

# AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER



# <u>Auburn Town Hall News</u>

#### New Interim Town Administrator appointed

After the unfortunate loss of Bill Herman after 17 years of service to our community, Dan Goonan was appointed the Interim Town Administrator as of May 1st. Dan lives in Manchester with his wife and 11-year-old twins. Dan spent 37 years with the City of Manchester Fire Department retiring as Chief last year. He has served the town of Auburn for almost 30 years as a police officer earning the rank of Sergeant. Dan has many years of experience in leading municipal organizations and serves on local, statewide and national committees concerning at risk youth, and the drug epidemic. Next time you are at town hall, say hi to Dan.

#### **Director of Griffin Free Public Library Hired**

Following the resignation of Kathryn Growney who moved onto a new library position in Tyngsborough Massachusetts, Dan Szczesney has been named Griffin Free Public Library's new Director. Dan served the library as an assistant for 7 years before accepting his new position. Dan is an award-winning author, editor and publisher. Many of his articles can be found in very well-known publications. Dan is a resident of Manchester where he lives with his wife and daughter. Please make some time to visit the library and congratulate Dan on his new appointment.

#### **New Full Time Firefighter hired**

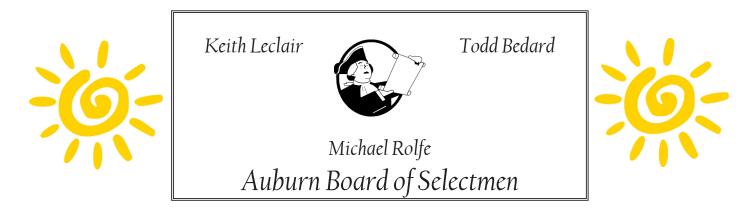
Fire Chief Michael Williams offered a full-time Firefighter Position to Andrew Flores from Manchester. Firefighter Flores has been a call member with Auburn Fire Rescue for two years before taking this full-time position. He earned all his state fire certifications while a member of the Auburn Fire Department.

#### **Contracts Awarded**

Several new projects are well underway most with the help of the first round of ARPA funds that Auburn received last year. An Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) lift is currently being installed at the town hall. The exterior updates for AFD Station 2 will be starting soon as well as the replacement of the salt shed roof on Chester Turnpike.

#### Longmeadow Cemetery Spigots now available

We would like to send thanks to the great folks at the Calef Lake Campground and Matthew Plaza who have supplied water to the Longmeadow Cemetery. There are faucts located in the front and back of the cemetery for public use.



### **Deputy Tax Collector**

Town of Auburn – Job Posting

The Town of Auburn is seeking a part-time Deputy Tax Collector – Transitioning to Tax Collector.

 General Duties: The position is responsible for assisting in processing the collection of taxes, preparing reports, and perform basic secretarial duties – attention to detail is key.

 Skills and Experience: Knowledge of secretarial practices and procedures, basic accounting and computer skills, strong customer service orientation with good communication skills. Ability to work independently and collaboratively with accuracy and organization.

Minimum of High School Diploma or the equivalent.
Flexible hours and schedule - Hourly rate of pay dependent on experience, range to be \$16.19 to \$17.18 to start.

To apply: Send cover and resume to: Auburn Tax Collector, PO Box 146, Auburn, NH 03032 or towntax@townofauburnnh.com Resume reviews to start immediately – position will remain open until filled.

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# Rec News

Auburn Parks and Recreation

Recreation@TownofAuburnNH.com

603-483-5052 x101

### **Online Registration is Now Available!**

You can now register for Parks & Recreation activities and events on our new website... AuburnPR.activityreg.com



It's easy to get started. First you will need to set up your account by following these easy steps...

1. Click on "Create a New Account"

2. Enter all information for the **main account holder first.** (Do not enter your child's info yet.)

3. Click "Save & Continue" when completed.

4. Click "Add New Member" and enter information for the next person in your family until you have completed your family

Once you have set up your account, you can start registering for programs. Either click the "Register for Activities" on the main picture on the front page or in the "Register" drop down menu, then click on "Program or Activities" to see all that is currently offered.

You will be able to pay for you programs on this website with credit card. There is an additional 3% (or minimum of \$2) fee per transaction that is paid directly to the credit card processing company.

If you don't want to use the website or pay with credit card, you can still register as we have in the past with the registration forms found on the town website at AuburnNH.com/parks-and-recreation under "Rec Forms". You can mail or bring that to Parks & Rec in the Town Hall with cash or check.

If you have any problems or questions with the new website, please contact Parks & Rec to help you through the process. Please be patient as we are also trying to learn this new system.

#### **Summer Concerts Series**

Thursday, August 18

We'll be finishing up the summer with the final concert in the parks. Join us as we welcome back "The Bob Pratte Band" on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Circle of Fun playground. Bring the kids to enjoy the playground and sit back and relax to the music.





Thursday, August 18

Still one more playdate in the park scheduled for this summer. Parents/caregivers and their little ones are invited to meet at the Circle of Fun playground this summer to let your kids play together while we get to



know each other. Thursday, August 18 at 10:00 am is for the AVS incoming Kindergarteners. The kindergarten staff along with the AVS administration will be there to greet the new AVS students while the kids also get to know each other. The playdate is held at the Circle of Fun playground, so siblings are welcome to come too. Please check our Facebook page for changes and cancelations due to weather.

#### <u>"Auburn Night" with Fireworks</u> Friday, September 9

To kick-off the weekend of the AHA's annual Auburn Day & Duck Race, Auburn Parks and Rec is planning "Auburn Night" on Friday night, September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Auburn Village School.

There will be food trucks starting at 6:30 pm featuring "Lets Get Loaded" French Fries, "Monster's Taco" and "Gracie's Kitchen Pizza. Live music will begin at 7:00 pm with Whiskey Business. And the grand finale of the night, **fireworks, will begin at 9:00 pm**. Join us for this fun family event as we begin a weekend of gathering with friends and neighbors once again.



#### Parks & Rec at the Duck Race Saturday, September 10



Parks and Recreation is excited to again be part of the Auburn Historical Association's Annual Auburn Day & Duck Race on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be setting up some fun activities on Hooksett Road along with all AHA already has planned. We will have the climbing wall and McDonnys Farm petting. Thank you to the AHA for inviting us to be part of their event.

#### Tiny Tot Soccer for 3-year-olds & <u>Tot Soccer for 4-year-olds</u> Saturdays, September 17-October 15

Tiny Tot & Tot Soccer is back this season for the youngest soccer players. Both programs will be led by the soccer pros from SNHU. The kids will learn basic soccer skills as well as develop strength, coordination, listening skills, and teamwork.

This program will run for 5 weeks on Saturdays starting September 17 through October 15. Both programs will be held at Wayne Eddows. Preregistration is required & space is limited.

- The Tiny Tots program for 3-year-old runs 9:30 am to 10:00 am for a fee of \$50 (Players must be at least 3 during the session).
- The Tot Soccer program for 4-year-olds will be held at 10:00-11:00 am for a fee is \$65 (Players must be at least 4 years old during the session.)



## **Fall Jumping Beans**

Wednesdays, September 7- October 12

Jumping Beans is a class for children ages 2-5 to get out and get moving with Miss Joelle! This class offers moms (or dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc) and kids an opportunity to make new friends and dance to some of their favorite songs. We will do simple dance moves to go along with the music.



The fall session will run from September 7 through October 12. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 9:30 am until 10:30 am outside at the Safety Complex Field. In the event of rain, the class will be rescheduled. The fee for the 6-week session is \$37. Pre-registration is required.

## **Other Fall Activities Coming Soon**

- Skyhawks Flag Football for kids in grades 1-8
- Fall Session of Tai Chi on Thursdays
- Beginner Field Hockey



More information on these programs will be on our new website at AuburnPR.activityreg.com.



For the most updated information on Parks and Rec activities, follow us on Facebook or Instagram at **AuburnNHParksAndRec** 





#### Auburn Residents 65 years young and older You are cordially invited to

the Summer Barbeque and 50th Annual Auburn Senior Citizen's Holiday Dinner

When: Saturday, August 20, 2022 Time: 1:00 Where: Auburn Safety Complex

You must call or email to reserve before August 13th to: Amy at Parks and Rec: recreation@townofauburnnh.com or 603-483-5052 x101 (Please leave a message)

Hope to see you then!

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# AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Hello Auburn Residents,

We hope everyone is having a great summer so far. We always enjoy seeing residents around town when we are on patrol. Officer Webber stopped by to see the kids at Circle of Fun Park last month. He had a great time letting people explore the inside of his cruiser; explaining the various tools he uses and taking photos with kids like young Emery and Graham.





It's hard to believe in a few short weeks students will be back in school! Just a reminder that school is back in session. Please keep in mind, during these warm months you will see kids waiting for buses, walking, or riding bikes on the road. Also, just a reminder that during drop off and pick up hours at AVS Eaton Hill Road is a one way and you must access Eaton Hill via Raymond Road.







If you are interested in what the officer's experience at the Police Academy, we invite you to join our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Citizen Academy.

The Auburn Citizen Academy will run September 8<sup>th</sup> to November 3rd, with most classes running on Thursdays from 6PM to 8PM.

During the Academy, you will get to experience first-hand what your Auburn Officer's encounter on a day-to-day basis. Topics include Accident Reconstruction, Defensive Tactics, Taser Training, K9 Handling, Firearms, Evidence collection, Investigations, Arrests, and more. You will use the same equipment the officers use, including tactical gear, tasers, firearms, and the Intoxilyzer 9000.

If you think you'd like to join our Auburn Citizen Academy please contact us at <u>police@townofauburnnh.com</u> or 603-483-2134 for more information.

# AUBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

# Sparky's HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE



**The following objects are hidden in this picture:** battery, smoke alarm, candle, flashlight, pencil, sailboat, banana, golf club, bell, sock, ruler, ring, cup, and a button!

## Happenings at New Hampshire Audubon's Massabesic Center

### Calling all Campers, Ages 4-15!

We still have space in our August Nature Day Camp sessions. To learn more and register, visit

https://www.nhaudubon.org/education/nature-day-camp/.

## Center Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 11am to 4pm

Gardens and Trails are accessible every day from dawn to dusk

26 Audubon Way, Auburn NH 03032 Admission is FREE.

Visit our Animal Ambassadors or pick up a souvenir from the expanded gift shop.

## **Calling All Gardeners!**

Join us this month for upcoming programs on environmentally-friendly insect management and cover crop planting.

Check our event calendar for more details: <u>https://www.nhaudubon.org/events/</u>.

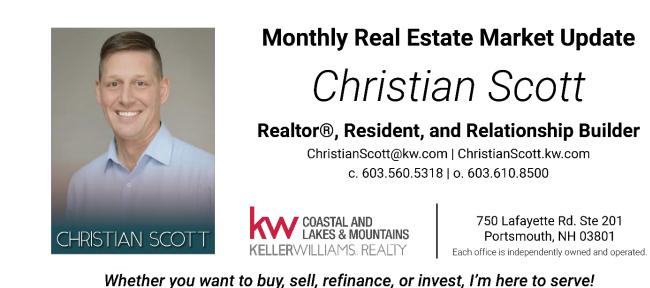
#### Interested in being on our Volunteer Gardener team?

Contact Center Director, Kimmie Whiteman, at kwhiteman@nhaudubon.org.

Please remember, dogs are not allowed on Massabesic Center property (fields, trails, gardens). As a courtesy, our parking lot provides access to alternate dog-friendly trails on either end of Audubon Way. Dogs must be leashed at all times in our parking lot, and on neighboring Manchester Water Works trails. For maps and more information, visit: <u>https://www.nhaudubon.org/lands/sanctuaries/massabesic-wildlife-sanctuary/</u>.

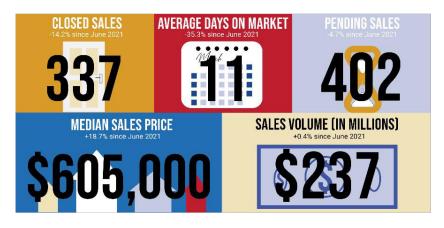


The Audubon Society of New Hampshire was founded in 1914 as part of a movement to protect and restore migratory bird populations. For more than 100 years, NH Audubon has built on that early mission, utilizing science-based research and conservation, legislative efforts and public education to save critical habitat and threatened wildlife species. We are independent of (and older than!) National Audubon and rely on public support through donations and membership.



## Rockingham County Market Data Snapshot for June 2022

All data is taken from the NHAR.org for single family residential activity.



## NON-PROFIT Beyond the Boots • Save the Date!

#### **BEYOND THE BOOTS**

Tuesday, September 20, 20 McIntyre Ski Area Manchester, NH 5:00 pm





Buy advance tickets to get early-bird pricing  $\,\star\,$  Seats are limited  $\,\star\,$  Outdoor event

\$60/person \$750 VIP seating for up to 6 guests Tickets are \$75 at the door the day of the event. **Beyond the Boots** puts our service members in the spotlight wearing the latest fashions from local retailers. Support our military community and enjoy a memorable night out.

- · Hors d'oeuvres
- Cash bar
- Show begins at 6:00 pm

#### Tickets and sponsorships vetscount.org/nh/events

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## **NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE GRIFFIN FREE LIBRARY**

By the time this has been printed our 22nd Annual Book Sale will be .....wait for it! - in THE BOOKS! (A little library humor).

On behalf of everyone involved, thank you for all of your help with every aspect of this very popular fundraising event. It's hard work but our community always comes through for us.

In September, The Friends along with the library will again take part in Duck Race Day. Pick A Duck, a Raffle table, and popcorn and water will be sold. Information about The Friends will be available, we'll be happy to answer your questions.

On September 20th at 6:30pm, The Friends of the Library are very excited to present an evening with Maine Author Paul Doiron. He is the author of the Mike Bowditch crime series. This event will be held in the AVS cafeteria and is free to the public. More information will be available on the library website.

We regret to announce that our December Santa Breakfast, is canceled this year due to an unforeseen circumstance.

Our Friends of the Library meetings are held the first Monday of each month @7pm in the library. We'd love to have you join us and support the Friends Mission of our wonderful Library.

Have a good rest of the summer. Fay

AVS SCHOOLYARD

NEWS

AVS is working hard to get ready to welcome students back in August! Our first day of school is August 31st. Grades 5-8 arrive at 7:40. Advisory/



homeroom teachers will greet students as they enter and direct them to their appropriate rooms. Students in kindergarten through 4th grade arrive at 8:40 and it will be all hands on deck helping them to their new classrooms. Parents will receive a more detailed welcome letter in Mid-August that will have additional information about our first few days of school. The letter will also introduce our many new staff.

Students should continue to take part in our summer reading program. Details about this program are on the school website. If you are interested in taking part in many of the summer sales on school supplies, the supply lists are also posted on our website. Middle school athletic tryouts/practices will be held at the end of August. All middle school parents will receive an email with information about the location and times of these activities.

Lastly, we are excited to see all our new kindergartners at the Circle of Fun playground on August 18th at 10:00 am. AVS Kindergarten teachers, assistants and administration will be there to play games and get to know all of our newcomers!



### Dan Szczesny, Library Director

22 Hooksett Road / PO Box 308 Auburn, NH 03032 (603) 483-5374 director@griffinfree.org www.griffinfree.org

# Summer Reading, Oceans of Possibility Continues!

Our Beanstack Ocean of Possibilities summer reading program has been a huge success! Many congrats to everyone who has been reading and winning badges and prizes. We're so grateful to the more than 150 readers who have participated so far, reading 500 books and over 25,000 pages! Great job Auburn! And guess what, you can still join in on the fun. Here's how.

#### Discover the mysteries of the oceans.

Visit aquariums and marinas through the links provided at the library. Join us for in person programs every week at the library see below. Sign up at the library or from our website. You can download the Beanstack app onto your phone and record your reading from anywhere!

## Register for these events and start enjoying the ocean!

Aug. 6 (Saturday, 1pm) - Decoding / Message in a Bottle program (15 spots) Aug. 13 (Saturday, 1pm) - Special luau and party. All are invited, snacks and crafts!

**STORY TIMES:** Join Miss Mary in the library for regular Story Times on **Tuesdays at 11 AM or Fridays at 1 PM**. Free coloring pages for the kids are always available. No registration needed.

#### Adult/Teen Programming

The **Evening Book Club** will meet again starting in September. Stay tuned for the book titles.

The **Day Book Club** will meet on Wednesday, **August 10 at 1:30 PM**. Book to be decided, stay tuned for more details!

The Knitting Club will meet every Friday at 10:30AM in August. No sign up, just stop in!

The Cookbook Club will meet on Saturday, August 27 at 12:30PM. This month's theme is dinner inspiration. The three books being read for the meeting are "I Dream of Dinner" by Lukas Volger, "Once Upon a Chef" by Jennifer Segal and "Half Baked Harvest Every Day" by Tieghan Gerard. Stop at the library to pick up one or all of the books beforehand!

#### Upcoming Events and Be Sure to Explore Our New Story Trail!

On behalf of the staff at Griffin Free we'd like to thank everyone who attended the ribbon cutting for our new Story Trail behind the library and are so grateful to all the community members who have been using and enjoying the trail in Pavilion Park! Give it a look next time you're nearby.

Mark your calendar for **September 20** for a very special book event, **An Evening With Paul Doiron**. Staff tuned for details!



(Photo courtesy of Jean Wozniak)

**St. Peter Roman Catholic Church** Fr. Michael Gendron, Pastor Fr. Rory Traynor, Parochial Vicar 567 Manchester Rd. 603-623-5429 www.stpeteraub.org

Mass Schedule: Sat – 4:00 PM Sun – 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 AM

Baptism or Marriage: For information on scheduling a Baptism or Marriage, please contact Fr. Michael Gendron at 603-623-5429, ext. 1.



2022-2023 Faith Formation registration is NOW OPEN! Register before August 1<sup>st</sup> for the lowest rate. Go to: <u>https://stpeteraub.org/faith-formation</u>

Train children in the way they should go: and when they grow old, they will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

Holy Family Lectio Divina: Come together to pray as a couple and to meet other young couples and families. Designed for married/engaged couples in their 20s/30s with a desire to incorporate prayer time into busy lives. Join Fr. Rory and Sr. Eucharista on Monday evenings at 7PM beginning August 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information, email Fr. Rory at <u>rtraynor@rcbm.org</u> or call St. Peter Church.

Women's Bible Study - Walking with Purpose: The upcoming fall session of Walking with Purpose (WWP) will be an 8-week study using the book, *Ordering Your Priorities*, a bible study that will help put the most important things first. We will start at the end of September and end before Thanksgiving, with groups on Wednesday morning or Thursday evening, here at St. Peter Church. If you are planning to join us, now is a good time to order your book. This volume is also available as an ebook. Contact Geri Strout, St. Peter WWP Coordinator, geristrout@comcast.net, for more information.

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 <a href="mailto:stpeteraub@comcast.net">stpeteraub@comcast.net</a>.

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Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16). What a wonderful Summer it has been here at Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC. Summer is supposed to be a quieter time in churches, but not here!

Although we are gathering in person once again for our full services, we recognize the blessings that our on-line presence has brought us and so continue to reach out beyond the walls of our church building with the technology skills we have gained and continue to gather for worship in three ways, seeking to serve people, wherever you are:

- In person worship at 9:30 on Sundays, with precautions recommended and encouraged.
- On-line worship services, using Zoom on Sundays at 11:00
- And YouTube pre-recorded services (all Sunday Worship and Wednesday Children's Messages can be found at https://www. youtube.com/channel/ UCOZuV4b91h\_8LYHqYRATqhw



We thank all who attended our two Longmeadow Community Breakfast in May and June and look forward to

once again open the doors of our Fellowship Hall, fire up the stove and serve you once again. Mark your calendars for our return on Saturday, September 17.

We also thank you, our friends and neighbors for joining us in our summer Peanut Butter

#### **LONGMEADOW SERVES!**



and Jelly Drive that helped us to donate hundreds of items to stock the food pantry shelves for the summer months. We are also grateful to all who came out in support of our Ladies' Circle Yard Sale on June 25. What a fun and successful day it was. And finally, thank you to all who supported our Prize Calendar fund raiser providing us with resources to continue our various ministries.



It has also been an incredible joy for us to partner with Auburn Parks and Rec by serving free

popcorn at the Summer Outdoor Concert Series. You folks are amazing, and we are blessed to be part of this wonderful event for our entire town. Please stop by our table for something to munch on at this month's concert.

And now, onto our current outreach ministries. In July and August, we are holding a School Supply Drive to assist both students at AVS and around the world in areas where people are struggling with desperate poverty. We will be filling backpacks for local students and school bags for Church World Service to distribute. There is a plastic tub on the Tiny Tots porch available to accept your donations of school supplies. Thanks to previous generosity as well as partnerships we have developed with other community organizations, we have a stockpile of items that we do not need to collect this year. And so, we ask that you only donate the items included in the list below. Also, all donations must be new, we cannot accept used items.

- Round nose scissors
- 30-centimeter / 12-inch ruler (must have centimeters)
- Hand-held pencil sharpener
- New, unsharpened pencils with erasers
- Box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- Glue Sticks
- Packages of pens



Things are really happening here at Longmeadow and there is always a place for you. No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. At Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC, we seek not just to go to church but to BE THE CHURCH! If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth Gallot at 483-2907. Friend us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/ groups/Longmeadow/





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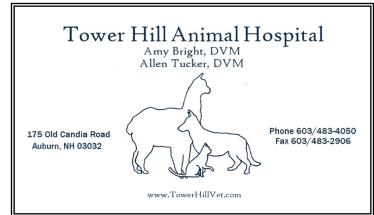
#### BSA Troop 127B

In July Luke Melendy completed his Eagle project; a story walk at the Griffin Free Library. Luke worked on this project for many months with guidance from the library and some help from his troop. You can see his project in the backyard at Griffin Library. Great work Luke! Also during July, Scouts ventured deep into the woods for a month of fun outdoor activity.

During the first week, Troop 127 sent 1 representative to participate in the NYLT: National Youth Leadership Training program for 6 days to learn important leadership skills and participate in tough physical events like Challenge Valley and Realistic First Aid. Thank you to the NYLT Staff for such an amazing program!

Later in the Month, 3 Scouts and 2 brave adult leaders attended Camp Bell for 1 week of rugged camping, questionable cooking, and of course, Merit Badge work. Scouts at Camp Bell participated in Sailing, Rock Climbing, Shotgun Shooting, ATV Riding, Horseback Riding, and so much more. Our 3 Bell participants very strongly advertised the experience back at our home Troop meetings, and so we thank Camp Bell's amazing Staff for the week of Scouting Adventure!

-Dylan Roy, Scribe







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If you would like to be part of the Auburn Dollars for Scholar's team or would like to donate, contact us at:

#### auburn.dollarsforscholars.org

or Auburn Dollars for Scholars® 166 Rockingham Road Auburn, NH 03032

Thank You and Stay Safe Mary Hrubiec, President



## Village Garden Design 603-370-8253 or VGDandM@gmail.com

Elaine Caldwell

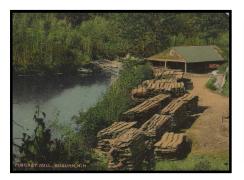
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## News from the Auburn Historical Association

#### **The Gospel Path** Written by Dan Carpenter



Left: Alvin Pingrey's Saw Mill that was located on Dearborn Road Right: North Chester Methodist Church

that was located on Candia Rd in Chester

These properties were at opposite ends of Gospel Path/Birch Road



In the 1960's, Carl Forsaith (1888-1983) was assigned the task of reviewing the names of Auburn roads. On a whim, Forsaith named the section of Birch Rd from the Chester Turnpike to Dearborn Rd, "The Gospel Path". His father, Frank Forsaith, (1860-1938) used this term to describe the road that 'Auburnites' used to attend services at the North Chester Methodist Church (1852-1962). The church was located on Candia Road in Chester near the intersections of Birch, Smith, and Sheep Farm Roads. Frank (who did not attend the North Chester Methodist Church) did not use the term "Gospel Path" as a complement.

Carl left Auburn's Five Corners in 1909 to attend Dartmouth College. Over the next 25 years, many changes occurred to the families on the Corner. Carl's Brother, William, died unexpectedly in the last year of a medical residency. As a Rowe, who owned the Toll House on the Turnpike for 60 years died and the house disappeared. William Pingrey, who had purchased the "Little Red House" in 1851, died there in 1909. The house did not have a full time occupant for another 90 years. The Martin's owned a 2 story colonial house that faced South off Dearborn Rd. They sold out and the house disappeared in the 20's. Alvin Pingrey sold his sawmill on Preston Brook to the Manchester Water Works in the 1930's. The Water Works rented the house for a few years until it burned. Deacon Frank Coult on the Chester Turnpike died in 1938 leaving his farm vacant. His daughter, Annie May Coult, was working in Washington, DC.

The population of NH was declining. The rural areas were hollowed out as young people moved into cities. Frank and Rosie Forsaith stayed in the old Clay Tavern on the 5 Corners. They burned wood to heat water and keep the drafty, uninsulated house warm. Sooty kerosene lamps provided a little light and cast long shadows. The winters were long - stay home and wait for the roads to turn to mud. Their only son, Carl and his wife Grace were 300 miles away living in a city with electricity. There must have been a sense of isolation and loneliness.

I found the financial records of the North Chester Methodist Church. According to the church treasurer, in the 1930's, Frank Forsaith was contributing 25 cents a week. People who pledged to support the church were given marked envelopes so the treasurer could keep track. Frank Forsaith who had once poked a little fun of people attending church was not only attending but promised to make weekly contributions. Things change. By the 1930's, Frank understood that socialization the church made possible was important to the neighborhood.

Rosa Forsaith died in 1937 and Frank the year after. With their passing, the 5 Corners was uninhabited for a decade until Carl and Grace retired and a revitalization of the old neighborhood began. Unfortunately, the North Chester Methodist Church did not survive. By the 1950's, it was reduced to a single annual service and in 1962 the snow load collapsed the roof and destroyed the building. Without the church, the Gospel Path is now reduced to a footpath.

## Auburn Day and the 29th Annual Duck Race!!! Saturday, September 10th 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Downtown Auburn Village on Hooksett Road







The Auburn Historical Association is holding its annual Auburn Day and 29th Annual Duck Race event! Lots of exciting plans are in the works and we hope we will see everyone there! Duck Race tickets are available at the library, Auburn Family Dentistry and will be sold at the AHA booth during the event.

Parks and Rec will be joining us again, making this an extra special event! Highlights will include the 1st annual kid's cookie contest, great music by Ray Zerkle, lots of food, (including 5 food trucks!), local artisans, crafters and vendors, children's activities, the roaming railroad, local authors, a climbing wall, petting zoo, apple pie contest and much more!

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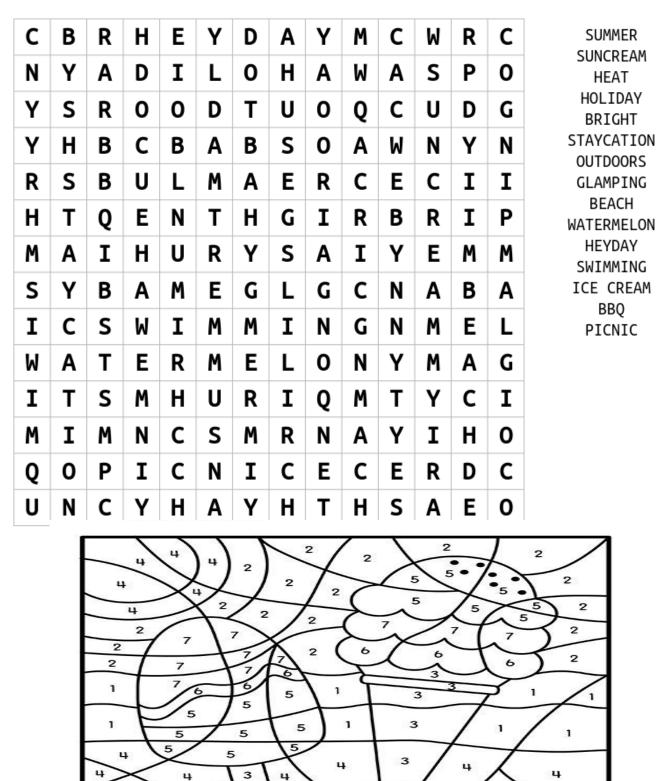
Wednesday, August 10th, 2022, 6:30 pm Jennie Powers: The Woman Who Dares Presented by Jennifer Carrol

Jennie Powers took a stand against social vices in New Hampshire and Vermont in the early twentieth century. She was a humane society agent in Keene from 1903-1936 and one of the first humane society agents to become a deputy sheriff in New Hampshire. Jennie was known across the country as "The Woman Who Dares" cited by the Boston Post newspaper in 1906 as having arrested more men than any other woman in America. As a photographic activist, she used her camera to document animal cruelty, family violence, and wide-spread poverty in New Hampshire's Monadnock region and beyond. This one-hour illustrated presentation from Jenna Carroll introduces us to Jennie's life story, the work of humane societies at the turn of the twentieth century, and the politics of the Progressive Era (1890s-1920s) from a local perspective.

This program will be held at the Auburn Historical Association's meeting room (downstairs, back of building). Admission is free.

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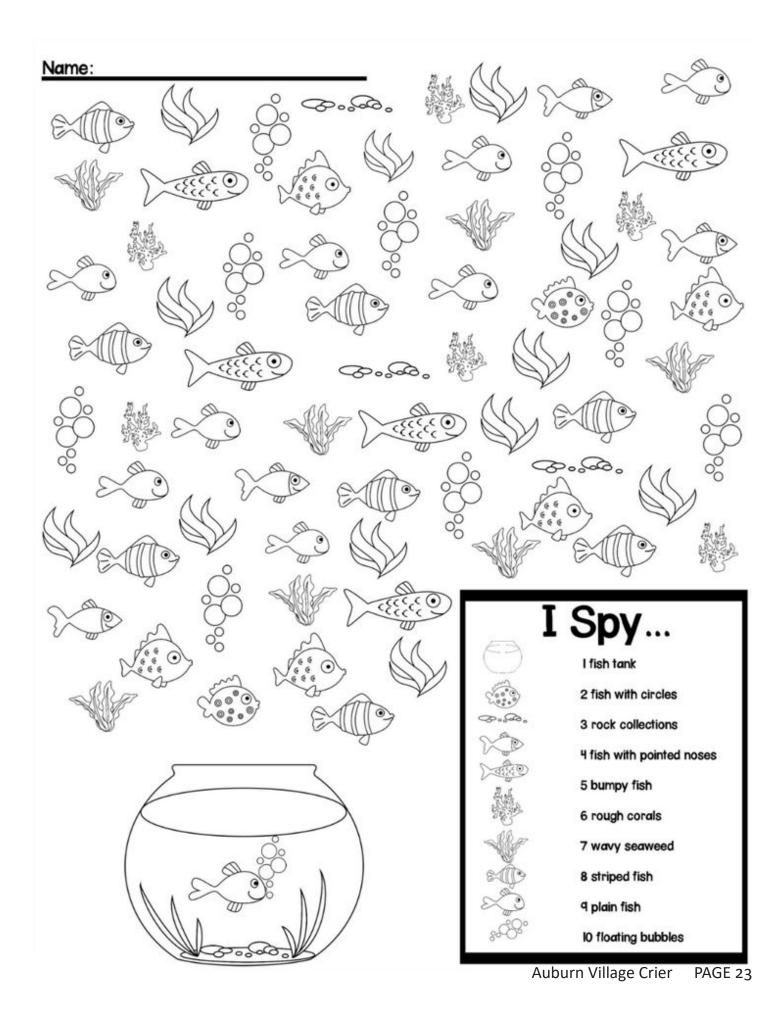
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