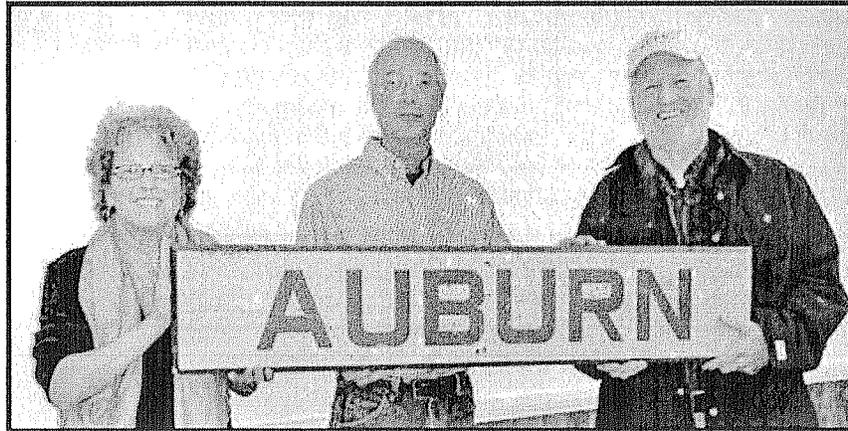
**Boy Scout Troop 127** is partnering with the Auburn Parks and Recreation Department and the Auburn Fire Department on what we hope to be a traditional, annual event that supports our troop with a \$10 donation. Christmas trees will be picked up on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 noon.

Please email [cap-s@comcast.net](mailto:cap-s@comcast.net) or call 483-0172 with your name, telephone number and address, and the date of pick up if you are interested in this festive event with your local scouts and community volunteers. Please RSVP no later than Dec 31<sup>st</sup>



## Auburn Historical Association

by Dee Cleary



The Auburn Historical Association was recently donated a historic sign from Tom Hoisington of west Bridgewater, MA. The sign came from the old Depot Train Station building that was once located on Depot Road. From left: Dee Cleary/AHA VP, Dave Jenkins/Building Committee Chair, Dan Carpenter/AHA President.

On November 18th, master stone wall builder Kevin Gardner gave a fabulous talk and demonstration on the do's and don'ts of building a traditional dry stone wall. The free standing wall has a 3/4 to 1 width to height ratio, and a retaining wall requires a 1 to 1 ratio. The higher the wall, the wider the width needs to be in order to withstand the weight and pressure.

Sixty-five people attending the presentation learned that between 1775 and 1825 there was a frenzy of wall building to get stone off the fields. In 1871 a US report documented and recorded 250,000 miles of 4' - 5' stone walls in the 6 New England states and NY. Most are still standing today, but are much shorter due to gravity and soil build-up.

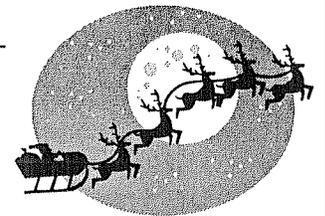
## Girl Scouts

by Stacey Melendy



Junior Troop 20001 had a great November! The girls collected hats, scarves and mittens, and delivered them to Food for Children in Manchester. It was a wonderful experience, and the girls look forward to a food drive in the spring.

**GIRL SCOUTS** Junior Troop 10518 participated in a November fest event on 11/15 where Junior Girl Scouts from many towns spent the day learning new skills. The girls spent the morning starting their aMuse journey where they explored all the roles that are available to girls and women, as well as trying out new roles for themselves. In the afternoon, some of the girls learned Geocaching skills and others participated in a First Aid badge. The troop is also working on their leadership and presentation skills as they prepare to teach each other new skills through our many badge options. In addition, they will be working on a community event to complete their Get Moving journey so watch for details on a fun way to be active this winter!



Cadette Troop 20973 Celebrated Juliette Gordon Lows Birthday with a snack feast of healthy options and a cupcake dessert. Eve led the troop with a festive but useful craft idea. The girls turned a simple roll of toilet paper into a festive pumpkin decoration with just a bright orange cloth and a paper bag. What a great way to keep it handy in your bathroom and add a touch of style at the same time. The troop also decorated real pumpkins and turned them into witches, ogres, and even a snowman.

## Cub Scouts Pack 127

by Jocelyn Malenchini



Auburn's Cub Scouts are having a busy autumn earning their various badges, belt loops and pins. In addition to that, several Scouts spent a weekend in late October camping out at Camp Carpenter for the Fall Blast. While there, the Scouts participated in opening ceremonies, visited Fort Friendship, practiced target shooting with both BB guns and bows and arrows, went to vespers at the chapel, and enjoyed s'mores by the fire. Though the night was cool, all slept well in their cozy tents.

The month of November began with our annual "Scouting for Food" drive. A sincere thank you goes out to everyone who participated. The citizens of Auburn showed great generosity with the many carloads of food that were collected by Scouts and taken to Camp Carpenter for distribution to food banks. Thank you so much for all your support.

Towards the end of the month, a few Cub Scout families passed out water to runners at the annual Turkey Trot road race on Thanksgiving Day. Maybe we cheered you on as you ran past! We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving after the race.

Coming up this month, Scouts will be manning the water stop at the Santa Shuffle on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Come out and see all the runners in their Santa suits! Maybe we'll see you there. Either way, we wish everyone a happy holiday season and a felicitous 2015.

Our **December Pack meeting** will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8 PM in the AVS Gymnasium. Any families of 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys who are interested in scouting are welcome to attend and find out more about Auburn's Cub Scouts. For more information on joining Auburn's Cub Scouts, please contact: [staceymelendy@gmail.com](mailto:staceymelendy@gmail.com)





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## News from Auburn Dollars for Scholars

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For more information contact:

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## Pet and Santa Pictures

December 7<sup>th</sup> 10-2

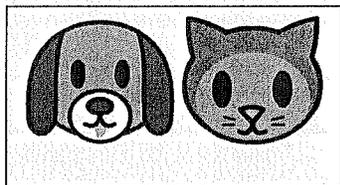


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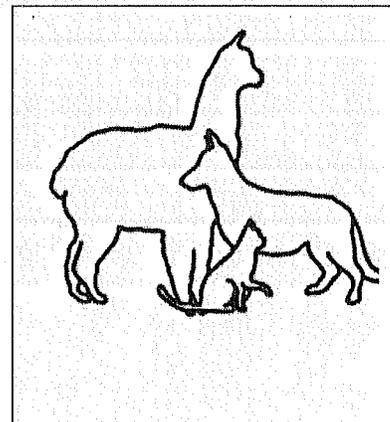


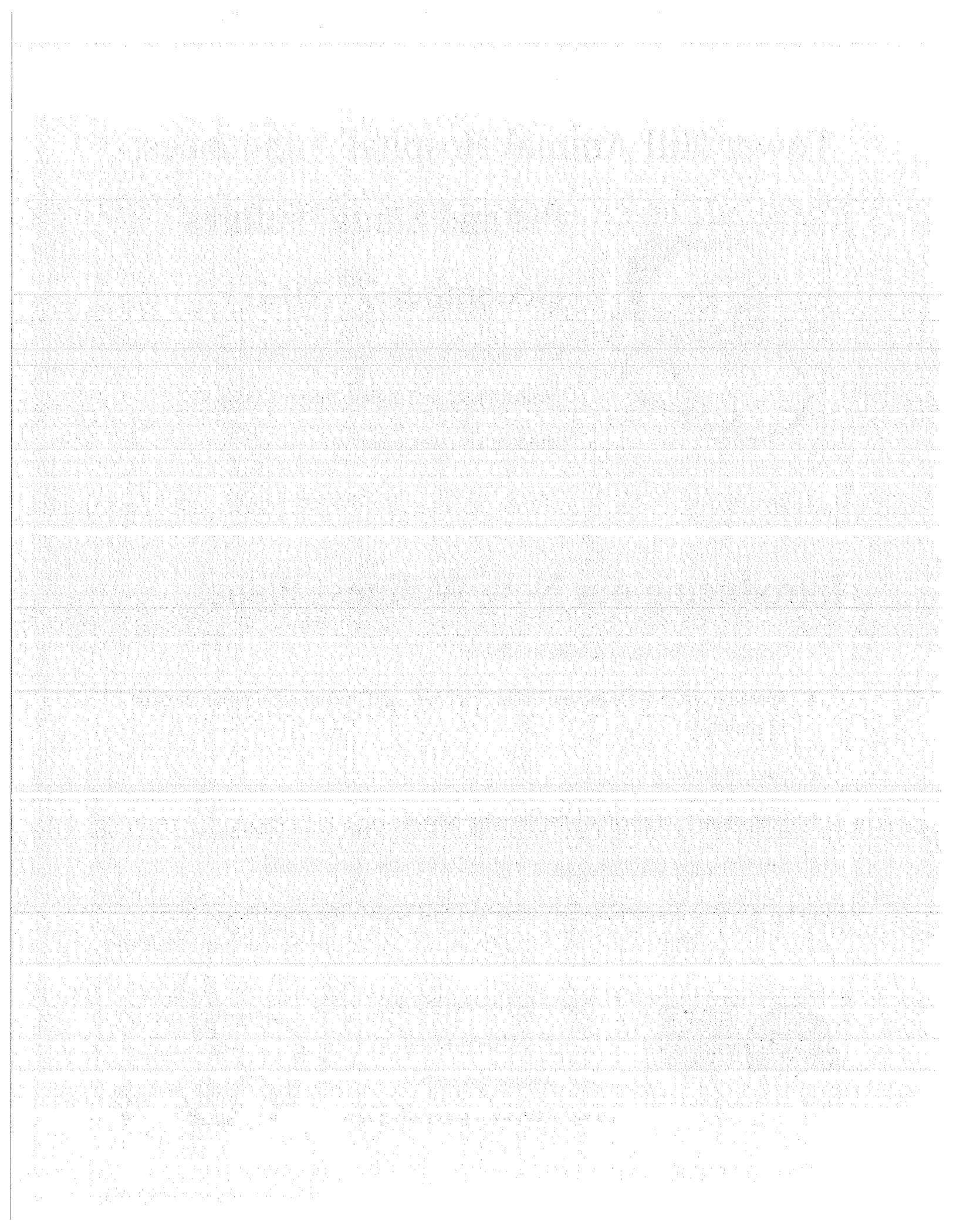
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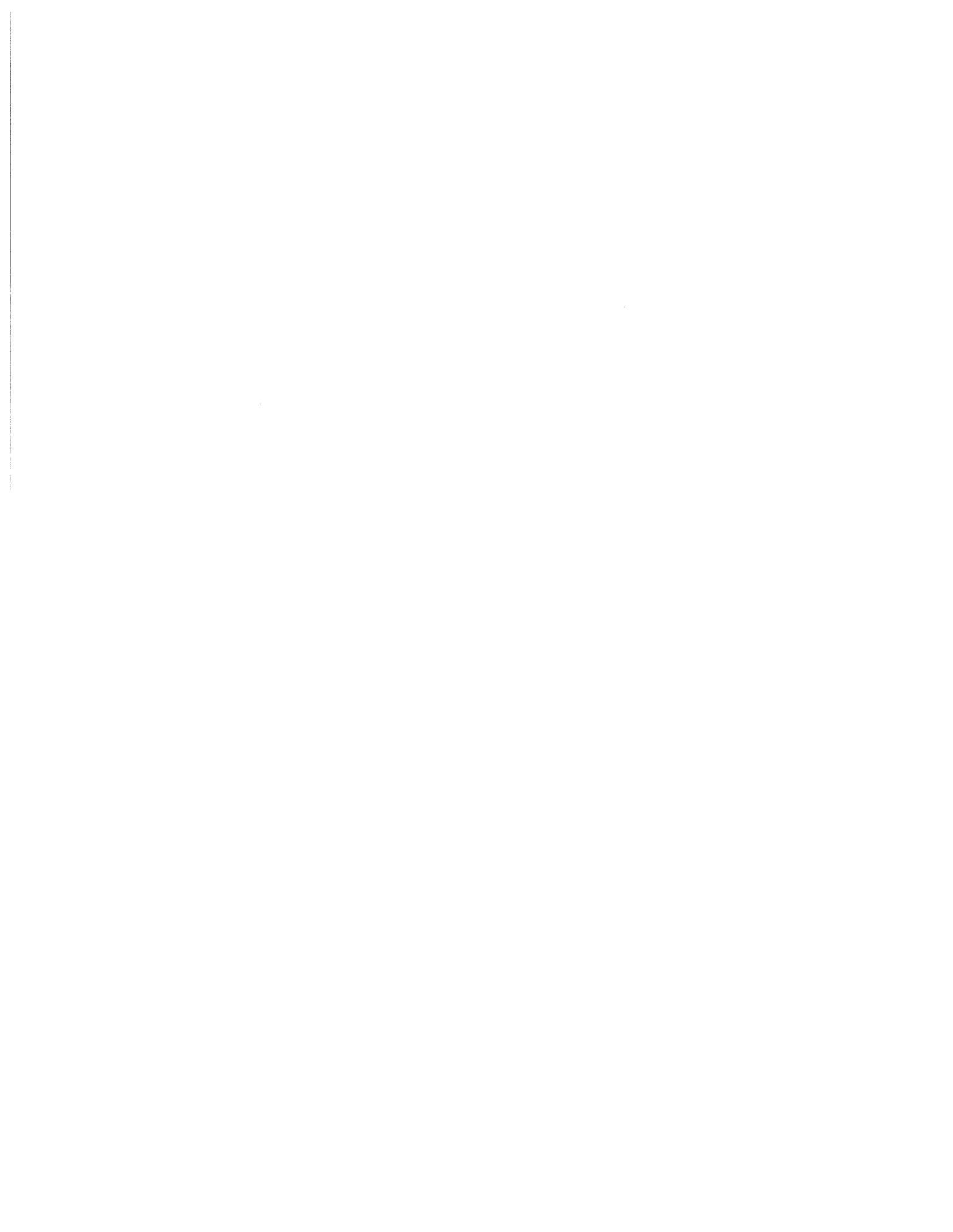
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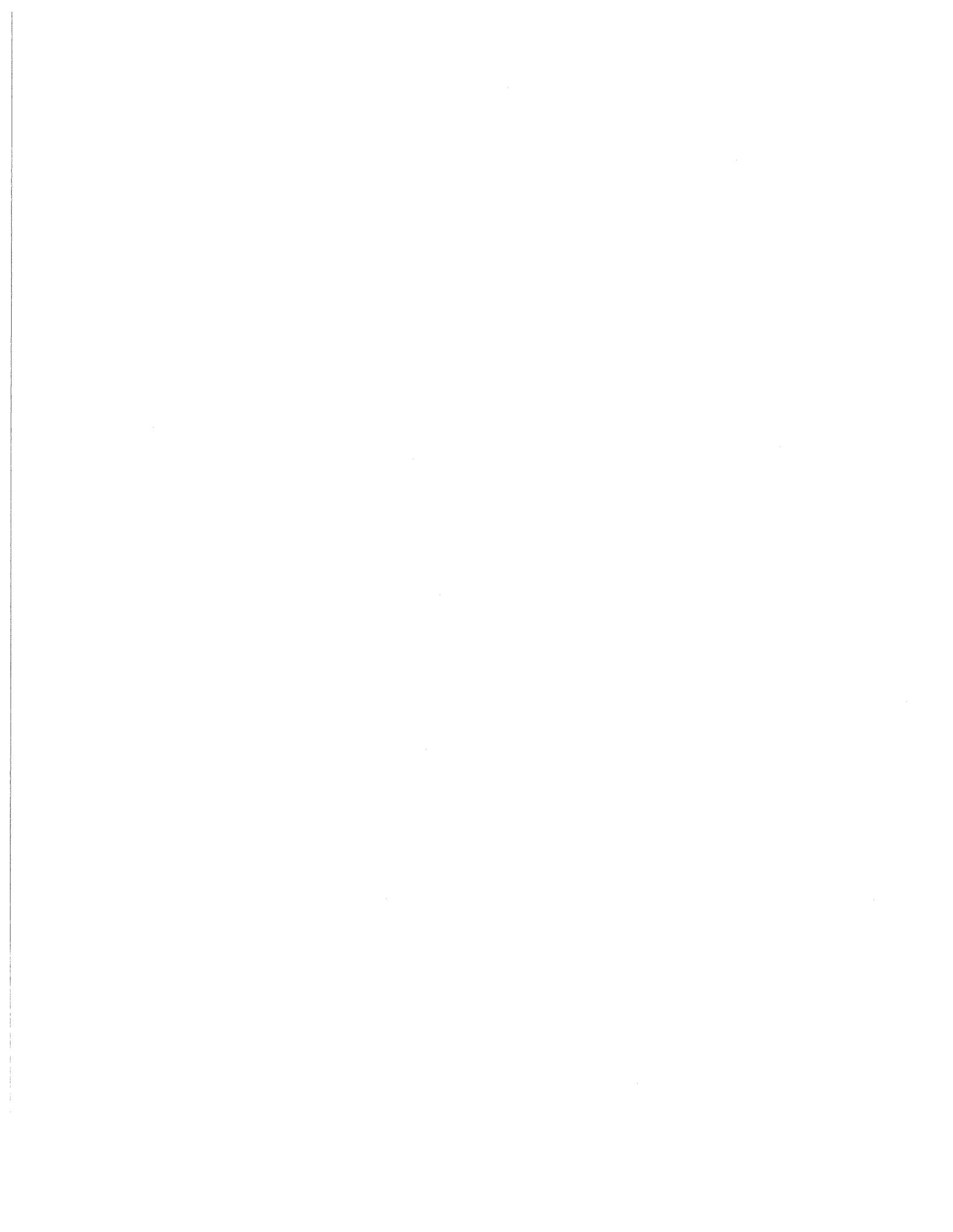
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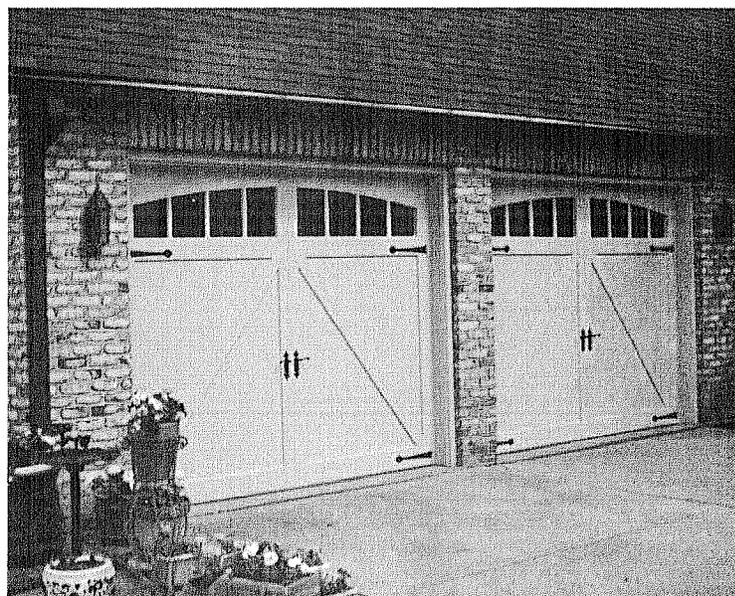
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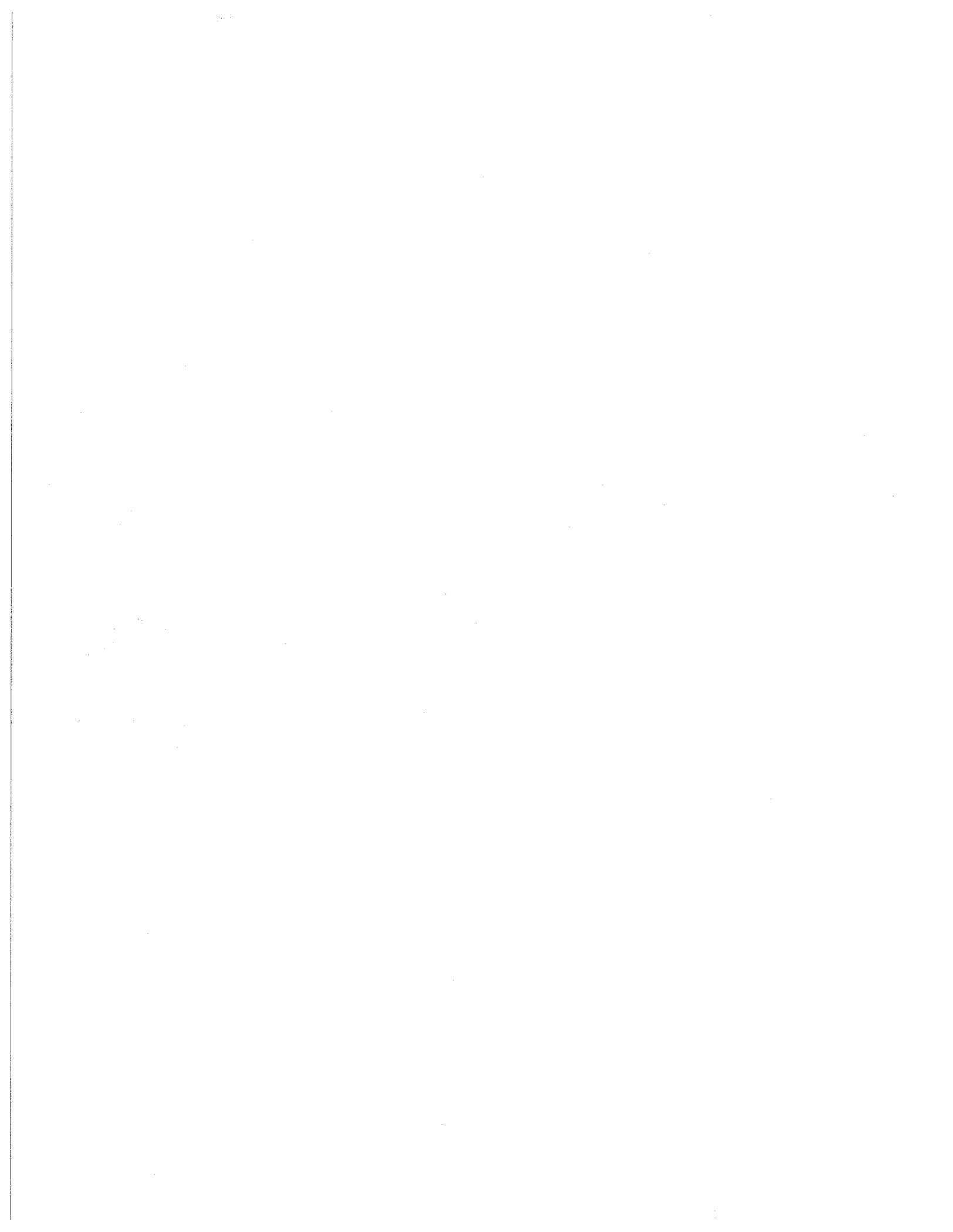
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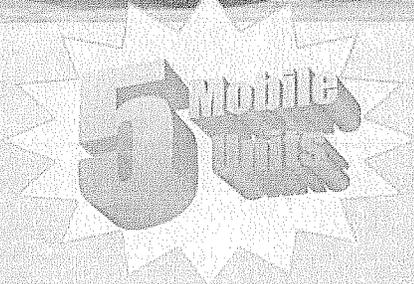
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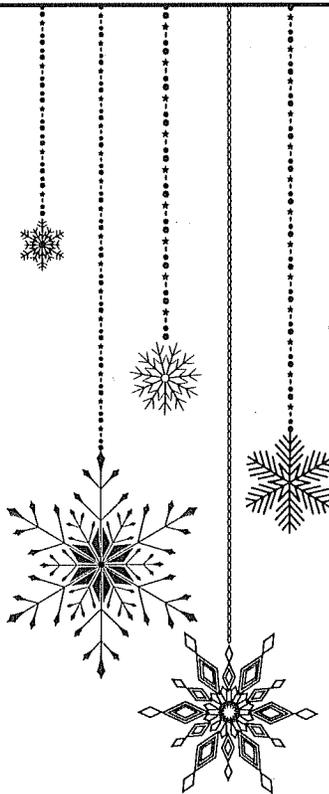
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Please visit [www.avsholidayfair.com](http://www.avsholidayfair.com) for more information.

Santa's Breakfast, sponsored by The Friends of the Griffin Free Public Library, will be held in the AVS cafeteria from 8am to 11am.



**Auburn Lion's Club**

By Dave Rogers, Calendar Chairman &amp; Club Treasurer

The Community Birthday Calendars were shipped to every household and we The Lions would like to thank the advertisers that participated this year to help us out with our projects. If for some reason you did not get a calendar or need more than one, you may pick one up at the town hall, Myles Plaza or call me at 627-1036 for delivery. As you know we meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the safety complex at 7 PM if you would like to join us. We are here to help and we always have handicap equipment available to anyone that needs something for a period of time. Our e-mail is auburnnhlions@gmail.com Thanks for your past support.

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Quilt Raffle was held at our regular meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>, the winner is MONIQUE PAQUETTE. Congratulations Monique. Hope you enjoy the Quilt.

Thanks to the Fire Department Patrick and Jimmy for our yearly fire prevention reminders. Good every year. Thank you again. Thanks to Police Department Bill Barry for how to protect us from harm. We always get good tips from the Fire and Police Departments. We are very grateful for them.

Fabienne needs our prayers and cards to let her know that she is not alone. She is still having problems. All our Love to you. Doris came to visit, sorry that we missed you .Maybe we will get to see you at the Christmas Party.

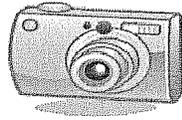
Nominations for new officers will have already taken place when this comes out.

CHRISTMAS PARTY; Will be at the Manchester Buffet at 371 South Willow Street. The Buffet is in the mall where the DMV Registry is located. Don't know what time it will be but I think around 11:30 or 12:00. Yankee Swap, \$10.00 present. Paul is in charge of the tickets. See you there. Have a Very Merry Christmas!

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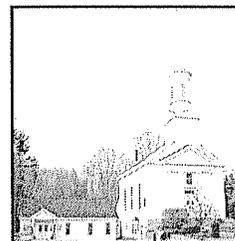
Please come - see your friends and enjoy the fun for all! Any questions, please call the church at 483-2907 and leave a message. See you there!!!

# Longmeadow Congregational Church

by Rev. Ruth Gallot

## LONGMEADOW SERVES!

And this special time of waiting for the Messiah brings special opportunities to serve. Longmeadow Congregational Church, United Church of Christ at 4 Wilson's Crossing Road in Auburn invites you join us as together we worship the God who is Still Speaking. We come together for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 with Sunday School and Christian Education for children and child care available at the same time.

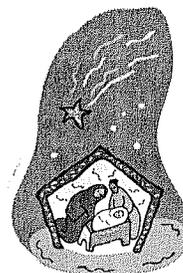


We are so grateful to all of the local people who joined us in collecting non-perishable food and gift cards for our local neighbors in our **Thanksgiving Basket** outreach. If you as an individual or as part of a group would like to participate with donations of store gift cards, to assist local families in need to purchase Christmas gifts, please contact Pastor Ruth at the church, 483-2907.

We are now in the season of **Advent** when we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Savior. It is a time filled with many emotions and we offer many opportunities to acknowledge the fullness of the season:

**Sunday, December 2** In addition to our regular service of worship with Holy Communion at 9:30, we will also be having a special service of remembrance at 7:00 in the evening, which we call our **Blue Christmas Service**. It is a time we gather to remember and stand with our brothers and sisters who may find this time of year to be bittersweet as they remember and grieve loved ones no longer with us. We believe that Christ came to be a light in the world, to stand with us in our darker times and we wish to do the same by inviting any of our neighbors who may be struggling at this time of year to join us as we remember together.

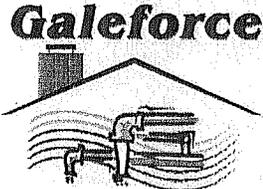
**Sunday December 21** We invite you to join us for a special time of worship led by our wonderful choir with a **Christmas Cantata**. Please join us as we hear the story of Christmas in music of joy and wonder.



**Wednesday, December 24** we will gather to await the coming of the Messiah in our Christmas Eve Candlelight services at 7:00 at 11:00. It is a special time for families to gather and remember the true meaning of the season together. There is a special place for you in our community, please join us.

Please see the flyer about our great **Annual Snowflake Fair** on December 6 and stop by for that special Christmas gift. Because we will be joyfully celebrating the **Snowflake Fair** on that first Saturday we remind you, our friends, that we will be having just one **Community Breakfast** this month, on December 20 from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m., we welcome the community to come and enjoy an all-you-can-eat breakfast for the amazing cost of just \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids 4 and up, and free for children under 4. Our menu includes eggs on the grill, French toast, pancakes (plain, chocolate chip, blueberry or M&M), home fries, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, English muffins, fruit salad, baked beans (David Griffin's recipe), a selection of delicious muffins, coffee, tea and juice.

In this holy season, we of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC welcome all who feel called or are seeking a spiritual home. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, no matter what your questions may be, you are welcome here. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth Gallot at 483-2907.



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December 8, Monday, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Masses are at 7:00 am and 6:30 pm.



Our Christmas Mass schedule is as follows:

Christmas Eve, December 24, Wednesday, at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Christmas Day, December 25, Thursday, at 10:00 am.

January 1, Thursday, is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. We will celebrate Mass on Jan. 1 at 10:00 am.

Our weekend Mass schedule: Saturday: 4:00 pm; Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:30 am. Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 pm, or by appointment.

Fr. Michael E. Gendron, Pastor, can be reached at 623-5429, Ext. 1, or e-mail: [fmichaelgendron@comcast.net](mailto:fmichaelgendron@comcast.net)

The parish office e-mail is [stpeteraub@comcast.net](mailto:stpeteraub@comcast.net). Shirley Delacoe can be reached at 623-5429, Ext. 2.

Our Christian Formation Program for K-3 Dismissals is on Sundays, at both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Mass.

Our next session of Generations of Faith for grades 4-8 and parents is on Sunday, December 7, from 4:00-5:15 pm.

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Jake Linxweiler, Coordinator, can be reached at 623-5429, Ex. 3.

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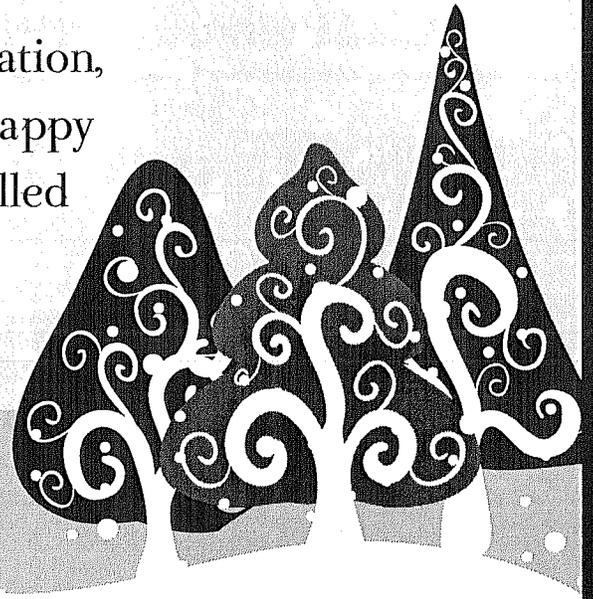
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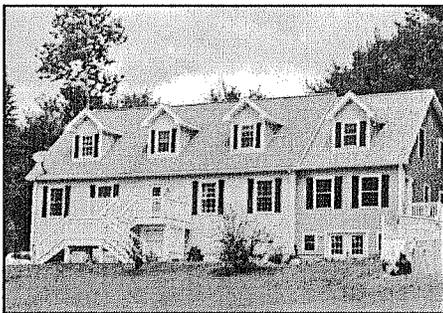
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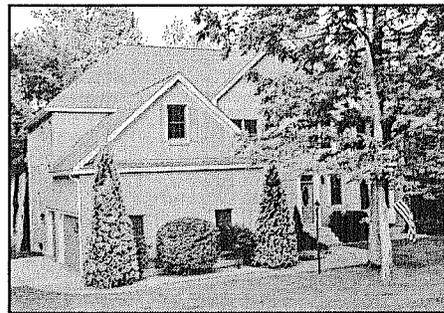


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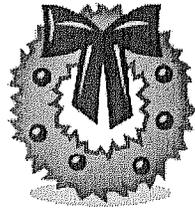
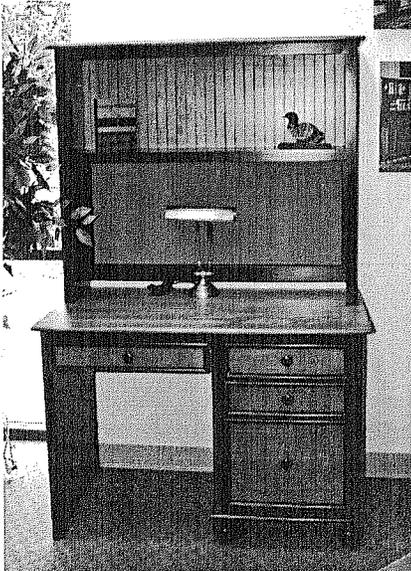


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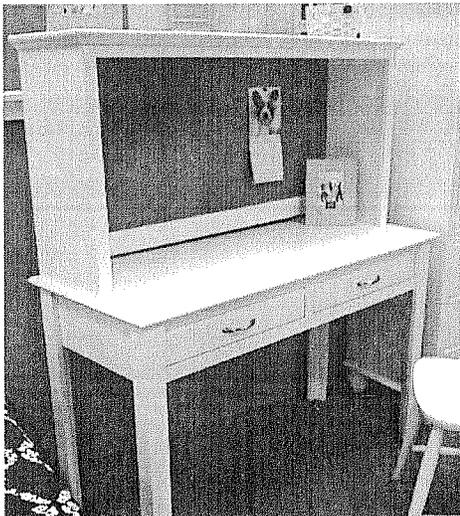
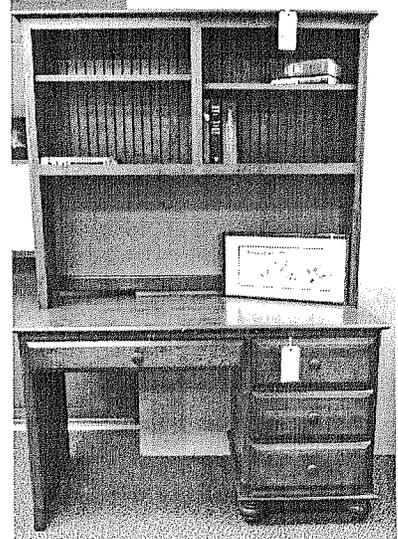


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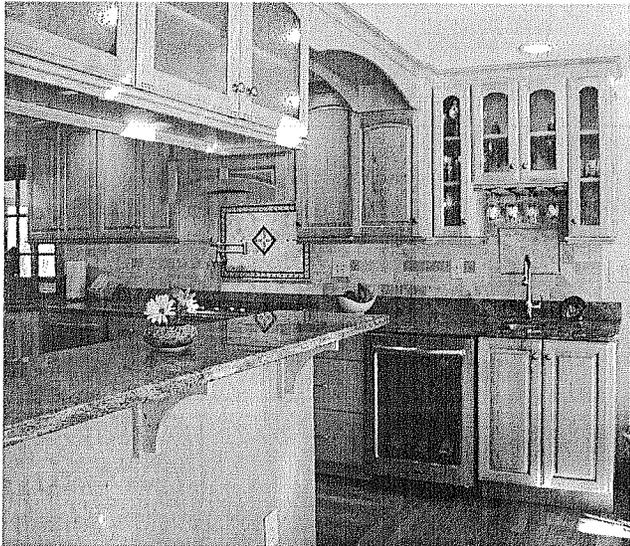
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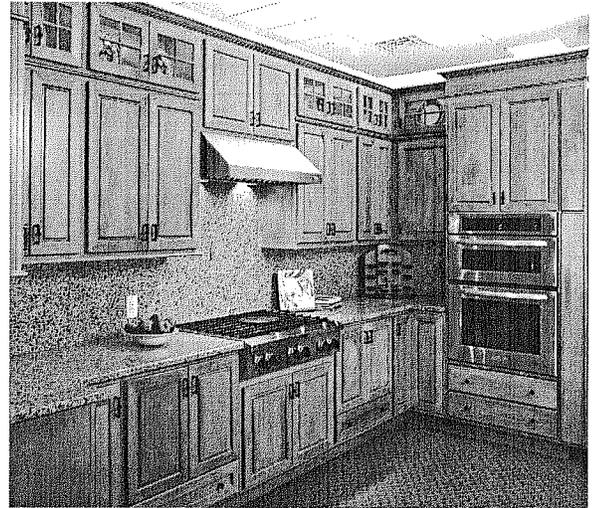
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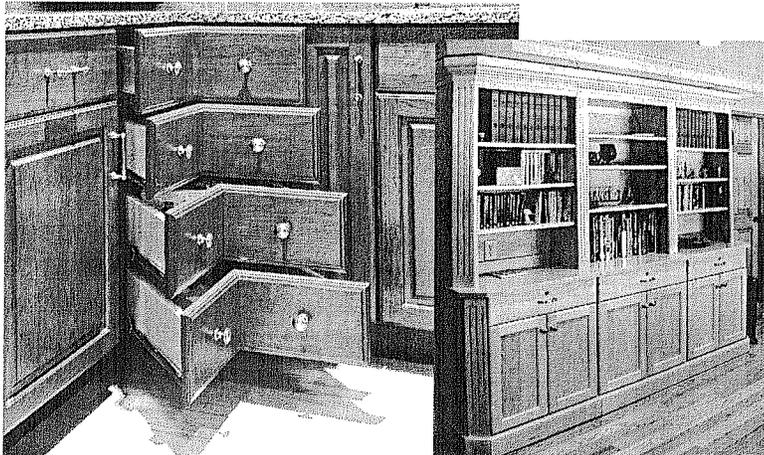
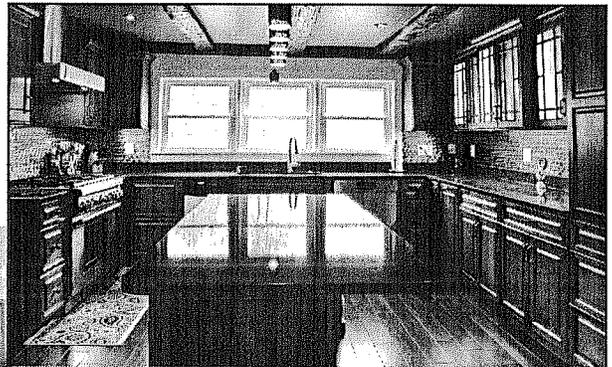


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