

# MONROE MATTERS A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Effective January 1, 2024

Monday: 8:30 AM - 12 Noon  
 Tuesday: 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM  
 Wednesday: 2:00 PM - 6:00PM  
 Thursday: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
 Friday: 8:30 AM - 12 Noon

Also, the last Saturday of each month 9:00 AM- 12 Noon, by appointment.  
 Call 603-638-2644 or email [monroetc@monroenh.org](mailto:monroetc@monroenh.org)

Reminder to please bring driver's license and current registration for renewals.

## MONROE'S LONGEST LIVING CITIZENS



The Boston Post newspaper started a tradition for many New England towns in 1909 when it gave away 700 canes for the purpose of presentation to the town's oldest citizen. No records show that Monroe was one of those towns. However, in 2014 the selectmen were looking for a way to honor Monroe citizens so local woodworker Buster Bates was commissioned to make a custom cane. He crafted and donated the cherry case and yellow birch cane that are on display in the town office as well as the curly maple cane that is presented to recipients. There have been five recipients of the cane since then. The most recent being Ramona Bunnell, age 95, who received it in November.



Past recipients shown are Bernice Blake 2014, age 100. William "Bill" Bunnell 2018, age 94. Pauline Cheney, 2019 age 94. Carolyn Fitzgerald, 2023 age 97.



**IT OUT AT THE LIBRARY** TUESDAY 12pm-7pm; WEDNESDAY 9am-4pm; SATURDAY 9am-12pm

### **HOLIDAY BOOKS and MORE**

We have added holiday books, puzzles and movies for all ages to the shelves. Come in and see what we have!

### **BOOK GROUPS & MORE**

Have a group of friends & neighbors that would like to form a book group or other meet up for games, discussions, crafting or something similar? We are happy to provide a space. For book groups we can acquire copies of books for everyone. Stop in and chat about the possibilities.

### **HAVE SLIDES, FILM NEGATIVES OR OLD PHOTOS?**

Would you like to digitize them so you can view them on your computer or have prints made? You can do that at the library! Make an appointment with Jessica to get started.

### **LIBRARY OF THINGS**

The library lends more than just books. We have snowshoes to fit toddlers through adults. Children's bird watching kits with binoculars and field guides. Binoculars and field guides for adults. A thermal heat detector to help you see where your house may be losing heat now that cold weather had arrived. Come in and see what other items are available.

### *Happy Holidays*



There are no library hours affected over the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

### **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

Newsletters are published monthly. Email [03771plans@gmail.com](mailto:03771plans@gmail.com) by December 11<sup>h</sup> with submissions for the January issue.

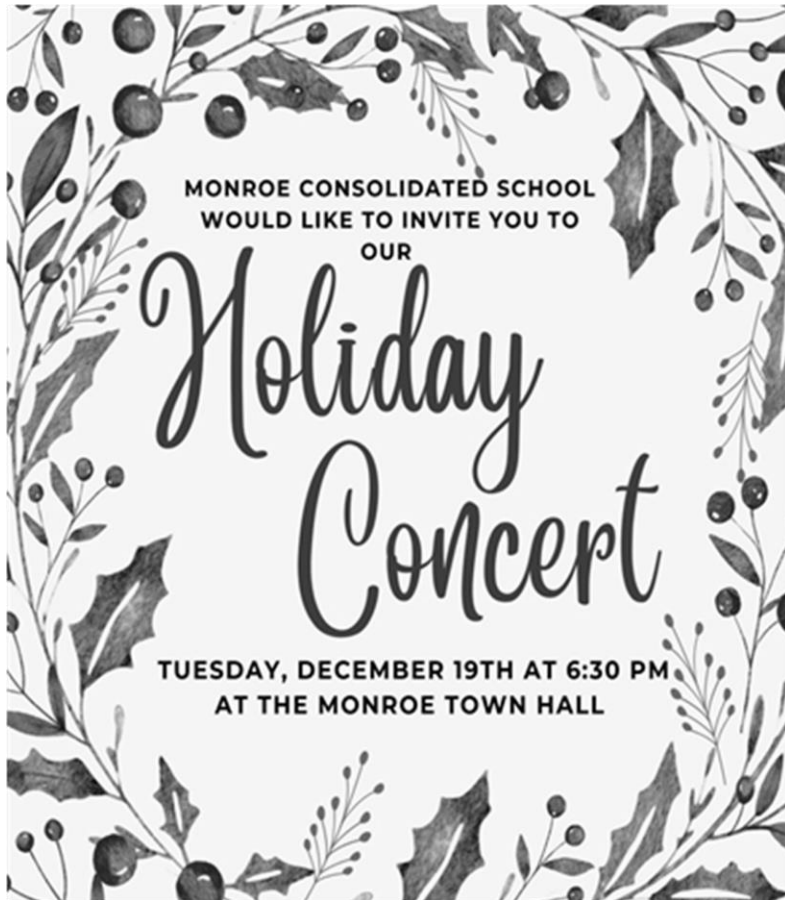


### **JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE WINTER SOLSTICE**

**THURSDAY, the 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**at the corner of Hammond Road and Winchester Drive**

Keeping with the tradition started around 2010 by Tom Guganig, it's an evening with neighbors and "rich and calorie laden refreshments" We provide the hot cocoa and cider, you're welcome to bring a treat to share. To honor Tom (who died in 2011), we like to wear festive, often silly, hats (as long as it's not below zero!)

## MONROE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL



### SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

5:30 pm @ the school

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>

If you would like to get school board related emails, send a request to [schoolboard@monroeschool77.com](mailto:schoolboard@monroeschool77.com)



MCS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
*Your weekly information about our School*  
November 21<sup>st</sup> - 2023

Did you know the school has a Facebook page where you can check out the many things that are happening? In addition to regular posts, a weekly newsletter is posted.

### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Wishing you all Happy and Safe Holidays.

- Plow trucks are on the roads. They have limited visibility so be sure to provide them with the room they need to make our roads safe for travel.
- As always, watch for kids and pets on the roads.
- Remember it is illegal to push snow across a roadway.
- Watch for open positions for various elected positions in the Town. The Town is always looking for people to serve on boards and committees - a great way to get involved in your Town.
- The town is updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Hazard Mitigation Committee seeks your opinions regarding severe weather events, disasters, natural hazards, and mitigation of these hazards & events in Monroe. Your responses help make our community more resilient to a disaster. Individual responses will be kept anonymous and will be compiled for the Hazard Mitigation Plan's data collection to help direct priorities. Check out the Town of Monroe's Facebook page for a link to the survey (if you don't have a computer but would like to participate, visit the public library to use a public computer)

As always, if you have any questions or comments, you can call the Town Office at 603-638-2644 or email us at [monroeselectmen@monroenh.org](mailto:monroeselectmen@monroenh.org).

*Presenting*  
"A Country Christmas  
with a City twist-mas"

A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

*by the Monroe Community kids*

December 22nd • 5:00pm  
MONROE TOWN HALL

MONROE COMMUNITY DINNER TO FOLLOW  
Kindly respond to Lacy Lapete by December 13th  
Call or text 603-991-5201 or by email at  
lacylapete@gmail.com



## COVID TEST KITS

There are still some kits available for free at the library and the town office. These tests have an expiration of December 2023, so grab these to use up now before others you may have that expire later.

Households may also order free test kits from covid.gov/tests. It's quick and easy. When you place an order for four tests, you will be notified if you are eligible to order another four.

## FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL TRIVIA

Grab your answer sheet from the November newsletter and add this month's answer! If you need another copy of the sheet, pick one up at the library or the town office.

**Trivia Question 2: Who wrote the History of Monroe, NH that was published in 1955?**

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Monroe Community Church  
28<sup>th</sup> Annual Memory Tree Lighting



December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
4:30 @ the Village Church

**POSTAL PATRON**  
Monroe, NH 03771