

# Hampton High Road

Take the high road, it is often the one less traveled

December 2015

The Hampton High Road is an unaffiliated, nonpolitical publication. Our mission statement is "To pay tribute to the past, cherish the present, and celebrate the diversity of our community." We are dedicated to publishing material that will inform while promoting goodwill, tolerance, and Hampton's sense of community.

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If you have any news that you would like to share with the community, please submit it to our email address. Ideas include birth, wedding, engagement announcements, obituaries, recipes, DIY and craft projects, old Hampton photos, special collections you may have, or things you want to "swap". Submissions will be included at the discretion of the Editorial Board and may be edited for space considerations.

Editorial Board: Anne Bladen, Jill Barton, Ben and Trudy Brockett, Joan Marquis, Violet Marquis.

## **Quote of the Month**

People of character do the right thing even if no one else does; not because they think it will change the world but because they refuse to be changed by the world.

~ Michael Josephson



## A View From the Past

Reprinted from newspaper dated December, 1889.

HAMPTON. Hampton is quiet as is her usual wont.

The winter schools are now in session; the one on the Hill being taught by Miss Woodward, Bell district by Dr. Remus Robinson, Apaquag by Henry Clapp, North Bigelow by Miss Ella Chase, South Bigelow by Mrs. Joseph Clark, and Goshen by Alphonso Albro.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Ford, of Brooklyn N.Y., were guests at F. H. Deming's last week. Myron Fuller and family of Providence spent Thanksgiving at Elisha Fuller's. Miss Ida White of Orange, Mass., is visiting at Henry Clapp's. Misses Kate and Lizzie Scarborough, of Providence, have been spending a few days at Dwight Fuller's. Master Harry Fuller returned home with them on Monday to make a visit. Miss Hattie Nichols has gone to Lynn, Mass., where she expects to spend the winter. Master George Burnham has gone to Hartford where he will attend a business school.

Thanksgiving brought the usual occurrences of the day, and many were the chickens that were slaughtered for the market, and the annual gatherings at the farmers' homes, which are so much enjoyed by those remaining at the old homes and those who come to the old time-honored celebration of Thanksgiving.

Mr. Goodrich, agent for Lord, Stone & Co, stove dealers of Otter River, Mass., is in town and has already sold 18 stoves here. He will make this place his headquarters for the next few weeks.

Silas Tiffany, who has been failing for some time, is now better. Willie Wad has scarlet fever, but is improving.

A.E. Pearl is busy building new and repairing. He is now at work shingling the house of our oldest citizen, A. M. Litchfield.

G. M. Holt has been at work remodeling the pulpit and platform of the church.

It is proposed by a few of our young people to give an entertainment at the Town hall on Tuesday evening, December 17, by which to raise funds for the Christmas tree. The object is one in which all should feel an interest, and it is hoped a full house will reward their efforts. The exercises will consist of a dialogue, recitations, tableaux, singing and violin solos; also music by Giles, full orchestra. The performance will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Admission is 10 cents. Come one, come all, and make good the hearts of the children at Christmas time.

Farmers in town are enjoying the open warm weather and are using it to advantage; some plowing, others in improvements. One of our enterprising farmers, Wm. H. Hammond, is constructing a dam for the purposed of making a pond from which to secure is ice for creamery use, he being a patron of the Pomfret creamery. Others are building ice houses, viz., R. S. Williams and D.P. Weaver, and others still are contemplating the same.

Henry Kenyon, who has been critically ill for several weeks, is improving, but three of his children are sick.

Our only professional nurse, M.A. E. Guild, has been called to Windham to take care of Mr. Frink. He had the care of Mr. Kenyon through his sickness.

Jirah F. Hyde finds plenty to do in his saw and grist mill, and the general expression among our farmers and some who come to mill from adjoining towns, "a good mill is a great convenience."

A small house in Bigelow owned by George Thompson, and occupied by Cesar Hall, was burned last Sunday.

We are sorry to hear that George Fitts, who has been in the employ of Wm. H.

Hammond for the past two years is soon to leave town and go to Mansfield.

A Christmas cantata given by the Sunday school in the town hall on Christmas Eve was well rendered and very pleasing. Instead of the usual Christmas tree, a Jacob's ladder was well filled with gifts for the young people, and distributed by Kriss Kringle and his assistants. ~



**Jacob's Ladder Plant** 



#### **HAMPTON HAPPENINGS**

#### The Hampton Antiquarian and Historical Society



HAHA OPEN HOUSE HAPPENS WITH BELLS ON The Annual Historical Society Holiday
Open House will be held on Sunday Dec. 6,
2015 from 1-4pm and immediately following will be the town Carol Sing at the Town Hall.

The Open House will **feature Mark and Beverly Davis playing Holiday music** on mandolin and guitar. **Santa** is expected to make a visit about 2pm with gifts for kids under 12 years old. Our ca 1830 museum house will be gaily decorated and have a **display of bells** of all kinds to help us celebrate the season.

Come join us at the Burnham Hibbard House, 185 Main St, as we ring in the season with cheer, friendship, sweet treats and warm mulled cider.

#### Hampton-Chaplin Ambulance Corps

The HCAC responded to 49 calls for service during the month of November.

During November, EMTs Trudy Brockett and Jaime Vertefeuille attended a seminar called *EMS and PTSD: Learning From Combat Veterans to Understand PTSD.* This course teaches first responders how to best help veterans in crisis, and how to recognize and address PTSD in our EMS service.

EMT Trudy Brockett has received her Emergency Medical Services Instructor license.

Members Jake Berard and EMR James Kilburn recently passed the Fire Fighter II course. They are also members of the Hampton Fire Company.

The HCAC will be collecting clean, empty plastic pill/medicine bottles. These bottles will be sent to the Malawi Project, Inc., a charity that will use the bottles to package medications for people in rural areas in Malawi. Many pills are given out to people, wrapped in scraps of paper. Receiving these bottles will allow the medications to be kept in clean, child safe containers. We will leave a labeled storage box outside the fire house at 190 West Old Route 6 – simply remove the labels, and place your bottles inside. For more information, go to <u>www.malawiproject.org</u>. Thank you!



PFLAG Hampton Hampton Community Center 178 Main Street, Hampton, CT Third Tuesday of Every Month 6:30 pm

PFLAG Hampton offers support, education, and advocacy for LGBTQ people and their families through our monthly support meetings and other activities. We invite you to share your concerns and experiences in a confidential, safe, and supportive environment.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 pm. Please join us. **We also welcome volunteers!** If you are interested in becoming involved in PFLAG, please contact us at <u>pflaghampton@gmail.com</u> or come to our meeting.



#### Seniors' Club

The December, 2015 luncheon will be on **Thursday, December 10th at 1pm**. (There is a conflict with TVCCA for Wednesday.)

All are welcome, \$4 /person for lunch. We have about 25 regulars, if you are new to the group please let Harry Baum know if you are coming by **Dec 3rd.** No problem if you end up not coming, but we want to have enough food. Menu is Pot Roast and all the fixings.

#### Hampton Elementary School Board of Education

#### **Superintendent Search**

The Hampton Board of Education is planning the process of recruiting and hiring a Superintendent to step in when Dr. Berglund voluntarily completes her current term as Interim Superintendent, on June 30, 2016. The projected timeline for this search process will be:

12/1/15: post position

• 12/16/15: Beginning of Regular BoE meeting reserved for community input on Superintendent qualifications and qualities desired

- 1/15/16: applications close
- 1/15/16 through 2/1/16: screen applicants

• February and March 2016: Search Committee interviews candidates

• April 2016: final interviews by BoE and appointment of new Superintendent The search committee will be selected by the Board of Education, and will include 4 BoE members, 2 staff (1 Certified, I non-certified), and 3 community members (at least 1 parent of a child attending HES and at least one who does not). If you have interest on serving on this search committee, please contact Rose Bisson at through the Superintendent's office <u>860.455.2267</u> or email rbisson@hamptonschool.org.

**Fletcher Memorial Library** 



#### Story Time – Not Just Kid's Stuff

You may have seen a recent *New York Times* story about the wild popularity of the NY Public Library's "Story Time". Branch after branch are filling up with young parents and their children for Story Time. Why? Noted the Times, "now, more than ever, educators are emphasizing the importance of early literacy in preparing children for school and for developing critical thinking skills". Hampton's own "Story Time, Song and Play", at Fletcher Memorial Library, is a wonderful way to start children reading. Run by Librarian Deb Andstrom, a former elementary school teacher, Deb understands the importance of early learning through a highly interactive environment. Her Story Time engages young children with musical instruments (some hand-made), entertaining sing-a-longs, and very interactive story book reading.

As one parent said of Deb's Story time, "I told my husband that he must come to see all that our son is learning at Story Time."

See what is sweeping the country right here at your local library. "Story Time, Song and Play" is every Friday from 10-11 a.m., and is for children and their caregivers aged 0-5. If you have not seen Deb in action, you should come. If you would like to see a Story Time for older children on Saturdays, let her know.

#### Howard Valley Christian Church

Once again this Christmas Eve, the Howard Valley Christian Church will host a "Candle Light Service of Carols" From all over the countryside, families will gather in "That Little White Church In The Dell" at 4 p.m for an hour of familiar carols and a Christmas story read by Rev. Greg Thomas. The church is located at 182 Windham Rd, Hampton, CT.

Over the past 4 years, this service has grown in popularity with more than 80 people filling the pews in this small historic church.

Come join us for the warm glow of carols and candles as we once again celebrate the birth of Jesus on that 'night of nights'.





#### Hampton Fire Company Hampton Fire Company Christmas Delivery! Friday, December 18, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Merry Christmas to you and your family! We would love to share the Christmas spirit in our community by accompanying Santa in delivering gifts to the children in the town of Hampton. If you would like to participate and have Santa and the HFC deliver a present to your child(ren), please fill out the form found later in this edition. Bring a wrapped present, along with the provided tag to the Hampton Fire Company. (Be sure to include the name of the child on the tag and attach the tag to your present.) Please drop off presents any Wednesday night from now until December 16<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 PM. We hope that this is the start to a very, merry Christmas tradition!

Sponsored by the Hampton Fire Company. Any questions, please contact Becky DeMontigny (<u>bekademontigny@gmail.com</u>), Kayla Barber (<u>kaylarbarber@gmail.com</u>), or contact the HFC by phone at **860-455-9660.** 





Programs at the CONNECTICUT AUDUBON SOCIETY Grassland Bird Conservation Center 218 Day Road Pomfret Center, CT 06259 (860) 928-4948

#### Holiday Nature Store – Shop Locally!

Opening Saturday, Nov. 21st through Wednesday, Dec. 23rd. Mondays – Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays Noon to 4 p.m.

The Center will be full of gifts for all ages with Mother Nature in mind. We will have bird feeders, bird houses, suet, gardening gifts, nature books, children's books and games, puzzles, field guides, holiday decorations, fresh evergreen swags and trees, works by local artists, jewelry, unique gift baskets and much more.

#### ART EXHIBIT

#### Birding Through the Years with Paint and Brush

#### by Wildlife Artist David C. Stumpo Exhibit through Feb. 1 at the Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd.

Sterling resident and exquisite watercolorist David Stumpo's many bird paintings return. His works, whether a framed original, limited edition print or oversized note cards, are always worth considering as holiday gifts for the bird lovers in your circle of family and friends. Come feast your eyes on his exhibit. Free.

#### BIRD WALKS

#### December Bird Walk

#### Thursday, Dec. 17, 1 p.m.

Join Andy Rzeznikiewicz in search of wintering bird species. We will look for horned larks, ducks, hawks, sparrows, yellow-bellied sapsuckers and more. Meet at the Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd. Cost: \$5 CAS members; \$10 non-members.

#### Owl Walk

#### Saturday, Dec. 26, 7 p.m.

Weather permitting, join Andy Rzeznikiewicz in search of wintering owls. We will attempt to find screech, barred, and great-horned owls. We do most of the calling from the road. Meet at the Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd. Cost: \$5 CAS members; \$10 non-members.

#### **REGULAR WALKS**

#### Wednesday Noon Walks

#### Dec. 2 through Dec. 30, Noon

Join Connecticut Audubon Society volunteers for fresh air, exercise, good company and naturalist lessons along the way. Seniors and parents with babes in backpacks welcome. Meet at the Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd. Free to CAS members; \$3 non-members.

#### **Thursday Morning Walks**

#### Dec. 3 through Dec. 31, 8:30 a.m.

Are you a morning person interested in getting out on the trails in the quiet beauty of the early day? Come out for guided walks on the sanctuary with our longtime volunteers who search for animal tracks and sign along the way. Meet at the Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd. Free to CAS members; \$3 non-members. CITIZEN SCIENCE Volunteer Monitoring Programs:

#### Introductory Hike to the Wildlife Tracking and Monitoring Program

#### Saturday, Dec. 5, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on the Bafflin Sanctuary.

Meet at the Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd. Cost: \$25 members/\$35 non-members For information contact Paula Coughlin, coordinator: <u>pcoughlin@ctaudubon.org</u>





Programs at TRAIL WOOD 93 Kenyon Road Hampton, CT 06247 Second Sunday Walk Sunday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m.

Clear your head with the quiet of Trail Wood. Caretaker, Vern Pursley will guide you along the trails. Take a few hours to get away from it all and soak up winter's beauty. Meet at Trail Wood, 93 Kenyon Rd., Hampton. Free to CAS members; \$3 non-members.

#### **Evening Snowshoe Hikes**

If you are interested in being on an email notification list for snowshoe hikes at Trail Wood in Hampton, email

vernpursley@gmail.com. These are becoming a fun winter tradition. Be prepared for last minute (1 or 2 day) notifications, due to changes in weather and quality of snow conditions. Free to CAS members; \$3 nonmembers.

#### 2016 Teale Summer Writer & Artist In-Residence Program

Applications accepted now through Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. More info at <u>www.ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret/trail-wood</u>.



#### James L. Goodwin Conservation Center Long-Distance Guided Hike Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, December 6<sup>44</sup> 1:00pm-4:00pm Here's your chance to enjoy Goodwin State Forest in a new way with Elaine Koza's longdistance guided hikes! Enjoy the company of fellow hikers and get some great outdoor exercise. Expect a 5-7 mile hike. Guide Goodwin Docent Elaine Koza has completed all the New England 4000+ foot elevation hikes, and has hiked all the highest peaks in the 48 contiguous states. Elaine hikes with her Australian Sheppard, Shalee. Friendly dogs are welcome to join the hike.

#### **History of Smokey Bear**

#### Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-7:00pm

Learn about the history of the friendly face of forest management! Smokey Bear has been a huge part of the Forest Service since 1944 and his message is still remembered today. But what more do you know about Smokey? Did you know that he was a real bear? How has his message changed as we have learned more about the forests in the United States? Is his message still relevant today? Learn about the history of Smokey Bear with Naturalist Emma Lorusso.

#### **Senior Walk**

## Monday, December 14th 10:00am-12:00pm

These are easy to moderate but still casual walks taken on forest trails. These walks are a great opportunity to get outside, learn something new and maybe even meet a few new friends. These walks are very popular, and not just for seniors! All are welcome. Hiking sticks are available to borrow.

#### White Pine Harvest: Walk with a Forester

#### Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-11:00

#### **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Have you been noticing the orange marks on many of our trees surrounding the center? Forester Ed McGuire has been planning a harvest for a few pine stands on Goodwin property. Come for a walk to learn about different forest management techniques, harvesting safety, and how silviculture impacts the harvest plan. Also learn why the harvest is planned in winter, and what the expected results are. This is an outdoor program, please dress for the weather.

#### Hibernation and Migration Saturday, December 19th 12:00pm-2:00pm

The cold winters of New England can be hard on us and we have heated houses to keep us warm. Our wildlife is not as lucky as we are but they have ways of coping with the ice and snow. Whether they go on a vacation or settle down in their sheltered hides join **Conservation Ambassador Michael Grady on December 19th, 12:00pm - 2:00pm** and go on a hike through our forests searching for the critters that call it home.

## Children's Discovery Program: Who Lives in the Snow?

#### Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm-3:00pm

We put away our shorts and t-shirts, and take out our sweaters and mittens, but how do animals get ready for winter? Join Naturalist Emma Lorusso and learn about hibernation, torpor and other ways that animals prepare for the winter through games, activities and a walk through the forest.

#### **Nature Crafts: Birdseed Ornaments**

#### Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-12:00pm

We often talk about the hibernating mammals deep under the snow in the winter time, but what about the feathery critters we see outside our windows every day? Birds do not hibernate and thus need to find food every day to survive—let's help them out! We will create two types of birdseed ornaments to hang in your yard. *Please bring your own cookie cutters and toilet paper rolls if you have them.* For both kids and adults and families alike! Recommended for children ages 4 and up.

## Pre-registration is requested for all programs but not required for most. For more information or to register:

860-455-9534 or emma.lorusso@ct.gov.

## TOWN OF HAMPTON

**Rebuilt DPW Truck Ready For Winter** 

Congrats to Don Scholes, Jr. and the entire Department of Public Works for a job well done refurbishing the 2006 Peterbilt Plow! The inhouse refurbishment features a new stainless dump body, painted chassis, and plow. The truck is now ready for winter!



## Results of Exit Survey Conducted on November 3, 2015\*

The **Hampton** results of the exit survey conducted on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 are as follows:

Expand Region 11 School District - 95 Dissolve Region 11 School District - 256 Maintain the current educational structure - 92 The **Scotland** results of the exit survey conducted on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 are as follows:

Expand Region 11 School District - 39 Dissolve Region 11 School District - 183 Maintain the current educational structure - 39 The **Chaplin** results of the exit survey conducted on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 are as follows: Expand Region 11 School District - 84 Dissolve Region 11 School District - 124 Maintain the current educational structure - 80

\*We at The Hampton High Road have been approached by several people who were unaware of this survey. For those who are unfamiliar with it, this exit poll was available for voters to participate in as they left the polling place.

**Municipal Election Results** November 3, 2015 X – elected **First Selectman** X – Allan Cahill (R) 441 Selectman X –Bob Grindle (D) 424 X – Michael T. Chapel (R) 375 **Town Clerk** X-Leslie Wertam (D) 505 Treasurer X- Ellen Rodriguez (D) 487 **Tax Collector** X- Harry Baum, Jr. (D) 369 Laurie E.Berard (R) 269 Board of Finance (6-year term) X – Michael Higgins (D) 381 X – Perry Matchinis (R) 306 Board of Education (Full term) Susan Reilly Lovegreen (D) 361\* X – Richard Raymond LeBlanc, Jr. (D/R) 392 X – Mark Becker (D) 436 X – Stacie L. Ropka (R) 349 X – C. Wesley Wilcox (R) 323 X – Rose Bisson (R) 430 Board of Education (To fill vacancy for two vears) X – John Burnham (D) 439 Planning & Zoning Commission (five year term begins 2015) X-Gary DeCesare (R) 349 Planning & Zoning Commission (five-year term begins 2016) X – Kevin Grindle (D) 341 Susan J. Crawford (R) 214 Zoning Board of Appeals (five-year term begins 2015) X – Zachary T. Burdick-Chapel (R) 368 Zoning Board of Appeals (five-year term begins 2016) X – Shirley Joann Freeman 401 Constables X – Christopher Bayne (D) 237 X – Jeff Smith, Sr. (D) 263 X – Harold Haraghey, Jr. (R) 344 X – Jerry Figueroa (R) 271

(\* Not seated due to minority representation)

#### "What is Islam?"

This information was adapted from Semya Hakim's article "What is Islam?"

- Islam, which is typically translated as "submission to God" (Quran, chapter 3, verse 19), is derived from the Arabic word *salam*, which means "peace." When Muslims greet one another, they will do so by saying "Assalamu Alaikum," which means "peace be upon you."
- Worldwide, there are 1.2 billion Muslims. There are 6 million Muslims in the United States and Islam is one of the fastest growing religions in the country. Islam is the dominant religion throughout large portions of Asia and Africa, with the largest Muslim populations living in Indonesia (170.3 million), Pakistan (136 million), Bangladesh (106 million), and India (103 million). (Source: Council on American-Islamic Relations)
- Most Arabs are Muslims, but most Muslims are not Arabs.
- Islam is the second largest of the three major monotheistic religions, the others being Christianity and Judaism. Muslims believe that the Quran is God's word as revealed to the prophet Muhammad (570-632 C.E.) through the angel Gabriel.
- There are five basic beliefs of Islam:
  - Belief in one god. (Allah is the Arabic word for god, not believed to be a separate god from the Judeo-Christian version.)
  - Belief in prophethood (Muhammad and the ones before him)
  - 3. Belief in the justice of God
  - 4. Belief in the Imams (or Apostles) of God (Shiite belief)
- 5. Belief in the Day of Judgment
  The practice of Islam is based on "five pillars":

- Shahada: to declare one's belief in God and the prophetic role of Muhammad;
- Salat: to pray five times every day (dawn, noon, afternoon, sunset and evening);
- 3. *Zakat*: to give charity to those in need;
- Sawn: to fast from food, water, and other bodily pleasures during daylight hours in the month of Ramadan;
- 5. *Haj*: to make a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in a lifetime if this is physically and economically possible.
- Jihad (struggle) is not the initiation of violence in the name of Islam. Rather, the religious precept directs Muslims to study, preach, and defend Islam.
- According to Islam, there are many prophets, including Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad.
- Muslims worship God directly. Religious leaders do not have any divine characteristics; people and objects are not considered holy. It is, in fact, sacrilegious to worship anything or anyone outside of God.
- Muslims, unlike Christians, do not believe that Jesus was the Messiah, although they do believe he was a prophet.
- The Quran contains much of the basic information told in the Hebrew Bible as well as additional information.
- Women and men dress modestly out of reverence for God. Muslim women are not more submissive than other women. Some argue that Muslim women, in fact, have been treated better than women in other cultures. For example, women in Islam were given the right to vote about 1,400 years ago, centuries before other women. Of course, like many other cultures, patriarchal culture can corrupt Muslim culture.

 There are two main sects of Islam: Sunni and Shiite. One of their main differences is in their beliefs about who were the leaders following the death of Prophet Muhammad.

*Sunni*, from the Arabic word for "tradition," accepted the succession of Muhammad's elected successors. The majority of Muslims in the world today are Sunnis.

Shiite, from the Arabic word for "faction," believe that leaders must be descendants of Muhammad through his daughter Fatima and her husband Ali. They rule Iran and also have a sizeable presence in Iraq and Syria. Wahhabism, an extremely strict interpretation of Islam founded in the 18th century by Muhammad bin Abd al-Wahhab, is practiced in Saudi Arabia and Qatar. It is the form of Islam

espoused by Osama bin Laden. It is often discounted by Islamic scholars.

- Muslims follow the lunar calendar, and thus their holidays move approximately 11 days on the Christian calendar. There are two major holidays in Islam: *Eid al Adha* is at the end of the pilgrimage to Mecca and *Eid al Fitr* is at the end of Ramadan. Ramadan is the ninth month of the lunar calendar when it was thought that the Prophet Muhammad received the Quran.
- Islam is very family-oriented. The primary means of transmitting the religion are through the family. Therefore parents, both mothers and fathers, take on a big responsibility when raising children.

## What is the difference between the burqa, the niqab, and the hijab?

The Koran calls for both men and women to 'cover and be modest'. As with many other religious scriptures, the reference to dress is open to interpretation and has been shaped by centuries of cultures in different nations. Most often, these articles of clothing are worn by Muslim women as symbol of modesty and privacy. `The **burqa** covers the entire body including the whole face, with a mesh window for the woman to see out of.



The **niqab** covers the whole body including the face with the exception of the woman's eyes.



The **hijab** covers the hair and chest and is common among Muslim women in South East Asia. Hijab is also a general term referring to the practice of wearing veils of all kinds.



Saba Ahmed, American Muslim attorney



#### Good News in the Neighborhood

#### Birthdays

- December 12 Becky LaFontaine
  - 13 Joan Marquis
  - 22 Neal Moon
  - 27 Mary Margaret Petix
  - 29 Morris Burr
    - Kay Gaines
  - 30 Bryce Kilburn

#### Anniversary

December 13 – Lenore & Stuart Case 26 – John & Eleni Yanouzas

#### Parish Hill Middle/High School

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Honor Roll

#### Grade 12 -High Honors

Emma Burnham, Lydia Kinzer, Hannah Meister, Olivia Rivera

#### Honors

Zachary Card, Marina Figueroa, Ioanna Kotsi, Deven Smith

#### Grade 11 - Honors

Zoe Blanchard, Marissa Deal, Alexander Densmore, Kyle Jacobson, Taylor Vertefeuille

#### Grade 10 - High Honors

Camden Friedmann

Michael Rahall

Thomas Rowntree

#### Honors

Maxwell Landeck, Thomas Lehoux, Vanessa Surridge, Savannah Tyler

#### Grade 9 - Honors

Maxx Freed, Kyleigh Horan, Zacharie Perkins-Ollila, Cyrus Sprague

#### Grade 8 - High Honors

Maximilien Blanchard, Rebeca Burnham, Delaney Card, Amelia Chokas, Ethan Dunn, Sadie Jane Kinzer, Brianna McCollum

#### Honors

Olivia Burrelle, Giahna Crespo-Ellis, Ethan Fontaine, Bryan Letson, Summer Stoddard

#### Grade 7 - High Honors

Destiny Bora, Olivia Dickinson, Kaysie-Marie Dupuis, Brent Freed, Nicholas Meister, Rachael Trowbridge

## Seeking Nominations for the 3<sup>nd</sup> Annual ...

## Heart of Hampton

...a recognition of the Hampton resident who best embodies the spirit of giving, and love for their community in action.

If you know someone who you think exemplifies the Heart of Hampton, please email us at <u>hamptonhighroad@gmail.com</u> with your nomination.



### Manny & Tanner– A Dog's View of Life

"The only creatures that are evolved enough to convey pure love are dogs and infants." —Johnny Depp, Actor



### **Portraits by Elizabeth Paine**

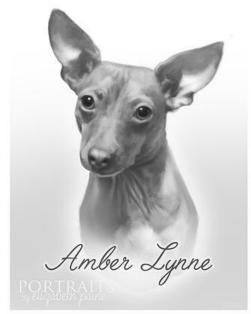
Looking for a meaningful Christmas or Hanukkah gift? Hampton resident Elizabeth Paine creates beautiful painted portraits from your photographs.

#### Animal Portraits

- Some of the custom options offered are:
- Any color/style collar
- Personalized name tag
- Adding a quote or name
- (Your choice in size, color and style)
- Adding toys or favorite things



Full color animal portraits start at \$30.



Black and White animal portraits begin at \$32.

#### Human Portraits



Family portraits start at \$50.



To contact Elizabeth, or order a portrait, go to <u>http://elizabethpaine.wix.com/paineportraits</u>. You can also check out her work on Portraits by Elizabeth Paine on Facebook.



#### **THEN & NOW**



Photo – The Connecticut Historical Society 175 Main Street

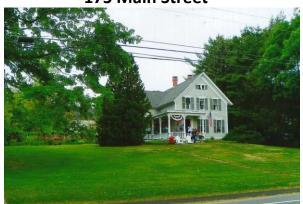


Photo – Violet Marquis, 2015

#### **HIDDEN TREASURES SHOP**

137 Old Town Pound Rd. Hampton, CT END of the YEAR "SALE" Saturday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 9AM- 4PM And

Sunday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 12 noon-4pm 10% TO 40% OFF STORE WIDE -

ANTIQUES, VINTAGE & MORE! All items on the "Barn Side" at Tag Sale prices! Antique and vintage items make wonderful, unique holiday gifts!

The wood stove will be glowing and hot cider will be flowing! Hope you can come by and find a "Hidden Treasure"! This will be our final weekend to be open until spring.

We would be happy to open by appointment over the winter for your convenience.

Naomi Ayotte Owner #860-208-2273

### Work on Walkway from Town Hall to Community Center





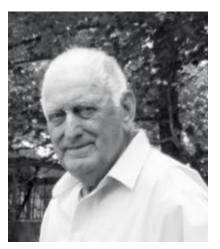


#### **IN MEMORIAM**



June Baker - 74, loving wife of Karl Hanka, passed away surrounded by her family November 11, 2015 after a courageous battle with cancer. Born January 11, 1941 in Flushing, NY, the daughter of the late William and Lina (Wein) Lackenbauer, June grew up in Hampton, graduating from Windham High school in 1959, and continued to live in Windham and Chaplin. She worked at Barkers Department Store, Independent Bank, and retired from Windham Hospital. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, gardening, dancing, entertaining and spending time with family and friends. June is remembered by those who loved her for her wonderful wit, her smile that could light up a room, and her amazing strength and spirit as a mother, wife, grandmother and friend. Besides her husband Karl, she leaves behind her daughter Lynn Zufferey and her husband Daniel of Charlotte, NC and their children Jennifer Stanziale, Nicholas Stanziale and his wife Jami, and Erica Zufferey; and her daughter Lisa Rose and her husband William of Chaplin, CT and their children Will Rose, Arielle Rose, Darcy Rose and her husband Nicolas Hickman. She will be missed by her husband's son Erik Hanka and

his wife Ingrid of Mansfield, CT and their sons Scott and Noah; and his daughter Laira Rehbein and her husband Matthew of Vernon, CT and their daughter Brielle. Donations may be sent to Chaplin-Hampton Ambulance Corp PO Box 98, Hampton, CT 06247 or Hospice of Eastern Connecticut, 34 Ledgebrook Drive, Mansfield Center, CT 06250. Calling hours were Tuesday, November 17, 2015, from 5:00PM to 7:00PM at Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson Street (Rte 195), Willimantic, CT. Graveside services were held Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 11:00AM at the Chaplin South Cemetery, Rte 198, Chaplin, CT.



**Charles William Noel, Sr.** - of Hampton, CT, died October 27, 2015. Born September 13, 1927, Son of the late Nelson and Ruth (Anthony) Noel, lovingly known to many as Big Charlie, or Uncle Charlie, was raised on his family's farm in Mansfield. After meeting and marrying wife Viola Hawkes, they made their first home farming on Station Road in Hampton and then purchased the caretaker's cottage on the edge of Goodwin Forest at Clark's Corner, where they lived for over 50 years.

Charlie first worked for James Goodwin, plowing, clearing, pruning in the orchard, and cutting Christmas trees, and whatever else needed doing. The last year that Goodwin sold trees, he offered the Noel's the house, barn, and 3 acres for purchase. With such an idyllic setting, surrounded by nature, they quickly bought the house and made it a happy home. Charlie also worked on the crew for the Town of Hampton with lifelong friend Paul Tumel. Charlie began driving truck, first for American Thread and then later hired on to do feed hauls all over New England and upstate New York for Julius Rytman out of Franklin. But when he was home, his love for tinkering with cars and trucks developed into a great skill and reputation as a street and drag racer. It was said that competitors came from all over New England just to race the genial Charlie. Racers would meet at the Burger Chef on Main Street (now the Fish Market in front of the Access Agency) and draw to see who would race against who, taking their cars to the nearest straight quarter mile on Route 32 in South Windham, Route 31 in Coventry, or the newly paved stretch on Route 6 splitting the Fuller Farm in Hampton. After their children started school, Charlie raced at the Colchester Track and tutored some of the local kids in racing at the house.

Charlie was a good farmer, kept a watchful eye on the neighborhood, and was always there to lend a ready hand whether teaching someone to use a chainsaw safely, winterize a chicken coop, or help with a garden rototilling. The Noel's home was always a good place to be, and Charlie collected "strays": whether animals or his children's friends. Needing to fix an engine or blow off some personal steam, Charlie and wife Vi always listened kindly and without judgment. Charlie was predeceased earlier this year by wife Viola of 65 years, and is survived by son Charles, Jr. (Jacquie), daughters Kathy (Loren), Johnson, and Judy Noel; grandchildren Monica (Mathiew) St. Jean, Ryan and Kyle Noel, Dakota Bartlett, and a great-granddaughter Brynn St. Jean. Charlie was also predeceased by siblings: Dottie, Margaret, Harriet, Clifford, Eleanor, Barbara, Norman, Carol, and Tony.

Family and friends are invited to gather on Saturday, November 7, at 2:00PM at Holt Fellowship Hall, Hampton Congregational Church to celebrate Charlie's life and share remembrances. A dessert reception will follow. Donations may be given in Charlie's memory to the Hampton-Chaplin Ambulance Corps or to the Hampton Fire Department.



Clifford B. Hicks - of Hampton, CT, died peacefully at home on Sunday, November 22, 2015. He was born on May 24, 1927, in Willimantic, CT the son of the late George and Gladys (Brown) Hicks. He is survived by his two sisters-in-law, Shirley (Donahue) Crawford of Mansfield, and Patricia (Dino) Donahue of Hampton, and many loving and caring nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by the love of his life, Claire (Donahue) Hicks, his wife of over 62 years. He was also predeceased by his brother Donald Hicks and wife Lenora, his sister Roe (Hicks) Naumec and husband Harry; his brothers in-law Carroll C. Crawford, Gerald Donahue, and John Donahue; his sisters-in-law Anna (Donahue) McNessor and husband William; Rita (Donahue) Tobias and husbands Edward Arnold and Walter Tobias; Dorothy (Donahue) Childs and husband Francis; and Bernice (Donahue) McLaughlin and husband Robert.

Cliff was employed for over 33 years by Rogers Corporation in North Windham as a Lab Technician. He was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, the Hampton Antiquarian and Historical Society, and the Senior Citizens' Club all of Hampton. He was a kind, gentle, generous, loving man, a true gentleman, willing to give of his time and possessions to friends, family, and those in need. After retirement, he and Claire spent their winters in Jupiter, Florida. The family gives special thanks to the caregivers who over the last four years attended to both Claire and Cliff, especially Kim, Catie, and Kathleen.

The family also thanks Hospice for their caring and loving service to both Claire and Cliff. There will be a memorial Mass held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Cedar Swamp Road, Hampton, CT on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 10:30 A.M. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Potter Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hampton-Chaplin Ambulance Corps, PO Box 98, Hampton, CT 06247 or Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 41 Cedar Swamp Road, Hampton, CT 06247. For an online memorial guestbook please visit , www.potterfuneralhome.com.



**Clyde Leon McKenna** - 80, of Mansfield, CT passed away peacefully November 21, 2015 at his daughters home surrounded by family after a long battle with cancer and many other health issues. He was born May 14, 1935.

He worked at Beebe Construction, and Wethersfield Construction, and enjoyed camping. He was the loving husband of Evelyn A. McKenna, and was a loving father to Debbie Riquier of Hampton, CT, Terry McDougal of Pomfret, CT, Edward McDougal of Griswold, CT, and Larry McDougal of Mansfield, CT, and their spouses. Loving grandfather to Danielle Crouch of Mansfield, CT, Jenny Messier of Windham, CT, Edward Jr. of Norwich, CT, Stacy McDougal of Norwich, CT, Terri Ann of S. Korea, Holly Arsenault of Maine. He also leaves behind his great grandchildren, sister Myrtle Demers and Brother Kenny McKenna, nieces, and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Myrtle and Al Roy; brothers Tommy and James McKenna; sister Elizabeth Gould as well as his beloved granddaughter Deanna Jo McDougal.

The family received friends Friday, November 27, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson St. (Rte. 195) Willimantic, CT. The Funeral Service was held at 10:00 am Saturday, November 28, 2015 at Christian Life Assembly of God, 143 Windham Rd. Willimantic, CT. Burial to follow at New Willimantic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Clyde's name at American Cancer Society at <u>https://donate.cancer.org</u>.

Antoinette Dziavit - 97, of Windham, CT passed away November 23, 2015. She was born to Alfred and Mary Louise Fredette on June 2, 1918, in Willimantic, CT.

During her working years Antoinette was employed by Electro Motive, UConn and Zemco. Antoinette was very special to all of us, and she touched a lot of people in her life. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Antoinette leaves two sons Joseph Pompeii Sr., his wife Judy, and Gerald Pompeii; her daughter Christina Knowlton, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and several nieces. Antoinette was predeceased by her son James Pompeii, and grandson Michael Pomeii. The family would like to thank Hospice Homemakers and Companions, Hartford Healthcare at Home; especially Lynn C., and all of the nurses. Everyone was absolutely wonderful.

Antoinette's family will receive relatives and friends on Wednesday, November 25, 2015 between 9:00am and 10:30am at Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson St. (Rte. 195) Willimantic, followed by her Funeral Mass at 11:00am at St. Mary Church, 46 Valley St. Willimantic. Interment will then follow at St. Joseph Cemetery.



Harry Naumec - 87, of Chaplin, CT, passed away on November 4, 2015 at Windham Hospital. He was born in Columbia, CT, the son of the late Nicholas and Nellie (Buanowski) Naumec.

Harry retired from the University of Connecticut in 1989. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his grandchildren. He was a member of the Fin Fur and Feather Club in the town of Chaplin. He loved playing cards and horseshoes. He was a very active member in many various town committees and served on several boards. Harry was well liked and was known by many as "Grampy." He will be missed by all. He was predeceased by his wife of 53 years Roma (Hicks) Naumec. He is survived by five children, Bonnie Riquier of Columbia, Harry R. Naumec of Chaplin, Donald Naumec, of Windham, Raymond Naumec and his wife Vicky, of Chaplin and Paula Guay and her husband Steven of Chaplin; he also leaves several loving grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; two brothers, Pete Naumac, of Columbia, CT and Fred Naumec, of Willimantic, CT, a brother-in-law Clifford Hicks, of Hampton, CT and several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Chaplin Senior Center, 495 Phoenixville Rd. Chaplin, CT 06235. Harry's family received family and friends Monday, November 9, 2015 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Potter Funeral Home, 456 JacksonSt. (Rte. 195) Willimantic, CT. His funeral service was held Tuesday November 10, 2015 at 10:30am at the funeral home, with burial to follow at the Old Willimantic Cemetery, Willimantic.



I would like to thank all of our relatives and friends for their thoughts, cards and prayers over the past years of my wife's illness and recent death. My family and I find it difficult to express what your compassion has meant to each of us. I would personally like to thank those who have supported me over the past many years. In closing, my family and I truly can never repay what your kindness has meant to us.

> Respectfully, Jim Rodriguez

## Some Tips for Coping with Grief at

**the Holidays** -From Vitas Healthcare Set realistic expectations for yourself. Remind yourself that this year is different. Examine the tasks and events of celebrating and ask yourself if you want to continue them. Take others up on offers to cook, shop, decorate, etc. Consider shopping by phone, Internet or catalogs this year.

Surround yourself with people who love and support you. Share your plans with family and friends and let them know of any intended changes in holiday routine. Share your memories with others of holidays spent with your loved one by telling stories and looking at photo albums.

Try to avoid "canceling" the holiday despite the temptation. It is OK to avoid some circumstances that you don't feel ready to handle, but don't isolate yourself. Allow yourself some time for solitude, remembering and grieving, but balance it with planned activities with others.

Allow yourself to feel joy, sadness, anger – allow yourself to grieve. It is important to recognize that every family member has his/her own unique grief experience and may have different needs related to celebrating the Experiencing joy and laughter does not mean you have forgotten your loved one.

**Draw comfort from doing for others.** Consider giving a donation or gift in memory of your loved one.

**Take care of yourself.** Avoid using alcohol to self-medicate your mood. Physical exercise or writing in a journal may help. Buy yourself something frivolous that you always wanted but never allowed yourself to indulge in.

**Create a new tradition or ritual that accommodates your current situation.** Some people find comfort in the old traditions. Others find them unbearably painful. Discuss with your family the activities you want to include or exclude this year. Some examples of new rituals and traditions include:

- Announce beforehand that someone different will carve the turkey.
- Create a memory box. You could fill it with photos of your loved one or written memory notes from family members and friends.
- Make a decorative quilt using favorite colors, symbols, images, or clothing that remind you of the person who died.
- Light a candle in honor of your loved one.
- Put a bouquet of flowers on your holiday table in memory of your loved one.
- Visit the cemetery and decorate the memorial site with holiday decorations.
- Have a moment of silence during a holiday toast to honor your loved one.
- Place a commemorative ornament on the Christmas tree.
- Dedicate one of the Chanukah candles in memory of your loved one.
- Write a poem about your loved one and read it during a holiday ritual.
- Play your loved one's favorite music or favorite game.
- Plan a meal with your loved ones' favorite foods.

The most important thing to remember is there is no right or wrong way to celebrate the holiday season after the death of a loved one, and that the best way to cope with that first holiday season is to plan ahead, get support from others and take it easy.

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#### Hampton Antiquarian and Historical Society - Annual Meeting

On November 15, 2015, the HAHS held their annual meeting. Following the meeting, Hampton Anne Flammang and Faye Ringle presented songs that were popular during America's war times and support songs at home.





## Artists' Open Studio of Northeast CT

Artists' Open Studio of Northeast CT was held on November 27, 28, 29 at the Hampton Community Center, 178 Main Street, Hampton. It will return on

#### December 5 and 6 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Come support local artists and do some holiday shopping. Featured artists are Marny Lawton, Janice Leitch, Mitchell Eaffy and Margaret Young, and Elizabeth Lindorff.



Art by Janice Leitch, Little River Studios (See business card at end of this edition)





Jewelry by Designing Mother Earth, Margaret Young and Mitchell Eaffy. (See business card at end of edition)



Pottery by Elizabeth Lindorff, of Station Road Pottery (See business card at end of edition)



### Parish Hill Middle/High School Veterans' Luncheon and Monument Dedication

On Tuesday, November 10, a luncheon and monument dedication was held at Parish Hill Middle/High School. Veterans from the towns of Hampton, Chaplin, and Scotland attended the event.



The Parish Hill Chamber Choir sang the National Anthem during the dedication.





Veterans who attended the event were John Blair (Army), Bradford Blodgett (Army), John Bolduc (Marine), Fred Curry (Army), Bill D'Appollonio (Navy), Joseph Dufrat (Army), Marvin Edelman (Army), Ken Henrici (Army), Bill Ireland (Army), David Morley (Navy), Danny Postemski (Marines), Jay Pytel (Marine), Richard Vinal (Navy), Donald Williams (Army), Lynard Whitman (Air Force), Robert Marquis (Army), and Morris Burr (Army).



Veterans from the Tri-towns that made the ultimate sacrifice were Edward Rasicot, Edward Roberts, Thomas Capizzi, and Thomas Pasarello of Scotland, and Leslie L. Jewett of Hampton.



Work Continues on the Old Town Garage















"We have forgotten how to be good guests, how to walk lightly on the earth as its other creatures do." - Barbara Ward, *Only One Earth* 

#### Ways to Have a Green Christmas

**Recycle wrapping paper** – Recycle your wrapping paper or if possible, don't use it. Wrap gifts with fabric, newspaper, or other materials that can be recycled or reused. Avoid the shiny metallic papers and bows that cannot be recycled.

**Stay home** – limiting travel will help reduce the impact on our environment. A great deal of carbon dioxide is emitted into the environment by holiday travel. Try to avoid plane travel, which has the greatest impact, and consider using public transportation and carpooling. Lower the thermostat – Wear a sweater and

turn down the heat. While you are cooking, the extra warmth in the house should allow you to reduce the heating temperature.

**Lose the lights** – reduce the number of lights and lighted decorations in your yard. Substitute LED lights for regular lights – you will save 90% more energy.

**Buy in bulk** – rather than buying individual servings of soda, water, etc, buy in bulk. This will save the amount of trash you accumulate. **Use real dishes** – washing dishes is easier on the environment than throwing away disposable plates, cups, napkins, and silverware. **Serve less meat** – Chicken, pork, and especially, beef production are much harder on the environment than vegetables. Cows, in particular, produce huge amounts of methane gas – more damaging to the environment than carbon dioxide.

**Use a real tree** – Christmas trees are grown specifically for this purpose, so you will not contribute to deforesting by buying one. Petroleum is used to produce artificial trees, and they are much harder to recycle than real trees. **Look for locally made products** – buying locally made gifts reduces the gas emissions caused by transportation and delivery.

**Shop On-line** – Reduce carbon emissions caused by driving from store to store by ordering your gifts on-line and having them delivered to your door.

**Give 'battery free' gifts** –According to the EPA, 40% of all batteries are purchased during the holiday season. Discarded batteries are a hazard to the environment. Even rechargeable batteries end up in the garbage eventually. **Re-gift** – It's OK to give away things that you don't use or need; it helps reduce the number of items produced.

**Buy products from Sustainable materials** – products made of wood, wool, etc. come from natural, sustainable materials that are also easy to recycle or biodegrade.

The Gift of Charity – Instead of materials gifts, why not contribute to charities in someone else's name. There are so many people in the world who need food, clean water, medicine, and housing that giving to charities that supply those things is in the true spirit of Christmas and the holidays.

#### Some charity ideas include:

Windam Area Interfaith Ministries – located in Willimantic, accepts donations of clothes, household goods, money to help those in need. To learn about their programs and needed items, go to <u>www.waimct.org</u>.

Windham Region No Freeze Shelter – located in Willimantic, offers a safe, warm place for those who are homeless to stay overnight. To learn about the program and how you can donate, go to www.windhamnofreeze.com.

Holy Family Home and Shelter, Inc –located in Willimantic, offers shelter for families, often women and children in emergency situations. In order to find out about how you can donate goods or money, go to

#### www.holyfamilywillimantic.org.

Hampton Congregational Church Food Pantry – located in Hampton, this food bank serves residents in need. Go to <u>www.hamptonucc.org</u>.



Health and Safety Corner By The Hampton-Chaplin Ambulance Corps December is Safe Toys and Gifts Month

#### By the Mayo Clinic

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 251,700 toy-related injuries in 2010 throughout the United States. 72% were to people less than 15 years of age. Additionally, in 2007 alone, toymakers recalled over 19 million toys worldwide because of safety concerns such as lead paint and small magnets.

Before you make your purchases, it is critical to remember to consider the safety and age range of the toys.

Prevent Blindness America has declared December as Safe Toys and Gifts Awareness Month. The group encourages everyone to consider if the toys they wish to give suits the age and individual skills and abilities of the individual child who will receive it, *especially for infants and children under age three*.

This holiday season (and beyond), please consider the following guidelines for choosing safe toys for all ages:

- Inspect all toys before purchasing. Avoid those that shoot or include parts that fly off. The toy should have no sharp edges or points and should be sturdy enough to withstand impact without breaking, being crushed, or being pulled apart easily.
- When purchasing toys for children with special needs try to: Choose toys that may appeal to different senses such as sound, movement, and texture; consider interactive toys to allow the child to play with others; and think about the size of the toy and the position a child would need to be in to play with it. Consult the "AblePlay"

website at <u>http://www.ableplay.org/</u> for more information.

- Be diligent about inspecting toys your child has received. Check them for age, skill level, and developmental appropriateness before allowing them to be played with.
- Look for labels that assure you the toys have passed a safety inspection – "ATSM" means the toy has met the American Society for Testing and Materials standards.
- Gifts of sports equipment should always be accompanied by protective gear (give a helmet with the skateboard)
- Keep kids safe from *lead in toys* by: Educating yourself about lead exposure from toys, symptoms of lead poisoning, and what kinds of toys have been recalled; being aware that old toys may be more likely to contain lead in the paint; having your children wash their hands frequently and calling your doctor if you suspect your child has been exposed to lead. Consult the last two websites listed below for more information.
- Do NOT give toys with small parts (including magnets and "button" batteries which can cause serious injury or death if ingested) to young children as they tend to put things in their mouths, increasing the risk of choking. If the piece can fit inside a toilet paper roll, it is not appropriate for kids under age three.
- Do NOT give toys with ropes and cords or heating elements
- Do NOT give crayons and markers unless they are labeled "nontoxic".

For more information:

www.preventblindness.org/children/safetoys.ht ml

www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/category/toy.ht ml

http://kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid\_safe/hom e/safe\_toys.html

www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/faq/toys.html

## Crafts

### **Toilet Paper Roll Christmas Tree**



#### Needed:

39 Toilet Paper rolls 39 Christmas balls Glue Ribbon Tree topper **Directions** Glue together the toilet paper rolls as above Glue ribbon to outside of tree Glue topper to top of tree Place ball in each toilet paper roll

## **Toilet Paper Roll stars**



Needed: Toilet Paper Rolls Paint Glitter Directions: Cut narrow strips from toilet paper rolls Bend strips into oval shape Decorate strips with paint, glitter, etc. Glue strips together as shown Optional: Add string or ribbon for hanging

### **Toilet Paper Roll Wreath**



Needed: Toilet Paper rolls Red beads or plastic balls Glue, Green paint Directions: Cut narrow strips from toilet paper roll Paint strips green Glue 5 strips together to make stars Glue stars together as above Glue on red beads Optional: Add string or ribbon for hanging

#### Various children, snowmen, reindeer





## Recipes



## Iced Pumpkin Cookies

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 1 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract Directions
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, ground cloves, and salt; set aside.
- In a medium bowl, cream together the 1/2 cup of butter and white sugar. Add pumpkin, egg, and 1 teaspoon vanilla to butter mixture, and beat until creamy. Mix in dry ingredients. Drop on cookie sheet by tablespoonfuls; flatten slightly.
- 3. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes in the preheated oven. Cool cookies, then drizzle glaze with fork.
- 4. To Make Glaze: Combine confectioners' sugar, milk, 1 tablespoon melted butter, and 1

teaspoon vanilla. Add milk as needed, to achieve drizzling consistency. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED © 2015 Allrecipes.com Printed From Allrecipes.com 11/29/2015



#### Pumpkin Cheesecake Bars Ingredients

- 1 (16 ounce) package pound cake mix
- 3 eggs
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 4 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped pecans <u>Directions</u>
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees C (175 degrees C). Coat a 15x10 inch jelly roll pan with non-stick spray.
- 2. In a large mixing bowl, on low speed, combine cake mix, 1 egg, margarine, and 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice until crumbly. Press onto bottom of prepared pan.
- In another large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk, then remaining two eggs, pumpkin, remaining 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice, and salt; mix well. Pour over crust; sprinkle with pecans.
- 4. Bake 30 to 35 minutes, or until set.
- Cool, then chill in refrigerator. Cut into squares. Store covered in refrigerator.
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#### HFC Christmas Delivery Form

| Child's Name (First)   | (Last)                          |
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| Parent's/Guardian's Name (First)   | Parent's/Guardian's Name (Last) |
| Home Phone Work Phone  |                                 |
| Address (Delivery)   | Address (Mailing)               |
| City, ST ZIP Code  | City, ST ZIP Code               |
| Di   | rections                        |
| <ol> <li>Please wrap your child's gift before<br/>dropping it off to the firehouse.</li> <li>Fill out the tags that are included<br/>with your child's first and last name<br/>so that we can match the name and<br/>address that we have on this form.</li> <li>Drop the gift off at HFC any<br/>Wednesday night from now unitl<br/>December 16<sup>th</sup> between the hours of<br/>7p.m. and 9 p.m.</li> </ol> |                                 |
| Suggestion   | as and Comments                 |

Please leave any suggestions and comments that you have for us. We would love to hear what you think, and are open to new ideas and suggestions to make this a great tradition for all!

#### "HODGE PODGE" By Mark Milhet — Edited By Timothy E. Parker

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### Mystery Christmas Carol #2

The words listed below are from a familiar Christmas Carol. What is it? Find and circle all of the words hidden in the grid.

The remaining letters will spell the name of the Christmas Carol.

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## **Christmas Carol Cryptogram**

Here is a list of 18 Christmas Carols whose titles have all been written in the same secret code. Can you figure out what the titles are? (Hint: replace the letter P with a C.)

- 1. Q PQOR WYY VR JWFNSJBY
- 2. AFYRUN UFTSN, SQYV UFTSN
- 3. IRPZ NSR SWYYA DFNS MQBTSA QJ SQYYV
- 4.SWXZ! NSR WUTRYA AFUT
- 5. NSR JFXAN UQRY
- 6. DR DFAS VQB W ORXXV PSXFANOWA
- 7. FN PWOR BLQU NSR OFIUFTSN PYRWX
- 8. F'O IXRWOFUT QJ W DSFNR PSXFANOWA
- 9. WDWV FU NSR OWUTRX
- 10.AWUNW PYWBA FA PQOFUT NQ NQDU
- 11.AFYERX MRYYA
- 12.YFNNYR IXBOORX MQV
- 13.TQI XRAN VR ORXXV TRUNYRORU
- 14.XBIQYLS NSR XRI UQARI XRFUIRRX
- 15.F AWD OQOOV ZFAAFUT AWUNW PYWBA

16.KFUTYR MRYYA

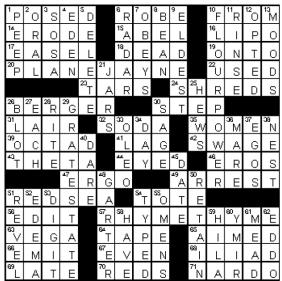
17.SWER VQBXARYJ W ORXXV YFNNYR PSXFANOWA

18.Q PSXFANOWA NXRR

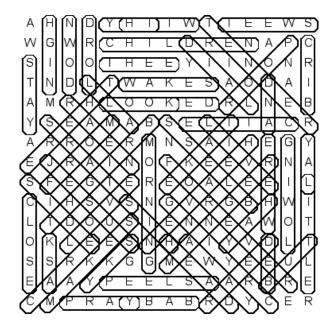


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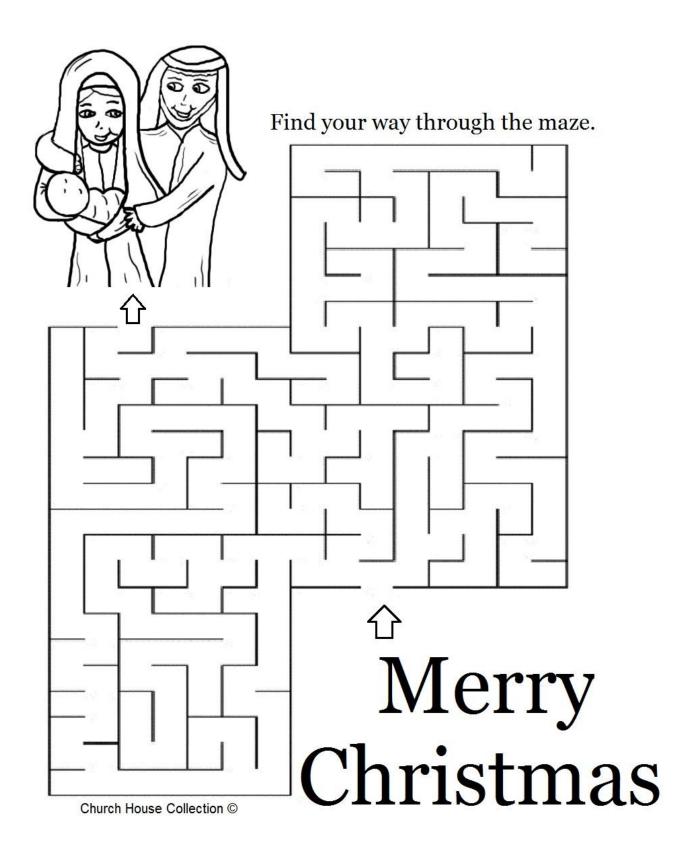
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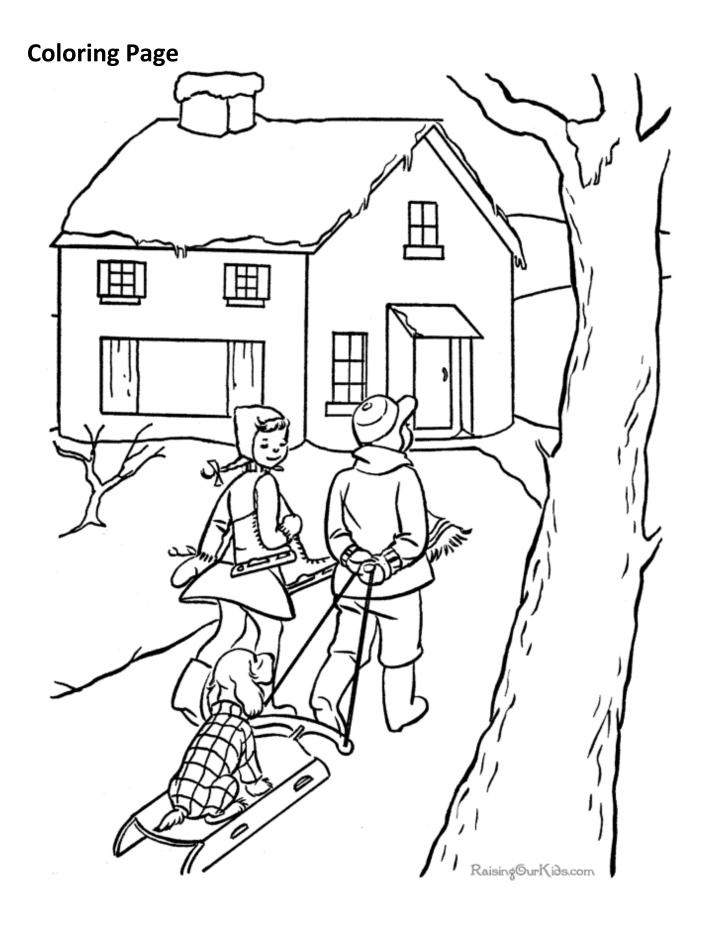
#### **Cryptogram answers**

 Oh Come all ye faithful
 Silent Night, Holy Night
 Deck the halls with boughs of holly
 Hark! The herald angels sing
 The First Noel
 We wish you a merry Christmas
 It came upon the midnight clear
 I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
 Away in the manger
 Santa Claus is coming to town
 Silver Bells
 Little Drummer Boy
 God Rest ye merry gentlemen
 Rudolph the red nosed reindeer
 I saw mommy kissing Santa Claus
 Jingle bells
 Have yourself a merry little Christmas

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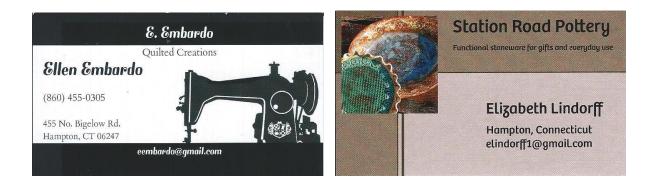
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