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February 6th

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Auburn Safety Complex

Family skating, sliding, BBQ, bonfire, snow shoe demo

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Presidential Primary
Tuesday—February 9, 2016

Town Election
Tuesday—March 8, 2016

All elections are held in the
Auburn Village School Gymnasium

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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News from the Auburn Town Hall



Deliberative Session of Town Meeting

By the time this February edition of The Auburn Village Crier is in your mailbox, the Deliberative Session of the annual Town Meeting will have already been held on January 30th. We don't know at this writing what decisions may have been made by the voters attending that meeting.

The proposed operating budget presented by the Budget Committee totals \$5,127,638 – which is \$58,518 more than last year's budget approved by voters that total \$5,069,120.

There are increases and decreases throughout the various lines and departmental budgets that comprise the proposed Town budget. The Town department heads and boards worked to identify needs & issues, and to present realistic budget requests. From there, the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee strove to provide as level funded a budget as possible.

By the end of February, a Voter's Guide will be sent out to all box holders that provides detailed information on all of the individual warrant articles; any changes that may have been made at the Deliberative Town Meeting Session; financial impacts of proposals on the Town tax rate; a listing of all candidates for local office; and similar information on the issues facing the Auburn School District.

Please participate in your local government by exercising your right to vote on March 8th.

Landfill Dumping Jury Issues Not Guilty Verdict

For those who may not be aware, the landfill dumping issue that has been a focus of attention since 2013 came to close in early January when a Rockingham County Superior Court jury found Road Agent Michael Dross not guilty of two criminal charges brought against him.

The jury verdict was reached after a formal view of the Auburn Highway garage and landfill property by the judge, jury, prosecutor and defense attorney was held on January 4th, followed by a three day trial that included testimony offered by 12 different individuals.

We are very pleased to report this criminal trial is now behind us and has absolved the Road Agent of the allegations he faced. It has been a long and difficult road for everyone involved, but certainly most directly for Mike Dross and his family. Through it all, Mike has maintained a consistently high level of service for winter snow operations and summer road maintenance & construction efforts that the residents of Auburn have come to expect and count on.

Auburn Village School Addition and Renovation

The Auburn School Board is advancing a significant proposal to renovate and expand the Auburn Village School. The proposal is the result of a multi-year effort to look at the needs for a modern school system, while addressing the physical conditions of the existing school property.

Without question, this would not be a small undertaking and would not be inexpensive. Between now and voting day on March 8th, we encourage all Auburn residents to become engaged in the community conversation concerning the Auburn school and to participate in the voting process.

As a Board, we have unanimously endorsed the project. And the Budget Committee has voted unanimously to recommend the project. We are asking that everyone become informed on what is perhaps one of the biggest single issues to face our community that will have a long-range impact on the community as a whole. And, most importantly, please cast your votes on March 8th – whatever your viewpoint.

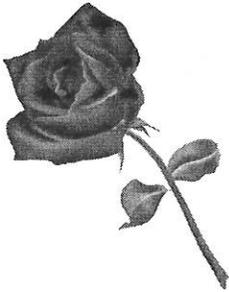
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Presidential Primary Voting – February 9th

Auburn voters will join voters from across New Hampshire in casting ballots for their chosen candidates for President of the United States in New Hampshire's First-in-the-Nation Presidential Primary on Tuesday, February 9th. In Auburn, voting will take place at the Auburn Village School from 7 am to 7 pm.

This marks the 100th anniversary of New Hampshire's Presidential Primary. Be a part of history and come out to vote!



Eva Lunnie

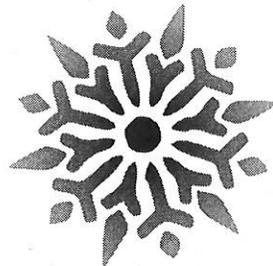
As we write this, news of the passing of former Tax Collector Eva Lunnie has reached us. Eva was a life-long resident of Auburn and served 17 years as Tax Collector from August 1985 to November 2002. As Tax Collector, Eva met most of the town residents and was a "go to" person at the Town Hall. Our condolences to her family. Eva will be missed.

James Headd

Richard Eaton

Dale Phillips

Auburn Board of Selectmen



Auburn Village School

2016 – 2017 Kindergarten & Grade 1 Registration

KINDERGARTEN: All children living in Auburn who will be five years old on or before September 30th, 2016 are eligible to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2016. Registration packets will be available at the main office beginning Tuesday, March 1st. Completed registration information packets are due in the main office by Friday, March 18th. There will be a kindergarten parent information meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd in the Media Center at 6:30 pm.

NEW FIRST GRADERS TO AVS: All children living in Auburn who will be six years old on or before September 30th, 2016 are eligible to enter first grade in the fall of 2016. Registration packets will be available at the main office beginning Tuesday, March 1st. Completed registration information packets are due in the main office by Friday, March 18th. The students will be given a vision and hearing screening as well as a phonemic awareness assessment to help determine reading readiness skills. Screening will be held in May.

Police Department

by Melissa Gates

Hello Auburn Residents,

With 2015 behind us, the department would like to share some of the statistics for the year.

In 2015 we added a new software called Dispatch Console to our computer system; this allowed us to track in more detail, among other things our calls for service. One example is that we often check vacant homes while people are on vacation or businesses when they are closed. This was something that we have always done, but had never tracked in a way that we could easily access the information. Another service we can statistically track is directed patrols, which consist of monitoring the school zone during school hours, or when residents have asked for extra patrol on certain streets. Again, this is something that had been done, but hard to capture in our yearly or monthly statistic totals of calls for service. We are now able to more easily access addresses, locations, people, and license plates to see what past contact we may have had. I thought I would share with you some of the 2015 totals.

CALL	2014	2015
BUILDING CHECKS	NOT TRACKED	3,621
DIRECTED PATROLS	NOT TRACKED	311
CITIZEN ASSISTS	594	725
ACCIDENTS	88	105
BURGLAR ALARMS	169	344
BURGLARIES	17	9
DRUG ARREST	4	15
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	592	536
WELL BEING CHECKS	30	47
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	1,327	2,036
ARRESTS	71	111
TOTALS	4,851	10,505

We had 9 burglaries in 2015, this is less than the 17 in 2014. The department credits this to a "trifecta" of efforts, from the police department, the Neighborhood Watch, and the residents. The department made 4 arrests in 2015 related to past burglary cases. Officers made 2,036 motor vehicle stops, and of those, 32 led to arrests for DWI or drug violations and 14 more were arrests were made related to other various crimes. Total we had 111 arrests in 2015, 15 were for drug violations unrelated to motor vehicle stops.

The towns people of Auburn did a wonderful job last year communicating with the department. In my many years as a dispatcher, I have never seen such an informative, and helpful group of people. Many have expressed concerns about the over flow of drugs coming from surrounding communities. We have heard your concerns, and have had them too, and we will not be taking it lightly. We will all continue to work to keep our community safe. We hope that the atmosphere of cooperation will continue through 2016.

Thank you,

"Melissa at the PD"

Auburn Historical Association

www.auburnhistorical.org

Lake Massabesic - Same Today 100 Years Later!

Manchester, NH, a planned industrial city, grew rapidly in the late 1800's. The City set up the Manchester Water Works in the 1870's and Lake Massabesic was chosen to supply Manchester with clean water.

Lake Massabesic Waterfront

One hundred and sixty cottages were built along its shoreline, along with private clubs and hotels for fishing and sailing enthusiasts. A zoo and theater were also available for entertainment. At one time there were ten steamboats that operated on the lake making it a wonderful place for people to enjoy themselves. A private trolley line was extended to Lake Massabesic in 1895. On July 4th of 1895 10,000 people went to "The Lake" for the festivities.

Manchester Water Works

The MWW leadership, concerned that the rapid development of Lake Massabesic was not conducive to its goal of clean water, decided to purchase as much of the land as possible around the lake. The Water Works offered a fair price, allowed people to live out their lives on the property, and paid the tax bills. By 1910, the MWW owned 90 % of Lake Massabesic waterfront properties.

Needing to dispose of the waterfront cottages, MWW sold some of the cottages, allowed former owners to move their buildings off the land and burned others. The Auburn Fire Department was still burning buildings (training exercises) for the MWW as late as the 1970's.



What happened to the buildings?

The Hall family purchased six cottages (\$25 each) and moved them to where the "Circle of Friends" playground now sits.

Simon Prescott's store was located between Griffin Brook and Rt 121. Simon's son, Frank Prescott used a windlass to move the "Auburn Village Store" across the road to its present location. In addition to moving the store, Frank also moved three houses from waterworks property to Raymond Road. The

houses, still standing today, are the three that are situated before the "old fire house" on Raymond Road.

The Emery family owned a store on the west side of Griffin Brook. The land went to the WW and the store was moved down Chester Road to become the Massabesic Grange building. It still stands and is the big red building located at 35 Chester Road

One Hundred Years Ago

One hundred years ago, the Manchester Water Works initiated a very progressive, expensive program that stopped development in its tracks. Today, if the great Algonquin

Indian Chief Passaconaway was standing on the edge of Lake Massabesic it would look much the same as it did 100 years ago.

Dan Carpenter, President

IMPORTANT DATES

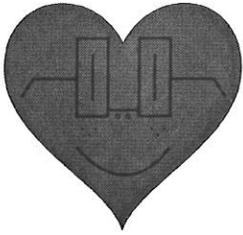
February 9th - Election Day Bake Sale

February 17 - Next Meeting - 6:30 - AHA



Griffin Free Public Library

by Kathy Growney, Library Director



There is a lot going on at Griffin Free in February and I hope you will have a chance to stop in and check out a new book or participate in one of the following events or initiatives!

The Friends of Griffin Free will be starting a book club at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, February 10. Come join us to discuss "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin. Need a copy? Stop by the library! This book is also available as an eBook through New Hampshire Downloadable Books at <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com>.

In January, Griffin Free launched the **NH 1000 Books Before Kindergarten** early literacy initiative. Register any time after your child is born through five years of age. When you finish reading 100 books, come back to the library for another set of sheets and a prize! Let the staff at Griffin Free help you reach your goal of reading 1000 books by coming in for Storytime:

- February 2nd (Tuesday) at 11:00 A.M. - Infant/Toddler Storytime
- February 9th (Saturday) at 11:00 A.M. - Love Your Library Storytime. Create a bookmark to take home!
- February 16th (Tuesday) at 11:00 A.M. - Infant/Toddler Storytime
- February 17th (Wednesday) at 6:30 P.M. - Auburn's Children's History Storytime. Snacks will be served!

Are you preparing to go to college and interested in applying for scholarships? On Saturday, February 20 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., Auburn Dollars for Scholars will be holding a workshop at Griffin Free on how to complete their online student profile on their website: <http://auburn.dollarsforscholars.org>.

Griffin Free adds new material (including books, audiobooks and movies) to our collection every week. Are you interested in being notified of our new titles? Like us on Facebook where each Wednesday morning we post all of our new items for the week. Not a fan of Facebook and prefer to receive an email notification? Then sign up through our Wowbrary account at <http://wowbrary.org/> and receive an email once a week listing all of our latest material!

Finally, did you know that we have museum passes that you may borrow? This month's highlighted pass is for the Currier Museum in Manchester. This pass will provide general admission for up to two adults and all youth family members (ages 13-17); children 12 years and under are always admitted without charge. Thank you to the Friends of Griffin Free for providing our Museum passes!

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Auburn Winter Carnival/Burning of the Trees February 6th 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM



The Auburn Parks and Recreation Department is again partnering with the Auburn Fire Department to present the 3rd annual Winter Carnival/Tree Burning Party. The event will take place on February 6th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Auburn Safety Complex on Eaton Hill Road. There will be family skating, sliding, a bonfire, BBQ, music, a snow shoe demonstration and a children's snow shoe race provided by the Massabesic Audubon Center. Boy Scout troop 127 supported the bonfire again this year by offering a fund raising Christmas tree pick up service. Come on down and have a fun filled afternoon of community

Auburn School Board

AVS Addition and Renovation Highlights

Primary Goals:

- Remove portable and modular classrooms (9 classrooms)
Why? Portables are meant to be temporary. The portables have exceeded their life expectancy, are inefficient, and pose safety concerns.
- Improve safety and security of entire school
Why? The Department of Homeland Security performed a site assessment and identified many areas of concern; some can only be addressed with a renovation.
- Increase primary education, special education and group learning space
Why? This will allow for growth in enrollment and more flexible educational spaces to support optimal instructional practices.
- Improve the function of key common areas, including the gymnasium, nurse's office, and restrooms
Why? The gymnasium is too small to accommodate an entire school assembly.
The nurse's office does not currently meet minimum health standards.
Restrooms are insufficient for students and staff.

Proposal Highlights:

- A single secured building for students, staff, and community
- Over 50,000 square feet of new space (additional multi-age media lab, capacity compliant gym, accommodations for classrooms currently on the exterior, 4 additional non-designated classrooms)
- Removal of all portables and modular classrooms
- New appropriately sized gymnasium for school and community use
- New roofs, windows, and technical systems
- Available space for modest growth
- Renovate gymnasium for new cafeteria space
- Improved parking and traffic flow
- No impact on instructional school days during 24 month construction timeline

Proposed Costs:

- Guaranteed **Maximum** Price \$23,150,321 (includes all phases of the project)
- Tax impact calculated using current interest rates would be \$2.06 / thousand.

Potential Savings:

- Possibility of increased town revenues could reduce overall tax impact
- Proceeds from sale of district owned land originally intended for Auburn/Candia middle school
- Alternate financing options to be explored before bond origination

Why are we proposing an addition and renovation instead of building new?

This has been an excellent and frequently asked question. The Auburn School Board and AVS Master Planning Committee, during its 2 years of planning, firmly believe that we can accomplish every primary goal on the current site with far less of an impact on the taxpayers than building a new school.

What if . . . ?

What if the warrant article for the addition and renovation fails?

- \$3,000,000 + in major repairs to AVS will be necessary over the next 5 years, including the following: roofs, windows, asbestos removal, replacement of portables, mechanical, etc.
 - \$600,000 per year increase in the school budget yields a minimum of \$1.00 / thousand tax impact each of the next 5 years.
- We could spend \$3,000,000 putting band aids on required repairs and not meet or address a single goal.
- We will still have portables, safety issues, an undersized gym and cafe, and no room for growth.
- Construction costs have increased 30-40% over the last 10 years. What will they be 10 years from now? Interest rates are still at historic lows. This project or a similar project will cost much more in the near future, and we will continue to spend money patching a school that is nearing the end of its usefulness.

For more information:

<http://auburn.sau15.net/avs-renovation-information/>

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Mass Schedule:

Sat – 4:00 pm

Sun – 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 am



Ash Wednesday: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10. Ashes will be distributed at our Masses, which are at 7:00 am and 6:30 pm. During Lent, our daily Mass schedule is as follows: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 am, and Tuesday at 12:00 noon.

Year of Mercy: On December 8, 2015, the Catholic Church began the Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. The Year of Mercy is an opportunity for all people to both share mercy with others and to experience the mercy of God for themselves. A special way to experience God's mercy is through the Sacrament of Confession. Fr. Michael is available to hear confessions on Saturdays from 3:00 – 3:30 pm, or by appointment.

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a ministry to adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and growing in their relationship with God. If you have never been baptized, have been baptized in another Christian tradition, or were baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, and are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Jake Linxweiler, Director of RCIA at 483-5571, or the parish office at stpeteraub@comcast.net.

Auburn Lions

Greetings from the Lions. We took December and January off from meetings but will resume on **February 9 at the Safety Complex at 7:00 PM.** Question—How important is the Lions to the Town? Do you know what we stand for or who we are? Have you ever thought of joining our group? Well, here is your chance to get your questions answered. Please come to our February meeting to see what we are all about. You receive the yearly calendar and some of you have asked for assistance, so now we need you to help us do more projects and help more people. Send a e-mail or call Dave at 627-1036 for more info or to let me know you will be there.

Thank You,
Dave Rogers

Longmeadow Congregational Church

by Rev. Ruth Gallot

LONGMEADOW SERVES!

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

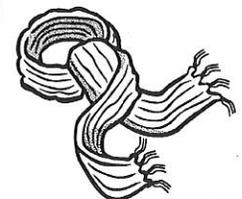


The cold weather is finally upon us but you will always find a warm welcome at Longmeadow. In February young people of our church will be participating in our seventh annual *Super Bowl of Caring*. On Sunday, February 7, 2016, 140 million Americans will tune into the Super Bowl football game. There will be food and fun for many people watching the game. At the same time, there will be people struggling to feed themselves and their families for the day. And so after worship on Super Bowl Sunday, our young people will be serving delicious soup they have made themselves, asking only a donation, with all proceeds going to local food pantries.

In February we begin the holy season of Lent and invite you to journey with us through this season of reflection. Our Lenten theme this year will be a Light that the Darkness Can Never Overcome and we are seeking opportunities to be a light in our community 100 times in 2016. Please join us as we begin the season with an Ash Wednesday worship service on Wednesday February 10, at 7:00 p.m.

In February we will once again be supporting the work of **Holy Joe's Café** by receiving donations during our after-worship fellowship hour and at our Community Breakfasts this month. Holy Joe's Café is the conduit for Chaplains serving on the front lines in the Middle East and around the world who set up oases, not in size, but in purpose and that purpose is to bring a taste of home through coffee with the hope of providing a respite and a listening ear, which, when they are in the midst of great havoc is what is needed most. If you attend our breakfasts, you will find literature about the work of Holy Joe's as well as a jar for donations.

Encouraged by the success of last year's efforts, our Missions Committee is once more organizing a project we call **Scarves in the Park**. We will be accepting donations of **handmade scarves** (any color, any style, long enough for an adult to wear) which we plan to deliver next winter to parks where we know that homeless people gather and to offer them with our love, no strings attached. If you would like to join our efforts, please contact Pastor Ruth (phone number below) who will be glad to pick them up from you. We also plan to have drop-off boxes at our Community Breakfasts in the autumn. We have received a generous donation of yarn for this project. If you would like to participate, let us know and we will provide you with yarn.



We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish to all our brothers and sisters in Auburn warm homes and hearts this winter. In the United Church of Christ, we are called to **"Be The Church"** and reach out to and support our neighbors in Auburn and around the world. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to have you join us in worship and service. Our church is growing and there is always a place for you at the table. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth Gallot at 483-2907.

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From the Town Clerk's Office:

Thinking of buying a new car?

Some tips regarding new vehicle registrations:

- If you want to transfer plates, you need to bring in your current, original registration that goes with those plates (if you traded the car in, the Dealer might want a photo copy but you need to bring us the original in order to receive transfer credit).
- To transfer plates, the primary owner on the old vehicle must remain the primary owner on the new vehicle. Lease to owner and owner to lease transfers are allowed in most circumstances. Please call us for specific info on those transactions.
- If you are buying a 2016 or 2017 model please bring in the window sticker when you come to register the vehicle. The Dealer is required to give it to you, and they usually put it in the glove box.
- Registration costs are charged by the month not by the day, so if your 20 day plates will carry you into the next month, you will probably save money by waiting.

TOWN CLERK HOURS

Monday 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
 Wednesday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 Thursday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 Friday 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Phone: 483-2281

Massabesic Seniors

by Pat Clement

The Massabesic Seniors elected their new slate of officers for the 2016/2017 years.

President	Gladys Clavette
Vice President	Pat Clement
Secretary	Elaine Marciniak
Treasurer	Lorraine Senechal
Good Will	Paul Therrien
Historian	Mary Latuch



At a recent meeting Dot Brett was honored with a "lifetime membership". We want to send out get well wishes to Elaine and Walter.

Once again we are looking for new members. Or do you have something you would like to share with Auburn seniors? We are also looking for speakers. **Meetings are every Thursday at 1:00 pm at the Visiting Angels building.** You can contact Pat at 483-2788 with any questions.

Our thought for the month: Life is not about making others happy. Life is about sharing your happiness with others.

Girl Scouts

by Stacey Melendy



GIRL SCOUTS

IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SEASON!



Haven't seen a Girl Scout in your neighborhood lately? No need to go looking for a cookie booth to get your yearly dose of delicious, just call us and we'll come to you! Call 231-1709 and we will dispatch a scout right to your door for your order. Remember, we now have the Gluten Free Toffee-tastic cookie for \$5. All other flavors still only \$4. Thin Mint, Samoa, Tagalong, Do-si-do, Trefoil, Savannah Smile, and Rah-Rah Raisin.

Cadette Troop 10518 has been busy in their first year as Cadettes. They have been teaching each other badges and so far have covered topics such as crime scene investigation, eating for beauty, woodworking, creating comic art, looking at ideas about what makes you happy and creating their Cookie Business Plan. They have plans for many more badges and activities this year and are thinking about ways to use their proceeds from the cookie season!

This portion was written by Madeline Michaud and Rylee Scammon:

Senior Troop 10020 got the amazing honor of traveling to the Hillary Clinton headquarters in New Hampshire. We had the pleasure of meeting and talking to Emma Tyler, and learning about the Democratic Party and elections in New Hampshire. Did you know that New Hampshire is the first state to vote in the presidential primaries? We watched several videos on the works she has done in America and abroad, and how she has empowered women around the world. Even though not all of us support Hillary or the Democratic Party we all had an amazing time learning what it takes to become president. We look forward to seeing more amazing women do the jobs they dreamed of doing.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Girl Scouts please contact Rebecca Roy at northboundroys@gmail.com or visit our website at girlscoutsgwm.org.

News from Auburn Dollars for Scholars APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Attention all Auburn students (even adults) and parents, from February 1st to May 15th we will be accepting applications for scholarships.

Visit our web site - auburn.dollarsforscholars.org - and click on the "student and parent" tab to begin filling out your student profile.

You must be an Auburn resident for at least 6 months and plan on or are attending a post secondary school including vocational schools and community colleges.

Please read all instructions and file all of your paperwork by May 15th.
Applications will be scored and reviewed after May 15th.

If you would like assistance in filling out your student profile, we will be holding a workshop Sat. Feb. 20th at 2 P.M. in the Griffin Free Public Library. We ask that if you have a lap top to please bring it, there are limited public computers at the library.
Good Luck to All! Thank You, Mary Hrubiec, president

From The Friends of the Griffin Free Public Library:

Santa Breakfast Thanks

by Marie Sullivan

The Friends of the Griffin Free Public Library would like to thank everyone who attended the Santa Breakfast on December 12th. Diners enjoyed a breakfast of pancakes and sausages and had the opportunity to enjoy the AVS Chorus led by Chrissy Ouellette and the AVS Band under the direction of Matt Szopa. The students did an awesome job!



Thanks also go to the Auburn Fire Department who brought Santa (John Mayland) to the breakfast. Santa greeted all of the children and they had the chance to sit on his lap and share Christmas wishes with him. Thank you Santa for taking time out of your busy schedule to visit with us. Special thanks go to Gary Poulin, Lynn Howard, Sara Belanger and our terrific kitchen crew: Ray Garon, Dave Sylvia, Roland Davies, David Smiley and Jake Smiley. Thanks also go to Freihofers Bakery for donating pastries for the breakfast. All proceeds will be used to support library programming. Thank you everyone for making the breakfast a success.

Be a Friend.....Bring a Friend

by Pat Clement

You are cordially invited to come to a meeting of the Friends of the Griffin Library on **Monday, March 7th at 7:00 PM** at the Library. Come and meet the Friends and see how you can help make our library even better. You don't have to commit lots of time to make a difference....attend a monthly meeting or two, or help out once a year at one of our fundraisers. There is no pressure.

Our 2015 Activities Have Included

- Santa Breakfast
- Photo Contest
- Duck Race/Ticket Sales
- Bake Sale at Book Sale
- Van Otis Candy Sales

Through our fundraising efforts, the Friends have provided the Library with...

- Museum Passes
- Patio Set
- Table & Chairs
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We hope to see you on **March 7th**. Refreshments will be served and a door prize awarded to one new member.

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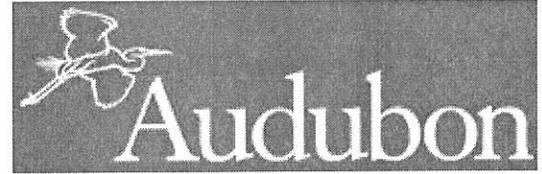
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By Dawn Genes, Director



February Activities at the Massabesic Audubon Center

Art Exhibition: Multi-media Artist Ron Plante

Through February 19, 2016

Lifelong artist, designer, illustrator and educator, Ron Plante has devoted his 40-year career to the pursuit of excellence in fine art, illustration, design and visual communication. On exhibit are recent pieces from "A Seascape Series," featuring paintings of Maine and NH coastal scenes, and "The People of the Dawn Series," a 6-year study of Northeast Native Americans, the Abenaki Culture and Legends.

Snowshoe Rentals!

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Enjoy nature in winter at the Massabesic Audubon Center as you trek the trails on snowshoes! Snowshoes for use on-site only with a minimum of 6" of snow cover. Limited pairs available for little children. Call to reserve if bringing a large party.

Nature Photography Workshop Series

Saturdays, February 13, 27, March 5, 12-4 pm

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Leader: David Saxe, USA Aloft, LLC.

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Feb 13: Composition, Venues and Examples

Feb 27: Camera Equipment and Operation, Field Techniques

Mar 5: Exposure, Focusing / Depth of Field, Workflow (including printing)

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Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am Cost: \$10 M / \$13 NM (per child/parent pair)

Leader: Kim Murphy, Naturalist or Kelly Dwyer, Naturalist

Join us for our winter series. Discover the changing seasons through hands-on activities, songs, crafts, stories, and outdoor discovery. Please dress to be outside and wear appropriate footwear. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Wee Wonder classes are for ages 4-6. Junior Explorer classes are for ages 7-12. Registration is on-line.

February 10 topic: Clever Corvids

There is no doubt that ravens and crows are social and intelligent. Today we will learn some fascinating facts about these birds as we visit with our resident raven.

Cub Scouts Pack 127

by Jocelyn Malenchini

This month, the Scouts will enjoy their annual Blue and Gold Banquet, to be held at Camp Carpenter on February 13th. Each den has worked hard to earn their respective badges: Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos. Webelos 2 Scouts have been working diligently to achieve their Arrows of Light. We wish them well this month as they complete their remaining badge requirements in time for the Banquet.



Good luck, Scouts, with all your endeavors, and congratulations, in advance!

Spotlight on...

The Wolves –

by Mr. Kadlec



Auburn's Wolf den is having a wonderful year so far! This year has been all about the outdoors. From camping, to basic survival skills, to caring for all the creatures seen in nature, the boys have really learned what it's like to be a steward of their world.

Our Wolves – all second graders - speak for themselves.

What is your favorite Scouting activity so far this year?

- Colby: "Skits and the campfire at camp."
- Ryan: "BB shooting at the Fall Blast."
- Sam: "Camping on an island."

What do you look forward to?

- Josh: "The pinewood derby."
- Matt: "Summer Camp!"
- Chase: "Having fun, friends and learning new things."

What does it mean to be an Auburn Wolf Scout?

- Antonio: "Cleaning up trash."
- Colby: "Helping the earth."
- Will: "Being a good example"

And most of all Scouting is FUN!

Upcoming Cub Scout events include:

February 5, Friday	Museum of Science Sleepover
February 9, Tuesday	Water Stop: Fat Tuesday (Manchester)
February 13, Saturday	Blue and Gold Ceremony at Camp Carpenter, 12PM
February 27, Saturday	Winter Carnival at Camp Carpenter, 9AM – 3PM
March 12, Saturday	Pinewood Derby, AVS Gym, 7AM

For more information on joining Auburn's Cub Scouts, please contact: staceymelendy@gmail.com

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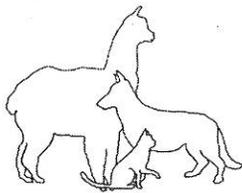
The Auburn Village School PTA will be hosting the Children's Stage Adventures (CSA) program from Monday, March 14th through Saturday, March 19th. For the spring CSA program, all AVS students in Kindergarten and grades 5-8 are invited to audition. This spring's production is *Shakespeare's Midsummer Dream*.

After auditions on Monday, March 14th, participating children will rehearse each day after school to finalize the production. The rehearsals will be directed by Lorrie and Rob Gray, who will serve as the team of Actor/Educators from Children's Stage Adventures. After these daily rehearsals, the **performances will be held on Friday, March 18th at 6:30pm and Saturday, March 19th at 11:00am in the Auburn Village School gymnasium.** Please mark your calendars now to come out and support the youth of the Auburn community while enjoying a great show!

More information regarding auditions will be provided via AVS to students in Kindergarten and grades 5-8. If you have additional questions, please contact Ami D'Amelio at amidamelio@gmail.com or Kara Costello at mkhrcostello@aol.com.

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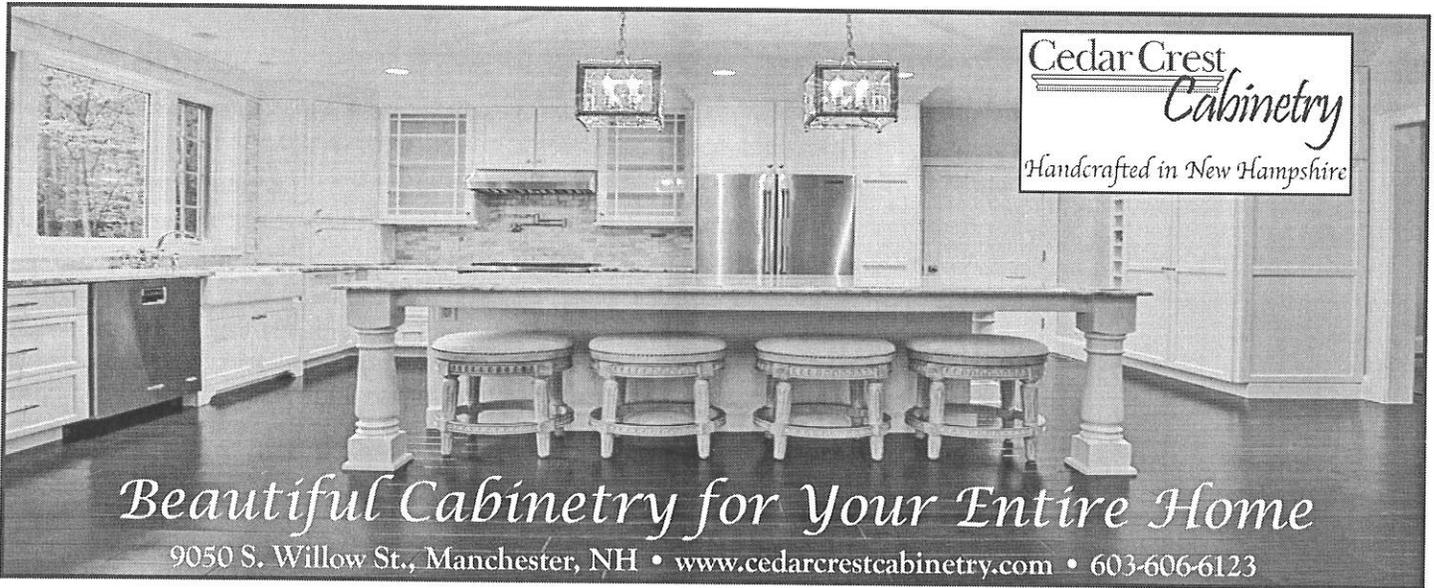


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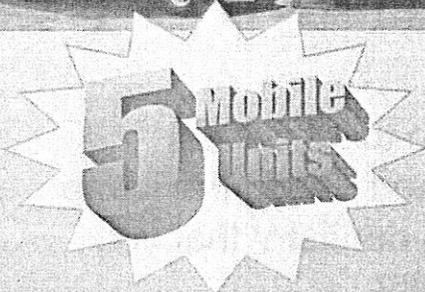
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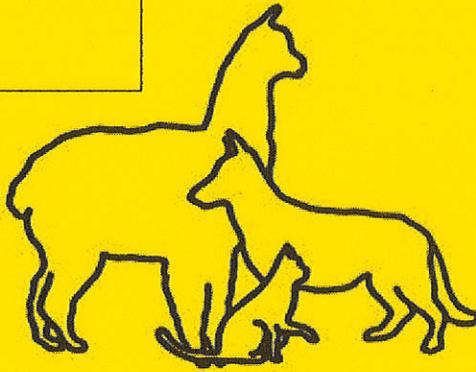


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