



Auburn Village Crier



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Holiday CrossWord Contest

Complete the crossword on pg. 5. Either email the completed puzzle to townhall@townofauburnnh.com, Mail to PO Box 146 Auburn NH 03032, or hand deliver to the Town Hall to win a Christmas Surprise! No more submissions will be accepted after Dec.15th. Make sure to add your contact info.

SAVE THE DATE!

1. Senior Holiday Dinner Jan. 28th @ 1:00pm More info in January Crier
- 2.. Fire Dep. Organizational Meeting Dec. 7th @ 7pm
3. Longmeadow Church Breakfast Dec.17th @ 6:30am-10am
4. Breakfast with Santa @ AVS Dec. 10th 8am-11am
5. Holiday Fair @ AVS Dec. 10th 8am-2pm
6. Giving Tree gift due by Dec. 12th
7. Crossword Contest Due by Dec. 15th

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News from the Auburn Town Hall



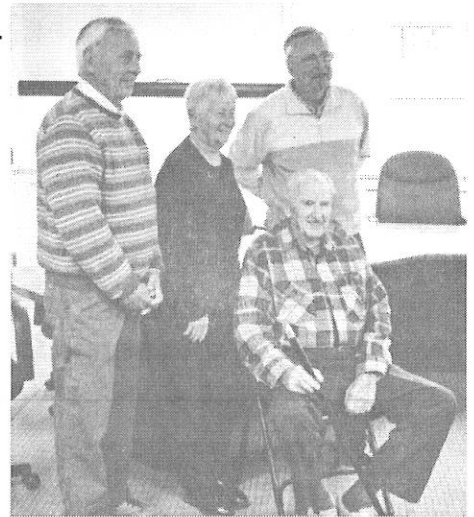
George Dodd Presented with Auburn's Boston Post Cane

The presentation of the "Boston Post Cane" began in 1909 as a marketing gimmick to increase the circulation of the Boston Post.

There were 431 of the canes produced to begin with, which were made of African ebony with 14-carat gold heads. Some say that Edwin A. Grozier, publisher of the Boston Post, had picked them up cheap at an auction before he came up with the idea of distributing them to New England towns to be presented to each town's oldest citizen then passed along to the next oldest as each holder of the cane departed the earth.

Though intended at first only for men, by 1930 women were receiving the canes thus ensuring that truly the town's oldest citizen became the temporary holder of the cane. Auburn was ahead of the curve, however, with Sarah Watson being the first woman recognized in 1919.

In November, the Board of Selectmen were pleased to recognize and present the Boston Post Cane to George Frederick Dodd who, at 97 years young, is the oldest resident of Auburn.

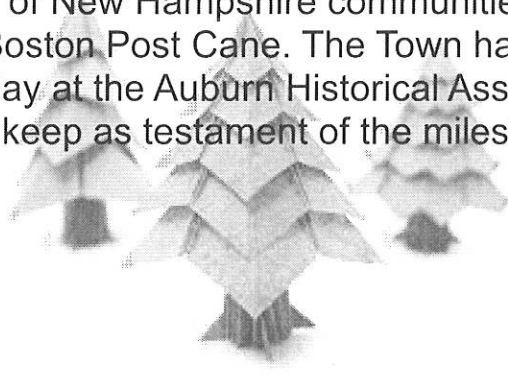


The presentation took place at the Town Hall with Mr. Dodd's son Gary and several neighbors and friends in attendance.

Since 1909, Auburn has had 32 residents recognized with the Boston Post Cane, including Mr. Dodd. Although men had an early advantage of being the only ones to be recognized, there have been more Auburn women as holders of the cane than men. Of the 32 residents recognized, 15 have been men and 16 have been women.

The cane, or staff, is an ancient symbol of deference to age and reverence for ancestors.

Auburn is among a number of New Hampshire communities that has maintained the tradition of presenting the Boston Post Cane. The Town has retained the ownership of the original cane on display at the Auburn Historical Association, while a replica is presented to the holders to keep as testament of the milestone.



AFD Operational Review and Risk Assessment Completed

In May, the Board of Selectmen contracted with Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI) of Meredith to conduct an operational review and risk assessment on the Auburn Fire Department.

The process has been completed and the Town has received the written report with approximately 50 recommendations for future improvements.

As part of the overall process, the MRI Team reviewed various reports, budgets and policies of the Fire Department and the Town. In addition the team met and interviewed community members and officials, as well as members and officers of the fire department, in order to gain an understanding of the organizational, operational and management systems and approaches currently in place. These were then compared and contrasted against current best practices in emergency and fire services and public safety.

The MRI Review Team formally presented their report to a public meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on November 7th at the Town Hall. Due to the varying complexities of all of the recommendations in the report, Fire Chief Ed Gannon and members of the department are reviewing and prioritizing the recommendations for implementation. This will be worked through the fire administration, Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee as may be necessary.

Copies of the MRI Report are available to the public to review at the Town Hall and the Griffin Free Public Library. It is also available to download or read on the Town of Auburn web site (www.auburnnh.us)

The Board of Selectmen is budgeting to conduct an operational review and risk assessment of the Town Hall operations in 2017.

New Roads Accepted

In early November, the Board of Selectmen accepted four additional roads to be Town-maintained roads.

Three of the roads are entirely brand new roads in a development off of Lovers Lane. They include Ledgewood Drive, Saddle Hill Road and Seavey Drive. The fourth road is an extension of Mountain Road.

'Tis the Season.....

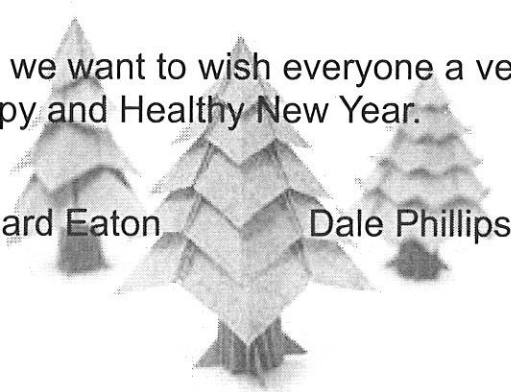
As we head into December, we want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and holiday season. And a Happy and Healthy New Year.

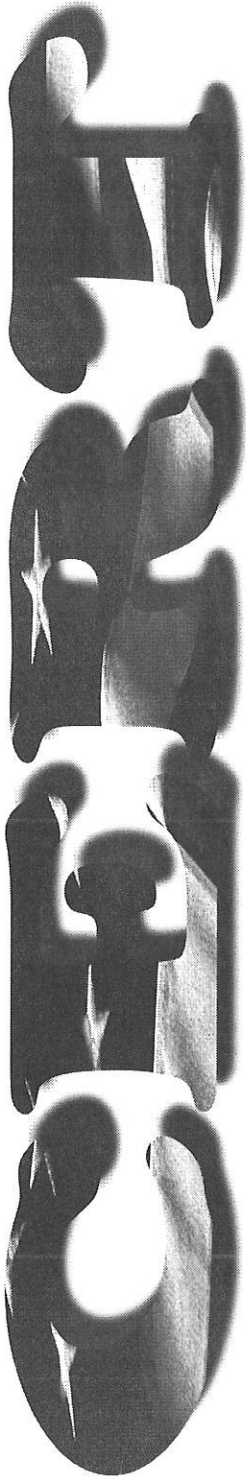
James Headd

Richard Eaton

Dale Phillips

Auburn Board of Selectmen





Citizens Emergency Response Team

Neighbors helping Neighbors during times of need.

Organizational meeting December 7th @7 PM
Auburn Safety Complex
55 Eaton Hill Road

For more information contact Ed Gannon

Fires

Chief@Auburnfire.org

All your training will be provided for free

Wind Storms

Flood

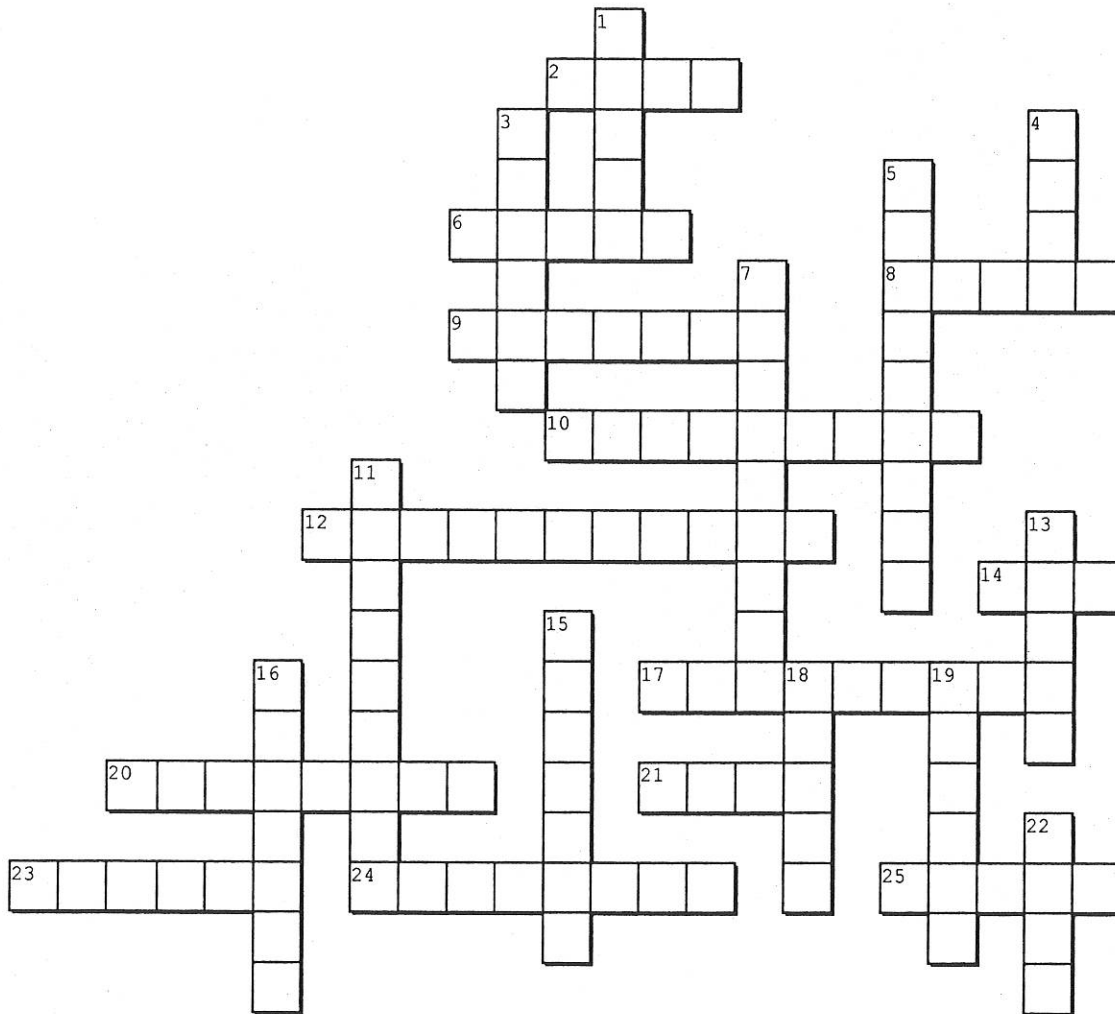
Blizzard



Name: _____

Holiday Crossword Contest

Complete the crossword below for a chance to win the prize!



Across

2. What is traditionally done when the clock strikes 12 on New Years Day?
6. What is the first principle of Kwanzaa?
8. What is traditionally placed on top of the Christmas tree?
9. What day is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on?
10. What did the Grinch steal?
12. Who were the first to start the tradition of New Years Resolutions?
14. How many points does a snowflake traditionally have?
17. Where did Jimmy Boyd see Mommy kissing Santa Claus?
20. Which was the last US state to declare Christmas a legal holiday?
21. Which type of tree was the Partridge sitting in?
23. Which was the first country to issue a Christmas postage stamp?
24. What is the Italian Christmas donkey's name?
25. What Ornament does every elf have on the tip of their shoes?

Down

1. How many days is Hanukkah celebrated?
3. What begins on December 21st?
4. How many reindeer does Santa have?
5. What is the drink of choice on New Years Eve?
7. What do you roast on an open fire?
11. What type of crystals are used on the time square New Years Eve ball?
13. Which of Santa's reindeer is named after another animal?
15. Which country can be credited for the creation of eggnog?
16. Which state was the first state to recognize Christmas as an official holiday?
18. How many blessings are said on the first night of Hanukkah?
19. Which country does St. Nicholas originally belong to?
22. What kind of Christmas did Elvis have in his hit Christmas single?

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AUBURN SAFETY

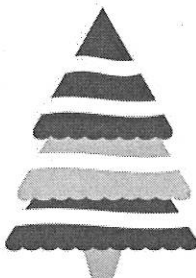
COMPLEX GIVING TREE

Dear Auburn residents,
Would you like to help my elves this year? Feel free to take an ornament off the Christmas tree in the Auburn Safety Complex lobby. The ornament will have a name, age, and gift or gift suggestion for someone who is in need of a little assistance this year. Help make the Christmas wish come true by purchasing the gift, then return the gift, unwrapped with the ornament to the Auburn Safety Complex by December 12th.

The Safety Complex will ensure your item is delivered by my elves and I to families in time for Christmas.

Don't have time to shop, or not sure you can commit to a specific item? Don't fret my little helper elves. The safety complex is willing to take donations to do the shopping for you. Or I can always use extra wrapping paper, tape, and ribbons...

After all, gifts can't be unwrapped under the tree.
Thank you
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.
Santa



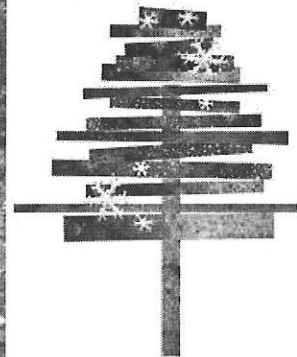
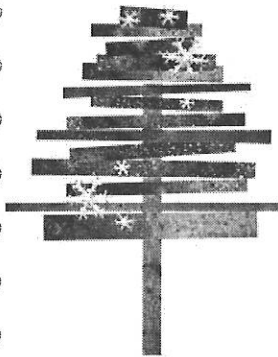
Boy Scouts Troop 127

By Jeremy Gagnon



Thank you to all the families who left food out for Scouting for Food. The Cub Scouts collected and the Boys Scouts delivered about 1,700 items of food! Save the Dates: We will once again be collecting Christmas trees on the two Saturdays after the holidays (January 7th and 14th) and delivering them to the Safety Complex for the bonfire. If you are interested, please email Shirley at cap-s@comcast.net or call her at 603-867-3699 and she will contact you with the details. Troop 127 had their annual Turkey Roast on November 5th. Picture below. It was a great day with special guests, including Pastor Ruth, Robert Sanborn, Dave and Sue Jenkins and some Webelo IIs from Pack 127. The Troop cooked three turkeys in trashcan ovens and had all the fixings. After the meal and Court of Honor, there was an official flag burning ceremony. The Troop would like to send out a big thanks to Retired 1st Sargent Doug Walls for overseeing the Flag Burning ceremony and giving a history of the American Flag and the importance of respecting our flag.

Troop 127 meets Monday nights at 6:30 at Longmeadow Church. Please visit our website if you are interested in coming to a meeting. <http://auburn127.mytroop.us>





Cub Scouts Pack 127

by Jocelyn Malenchini



Joyous holiday greetings from Pack 127! Wishing everyone all the wintery wonderland that you desire, but not too much! Thanks to everyone who participated in our annual "Scouting for Food" drive. Auburn residents generously donated what amounted to at least 1,700 food and hygiene items for distribution to local food banks. Thank you so much for all your support.

In Scouting news, Will Melendy reports: Arrow of Light Scouts, "Dragon Patrol" recently met with Captain Dave Walters of the Auburn Fire Department to discuss the duties of a leader within our community. The Scouts interviewed Captain Walters, were given a tour of the Fire Department's different vehicles and enjoyed a ride on a Fire Truck "around the block". Thank you Captain Walters!

The Dragon Patrol also discussed energy use in our community, rights/duties of a citizen and the term "rule of law" as it applies to daily life.

Two members of the Dragon Patrol participated in the "Jamboree on the Internet" (JOTI) which is an annual event connecting Scouts on a global scale via the internet. Our favorite Skype conversation was with a group of Scouts from Wales. We compared American Scouting traditions to Welsh Scouting traditions and learned the Welsh flag is a Dragon!

In other news, Scout leaders renewed their CPR certifications, and would like to express their gratitude to Mark Proulx and Mike Moser for making this possible and convenient. Thanks so much!



Going on a Lion Hunt!

By Anne Kadlec

Auburn Cub Scout Pack 127's new Lion Scout Program is looking for kindergarten-aged boys interested in the fun and excitement of scouting. As a Lion Scout, your kindergartener will make friends, laugh loud, gain confidence, discover nature, and most of all...have fun! He'll experience the Scouting concepts of character development, leadership, citizenship, and personal fitness through hands-on, high-energy activities and adventures. Your kindergartener will have a blast exploring the world around him in ways that fuel his imagination and creativity. Adventure awaits.

For more information, please contact Anne Kadlec at [\(603\) 759-3294](tel:6037593294).

Upcoming Cub Scout Events Include:

December 3, Saturday, 2:30 PM

Water Stop, Santa Shuffle

December 16, Friday, 7-8 PM

Pack Meeting, AVS Gym

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



St. Peter Roman Catholic Church

Fr. Michael Gendron, Pastor

567 Manchester Rd.

603-623-5429

www.stpeteraub.org

Mass Schedule:

Sat – 4:00 pm

Sun – 8:00 am & 10:30 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 11 at 6:30 pm. **Lessons & Carols** is a service of Scripture, song and prayer.

Youth Group Advent Party (Grades 5-12): Friday, December 16, 6-8 pm. Register on our website (stpeteraub@comcast.net).

Confession: During Advent, Fr. Michael will be available to hear confessions on Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 pm and on Monday, December 19 from 6:30-8:00 pm.



Christmas Mass Schedule:

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

Christmas Day, Sunday, 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.

Seniors – Save the Date



The Auburn Senior Holiday Dinner is January 28, 2017 at 1:00 pm.

The invitation and more information will be in the January Crier



Kathy Growney, Library Director

www.griffinfree.com



December is here which means it is time for our annual **Breakfast with Santa** on Saturday, December 10 from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Sponsored by the Friends of Griffin Free, come and enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast with all the trimmings while enjoying the music of the AVS Choir and Band. Santa will be making an appearance too around 9 am!

On Thursday December 8, Griffin Free is happy to present musician and storyteller Ramblin' Richard. Highly recommended by other libraries for his enjoyable performances, he will be presenting his "Holiday Program" consisting of songs and stories appropriate for the season.



Then on Tuesday December 13, we have a musical treat for our 11 a.m. infant / toddler storytime. Award winning musician and storyteller Steve Blunt will be ringing in the holidays for the little ones. It is sure to be a blast so mark your calendars!

There is a lot more going on at Griffin Free in December. Be sure to check our website and Facebook page often for updates. You may also follow us on Twitter and Instagram.

Upcoming Programming for Adults:

- **Fridays, 1:00 p.m.** – Knitting / Crochet @ the Library
- **Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m.** – Musician and Storyteller Ramblin' Richard's Holiday Program
- **Saturday, December 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** – Friends of Griffin Free **Santa Breakfast** at Auburn Village School
- **Wednesday, December 14 at 1:15 p.m.** – Friends Book Club daytime meeting
- **Thursday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m.** – Friends Book Club evening meeting
- **Saturday, December 17, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** – Adult Coloring

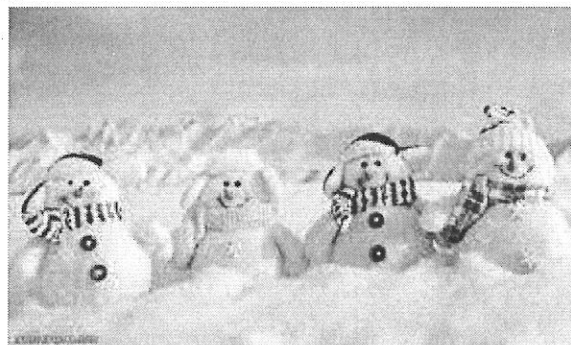
Upcoming Programming for Children:

- **Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m.** – Infant / Toddler Storytime with Miss Mary
- **Saturday, December 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** – Friends of Griffin Free **Santa Breakfast** at Auburn Village School
- **Tuesday, December 13 at 11:00 a.m.** – A very special **Holiday Storytime** with award winning children's musician and storyteller, **Steve Blunt**
- **Saturday, December 17 at 1:00 p.m.** – Storytime Holiday Party – join Miss Mary for some stories and then decorate cookies!

Finally, Griffin Free would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. In order for library staff to enjoy the holidays, please note the following schedule changes in December:

- **Saturday, December 24** – CLOSED
- **Tuesday, December 27** - CLOSED
- **Saturday, December 31** – CLOSED
- **Tuesday, January 3** - CLOSED

Thank you everyone for your continued support of Griffin Free!





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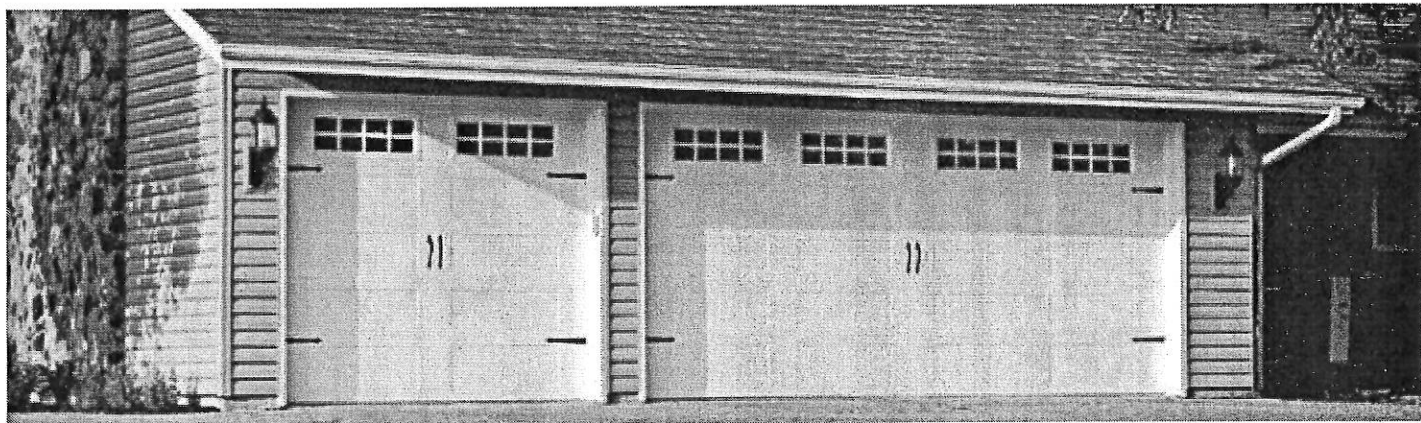
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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SAT, DECEMBER 10, 8 - 11 AM

Santa arrives at 8:45

On a Firetruck!



Auburn Village School, 11 Eaton Hill Rd

Christmas music by the AVS choir & band

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

**Sponsored by
The Friends of the Griffin Library**



Longmeadow Serves!

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

We are so grateful to all of the local people who joined us in collecting non-perishable food and gift cards for our local neighbors in our **Thanksgiving Basket** outreach.

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 4, 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 18, 9:30

Ser-

vice of Worship and Christmas Cantata

What a gift we have in our choir and we are especially blessed on this Sunday before Christmas each year when they lead us in worship with this special Christmas Cantata. Do you have friends who are music lovers? What a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas with them by inviting them to join you in worship!

Wednesday, 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 3 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 17.

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.



THE AUBURN VILLAGE SCHOOL PTA

Holiday Fair

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016 | 8AM - 2PM
 AVS GYMNASIUM | 11 EATON HILL ROAD, AUBURN NH 03032

Don't miss this year's fair!
Shop for unique gifts while your kids play fun games
and make crafts to take home.

Also join us for:

- amazing raffles
- Sweet Stroll
- new Oven Mitt game
- affordable gift table for kids
- scavenger hunt for kids
- concessions from 11 - 2

Raffle items so far include an American Girl Doll, autographed Red Sox memorabilia, a Kate Spade bag, ski lift tickets, and various gift cards!

Proceeds benefit the AVS PTA.

Interested vendors & donors, please visit www.avsholidayfair.com.

Admission is free.

School News

After carefully considering input from the community, the AVS School Board voted unanimously to move forward with the formerly approved school renovation & addition project with some adjustments. The Board concluded that the plans reflect the most fiscally responsible decisions while providing a safe, efficient, and productive learning environment for Auburn students. A warrant article will be presented to the community on the March election ballot. Please continue to stay informed by visiting fixavs.com or attending the public information session in February, 2017.

Longmeadow Church Breakfast

Please come and join us in December for breakfast. It is on **December 17th** from 6:30 - 10:00 am. The breakfasts are usually the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month except in December because the Snowflake Fair is on the first Sat, Dec. 3rd 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 in December at the Fair on the 3rd and breakfast on the 17th!





NH AUDUBON MASSABESIC CENTER

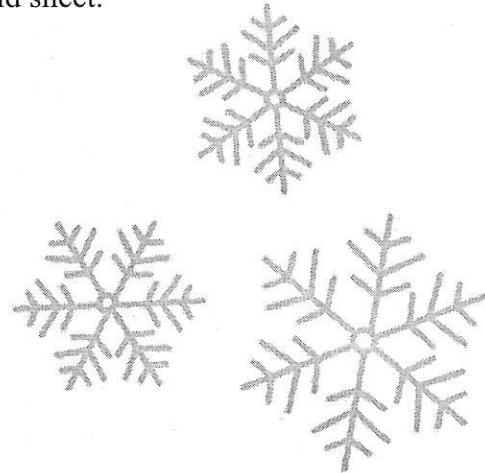
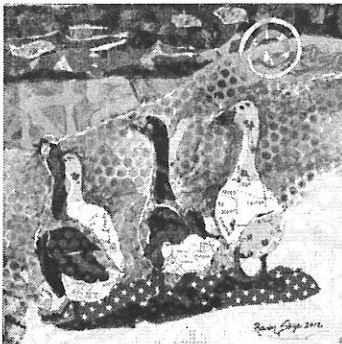
NH Wild Photo Auction Fundraiser

December 4, 2016 2-3 pm Refreshments served. Just drop in!

Just in time for holiday gift-giving come make your final bid by 3 pm on December 4th on your favorite photo of nature in this competitive juried show and take them home that same day! All photos are by local amateur artists and donated to the Massabesic Center. Come any time to buy a photo at the "Take Home Today" price listed at the bottom of the bid sheet.

ART EXHIBIT - The Whole Flock

December 9th, 2016 to January 27th, 2017



Artists from "The Art Group" and "Don's Carving Studio" will be collaborating on this exhibition of birds. "Each group of artists have been working together for over twenty years, and we are thrilled to share our art and bird carvings with the Audubon", says organizer, Dee Cleary, who is a member of both groups.

Artist Reception: December 9th, 2016 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join local NH artists at the Massabesic Audubon Center's exhibit space on December 9th to view "The Whole Flock". Visitors will view traditional carved bird decoys, and contemporary paintings and sculpture of birds from around the world. If you love birds, you will love this exhibit!

A Traditional Bird Carving Demonstration, with Master Carver, Don Combs

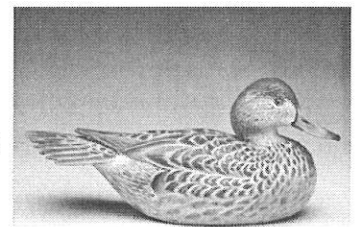
Location: Massabesic Center

Leader Don Combs

Time: 10:00-11:30

December 17th

Would you like to learn about the tradition of carving duck decoys and song birds? Master Carver Donald Combs of Auburn, NH will demonstrate the traditional techniques used by master carvers to create beautiful birds and decoys. Don will share the types of wood and the hand tools used in taking a block of wood though to a collectible work of art. You will be able to view examples of collectible birds while he walks you through the historical and current trends of carving birds.



Parks and Recreation News

Hello fellow Auburnites! I hope all is going well with all of you and everyone is relieved that we don't have to endure the pain of anymore campaign ads! Now we can concentrate on the upcoming Holiday season, looking forward to family and fun, hopefully some time off, and reflecting on the gifts that have been bestowed upon us. As I stated in previous articles, the bedrock of the Auburn community has always been giving and helping ones neighbors. I'm not asking that anyone contribute to any specific charity or organization but consider helping out a veteran, homeless person, local soup kitchen, church of your choice, neighbor, friend, or anyone else who may need it! One person, helping out one person is a victory. Please reach out and help your fellow man this season, it means a great deal and thanks again to all of you Auburnites (you know who you are) that do it year round. We are blessed as a community to have a list too voluminous to mention, lest I forget someone.

Now on to Parks and Recreation Department business. We have been very busy continuing getting ready for winter and the closing of the Parks around town. Circle of Fun Playground was a great success this year and attendance was noticeably up from the previous year. With that, there were no major incidents! There were only some small cases of vandalism and the regular weekly maintenance increased subsequent to all the use. The concerts held there were a tremendous success and the Park in general was a great place to go to. The "Coffee House" held at AVS in November had it's largest attendance and was also a great success. Thanks to AVS, Maureen Juliano and the band and the volunteers for making it a great local event. The Veterans Park was enhanced by the heavy lifting of yet another local Eagle Scout, Carl Hadley of Auburn Boy Scout Troop #127. He spear-headed, organized and implemented the moving of the monument from in front of the Town Hall to it's rightful place in Veterans Park along with all of the other Veterans from all the other conflicts our valiant citizens engaged in. We are all indebted to them and they are deserving of our eternal gratitude! There were more improvements to Wayne Eddows Athletic Fields

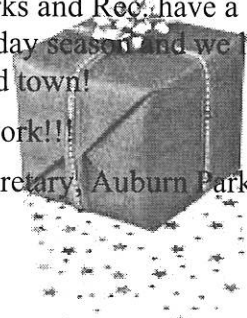
and the expansion of the adjacent lot to further expand their capabilities, as well as improvements to Appletree Park and the fields adjacent to the safety complex. We made the best of the selling of the old fire house and look forward to some new facility that will allow us to continue the service we provide to the residence of the town. The senior dinners and trips we provide to our valued seniors were also a great success and we would like to thank them for their lifetime of service and dedication to our community and look forward continuing these events to our valued seniors. We repaired and improved the skating rinks and prepared them for a winter of use for all the skaters out there. Hopefully, Mother Nature will cooperate a little more than last year so they can get the use we anticipate. We have a winter carnival and tree burning event scheduled at the rinks as we have done in the past. It is scheduled for the end of January or the beginning of February depending on the weather. I'm sure it will be the success it has been in the past and we look forward to seeing all of you there.

It has been a very busy, chaotic and transitional year for us at Parks and Rec. For Medical reasons, Armand Miclette retired from the department this year. Thank you for your dedication and all the work you did for the town over the many years you served. Also, thank you for your service to our country, we all wish you the best in your future. Our beloved secretary, Helen Hiltz passed away recently after a valiant fight with cancer and she will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her husband Terry and their family.

Lastly, and I know you hear this as a recurring theme from this author. Thank you to all those who make us a success. We have a wonderful community here in Auburn and it doesn't happen by accident. From all of us at Auburn Parks and Rec, have a happy, healthy and safe holiday season and we look forward to seeing you around town!

Random acts of kindness work!!!

Mike Dobmeier, Interim Secretary, Auburn Parks and Recreation Dept.



POLICE NEWS



Happy Holidays Auburn Residents,

We wanted to first announce a recent promotion within our Department. On November 14, 2016, Officer Cashman was promoted to the position of Sergeant. He began his law enforcement career in 2004 with Marine Patrol Officer. In 2006 he started working for Candia Police Department and in 2014 came to work for Auburn Police. Sergeant Cashman is a certified Firearms instructor, and Taser instructor. In 2015 Sgt. Cashman took on a partner with our K9 Athos. When you see Sgt. Cashman and Athos driving around town feel free to say hello and congratulations.

Happy or not with the results, the presidential election is over, but now we move on to town voting in just 3 short months. We wanted to pass on information about a Warrant Article the Police Department has proposed for the ballot.

The Police Department is happy to report the Department of Highway Safety approved our recent matching grant application proposing the purchase of a new radar trailer to replace the existing trailer. The purchase would replace the Kustom Smart Radar Trailer which was purchased in 2005 for approximately \$13,317.00, of which \$6000.00 was federally funded by a Highway Safety Grant. This year the Department received grant funding in the amount of \$7750.00 and will be proposing a Warrant Article at the 2017 Town Election to raise the matching amount to purchase a new radar trailer for \$15,500.00. The Department finds the trailer is a great visible tool to slow motorists down. Historically it was used for enforcement allowing the operating officer to monitor, lock speeds and stay safely off the road. However due to the advanced age of the unit and increased maintenance issues, officers can't attest to the accuracy of locked speeds, so the unit is now primarily used to slow the motorists in areas of concern. The Department has seen an increase in calls from concerned residents about the speed and the Department is hopeful voters will recognize the importance of the agency having such a tool although we too understand these are economically challenging times.

Phone scams are on the rise lately, and will continue to be so through tax season. We just wanted to pass this information along to anyone who may be getting these calls.

ALERT: Phone Scams Continue to be a Serious Threat

The IRS reports phone scams continue to be a serious threat and annoyance to many. If you receive a **phone call** from someone claiming to be from the IRS but you suspect they are not an IRS employee...

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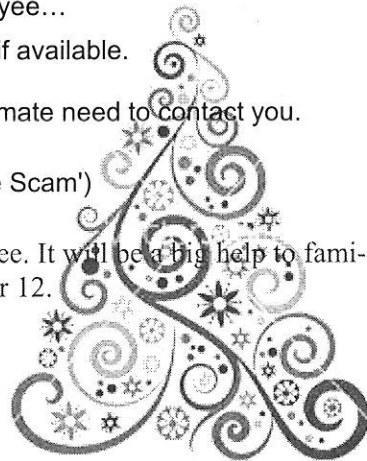
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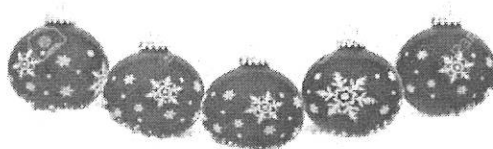
If not, report the incident to TIGTA and to us at phishing@irs.gov (Subject: 'IRS Phone Scam')

Lastly, we want to thank all of you who have helped with the safety complex giving tree. It will be a big help to families here in Auburn. There is still time to drop off your items, the deadline is December 12.

We hope each of you have safe and happy holidays!

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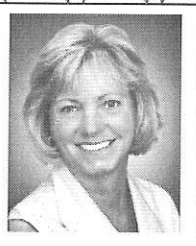
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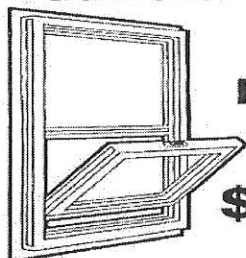
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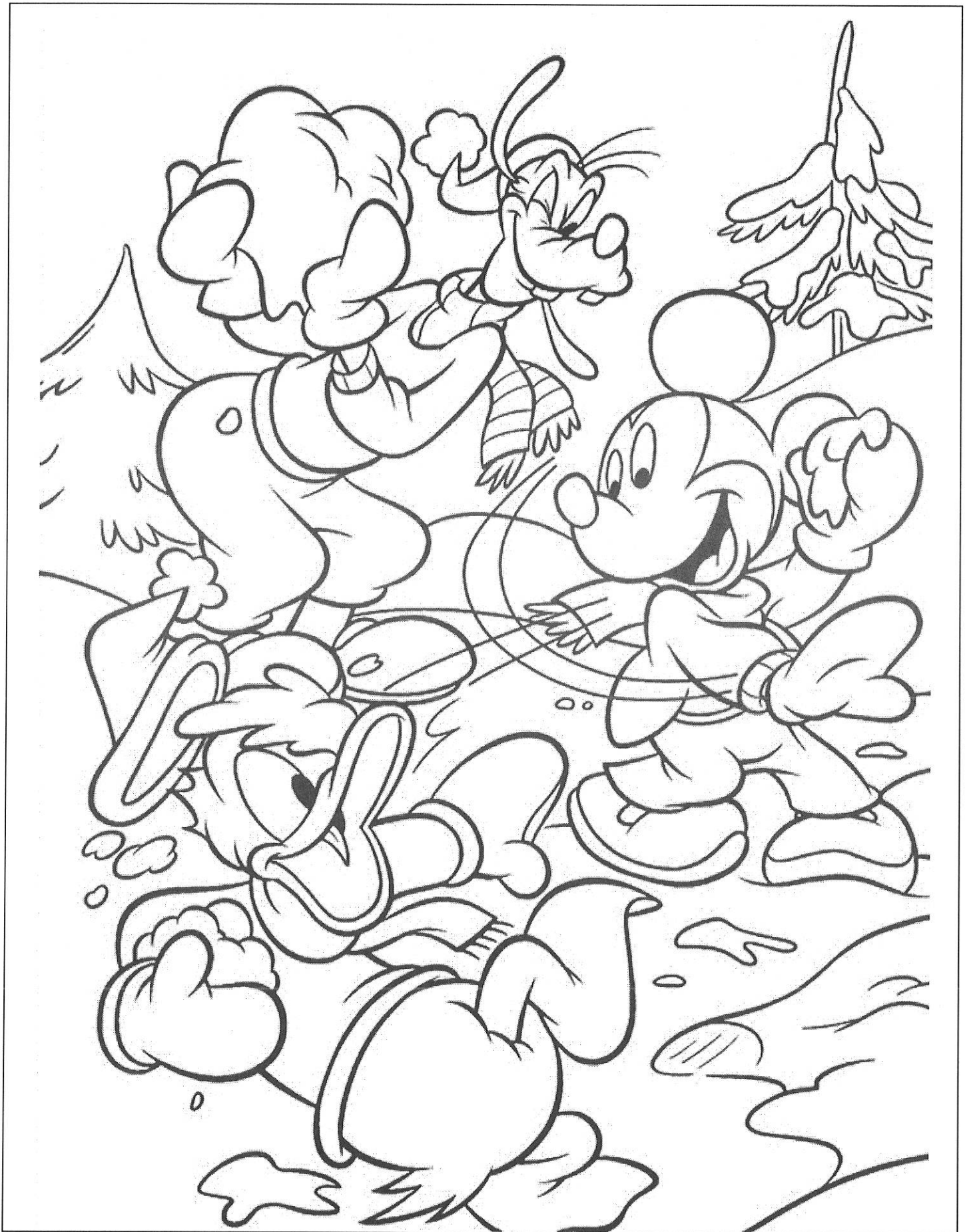
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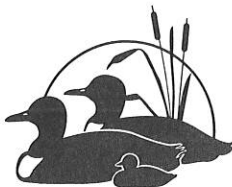
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