





# AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER

## December 2017

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### Snowflake Fair and Dec Breakfast - Longmeadow Church

This month the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Snowflake Fair will be held on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Fair will have traditional church fair offerings including, crafts, a silent auction, baked goods and candy, Attic Treasures, Santa, a snack bar and a children's gift buying section.

The only breakfast in December will be on the 16th from 6:30 – 10:00 am. In January the breakfasts will return on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month until May at Longmeadow Congregational Church, 4 Wilson's Crossing Rd. Where else can you meet your old friends, catch up on town news and enjoy an "all you can eat breakfast", of French toast, English muffins, eggs your way, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, homemade beans and muffins, and beverages for a donation of \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and under 5 free?

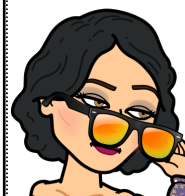
We look forward to seeing you and your friends this month at our Snowflake Fair on December 2nd and our one breakfast on December 16th!

### Seniors – Save the Date

The Auburn Senior Holiday Dinner is  
January 27, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

The invitation and more information will be  
in the January Crier

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# *Auburn Town Hall News*

## **Additional Highway Funding Assists Auburn Projects**

The Town of Auburn has received a one-time additional amount of funding in local highway aid from the State of New Hampshire this year. The Legislature required the funds to be used for projects that were not already locally budgeted.

Following a workshop meeting and then a public hearing, the Board of Selectmen has allocated the \$137,228 in funds to four different projects that will be undertaken in 2017 and 2018.

The largest project is the establishment of a 32' x 48' salt storage facility to be erected at the highway department property on Chester Turnpike. The salt storage facility, which will cost \$74,975, will enable the Town to stockpile a significant amount of salt for use in the Town's winter road operations.

Currently, the Town has storage capacity in a lean-to style shed to cover one or two large winter storms. As the winter season progresses, it becomes more difficult to receive regular delivery of salt as needed.

With the new storage capacity, the Town will be able to stockpile a much larger supply of salt early in the season which will enable the Town to not have to seek re-orders of salt on a near weekly basis when it is critically needed.

A second project is the establishment of a

temporary driveway for access to properties affected by the closure of the Griffin Mill Bridge. Due to the deteriorating condition of the Griffin Mill Bridge, the Town had to close the bridge earlier this year. Until the bridge is reconstructed, a temporary driveway access off Manchester Road (Route 121) will be provided to these properties. The estimated cost to establish the temporary driveway is \$15,000.

A third project is the development of plans for a proposed multi-use path that would run along Route 121 from Eaton Hill Road to Shore Drive. The Town had submitted an application earlier this year for funding through a competitive state grant program which narrowly missed being funded. By having the engineered plan in place and the project, in essence, shovel ready to move forward, the Town will be in a more competitive position in submitting a grant application in 2019. The cost of developing the plans is \$30,000.

And a fourth project to be partially funded is the improvement to the drainage system on Dartmouth Drive. During the past year, several sinkholes developed in various parts of the road necessitating the closure of the upper portion of the road for the summer months. It has been determined a series of underdrains and other improvements are required to resolve the base problem with the road. The \$17,228.26 remaining in the one-time State funds has been allocated to this work.



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The salt storage facility, the Griffin Mill Bridge and the multi-use path are all projects that have been included in the Town's Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board.

### **Auburn Invited to Apply for Park Grant Funds**

The Town of Auburn has been invited by the NH Division of Parks and Recreation to apply for funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program. If successful, the funding would cover half of the cost to complete the parking lot expansion, installation of parking lot lights, and development of a walking path between the parking lot and established fields at the Eddows Recreational Fields on Priscilla Lane.

The LWCF Program was part of the funding for the original establishment of ball fields on the Pricilla Road property which was then known as Sandy Acres.

Engineering estimates for the cost of completing the parking lot and pathway project are approximately \$75,000. LWCF Program awards are a minimum of \$25,000 up to a maximum of

\$250,000, and would cover 50% of the project cost. The Town needs to submit its grant application by January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, with project awards anticipated to be announced in September / October 2018. If Auburn is approved for funding, it is anticipated the work would take place in 2019.

### **Adjustment in ZBA Membership**

In the fall Zoning Board of Adjustment member Jeffrey Benson moved from Auburn and vacated his seat on the board. We were pleased to be able to appoint Peggy Neveu from serving as an alternate member to a full member of the ZBA to fulfill the remainder of Mr. Benson's term, which expires in March 2019.

### **'Tis the Season . . . . .**

As we head into December, we want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and holiday season. And a Happy and Healthy New Year.

James Headd  
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# The School Improvement Committee

continued to meet and listened to reasons why the vote didn't pass last year. The committee looked closely at the school needs and recommended a modest addition keeping the front facade of the building and meeting many of the School Board goals for Auburn Village School. The committee then looked at all options presented and made a recommendation to the School Board for their review. The School Board met November 14th and discussed the options. The School Board agreed to present a proposal to the town which represents a roughly 40% decrease from last years warrant article. The renovation/addition project will remove all portables and modular classrooms and add a new classroom wing to replace these spaces. In addition, the project will add or renovate existing spaces including nurse, administrative and special services spaces, as well as expand the cafeteria and kitchen space to accommodate more students per lunch period.

The next steps include finalizing the designs and getting schematic pricing so we can have a guaranteed maximum price to share with the community. The School

Improvement Committee will also be looking at bond rates and lengths to determine approximate tax impact. Multiple public input sessions will be held in January, February and March so community members can learn more about the project.

Stay tuned to learn more!

School Improvement Committee will meet on December 13th to continue to discuss the project and ways to communicate to the town. Public is always welcome. As a reminder the School Improvement Committee is comprised of Community members, School Administration, School Board and Town Government.

If you have questions and cannot attend a meeting to discuss them in person, please contact Committee Chairperson Peter Miles at [peter.miles316@outlook.com](mailto:peter.miles316@outlook.com) or Vice Chairperson Jason Tyburski at [tybo8023@gmail.com](mailto:tybo8023@gmail.com)



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## AVS Exhibition of Learning



**Save the Date: 14 December 2017, 5-7:30pm**

**Location: Auburn Village School, 11 Eaton Hill Road, Auburn, NH 03032**

*The Unified Arts are proud to present our first student lead Exhibition of Learning.*

Middle school students will be hosting an exhibition of their latest creative projects which include underwater oceanography, coding ozobots, quantum physics inspired art pieces and a collaborative installation inspired by the glass artist,

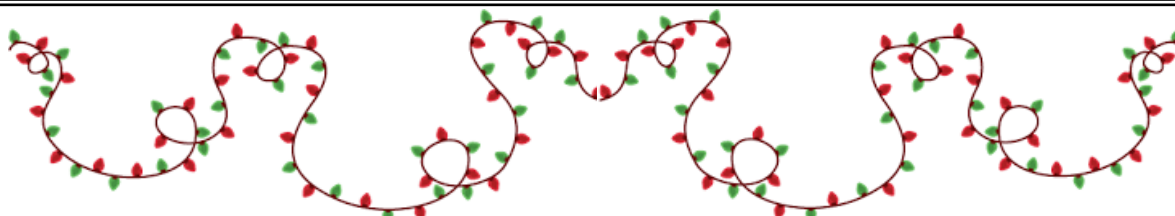
Dale Chihuly.

This is a once in a lifetime chance to meet and greet the designers, scientists, architects, software engineers, musicians and artists behind the work on display. The exhibition will culminate in a musical experience that will tingle the senses. The band and chorus students have been working tirelessly to prepare for this event.

***You won't want to miss this spectacular event!***

What is an Exhibition of Learning?

"In education, the term exhibition refers to projects, presentations, or products through which students "exhibit" what they have learned." The night's events will encourage, serve and guide students in a form of self-assessment related to the school's mission. It offers evidence of the kinds of learning not often reflected in standardized tests. The connections formed between community members and Twenty First Century students will provoke conversations about teaching and learning within the wider community, in part by challenging unexamined notions of children's capabilities. It will also deepen the exhibitors' own learning through the hard, but rewarding work of communicating student and adult learning to others.



## **NEWS FROM THE AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD**

**TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH MEETING TIMES AND MINUTES, PLEASE GO TO THE FOLLOWING LINK AT THE SCHOOL SITE: [HTTP://AUBURN.SAU15.NET/](http://auburn.sau15.net/)**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**DECEMBER 12TH – SCHOOL BOARD MEETING @ 6PM IN THE AVS MEDIA CENTER**

**DECEMBER 19TH – PTA MEETING @ 6:30 IN THE MEDIA CENTER**

**THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL POST MEETING DATES AND TIMES ONCE THEY ARE DETERMINED. ALSO, THE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE WILL POST MEETING DATES AND TIMES ONCE DETERMINED.**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD**





# Massabesic Seniors

The Auburn Massabesic Seniors are planning on riding with the Manchester sponsored 'Christmas Lights' bus tour on Monday 04 Dec. The buses fill fast, call early to insure a seat. Also, our Christmas luncheon will be held at the Great Buffet Chinese Restaurant in Manchester. More info on both events will be forthcoming in next month's issue.

The Massabesic Seniors meet at the Longmeadow Church, lower level, Thursdays, at 1PM. Local seniors are welcome. Come and socialize with old friends.

We'd love to see you!

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# December Happenings at the NH Audubon Massabesic Center

## Art Show: "Along the Path"



A collective group of local (some Auburn) artists exploring the beauty and wonder of nature. Painting, wood carving, sculpture. On exhibit December 1 through December 30. Artists' Opening Reception Friday, December 1, 2017 5 pm to 8 pm.

## Tracking NH's Animals

**Saturday, Dec 16, 10:30am-noon**

Cost: \$8 M/\$10 NM Individuals, \$20 M/\$25 NM Families

Leader: Angie Krysiak, NHA Program Manager

The art of tracking is like learning to solve a mystery. Who left these prints? What were

they doing? Where were they going? Join us as we learn the basics of tracking some of NH's common winter animals. We'll put our new knowledge to the test with a walk to see what tracks and sign we can find. Suitable for any age. Dress to be outside. Registration required at 668-2045

## Homeschool/Preschool Programs - Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am

Cost: \$12 M / \$15 NM (per child/parent pair)  
Register On-line at [www.NHAudubon.org](http://www.NHAudubon.org)

Wee Wonders (ages 4-6) Dec 6: Homes for the Holidays: What kinds of winter homes and hibernacula will the animals be settling into? Today we'll learn about a few different animals, and find out where they will call home for the winter holidays.

## Junior Explorers (ages 7-12) Dec.

**6: H. A. M. Extravaganza!** Join us as we celebrate the marvels of Hibernation, Adaptation and Migration through culminating games, activities and special presentations!



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## BOY SCOUT TROOP 127

Jonathan Wallin

November 13, 2017  
Troop127

Troop 127 assisted the Longmeadow Church by cleaning up leaves, trimming bushes and moving branches from the parking lot of the church along with clearing plants in the water run off.

The scouts rarely go on winter camp outs but this year the troop is very excited to be planning a winter campout. These campouts will include education on how to survive in very cold conditions and how to build a fire in the snow.

**Save the Dates:** We will once again be collecting Christmas trees on the two Sat-

urdays after the holidays (January 6th and 13th) and delivering them to the Safety Complex for the bonfire. If you are interested, please email Shirley at [cap-s@comcast.net](mailto:cap-s@comcast.net) or call her at 603-867-3699 and she will contact you with the details.

We wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season!



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# *39th Annual Snowflake Fair*

**Children's Shopping  
Silent Auction  
Baked Goods  
Snack Bar  
Plants  
Santa  
Gift Baskets  
Candy Table  
Cookie Walk  
Attic Treasures Table  
Hand Crafted Gift Items**

**Longmeadow Congregational Church  
Corner of Wilson Crossing Rd. & Chester Rd.  
Auburn, NH**

A supervised area will be available  
for the children to make or buy gifts  
while their parents shop.

**December 2, 2017**

**Saturday**

**8:30am - 2:00pm**



# Parks and Recreation News

## Operation Gratitude

Thank you to all who dropped off their extra Halloween candy to the Town Hall. We collected over 200 pounds of candy that were sent to our deployed troops, first responders and veterans. That's a lot of candy!



An extra thank you to the Auburn Basketball League, Auburn Little League and Auburn Soccer Club who helped us pay for the shipping when so much candy came in. Thank you!

## Winter Carnival

The Annual Winter Carnival will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at the Skating Rink. Fingers crossed that we will have great weather and lots of ice. It will be a fun afternoon of skating, bonfire and BBQ. Please save the date now and watch for more details in the January Crier.

## Trunk or Treat 2017 Winner!



Congratulations Janet Wasiejko and family, winner of the Trunk or Treat with this very cute Harry Potter themed trunk. All the cars looked great and were very creative. Can't wait for next year.

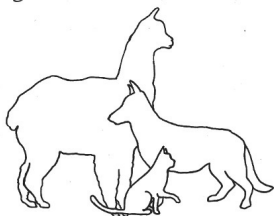
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## Child and Babysitting Safety Course

Due to overwhelming interest, we have added a second session of the babysitting course. This Child and Babysitting Safety Course is designed for tweens & teens who wish to become babysitters as well as for children who may be left at home without a parent. This course covers how to stay safe, feeding, playtime and how to start and safely advertise a babysitting business. Students will learn how to change diapers, what are age-appropriate toys and games and will receive a basic first aid overview. Choking and what to do in an emergency is also covered. The course will be taught by Gail of Coastal CPR and First Aid, LLC. She is an American Heart Association CPR and First Aid Instructor and an American and Safety and Health Institute Training Center



This 2 day class will be held on **Tuesday, January 9** and **Thursday, January 11** from 2:45-5:30 pm at the Auburn Safety Complex. The fee for the class is \$59 per person. Preregistration is required. Please fill out the form below and return to the Parks and Rec Department. Space is limited

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### Parks and Recreation Program Registration Form Child and Babysitting Course January 2018

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to: Auburn Parks and Recreation, PO Box 309, Auburn, NH 03032 or you can drop it off at the Town Hall. Checks can be made payable to the Town of Auburn. Please call the Parks and Recreation office at 483-5052 x101 or email [Recreation@townofauburnNH.com](mailto:Recreation@townofauburnNH.com) with any questions







Kathy Growney, Library Director

[www.griffinfree.com](http://www.griffinfree.com)



It's December, which means it is time for **Breakfast with Santa!** Join us on Saturday, December 9 between 8 AM and 11 AM at the Auburn Village School for the Friends of Griffin Free's annual fundraiser. This is a great opportunity for the children to meet Santa when he arrives by Fire Truck at 8:30 AM. There will be wonderful Christmas music as well by the AVS choir and band. Menu includes pancakes, sausages, pastries and beverages. Tickets will be sold at the door – (adults \$6, children \$3 and under 3 are free).

Are you an adult who enjoys Christmas carols and stories? Then join us for the musical talents of Ramblin' Richard on Thursday, December 7 at 1:00 PM. Back by popular demand, Ramblin' Richard will sing songs you know well and encourage you to sing-along. Feel free to bring your jingle bells as well.

Also in December, join Miss Mary for a two special holiday themed Storytimes. If you were not able to make Breakfast with Santa, have no fear! He will be joining us at our Friday, December 15 for Storytime with Santa! Then on Saturday, December 16, Miss Mary will be hosting a delicious Gingerbread House Storytime. Come ready to build your own house that you may take home to enjoy.

Finally, please note the following days when the library will be closed so that staff may enjoy the holidays with their families: Saturday, December 23 – CLOSED; Tuesday, December 26 – CLOSED; Saturday, December 30 – CLOSED; Tuesday, January 2 – CLOSED.

Thank you to our wonderful community for making this year terrific. On behalf of the Trustees and library staff, we wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season.

### Upcoming Programming:

**Every Tuesday, 11:00 AM and Friday, 1:00 PM –** Infant/Toddler Storytime with Miss Mary

**Every Friday, 10:30 AM –** Knitting / Crochet @ the Library

**Monday, December 4, 7:00 PM –** Friends of Griffin Free Meeting

**Thursday, December 7, 1:00 PM –** Holiday Songs and Stories with musician Ramblin' Richard

**Saturday, December 9, 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM –** Breakfast with Santa at Auburn Village School

**Monday, December 11, 6:00 PM –** Library Trustee Meeting

**Wednesday, December 13, 1:15 PM –** Book Club Meeting to discuss *Citizens of London*

**Friday, December 15, 1:00 PM –** Storytime with Santa!

**Saturday, December 16, 11:00 AM –** Storytime – Gingerbread Houses with Miss Mary

**Saturday, December 23 – Tuesday, December 26 – CLOSED**

**Wednesday, December 27, 6:00 PM –** YA/Teen Book Club Meeting

**Saturday, December 30 - Tuesday, January 2 - CLOSED**



THE AUBURN VILLAGE SCHOOL PTA

*Holiday Fair*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017 | 8AM - 2PM

AVS GYMNASIUM | 11 EATON HILL ROAD, AUBURN NH 03032



Ho-ho-ho! The Holiday Fair is on Saturday, December 9th from 8am-2pm. Don't miss your chance to shop for unique gifts while your kids play fun games & make crafts!

Also join us for:

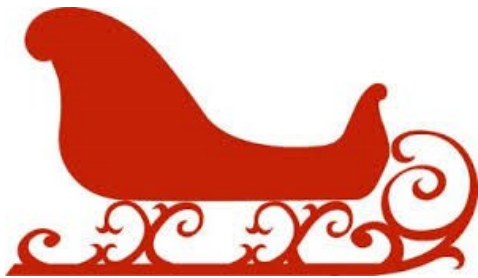
- amazing raffles
- Sweet Stroll
- Oven Mitt game
- gift table for kids
- scavenger hunt
- face painting
- concessions - 11am - 2pm
- live raffle drawing at 1pm

Raffle items so far include a Disney prize package valued at over \$3,000, an American Girl Doll, autographed Red Sox memorabilia, ski lift tickets, and various gift cards!

Proceeds benefit the AVS PTA.

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### Mass Schedule:

**Sat – 4:00 pm**

**Sun – 8:00 am & 10:30 am**

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 am**

**The Season of Advent:** The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas and also to Christ's second coming at the end of time. We invite you to participate in some of our Advent devotions, including **LESSONS & CAROLS** on Sunday, December 10 at 6:30 pm. Lessons & Carols is a service of Scripture, song and prayer.

**Confession:** During Advent, Fr. Michael will be available to hear confessions on Saturdays from 3-3:30 pm and on Monday, December 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm.



### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24 – 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm**

**Christmas Day, Monday, December 25 – 10:00 am**

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).



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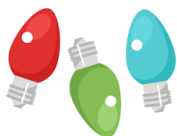
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## Longmeadow Serves!



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

We are so grateful to all of you who joined us last month in collecting non-perishable food and gift cards for our neighbors in our **Thanksgiving Basket** outreach and to all our friends and neighbors who helped to knit and crochet scarves for our annual **Scarves in the Park** project. With your help we distributed 394 scarves at Veterans Memorial Park in Manchester.



We are now in the season of **Advent** when we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Savior. In addition to our regular 9:30 worship, we offer many opportunities to acknowledge the fullness of the season:

**Sunday, December 3, 9:30 a.m.**

### ***Greening of the Church Worship Service***

We begin the holy season of Advent with our annual **Greening of the Church** service in which our young people lead us in adorning our sanctuary and explain the meaning behind the different liturgical and decorative elements. It is a festive event and we welcome all who would like to take a break from the commercialization and to start the season in a less hectic and more centered way.

**Sunday, December 10, 7:00 p.m.**

### ***Blue Christmas Service***

Amid all the joyful carols and merriment, we know that this season can will also be bitter-sweet for some as they remember and grieve loved ones no longer with us. And so we have a special service of remembrance at 7:00 in the evening, which we call our **Blue Christmas Service**. It is a time we gather to remember and stand with our brothers and sisters who may find this time of year difficult of sad. We believe that Christ came to be a light in the world, to stand with us in our darker times and we wish to do the same by inviting any of our neighbors who may be struggling at this time of year to join us as we remember together.

**Sunday, December 24 7:00 and 11:00 p.m.**  
***Christmas Eve Worship***

We will gather to await the coming of the Messiah on Christmas Eve with two very special Candlelight services. It is a special time for families to gather and remember the true meaning of the season together. The 7:00 service will include a special Children's Time and both will be filled with music, light and the joy of anticipation. Join us ... and bring a friend!

Please stop by our wonderful **Annual Snowflake Fair** on December 2 for that special Christmas gift. Because we will be joyfully celebrating the **Snowflake Fair** on that first Saturday we remind you, our friends, that we will be having just one **Community Breakfast** this month, on December 16.

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



# Cub Scout Pack 127

## Auburn Cub Scout Pack 127 Updates

On November 12<sup>th</sup>, 15 Scouts and their families helped at a water stop and first aid station for the Manchester City Marathon. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year for the marathon which is held in honor of our Veterans. Many runners hope to qualify for the Boston Marathon and are certainly an inspiration for the boys to watch.

Our first grade Tiger Den is working hard on earning their Team Tiger and Duty to God advancements. At their November meeting, they discussed what it means to be a part of a team and also talked with Will Melendy, our Emblem of Faith coordinator, on what it means to do your duty to God in your daily life. The Tiger Scouts who participated in the "Scouting for Food" drive met the duty to God requirement, "Help with a local service project and talk with your den or

family about how helping others is a part of our duty to God."

Popcorn sales are completed. Thank you to everyone who supported a scout with a purchase of delicious Trails End popcorn. Our Top 5 sellers are Gavin D. - \$575.00, Cove Blais - \$610, Dylan Roy - \$735, Noah Cataldo - \$845, and Ryan Baker who sold an astonishing \$1520. Congratulations boys on a job well done!

Our dedicated leaders have been diligently updating their Youth Protection Training. This is a certificate program offered through the Boy Scouts of America that is completed yearly to ensure the

safety of both boys and adults in the scouting program. Two registered adult leaders are present at all events, and parents are always encouraged to participate with their Scout.



*Cub Scouts practice their tenting skills between runners at the Manchester Marathon Water Stop*

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# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

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**Auburn Village School, 11 Eaton Hill Rd**

*Christmas music by the AVS choir & band*

**Adults \$6; Children \$3 (under 3 are free). Tickets at the door.**

**All-you-can-eat menu includes pancakes,  
sausages, pastries & beverages.**

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## News from Auburn Dollars for Scholars

Attention Parents and Students:  
Are you struggling with "college" red tape?  
Don't know where to begin?

The New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation can help! For FREE!

They offer many events from how to fill out F.A.S.F.A. forms, how to choose a college and how to pay for a post secondary school!

visit: [nhheaf.org](http://nhheaf.org)

Good Luck

Mary Hrubiec, President, Auburn Dollars for Scholars  
[auburn.dollarsforscholars.org](http://auburn.dollarsforscholars.org)



*Keeping you warm all winter long.  
At the close of another year we gratefully pause to  
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Local Auburn dancers Ella Harris, Ava Harris, and Caitlin Batts are among those cast in the upcoming professional "The Nutcracker" production on Thanksgiving weekend at Seifert Performing Arts Center in Salem.



## NEDE Announces Local Dancers Among 2017 "Nutcracker" Cast

Each September talented young Southern NH and Massachusetts dancers audition for coveted membership in regional New England Dance Ensemble (NEDE) performing company, and the opportunity to perform in its annual professionally directed "The Nutcracker". Ninety talented dancers recently made the cut. Cast in a variety of roles, those accepted benefit from many hours of rehearsals, and an extraordinary opportunity to collaborate with currently performing professionals from national and international performing companies. Known for its pre-professional standards, NEDE offers enormous growth opportunities for the region's most dedicated students. Those earning company status gain exposure to a wide range of choreography, classical and contemporary music and staging, theatrical workshops, and the opportunity to collaborate with dancers from many area studios. NEDE Company members will have the chance to share the stage with well-known artists from NYC's internationally acclaimed American Ballet Theater and the renowned Pennsylvania Ballet. "The Nutcracker" is a vibrant and fully staged holiday classic slated for **Saturday, November 25, and Sunday, November 26 at 4pm** in the beautiful new Seifert Performing Arts Center in Salem, NH. To learn more about NEDE and its cast, view past performances, or purchase tickets while they last visit [www.NEDE.org](http://www.NEDE.org).

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For more information press only: [newenglanddanceensemble@gmail.com](mailto:newenglanddanceensemble@gmail.com)



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*Directed by Barbara Mullen*

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**Nayara Lopes**

  
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**November 25th 4:00pm and  
November 26th 4:00pm**

Seifert Performing Arts Center, Salem, NH  
Tickets on sale at [NEDE.org](http://NEDE.org) or call 1-800-595-4TIX





# Appreciating our Veterans

*5th Graders at Auburn Village School were chosen to read their special poems or letters to our local Veterans to show their appreciation and support. Pictured below from left to right Tyler St. Pierre, Cameron Joy, Isabella Strabone, Megan Repoza., Hayden Newell, Audrey Tavarez. Enjoy some of their thoughtful pieces of writing.*



Thank you for your service...  
 You give us freedom  
 You have our love  
 You fight from down and above  
 You are in our minds and our thoughts  
 We know that you care a lot.  
 We know it is hard to be away  
 But look and watch the trees sway.  
 Your home and family cannot wait.  
 You have been waiting all day and night  
 Then you can see light  
 You are almost at the end of the fight  
 All your hard work is America's delight  
 You run through the trees  
 And you fall to your knees  
 The trees are not swaying  
 People still praying  
 You have made it to your destiny  
 Then you realize it is over  
 There is freedom  
 Because of you  
 You fought  
 Now you can go home  
 Now you are not alone  
 You can be amazing  
 America honors you  
 That's how you should feel

Megan Repoza

Dear Veteran,

Thanks you so much for fighting for our country I appreciate it more than anything. You fought for so many things. Probably more than you think. You fought for our freedom of speech, our individual rights, and our ability to fight of what WE believe in. That is just a few of about 100 things you do for us. Some people might not notice everything you do for us but I want to make sure you know that I care and appreciate EVERYTHING you do for us. If there was no armed forces there would be war all the time and no peace. You are a big part of our lives, and I want you to know that. You have done so much for us. I don't know what I would do without you.

Sincerely,

Hayden

Thank you veterans for sacrificing your life for us and our country. Also you are inspiring others. You put your life on the line for us. You were always loyal to our country even when we're losing. You took some risks and you never gave up. Thank you for serving you are the best. Thank you for your service veterans.

Cameron Joy





**Veteran's Day Breakfast**— On Thursday, November 9th, over 70 veterans accepted an invitation to breakfast at Auburn Village School. Our students and staff thanked them for their service and then invited them to their classrooms to share their experiences. As the veterans walked through our hallways, students lined to greet them with hands over their hearts. Thank you to Mrs. Angela Cote for organizing such a wonderful event. <https://www.wevideo.com/view/1011945229> The sixth graders were the "behind scenes" kids at this event, and they were extremely excited. We are grateful for the opportunity to host these important members of our community and show them that we are thankful for the sacrifices they made to build a better community for us today. Each student was able to participate and contribute, for no job is ever too small when saying thank you. By decorating the venue, preparing the food, and cleaning up after the event, our sixth graders were given the chance to make this a meaningful and memorable morning for our veterans.







# Police News



*Happy Holidays Auburn!*

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! We've had some busy, busy elves stopping by our Safety Complex Giving Tree. Just a couple weeks in and already my storage closet is overflowing with items. Thank you to everyone who has helped make this project such a success!

Our Giving Tree "Wrap Party" will be Thursday December 14 from 6PM-8PM at the Auburn Safety Complex. For those young and young at heart, please feel free to swing in, say "Hi" and wrap a gift or two.

We can always use wrapping supplies for the gifts. Typically boxes of all sizes, from socks to coats are a great help, tape, wrapping paper (new or used), tissue paper, gift tags...

The children of The Good Shepherds Foundation, have volunteered to organize a collection of supplies if you would like to donate. Please feel free to contact them for details:

[GoodShepherdsFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:GoodShepherdsFoundation@gmail.com)

Lastly, since we have many new residents in town, I wanted to take a moment to mention the incredible Neighborhood Watch Program Auburn has. I've been involved in law enforcement for 18 years now, and Auburn's Neighborhood Watch Group is the most organized, and impressive one I have ever seen.

If you would like more information, or to join the group please feel free to fill out and send the form to me. Or you can email me directly. I will put you in touch with a leader based on where in town you live.

[mgates@townofauburnnh.com](mailto:mgates@townofauburnnh.com) or mail PO BOX 339 Auburn, NH 03032

## **PLEASE SEND ME MORE INFORMATION ON AUBURN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

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**All donations, new or used, will need to be collected on or before December 21, 2017 so they can be wrapped, and hand delivered to those in need.**

**Auburn Safety Complex will have  
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