



# AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER

WINTER  
2022  
EDITION

## December

### ☺ sunday



### ☺ monday

5- Friend of the Library Meeting, 7pm Page 14

19- Giving Tree Wrap (it up) Party, Page 9

### ☺ tuesday

-Story Time with Miss Mary, Page 15

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3- Snowflake Fair, Page 18

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10- P&R Apparel Pick-up, 9am-11am Town Hall

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### ☺ friday

-Story Time with Miss Mary, Page 15

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9- Audubon Birding Walk, Page 7

**Note:**

Please check with event/project coordinators first for dates, times, and cancelations.

### WINTER IS COMING.....

For more information and future dates on Winter Session Classes at the NEW Severance School Community Center please see pages 5-6.

### ATTENTION ALL SENIORS!!

### SAVE THE DATE:

SENIOR DINNER  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW IN THE  
JANUARY CRIER

### CEMETERY TRUSTEE VACANCY

The two existing Cemetery Trustees are looking for an interested person to assist them in maintaining our town cemeteries as well as monitoring plot sales and burials. This is an excellent opportunity to learn what it takes to be a Cemetery Trustee before a one year position opens in March of 2023. If you are interested please reach out to the Chairman, Jim Thompson , at 603-483-5627.

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# Auburn Town Hall News



## Tax Rate Set

The NH Department of Revenue Administration has finalized the Town's 2022 tax rate at \$17.85 per thousand dollars of assessed value. That is a decrease of \$0.29, or 1.6%, compared to 2021.

A few factors go into determining the tax rate:

- The amount needed to cover budget appropriations, as approved by voters at Town and School District Meetings. These are offset by revenues.
- The amount needed to cover State School Tax and County Tax obligations. These are set by the state and county, not locally;
- The total value of property in Town, which increased last year by \$8.1 Million (0.9%).

The largest factors in the decrease from last year were an increase in school district revenue and a decrease in the required State Education Tax.

Two tax bills are issued each year. The June bill is generally equal to one half of last year's full year bill. The December bill calculates the full year at the new tax rate. Therefore, this year the second bill will be smaller for most properties.

The tax bills will arrive around November 18th and are due December 19th.

Following is a breakdown of the components of the tax rate:

	2021	2022
Town	\$3.29	\$3.47
County	0.88	0.91
Local School	12.02	12.12
State School	1.95	1.35
Total	\$18.14	\$17.85

## 2023 Budget Process

Town department heads are working with the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen to finalize the 2023 budget proposal for Town Meeting. Inflation is going to be the biggest challenge for the year, with fuel, energy, supplies, wages, and benefits all affected. Other considerations include new firefighter positions and small improvements to town facilities.

## 2022 General Election

Many thanks are due to our election officials and volunteers for a safe, smooth election day on November 8th. A large turnout of 3,175 voters, including 163 new registrants, turned out that day. 2023 Town Elections - The filing period for elected town offices will be Jan. 25 – Feb. 3.

## Winter is Coming...

To ensure safe plowing please be sure that any obstructions are removed from the rights-of-way along town roads. Basketball hoops, street hockey nets, temporary signs, reflective markers, etc., should not be within 4' of the edge of pavement. Thank you!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Keith Leclair



Michael Rolfe

Tom Carroll

Auburn Board of Selectmen





# Auburn Village Crier Survey



Auburn is unique because we have a town newsletter to every resident's mailbox. Each issue is filled with happenings for each Town department as well as other community organizations. As we are heading into a new year, we want to hear from you, the Crier readers (or non-readers).

1) Do you read the Auburn Village Crier?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Occasionally

2) If given the choice, would you prefer to receive the Crier in print or digital form?  
(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Print
- ☐ Email
- ☐ Online

3) Please select your age group.

- ☐ 20-40
- ☐ 40-60
- ☐ 60+

4) Please list any additional comments you would like to share.

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Please return this survey to the Auburn Town Hall or  
mail to PO Box 309 Auburn, NH 03032.

If you would like to complete this survey online,  
please use the QR code below.





## The Auburn Elf

Parker is back! Auburn's own elf is not on the shelf, but instead will be hiding around town with a puzzle for you to solve. He had so much fun last year that he's excited to visit again.



Throughout the month of December, we will post clues on our Facebook page, Instagram page and website to help you find Parker. He will move 6 times throughout the month of December. To solve his puzzle, make note of the letter he will be holding or will be next to him. Once you have all 6 letters, unscramble them to solve the puzzle and discover the holiday mystery word. Bring that word to Parks & Rec in the Town Hall and get a little treat from Parker. New this year, three names will be drawn from all the completed puzzles for a Dunkins Gift Card. If you aren't able to stop by the Town Hall during the open hours, leave your completed puzzle, with your name and email address on it, in the drop slot next to the front door. The gift card drawing will be held on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

As with all north pole elves, please do not touch Parker. We do not want him to lose his magical powers. He does love selfies though. If you take a picture with Parker and want to post it on social media, include tag @AuburnNHparksandrec so we can see all Parker's visitors.

## Online Registration at auburnparksandrec.com

It's easy to get started. After you click on "Create a New Account", enter all information for the **main account holder first**. Add the remainder of your family members and then you are ready to register! Just click the drop down "Register" menu to see all that is offered.

You will be able to pay for your 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. (This fee is non-refundable.)

If you have any problems or questions with the new website, please contact Parks & Rec to help you through the process.



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






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## **Winter Session Classes at Severance School Community Center**

The following programs will be held at the **NEW Severance School Community Center at 515 Manchester Road**. You can register for all these programs online at [auburnparksandrec.com](http://auburnparksandrec.com). Pre-registration is required as space is limited in all of our program. You can register online at [auburnparksandrec.com](http://auburnparksandrec.com). Prices listed below are for Auburn residents. Non-resident fees are listed on the website. If you have any questions, please contact Parks & Rec at [recreation@townofauburnNH.com](mailto:recreation@townofauburnNH.com) or call 603-483-5052 x101



### **Jumping Beans**

Jumping Beans is a fun class for children ages 2-4 to get out and get moving with Miss Joelle. This parent/child class kids gives kids an opportunity to make new friends and dance to some of their favorite songs. With simple dance moves and sing-along songs, our little beans will definitely be jumping!

Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 9:45 am until 10:45 am. The fee for the 6-week program is \$42. The session starts January 11 through February 15.

### **Strength Training for Active Seniors**

This Strength Training class for active seniors will be a mixture of light weights and your own body weight. This class will be a combination of Pilates, yoga and weight training. With Joelle Ray as your trainer, you are sure to be challenged but yet encouraged to try your best and most importantly to have fun! Our goal in this class is to build muscle and increase flexibility to create a healthy body and mind. There will be fun music to help motivate our iron pumping!

Joelle Ray has been a fitness instructor since 1999, starting off her fitness career with teaching kickboxing and strength training. Her career continued as she became a Jazzercise instructor, a runner, an instructor of little kids dance and mentor to many of her students. She thrives off seeing her students flourish and gain confidence not only with their fitness levels but in their personal lives.

This 45-minute class will be held on Wednesdays from 8:45 am until 9:30 am. The fee for the 6-week program, January 11 through February 15, is \$62 for Auburn residents.

### **Parents' Night Out**

Need an evening out *without* the kids? Sign them up for the first ever Parents' Night Out. Kids will enjoy an evening of fun games, arts & crafts and a pizza dinner in a safe, supervised environment while parents get a well-deserved break. Parents' Night Out is open to kids in grades K-4 and will be held at the new Severance School Community Center on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Drop off is at 6:00 pm and pick up is 9:00 pm. The fee for the night, including crafts, games, pizza and drinks is \$39 per person. Advanced registration is required, and spaces are limited.

### **Crafty Kids**

Crafty Kids with Kristy is a new class for kids in grades 1-4 that combines great stories and fun crafts. Each week, Kristy will read a story to the group and then create a craft based on that book. Crafty Kids will meet on Tuesdays, January 17 through February 14, at 4:00-5:00 pm at the Severance School Community Center (515 Manchester Road). The 5-week session will cost \$65 per child which includes all supplies. Preregistration is required and space is limited.

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## Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a mind-body exercise from China. It has its roots in martial arts, philosophy, and Traditional Chinese Medicine. The Tai Chi forms are slow, gentle choreographed movements that gracefully flow from one to the next like a dance. More and more seniors are doing Tai Chi to improve their health and reduce their risk of falling. Classes are held on Thursdays, from 11:00 am until noon. The 8-week winter session runs from January 5 through February 23 with a cost of \$58.

## Cookie Decorating

Why should kids have all the fun? This cookie decorating class is for adults. In this class, each participant will learn the basics of royal icing including how to handle a piping bag, pressure, and piping techniques. Using these skills, participants will then decorate 6 winter themed cookies with demonstrations throughout and get to take home their delicious masterpieces!

Local Auburn resident Allison Hopkins teaches this cookie class with 10+ years of baking experience in the industry and opening her small cookie business during 2020. She is looking forward to teaching others her passion of cookie decorating! This class will be held on Wednesday, January 25 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Severance School Community Center. The fee is \$52 which includes all the supplies needed including 6 prebaked cookies.

## Zumba

Zumba Fitness classes are designed to bring people together to sweat it on. We take the "work" out of workout, by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. Once the Latin and World rhythms take over, you'll see why Zumba® Fitness classes are often called exercise in disguise. A total workout, combining all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class.

Auburn resident, Carrie Peabody is a group fitness instructor with 10 years of experience. She specializes in teaching Zumba and making people feel great! Come work out and find out why so many people love Zumba! A total workout, combining all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class.

The 6-week session of Zumba will be held on Tuesdays, January 10 through February 21 (no class on January 24) at 8:30 am. The fee for the session is \$62.

## Theater

Theater/Acting Classes are tentatively scheduled for a 6-week program on Mondays at 5:30-7:00pm for grades 1-4 and 7:00-8:30pm for grades 5-8. As the final details come together, updates will be posted on our website at [auburnparksandrec.com](http://auburnparksandrec.com) as well as our Facebook page.

## \*Coming Soon\*

Watch in the January Crier for more information about more upcoming programs including....

- Safe@Home class for children in grades 4-6
- Intro to Safe Babysitting for grades 6-8
- Camp Adventure & Summer Basketball Camp registration information



## Happenings at New Hampshire Audubon's Massabesic Center

### **December's Center Hours:**

Tuesday – Friday, 12pm to 5pm  
Saturday – Sunday, 10am to 5pm

*Closed Dec 23 – Jan 2*

Admission is FREE!

Donations are welcomed!

**Gardens and Trails are accessible  
every day during daylight hours**

### **Upcoming Birding Walks**

- December 3, 8am-9:30am
- December 9, 8am-9:30am

Program cost:

\$8/members, \$10/non-members

**Registration required here:**

<https://www.nhaudubon.org/events/>

26 Audubon Way, Auburn NH 03032

Visit our Animal Ambassadors or buy a souvenir from the gift shop!

### *Give the Gift of Membership*

Looking for the perfect gift plus a way to support NH Audubon? Purchase a gift membership between November 1, 2022 – January 31, 2023, and your choice of a gift will be included for the recipient.

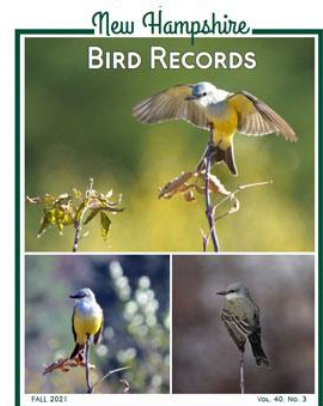


*Choose between a handmade NH Audubon ornament made in NH from recycled glass, or a packet of seeds perfect for a pollinator garden.*

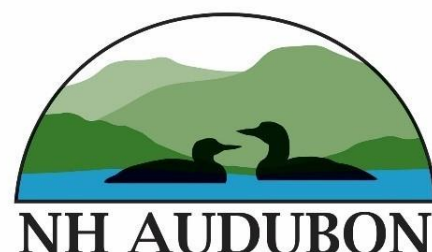
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### *Give the Gift of Birding*

Want to share even more educational resources with your favorite birder? Give the gift of a **NH BirdRecords** subscription – a quarterly publication full of features on where to bird, highlights of each season's bird sightings with interpretive summaries, NH Christmas Bird Count results, and articles on everything from rarities to birders, conservation projects to birding tips. <https://nhbirdrecords.org/>



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.





# AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## SANTA CLAUS PARADE

THE AUBURN SAFETY COMPLEX IS STILL WORKING OUT THE DETAILS AND PLANS FOR  
THE AUBURN SANTA PARADE

THE TENTATIVE DATE WILL BE DECEMBER 10TH  
(rain date will be December 11<sup>th</sup>)

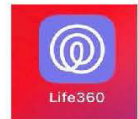
The Safety Complex elves are still working out the details and we will announce them as soon as we have them for you! Please check the Auburn Police Facebook page for updates and the parade route! Or feel free to reach out to Melissa@thePD if you do not have access to Facebook.

Last year we used an app and are going to attempt to have a real time tracking of where Santa is again with the same app. We will be using an app called Life360.

Instructions for the app are in the attached photo. The code to track Santa will be announced the day before the parade. We cannot promise this will work, but we will do our best. Please listen for the sirens coming closer to your area, if your road is not one Santa will be going down, you are welcome to come to the station or the closest intersection. We will try to update as we go what area of town we are in.

We will once again be using the real time tracking app Life360 to better show where Santa is on his route

**The day before the parade we will share the code to join the Santa Parade Circle in the Life360 app.**



### How to sign up for the Santa Parade life360 Circle

Once downloaded and an account has been created from the main screen

Tap the dropdown menu in the top middle of the screen

Tap join a circle

**AGAIN, WE WILL SHARE THE JOIN CODE THE DAY BEFORE THE PARADE.**

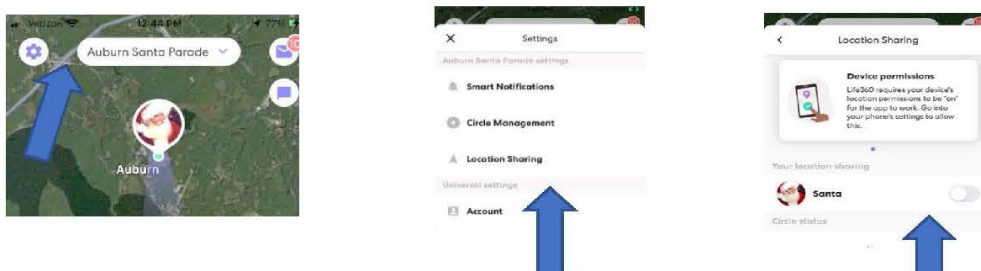


Once you have been added to the circle. You should see Santa's location.

### **BE SURE TO SHUT OFF YOUR LOCATION SHARING**

From the main screen tap the settings (gear icon) in the upper left corner of the screen.

Tap location sharing, slide **YOUR** location sharing to off please.



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!  
We all hope for a bit of snow for the holidays... and wanted to give residents a few reminders when it comes to snow removal and driving.



- Give yourself extra time to get where you need to be. Keep an extra blanket and warm clothing in the trunk of the car in case you are stranded in an emergency. Remember black ice could be there without you knowing it, so please be cautious when braking. Brake for January, not July.
- when cleaning off your car after a snow-storm, make sure the roof is clear! It is the law, and you could be given a summons for not doing so.
- Lastly, please don't forget when clearing your driveway **DO NOT** push snow into the roadway.

### SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

THE AUBURN SAFETY COMPLEX IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR 5<sup>TH</sup>  
SANTA CLAUS PARADE!!!

WE ARE STILL WORKING OUT THE DETAILS AND WILL ANNOUNCE AS THEY COME AVAILABLE  
TENTATIVE DATE: December 10th

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### **-AUBURN GIVING TREE UPDATE –**

This is our 7<sup>th</sup> year with the Auburn Giving Tree program. Each year we go through and make tags for the items residents requested they need. Almost always its winter coats, winter boots, jeans, sweatshirts, socks and underwear... critical items that are important for everyone to have. We will also put one or two toy tags for children. As we put out tags for each family, we do so with the hope that Auburn can help fulfill some of their needs and wishes, and each year it continues to astonish us at the kindness and caring you show to your fellow residents. Words cannot express our gratitude to the residents for making these holidays SO special for families.

There is still time to grab a tag or return items to the police department. For those of you who have taken tags or still plan to, please return items to the Safety Complex **by Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>**. Santa will take it from there, and make sure it is all delivered by Christmas.

### **GIVING TREE WRAP (IT UP) PARTY**

Do you LOVE to wrap? OR do you hate to wrap, and have left over supplies you'd like to get rid of? Our "WRAP PARTY" will be at the Safety Complex on **Monday December 19th at 6PM**. We can always use an extra pair of hands, this is great chance for younger (and young at heart) elves to be a part of the Giving Tree, and we are always in need of supplies.... Particularly shirt boxes of all sizes for clothing items, if you can't make it that night. Items can be dropped off at the Safety Complex anytime. Hope to see you there!!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Melissa@thePD](mailto:Melissa@thePD) at any time.

We hope everyone has safe and happy holidays this month and into the New Year.





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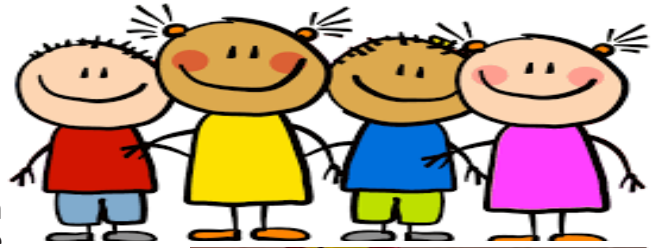
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# AVS SCHOOLYARD

## NEWS



### **PTA Partnership Award- Donna Aubin**

We are honored to announce that our very own Donna Aubin won the PTA Partnership Award – nominated by the AVS PTA and submitted to the NH PTA committee where she was up against thousands of applicants!

Donna Aubin's title may be "administrative assistant", but everyone knows that she is truly the gatekeeper and the conductor of Auburn Village School. We are incredibly lucky to have her full support and assistance in the Parent Teacher Association.

Donna works tirelessly coordinating the use of all the facilities within the school. Although she is fair and does everything she can to make sure all groups and events are allowed access to the gym, cafeteria, media center or other location requested, she definitely works hand in hand with the PTA to make sure all of our events have a certain priority. She allows us to submit our facility request forms over the summer so that she can work other requests around our events.

Despite the millions of tasks she juggles on a daily basis, Donna makes sure that all PTA forms and/or collections that get sent with students back to school are organized and maintained until we are able to pick them up! She is always up to date with upcoming PTA events and is on the lookout for paperwork filing through the school and ensures it gets back to one of the board members.

Donna recently encouraged the PTA to run the first "Brave Rally" (otherwise known as a pep rally) at the school to promote our fall fundraiser and encourage students in Grades 1st through 4th to get involved and be competitive. This successfully increased student participation and consequently our sales increased compared to some prior years!

Donna always supports the PTA's endeavors and encourages parents to be involved and to volunteer when possible. We are truly grateful for all she does for the Auburn Village PTA and the school as a whole.



### **Member of the Year - Sandi LeClair**

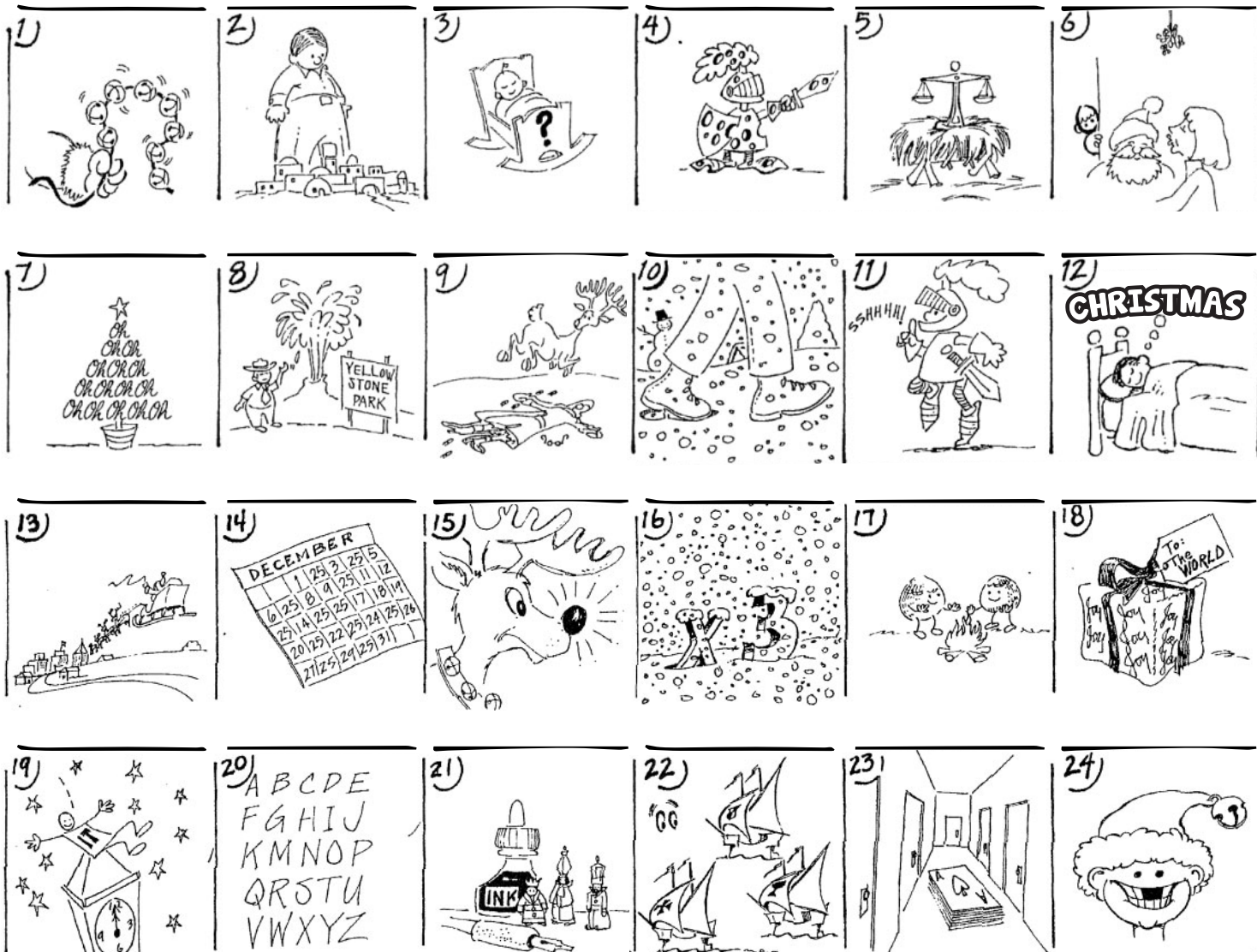
Sandi served as our PTA President for over six years. She put countless hours into every program and event, developing systems, and communicating with all parties involved. Sandi's motivation was always community involvement. She promoted the need for parental connection and found multiple ways to build rapport with them. She often expressed how being part of the AVS PTA was a fun and rewarding opportunity. "If everyone does a little, nobody has to do a lot." Sandi found people's strengths and capitalized on them.

But the thing that separated Sandi from the rest was her ability to think outside the box. During the Covid year, while most halted fundraising, our PTA had its best year ever. Old events like the Monster Mash and Bingo Fundraiser were reimagined; Sandi spearheaded a new plan. The Monster Mash, an indoor event with a dance feel for K-4 students only, became the hugely popular outdoor Spooky Walk geared towards families in the community with children of all ages. This event in the past two years has had over 1200 people attend making it one of the most successful AVS PTA fundraisers. She moved the indoor Bingo Fundraiser to an outdoor event, encouraged some food trucks to come, and Beach Blanket Bingo was born. Sandi even thought of personal ways to still celebrate and make students feel special on their birthdays by delivering birthday grams to their houses. Today, we still do these in house, loving each smile we get.

Not only was Sandi the President of the PTA, but she was also involved in the School Board's Strategic Planning Committee, handpicked by our school board and principal. The committee revised plans for the education programs specific to our school and demographics. They focused on the tough questions: what skills will students walk away with, what can we do better at, how can we help students and teachers more? Sandi became a valuable member of the committee because of her expertise and experience.

Her outstanding commitment to not just the school but the community is second to none. Even though she is no longer the President of the PTA, she continues to be an active member and committee leader. She is truly our definition of "Member of the Year."





1. JINGLE BELLS 2. O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM 3. WHAT CHILD IS THIS? 4. O, HOLY NIGHT 5. AWAY IN A MANGER 6. I SAW MOMMY KISSING SANTA CLAUS 7. OH CHRISTMAS TREE 8. O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL 9. GRANDMA GOT RUN OVER BY A REINDEER 10. WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND 11. SILENT NIGHT 12. I'M DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS 13. SANTA CLAUSE IS COMING TO TOWN 14. THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS 15. RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER 16. LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW 17. CHESTNUTS ROASTING ON AN OPEN FIRE 18. JOY TO THE WORLD 19. IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR 20. THE FIRST NOEL 21. WE THREE KINGS 22. I SAW THREE SHIPS 23. DECK THE HALLS 24. ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS MY TWO FRONT TEETH

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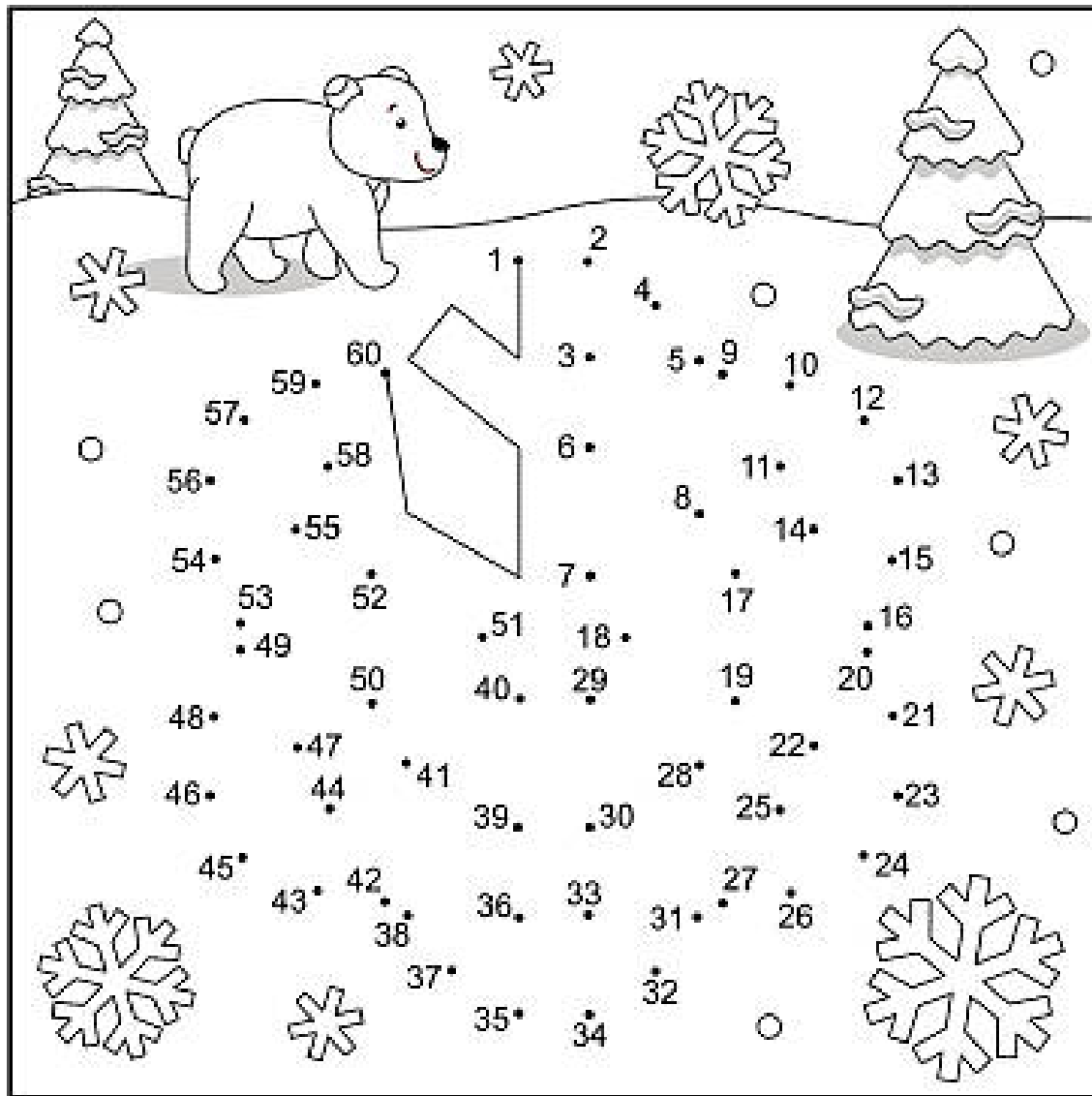
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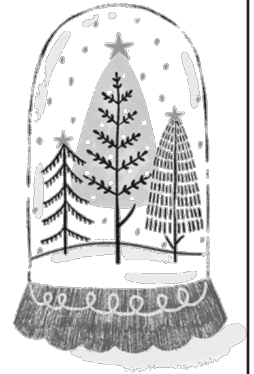
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## Up, Up and Away! News from the Friends

On a recent Sunday afternoon, my husband and I decided to visit the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire. The relatively small museum is just packed with all kinds of information. Our very knowledgeable volunteer guide, Tom, told us the background story of how a young Alan Shepard worked at the airbase in exchange for flying lessons. I learned that Bernice Blake Perry from Milford was the first woman from NH to pass the test for a pilot's license in 1929. There are plenty of exhibits from wings to wheels, that tell the story of early local aviation personalities coupled with photos, artifacts and museum programs. We happened to be there to see an amazing exhibit of card stock aircraft models created by 92 yr old Dick Zoerb of Nashua.



Our guide told us about another hands on experience for students. After 3 years and a pandemic, the first student-built RV-12iS was airborne on August 13, 2022. Work has already begun for the 2nd student-built RV-12iS at Manchester School of Technology (MST). Students along with qualified instructors will have the opportunity to learn about aviation by being involved with the build, and the opportunity to fly in it after!

The Aviation Museum has exciting family events and programs all year round. Exhibits change throughout the year. A hands on museum, welcoming to families, children, and adults. It's a little known gem that is worth visiting, and to connect all of us to aviation. We enjoyed our first visit and plan on returning to visit their library sometime soon. And one more bonus. If you plan it right you can watch planes land and take off. The kid in all of us just love it!! Please check their website for days and hours of operation.

The Friends of the Library have purchased 15 discount passes and this museum is one of them.

Although The Friends will not be hosting Breakfast With Santa on December 10th, please support the PTA by attending and enjoying the breakfast.

We welcome new members to attend our FOL meetings on the first Monday of the month at 7pm.

-Fay Hanscomb, member of The Friends

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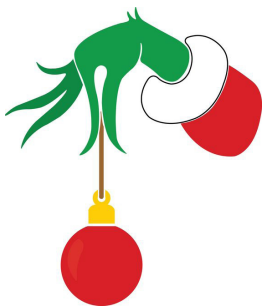
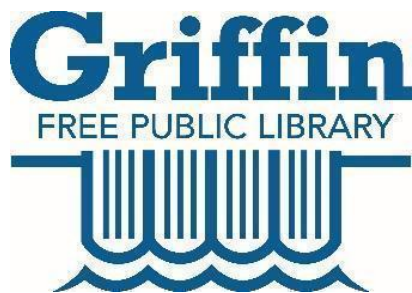


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## The Holidays are Here and the Library Has an Exciting Season Ahead to Celebrate!

It's hard to believe that 2022 is coming to a close! Next month, I'll write a yearly recap. For now, on behalf of myself and the amazing staff here at Griffin Free, Mary, Hope, Val and Jessica, we wish you all a wonderful holiday season full of joy and, of course, lots and lots of books! Here's a look at all the wonderful events and programming coming up in December, and some updates on new library projects and the library expansion.

### Wed., Dec. 14: Movie Night!

Join us for a special showing of none other than **"The Muppet's Christmas Carol."** This classic from 1992 will help families get ready for the holidays! The film will begin at 6pm inside the library. This event is free, but registration is required and seating will be available for 20. Snacks will be served!

### Wed., Dec. 21: Kids Craft Night!

Drop into the library at 6:30pm for a fun and free craft night. Stop by any time after school, from 4pm on to join in on the fun. No registration needed, all ages welcome.

### Starting Dec. 1: Find Sebastian!

Sebastian the mouse will be scurrying around the kids room all month. Stop by the library and see if you can find him and win a prize!

**REGULAR 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 but be sure to check holiday closing schedule during December.

## Adult/Teen Programming

The **Evening Book Club** will meet on Wed. Dec. 7 at 6:30pm. The **Day Book Club** will meet on Wed. Dec. 14 at 1:30. Check the library ahead of time for the book being read!

The **Knitting Club** will meet every Friday at 10:30AM in December!

## Holiday Hours

In December, the library will be closed for the holidays on **Friday, Dec. 23rd and 24th** and on **Friday, Dec. 30th and 31st.**

## New at the Library

Stop by to check out our growing **Library of Things** and you can check out cake pans, cookie cutters, a telescope, kids' games and much more! Also, love gardening? We now have a **Little Free Seed Library.**

## Library Expansion

All Dec., the Board of Trustees will be interviewing potential firms to draw up plans for our expansion. The community can visit the library's Expansion Hub through our website and stay up to date on this exciting project!



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### Mass Schedule:

Sat – 4:00 p.m.

Sun – 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 a.m.

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

**First Friday Adoration:** Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the church.



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve

**Saturday, December 24**

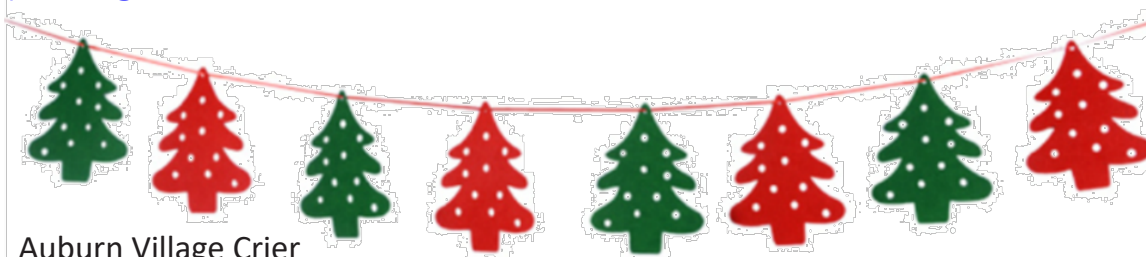
**4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.**

### Christmas Day

**Sunday, December 25**

**10:00 a.m.**

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](mailto:stpeteraub@comcast.net).





## Longmeadow Wishes you JOY in this Holy Season!

In any year, as we enter the holy season of Advent, many things, events and people vie for our attention, and our lives can feel too hectic and hurried to truly experience the wonder and awe of the season. But at Longmeadow Congregational Church UCC you will always find a place for you to join us in worship and praise, community and service.

We want to thank our Auburn neighbors who generously joined us last month in providing grocery store gift cards to assist Auburn families in need to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal and stock their shelves. Working together we can make a real difference in people's lives. Thank you also to all who supported the efforts of our Ladies' Circle by pre-ordering pies and look forward to welcoming you to our Snowflake Fair on 12/3 and our Community Breakfast on 12/10 (see elsewhere in the Crier for more information).



We also want to thank all who participated in our annual Scarves in the Park efforts. Hundreds of scarves, hats and mittens were created and

provided to help keep people warm this winter and we were blessed to also be able to provide scarves to several shelters and other service organizations

We invite the community to join us for worship in this holy season:

**Sunday December 4, 9:30 a.m.** we will gather for our regular Sunday Advent Worship with Holy Communion

## LONGMEADOW SERVES!

At 4:00 p.m. on December 4 we invite you to join us as we reach out to support those for whom the holidays are a difficult time at our annual Blue Christmas Service. We gather in this service to providing support to those who are grieving or struggling in this season. This year we are returning this service to an indoor event and we invite the community to join us that we may stand together in this time.

- **Sunday, December 11, 9:30 a.m.** Family Advent Worship
- **Sunday, December 19, 9:30 a.m.** Family Advent Worship
- **Saturday, December 24**, join us as we gather in four different ways this day to welcome the long-expected Jesus.
- **5:00 p.m.** Outdoor Special Children and Family Service. Gathering at the fire pit near our upper parking lot. This service is child focused and interactive and will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube for Sunday morning
- **7:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Family Worship, this candlelight service will be child-friendly and will be filled with music, light and joy for all.
- **11:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, if the peace of the late night hours increases your wonder and engagement, you are welcome to join us at the as we gather in the last hour before the holy day.
- A Zoom Worship Gathering will also be offered, time TBD. Please contact the church office for more information
- Due to the abundance of worship offerings on Christmas Eve, there will be no in-person

worship on Sunday, December 25, however, there will be a pre-recorded Christmas Message available on YouTube along with a recording of the Outdoor Children and Family Worship Service.

- **Sunday, January 1, 2023 9:30 a.m.** Family Interactive Worship, Join us as we welcome in the New Year with a joyful final Christmastide serve as we gather again for a time of celebration together in this season, for our Emmanuel, "God with Us" has come. We invite you to come in your favorite "Ugly/Festive" Christmas Sweater and participate in an impromptu "Brown Bag Nativity" that will get everyone involved in the wonder of the holy day one last time. Worship will be followed by a fun time of fellowship with a Hot Cocoa Bar. What a perfect way to end the holiday week.



We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish to all of our Auburn friends and neighbors joy in this holy season. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. If you are seeking a community for worship, we invite you to join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth Gallot at 483-2907.

## WE ARE BACK!

### *Longmeadow Church Breakfasts*

Please come join your friends for breakfast in December at the Longmeadow Church, 4 Wilson's Crossing Rd. The Community Breakfast is December 10th from 6:30 to 10:00 am. The "all you can eat breakfast" includes French toast, eggs your way, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, homemade beans and muffins, toast, English muffins, and beverages for a donation of \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 and under 6 free. The next breakfast will be on Jan 14th!

Where else can you meet your old friends, catch up on town news and enjoy a great meal? See you!

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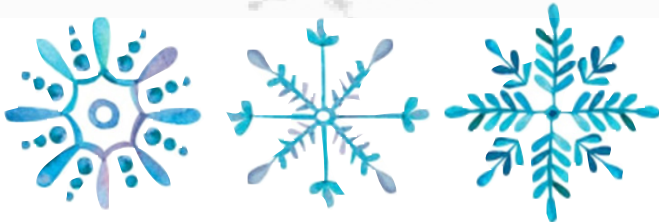
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## Auburn Village School Soccer Teams are 2022 Tri-County League Champions Girls Cross Country Team also Takes Championship

Both the Auburn Village School (AVS) Division 4 Boys and Girls soccer teams are 2022 Tri-County League Champions. This is the very first division win for the Girls team and the first for the Boys team since 2005. In addition, the AVS Girls Cross Country team won the Division III New Hampshire Middle School State Cross Country Championships, with eighth grader Sookie Folsom coming in first place. She was also named female HOKA athlete of the week.

The AVS soccer teams represent middle school students in grades 5 through 8. The Boys team consists of 23 players, with 10 eighth graders. Led by Head Coach Kevin Huston and Assistant Coach Brian D'Amelio, the team was in second place entering the playoffs against Nashua's World Academy. Their final record is 11-1-1 (one loss and one tie).

Along with AVS and World Academy, the Tri-County League Division 4 Boys teams include Boynton Middle School (New Ipswich), Concord Christian Academy, the Derryfield School, Epping Middle School, Henry W. Moore School (Candia), St. Christopher Academy, St. Joseph Regional Junior High School, and Presentation of Mary Academy.

There are 21 members of the AVS Girls team, with six eighth graders. The team was undefeated all season and played World Academy in the final playoff game. Anthony Lockwood served as head coach, with Sara Bethke as assistant coach.

The Tri-County League Division 4 Girls teams are: AVS, Chester Middle School, Concord Christian Academy, the Derryfield School, Epping Middle School, St. Christopher Academy, Presentation of Mary Academy, and World Academy.

"The Auburn Village School community couldn't be prouder of the achievements of all our student athletes," said Dr. Lori Collins, Principal. "While we are overjoyed about these championship wins, we are even more impressed with our students' dedication, sportsmanship, and support of each other and their division opponents throughout this significant season."



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How about Holiday Socials? The Massabesic Garden Club will hold a party featuring a Yankee Swap on Wednesday, December 14, location to be announced. Check our website, [www.massabesicgc.org](http://www.massabesicgc.org), for time (6:00PM) and location. The Yankee Swap is optional—if you choose to participate, bring a garden-themed wrapped gift, value not to exceed \$20. Handmade gifts are welcome! And of course, there will be punch and refreshments.



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## *News from the Auburn Historical Association*



### **Downtown Heroes— The Newcomb Family**

**By Dan Carpenter**

Left: Clarence Newcomb, Jr in  
uniform.

Right: Clarence and Ida Newcomb's  
home on 28 Manchester Road.



Ida Preston Newcomb (1902-1983) and Clarence L Newcomb (1900-1983) were born and raised in Auburn Village. Ida's father was Albert Preston, the village blacksmith whose shop was on Raymond Rd across from the old Auburn Fire House. Ida, one of 13 siblings, had 3 brothers, John, Harry, and Richard, and 2 sisters, Ola and Dora Mae, who would end up living their lives in Auburn Village.

Clarence Newcomb's father was the Station Master at the B&M's Auburn Depot. The family lived on the second floor above the Depot. Clarence and Ida married and purchased a home at 28 Manchester Rd where they had one child, Clarence Jr. (1921-1943). As an only child, Junior grew up smart and confident with an inclusive friendly-type personality. He loved kids and enjoyed entertaining them. Ida's older sister, Ola (1897-1972), also lived with the family. Ola had some issues and perhaps Junior's contact with her helped him learn how to listen to others and help them better themselves.

Junior graduated from Manchester Central High School in 1939. He found employment at an aviation plant in Springfield, Mass. While in Springfield he met Josephine Urbini who became his bride in March of 1943. A week after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, 12/7/1941, Junior enlisted in the United States Army. Six months later, he was a certified pilot and after additional training, assigned to teach new pilots aerial gunnery. On 8/5/43, Junior was killed instantly when his plane crashed into the desert near Las Vegas, Nevada. Josephine sent his parents a telegram explaining the situation and that she was bringing him home with a military escort. An hour later, the Newcombs received official notification of his death from the Department of Defense.

Wartime funeral services for small town heroes can be huge spectacles. The Longmeadow Church was packed for Lieutenant Newcomb's funeral. Townspeople who came to mourn the loss of a son of a respected long time family stood shoulder to shoulder. Ten year old Cedric Preston was devastated by the loss of his friend and neighbor. Perhaps the only child in the Longmeadow that day, Cedric received permission to attend the service. The townspeople did their best to show love and respect but at the end of the day, Clarence and Ida left their only child under a mound of flowers.

The Newcomb's enjoyed ice skating right into old age. Their house on Manchester Rd stood across from the town's ice skating rink. Their love of skating and their rapport with kids, made the Newcombs the unofficial chaperones of the rink. Neighborhood kids would skate after supper until Ida turned on her porch light. All the kids knew that signal meant time to "go home".



## *News from the Auburn Historical Association*

(Downtown Heroes, continued)

When the US Government began upgrading Grenier Field in Manchester, Clarence along with other Auburnites, got a job with the airport fire department. In retirement, he drove a school bus for Auburn. When he took the bus into Manchester for fueling, he often picked up pre-schooler Jimmy Trombly for the ride.

Clarence was a whistler. Good enough, said Don Sowa, that the kids would sit quietly and listen to the whistle concert. In the summer, Clarence manned the fire tower above Devil's Den for the Manchester Water Works. Neighborhood kids and out of town visitors would climb the tower to see the view and say hello to Clarence. While there, they might get a math lesson in determining the location of a fire.

Ida provided a taxi service between the Auburn Depot and the various guest houses (hotels) around town. She started out with a horse and buggy and eventually got an auto. Ida also had the Post Office contract for the daily mail train. She would drop off outgoing mail and bring incoming mail back to the Auburn Post Office.

Although they faced personal tragedy, the Newcombs maintained a positive attitude, knew everyone in the Village, and were always ready to make Auburn better.

**On September 24th, The Friends of Auburn and The Auburn Historical Association participated in a historic bus tour of Auburn's summer resorts. Thank you to Alan Villeneuve and Dan Carpenter for making it such an enjoyable and interesting tour!**



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