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What a few weeks it has been for me as I transition from just Sports Editor into Publisher/ Editor-in-Chief at the Town Tribune! I am honored to be able to continue this newspaper for the community. I want to thank everyone for their congratulations and well wishes, and I want to thank Marylou for helping me learn the ways of the local newspaper business!

Since the Town Tribune is a free publication, we are completely funded by advertising. Because of that, I want to thank every one of our advertisers for their support. Without you, publishing this paper would not be possible. I look forward to working with all of you in the future to build strong relationships and help grow your businesses as well.

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This holiday season we anticipate a fun and festive holiday paper. We welcome all of you to be a part of that with our Holiday Greeting section. It is a tradition at the Town Tribune that we want to continue. For $20, anyone can submit a "Holiday card to the town," as my dad always calls it. It will go in the Season's Greetings pages and will help connect everyone in the community.

A form for your greeting can be found at the end of the Classified Section each week through December 10th. Simply write the message and names you would like to include in our December 17th Holiday Edition, enclose $20, and drop it in the mail or at the Town Tribune office mailbox. You can also visit us at thetowntribune.com to place your greeting. Just click on the holiday banner on the home page and follow the prompts. To be sure we have time to include your greeting, please submit it no later than Sun., Dec. 13th.

Thank you to all our readers and subscribers for your continued support. I look forward to the relationships, memories, and stories that will surely develop from my time here.

-Christine

New Fairfielder Anne Girolami Celebrates 100th Birthday at NF Senior Center

Town Proclaims Nov. 9 Anne Girolami Day; State Issues Citation

By Cherry Dumaual

NEW FAIRFIELD — The New Fairfield Senior Center overflowed with birthday cheer on Monday, November 9, as more than 100 members, friends and family gathered to celebrate a remarkable milestone: Anne Girolami's 100th birthday.

The joyful celebration honored a beloved member whose zest for life, positive outlook and distinctive fashion flair have made her a familiar and cherished presence at the center.

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco presented a town proclamation declaring November 9 Anne Girolami Day, while State Rep. Patrick Callahan and State Senator Julie Kushner honored Girolami with a citation. A festive birthday cake and thoughtful gifts — including a quilt, a painted portrait of Girolami, and a personalized cornhole bag from her teammates — highlighted the birthday bash.

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Photos by Cherry Dumaual and courtesy of NF Senior Center



Pictured left to right: State Rep. Pat Callahan, Probate Judge Marty Landgrebe, NF First Selectman Pat Del Monaco, State Senator Julie Kushner, NF Selectman Khris Hall

NF BOS Approves Funding Requests for Town Mtg.; Gives Presentation on Hot Topic, Affordable Housing

By Sarah Opdahl

NEW FAIRFIELD - At their regular meeting on Thursday, November 12, New Fairfield's Board of Selectmen (BOS) approved an additional appropriation to direct $101,000 in surplus funds from the General Fund Unreserved to the Medical Reserve Fund. A request from the Town's Board of Finance (BOF), the move follows the BOF policy to transfer a minimum of 55% of the previ-

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Good Shepherd Hosts First Christmas Market

Sat., Nov. 21, 1-4pm Cash Only

By Sarah Opdahl

NEW FAIRFIELD - Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in New Fairfield is hosting a festive German-inspired Christmas Market this weekend. All are welcome to attend what is planned to not only be a great local shopping destination, but also a chance to offer a lively space to celebrate the ushering in of the holidays with joyful music and lovely decorations.

Good Shepherd member Kate Dube explained, "We will have mostly homemade items. Christmas ornaments, decorations, gifts, jewelry, and treats." She went on to add, "Our congregation has many special skills so it will be fun to share our talents with the town."

In addition to the gift-ready items for sale, there will be a Christmas Cookie table where you can fill a small or large container with homemade cookies—$5 for small, $10 for large. Freeze and save them for the holidays, or there will be an op-

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NF PBC Discusses New Information Regarding Extensive Flooding at NFHS

By Sarah Opdahl

NEW FAIRFIELD - On the evening of Tuesday, November 10, New Fairfield's Permanent Building Committee (PBC) continued discussing the recent failure at New Fairfield High School that caused massive flooding and damages to high-profile areas of the school, such as the gymnasium and the theater. At the previous meeting there was confirmation that an "unpressed" two-inch pipe in the ProPress fitting of the new school's piping infrastructure was the cause of the leak, but the issue is more complex than that as it was discovered that a pressure relief valve wasn't installed that should have been. In fact, the pressure in the system was found to be so high that the meter's gauge in the pumphouse was pinned at the maximum setting. Chair Mr. Don Kellogg confirmed, "it's ancillary to the failure, but we suspect that

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Need a laptop? NF's Public Library Might Have One to Borrow

By Sarah Opdahl

NEW FAIRFIELD - New Fairfield Free Public Library (NF Library) started participating in the Laptop ConneCT Program in September of this year. The progressive plan, overseen by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection in partnership with the Connecticut State Library system, is described in State resources as seeking "to en-

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A Delightful Experience at the New Fairfield Lions Club Crafting Day

By Sarah Opdahl

NEW FAIRFIELD - For the third year, the New Fairfield Lions Club (Lions) has hosted two "Crafting Days" per year, and the one held this past Saturday at New Fairfield's Senior Center was filled with joy. Over three dozen crafters from near and far were on hand to spend their time creating, chatting, learning, and more. To a person, the crafters were happy to

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