

Weare in the World

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New landscaping around the sign in front of the Town Hall will provide safe footing for those using the message board (Tom Clow photo).

Landscaping Work around Town Sign Nearly Complete

By Tom Clow

Work is nearing completion on a landscaping project around the new sign in front of the Weare Town Hall. The town accepted a proposal from Stockhaus Enterprises in August to do the work this fall. Stockhaus is already under contract with the town to do the upkeep and maintenance of grounds and athletic fields. The project called for block walls around the sign and the flagpole as well as loam, seeding and bark mulch. The hardscape (block work) was done by McQuarrie's Hardscape as a subcontractor. Money for the project was provided through a grant from the Emma Sawyer Trust, which is controlled by the Trustees of the Trust Funds. The same trust covered the

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Join the Pumpkin Hunt





What: Pumpkin buckets will be hidden at select locations in town. Find one, bring it to Chase Park and be rewarded with sweet treats!

Where: Bucket locations include the Center Woods Elementary School playground, the Weare Town Offices, Purington Field, Ineson Field and the Weare Public Library.

When: Sunday, Oct. 31, 10 a.m. - noon.

Limit one per child, please. Brought to the community by Weare Parks and Recreation.

Trick or Treat Hours



Sunday, Oct. 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Have you made a great Jack O' Lantern? See it featured in our next issue! Send pictures of your carved pumpkins to weareintheworldnews@gmail.com.

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cost of the new sign, which was installed in the spring.

The work around the flagpole involved removing all of the commemorative bricks around the pole before constructing the new wall. The flagpole itself was an Eagle Scout Project completed by Tyler DeStefano in 2013. The bricks commemorated those who donated to the project. All of the bricks were reset after the wall was completed this month.

The innovative design around the sign itself will provide level and secure footing, four feet out on each side, for those who are changing the letters on the message board.

Board and Commission Debate Conservation Land Purchase

By Tom Clow

Debate continues between the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission on the proposed purchase of an 85-acre parcel at 487 North Stark Highway for conservation land/town forest. After a lengthy discussion at the Oct. 4 board meeting that ended with no decision, Commission Chairman Andy Fulton and Vice Chair Steve Hajjar came before the board again on Oct. 18 with multiple documents related to the parcel. Also present was Tom Carr of Meridian Land Services, who is also a former Conservation Commission chairman.

Central to the earlier discussion was whether there was a need for a new appraisal and an updated survey. The price agreed upon with the land owner was \$300,000. The money would come from the Forestry Fund and the Conservation Fund. In March of this year, voters approved a warrant article allowing the Conservation Commission to spend up to \$140,000 from the Forestry Fund for the purchase of new town forest land. Money in the Conservation fund comes from the land use tax. If a landowner takes a parcel out of current use, 75% of the taxes that come from that transaction go into the Conservation Fund.

After going through the documents, which included reference to an older survey that the state holds as valid, Commission Vice Chair Hajjar said that after checking with the town attorney, the opinion was that the title is legal, valid and marketable as a warranty deed. He added that all the surrounding plats correspond precisely, and the property is surrounded by a rock wall.

After a continued debate that included discussion of a building that is on the property, the timber value that presently exists and the long-term costs to the town if the property is developed with fifteen or more house lots, the board took a vote on moving ahead with the project.

Selectmen Hippler and Burdick voted to move ahead; Selectmen Van Loendersloot and Osborne voted no; and Selectman Meaney abstained. Meaney explained that he needed time to review all of the material that was given to the board that evening. The board agreed to meet again on Thursday, Oct. 21, to reconsider its vote.

At the Thursday meeting, several people spoke in favor of the purchase during public comment; however, the vote remained the same. Selectman Osborne was not at the meeting but participated by phone. The issue will again be on the agenda at the Nov. 1 selectmen's meeting, and a public hearing on the expenditure of the funds for the project is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.



Weare Historical Society
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Tidbits of Weare History

An occasional feature by the Weare Historical Society

This week, Betty Straw, society director and historian -plus a lifelong resident of Weare who has been involved
in the Weare Historical Society (including as past
president) since its inception 50 years ago -- brings
readers these tidbits.

Weare had several carding mills. Do you know what a carding mill is and where they were?

It was a mill where cotton, wool or flax was combed, or a nap was raised on cloth. One site in Weare was where the school buses are housed today, and another site was on Woodbury Road near the bridge.

Farmers of days gone by used whetstones. Do you know what that is and how it was used?

It's a stone used to sharpen knives or scythes and often carried in a farmer's pocket while mowing hay or grass with a scythe. Pike, NH, had a factory where whetstones were made. They were about an inch and a half wide and about eight inches long. Pike, NH, which is a village up north, was named after Alonzo Pike, who produced sharpening stones and tool and cutter grinders.

Go to <u>wearehistoricalsociety.org</u> to learn more about our town's history and or to join the society.

Selectmen Review 2022 Revenue Estimates and Default Budget

By Tom Clow

Finance Administrator Beth Rouse presented the Weare Board of Selectmen with a first look at the estimated revenues for 2022 and a summary of the 2022 Default Budget at the board's Oct. 18 meeting. This began a lengthy budgeting process that will culminate with a public hearing in January, the Deliberative Session in early February and voting in March of 2022. In the weeks ahead, the board will hear presentations by each of the department heads, as well as a summary report of capital improvement requests from CIP Chairman Jack Dearborn.

The early revenue estimates indicate a 2.08 % or \$75,714 increase over 2021 revenues; however, this is a moving target since there are still more than two months left in the town's present fiscal year.

The 2022 Default Budget summary, which Rouse shared with selectmen, shows an increase of 1.4% over the 2021 voter approved budget. Weare is an SB 2 (Senate Bill 2) town. In an SB2 town, if the proposed budget is defeated by voters, the town must operate on a default budget, which is the previous year's budget plus expenditures previously approved by voters and other legally mandated expenses.

The largest driver of the 1.4% increase is a state mandated increase of \$100,362 in N.H. Retirement System contributions. Other drivers include warrant articles approved in 2021 for non-union raises, the addition of two full time firefighters, and Parks and Recreation wage increases. There were also wage increases in the previously approved police contract.

At the Oct. 18 meeting, the board also agreed to set gasoline and diesel fuel prices at \$3.25 per gallon for budgeting purposes. Department heads will now average their department's mileage from previous years and then use the \$3.25 figure to arrive at the amount for vehicle fuel to include in their respective budgets. Municipalities do not pay the \$0.48 per gallon tax on these fuels, which is part of the price at the pump.

College Graduates and Honorees

Allison Ploof and Joshua Tucker, Associate's Degree, New Hampshire Technical Institute, Spring 2021 -Concord Monitor reports



Center Woods Elementary School first graders held "Pumpkin Day" on Friday, Oct. 22. Students measured and weighed them; determined if they could float; learned about the life cycle of the pumpkin; and tasted

many pumpkin treats. Those pictured below are from

Heather Hoefs' class.











L-R: Garrett Wheldon, Fiona Smith and Owen Andrews test to see if the pumpkin sinks or floats. Kelsie Cook makes the crust for pumpkin pie in a cup. Cash Landry digs the pulp out of the pumpkin. Theresa Canney helps mix the pumpkin pie in a cup of ingredients. Harlan Temple, Kelsie Cook, Ben Dickie, Mia Nicol gather up the pumpkin seeds (Heather Hoefs photos).

School news submitted by Patti Osgood.



Marty Kelley speaks to Mrs. Helgerson's students about being super authors (courtesy photo).

Author-Illustrator Marty Kelley Visits Henniker's Fourth Graders

Author, illustrator, and former second-grade teacher Marty Kelley visited fourth grade students at the Henniker Community School. Kelley has written and illustrated several children's books, including "Pugnapped," "Fall Is Not Easy," "The Rules," "Winter Woes," "Summer Stinks," "Twelve Terrible Things," and "Fame, Fortune, and the Bran Muffins of Doom."

Kelley spoke to students about where his ideas come from and took them through the book writing process. He explained how often a book is revised and edited, and how often an editor returns a book to Kelley for corrections and changes. The day offered the students insight into how even a published author needs to have a growth mindset. The author also shared how he uses technology to illustrate his books and how illustrations go through the same editing process.

While at the school, Kelley shared his "Seven Amazing Superpowers that Every Good Author Has" and happily answered questions from "The Top 10 List of Questions" the students prepared before his visit.



Ella Sophomore Smith successfully auditioned for Jazz All-State and was selected as an alto vocalist for the Jazz Choir. Smith will represent JSRHS at the N.H. Music Education Association Jazz All-State Festival February 3-5, 2022 at Pinkerton Academy. She is the daughter of Laura and Brian Smith Henniker.

JSRHS Football Team Shows Heart



Prior to the start of the John Stark vs. Bow football game on Oct. 23, the Bow players presented the Generals with small gift bags as a token of their appreciation. The John Stark team had traveled to Bow for their first home game following the tragic loss of two boys in their community. In gratitude for their support, the Bow Booster Club also presented the Stark Boosters with a thank you note, a large mum and banners on the fence around the JSRHS field. Final game score: Bow 45, John Stark 12.



Volunteers from the John Stark Football team traveled to Center Woods Elementary School on Oct. 24 to help with yard work as the campus was in need of some TLC due to the current custodial shortage. How was it the JSRHS football team came to the rescue? During the JSRHS Football Booster Car Show this fall, one of the raffle prizes was an afternoon of yard work. Melissa Descoteau, a third grade teacher at Center Woods and mom of one of the players, tried to win the prize so she could donate it to CWES. In a twist, Descoteau didn't win the raffle, but the woman who did wanted to donate it back to someone in need. Upon hearing of the work needed at Center Woods, she gave the clean-up prize to the school. Shown in photo: Ben Prescott, Travis Wiggin and Stephen Johnston.

November School Board Meetings

Nov. 3: Henniker School Board, 6:15 p.m. in the school library. In-person and live-streamed.

<u>Nov. 8</u>: Stoddard School District, 6 p.m. in the school multi-purpose room. In-person only.

Nov. 10: John Stark School Board, 6:30p.m. in the school cafetorium. In-person and live-streamed.

Nov. 16: Weare School District Budget, 6 p.m. in the Weare Middle School cafetorium. In-person and live-streamed.

Link for all SAU 24 Board meetings that are live-streamed at: https://bit.ly/SAU24LiveStream

Agendas and handouts for all meetings are available on the SAU 24 website by district prior to each meeting www.sau24.org.



On Wednesday, Oct. 20, this eagle flew over Center Woods Elementary School, home of the Eagles. Robert Koziol, a second-grade special education teacher, captured this photo.



Two young readers visit Jack's Little Library on a recent morning (Alyssa Small photo).

Weare Public Library News



Children and teens can win gaming cred at Video Game Trivia – a challenge of wits at the Weare Public Library – on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 1:30 until 2:30 p.m.

"There's a reason why gaming is one of the most popular hobbies for today's youth," said Director Clay Kriese in a library press release. "This is a fun way for them to compete for prizes and learn more about the history of the medium."

To warm up the contest, the trivia master will open with a "Wits & Wagers" format, by asking for answers with hard-to-guess numerical answers. The participants will then line up their hunches and then bet on the number that they think is closest to the correct statistic.

"With this format, it's not so much having the foreknowledge of the exact answer," said Kriese, "but rather the common sense of where to place your bet."

The second and third rounds are in a BINGO format, where the contestants will have all the correct answers in front of them. They will listen to trivia questions and music clips as well as view cover art and video clips. The first one to line up five answers will yell "VIDEO" and be proclaimed as a winner.

"Since many of our participants may lack knowledge of a certain genre of games or era of consoles," said Kriese, "with "VIDEO" they will have 24 titles in front of them. This limits frustration and prompts them to make a good guess. For example, they may not know much about *Metriod*, but seeing a video clip of *Metroid* in conjunction with the word "Metroid" on the game card, may jog their memory - and it also allows for some luck."

In addition, they will get out of their chairs to take part in a series of video-game themed physical challenges, like a ping-pong ball toss based on the prototypical arcade game *Pong* and a marble-rolling contest inspired **See LIBRARY**, page 6

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by Marble Madness.

This event will be preceded by a Gaming Night on Thursday, Nov. 18 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

"Gaming Nights are fast becoming our most popular events," said Kriese. "We usually hold them on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, but with the library being closed on Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, the 18th was the only time we could do it. We are, however, considering adding 'Game Afternoons,' along with a special *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate* Tournament on Dec. 11."

For more information about these or other events, call the Weare Public Library at 603-529-2044, email at wearepl@comcast.net, or go to the website: wearepubliclibrary.com.

Notice: If your library password is the same as your phone number, you will now have to enter "603" as a prefix.



Pack 24 Scouts race their "cubmobiles" (courtesy photo).

Scout News

By Bailey Theriault

In October, Cub Scout Pack 24 lined up their "cubmobiles" for an afternoon of racing. The Scouts bravely matched up two by two to race their soap box cars down a ramped track toward the finish line. A big thank you to George Trahan and the whole crew from AllStar Towing for supplying the ramp trucks and supporting the event. A great time was had by all!

On Nov. 6, look for door hangers on your door advertising collections for the national "Scouting for Food" drive on Nov. 13. Donations will go to the Weare Food Pantry. Also in November, the Scouts will face off

in a space race event, where the Scouts will race their personally built space rockets!

The Scouts are currently conducting a holiday wreath fundraising sale to support their activities throughout the year. For anyone interested in purchasing a wreath and supporting the pack, reach out to any Scout or the pack before Nov. 3.

The Cub Scout program is open to all boys and girls in grades K-5 and the Pack welcomes new members year-round. If anyone is interested in joining, learning more about the program, or checking out an upcoming event, you can find more information at www.beascout.org or can reach out directly to Bill Theriault, Pack 24 Cubmaster: usaairforceeod@yahoo.com.

Garden Club News

The Garden Club will meet for a final time this year on Nov. 2. At the meeting, members will be making holiday wreaths. Those who attend are asked to bring a metal double-wire wreath form; enough florist ribbons to cover it by wrapping and glueing (with a glue gun or another source). Pine cones will be provided. Also...bring ideas for next year!



Weare Democrats Hold Pie and Penny Sale

The Weare Dems will hold a "Pie and Penny Sale" on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Moody Pond Marketplace. For sale will be delicious pies to take home and eat right away or freeze for Thanksgiving. The penny sale will have fabulous gifts to win: gift certificates; pet related baskets; Christmas related baskets; gifts of all kinds for all ages. Proceeds will benefit Democratic candidates.

Insects

By Michael Collins

Whether one lives in the city or country, one can enjoy watching birds and other animals in the yard. One method to attract birds is the use of feeders. We have a bird identification book to help name birds we have not seen previously, but generally all the old favorites return again and again, year after year. One reason we encourage birds are their insect eating habits. We especially want birds (and bats) that feed on mosquitoes, gnats, and black flies.

An interesting bird pair that visit every year is the phoebe (pronounced fee bee). This pair or their progeny nest every year at the barn above the security lights. I suppose the lights help keep the nest warm and help with the egg hatching. The adults will fly to short poles placed throughout the garden to watch for and attack insects.

Two phenomenon we have recently seen that seems unique although naturalists and outdoors people have perhaps seen these for themselves. Several times in the heat of summer and in the early evening as the light fades and the heat is coming off the asphalt roof, we have seen an army of dragon flies above the roof eating gnats and any other flying insect. It is fun to watch as they zoom around catching an insect and then diving down to catch the next.

The other event occurred this fall in the early evening. I do not believe that we had ever seen a nighthawk before. This bird is slightly smaller and slimmer in the body than a dove, and they have a white, almost seethrough strip across the somewhat black swept-back wing. The tail is V shaped and has similar white marking as the wings. The shape of the wings and tail aid in the extreme maneuvers these birds are known to make. It is not a true hawk. The name comes from the habit of catching (hawking) their food in flight, namely eating flying insects. We had 18 to 20 visit one evening flying over our yard. Comparing them to planes, nighthawks are the fighter jets of the bird world. These birds are extremely maneuverable, can do a 180 degree turn, a barrel roll, turn up or down or sideways very quickly, all to better catch their prey. After about 20 minutes of entertaining us as they flew back and forth, passing one another to catch the next insect, they flew off to be seen no more.

Overnight

Overnight,
or so it seems,
leaves changed from
green to vibrant,
primary colors,
red, orange, yellow,
like looking through
a kaleidoscope
a little turn
the view changes,
captivating
one's attention.

-Marge Burke

And Then They Fall

No need of a wind gust or gentle breeze, they just know when the time is ripe for them to fall, and land like butterflies with sore feet, the leaves come down to earth pile up and up waiting for the crisp, crunching sounds of feet scuffling through the accumulated piles.

-Marge Burke



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Email Sharon Czarnecki at czar5@comcast.net with the word SUBSCRIBE in the subject. That's it!



Volunteers Needed (Unpaid positions)

Hand in Hand Ministry

Board Members

Enthusiasm for helping others required.

Grant Writer

PT/ experience required.

Chef - Senior Center

PT/outgoing/retired/food industry experience/ Responsibilities include planning a menu each month, shopping, preparing healthy, tasty meal for local area seniors, which is served each Wednesday from 11 to 1. The Senior Café offers a free meal to seniors 60 plus. The chef will also create an inventory of items needed each week based on the projected menu for the upcoming weeks. The focus is on safety guidelines for food prep. The chef works closely with a team of volunteers who serve lunch guests. Together, everyone achieves more.

Game Facilitator - Senior Center

PT, one or two days per week. Help set up a game day, paint day, gardening day, arts & crafts day, etc.

If any of these tasks sound like a great opportunity for you to do what you LOVE, please get in touch. Contact Bob Boucher, president at boucherrobert@comcast.net or Peggy Bailey, director, at handinhandministriesinc@gmail.com or call 529-4263.

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Reporter

Newspaper experience preferred. Please respond to <u>weareintheworldnews@gmail.com</u> if interested.

Weare Garden Club

Plant Maintenance Person

PT/Fall Saturdays from Sept. to end of Oct. / Must be strong and able. Should have an interest in town garden maintenance. Tasks include weeding, raking, minor pruning and composting.

Job Listings

A free public service for the Town of Weare.

C.J. Bolton, Inc.

CDL Driver / Equipment Operator / Mechanic / Welder General Laborer

PT & FT / Monday – Friday / 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. / Experience in any of the positions is a plus but not required / Salary - will discuss / Apply via 603-529-7760; ask for Chris Bolton

Country 3 Corners

Retail Associate, Convenience Store

PT/FT / All shifts available / Prefer 16 years or older / Schedule varies / Salary — will discuss / Benefits for full-time employees / 603-529-7539 X 2

Lumber Yard Associate

PT/FT / 18 years or older / Salary – will discuss / 603-529-7539 X 3

Retail Associate, Hardware

PT for Sundays and 2 to 3 afternoons till 5:30 / 18 years or older / Salary – will discuss / 603-529-7539 X 3

CDL-B Driver

FT / 2 years' experience minimum / Clean driving record / Benefits / Competitive wages / Responsibilities include receiving lumber and building materials in lumber yard, Delivering building materials to job sites, picking up orders from vendor, other duties as required

To Apply: Stop into the store at 833 S. Stark Hwy for an application.

Dunkin Donuts

Crew positions, Opener, Baker (early mornings)

Schedule varies / Salary – will discuss / To apply: Call 529-5547, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.; ask for Kasia.

Firmly Rooted Landscaping, LLC

Laborers

FT / Competitive wages/ Mowing, hardscape & irrigation experience a plus / Must have valid driver's license & clean record / Will need to obtain a DOT medical card / Mechanical abilities a plus / Call Chris at 603-529-5640.

John Brown and Sons, Inc.

General laborer

FT / Plenty of overtime / Hours are 6 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. / Chainsaw experience required / Salary – will discuss.

CDL-B truck driver

FT / Plenty of overtime / Hours are 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. / Chainsaw experience required / Salary - will discuss / to apply, email Kelly Joyce at kellyatjcb@yahoo.com or call the office 603-529-7974.

Stark House Tavern

Kitchen Staff, Line Cooks, Dishwashers

PT/FT / All shifts available / 16 years or older / Experience not needed but must be good with people / Schedule

varies / Salary – will discuss. / Apply in person at 487 S. Stark Highway Monday – Friday, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Ask for John or email starkhousetavern@yahoo.com

Student Transportation of America

School Bus Driver

PT – Weare Terminal / Mornings 6:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., afternoons 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 P.M. / CDL-B license needed / Perfect for moms and retirees / Salary varies with routes and experience / Paid training / Sign-on Bonus / Contact Kate, Tracy or Matt at 529-4744.

Town of Weare

The Town of Weare is seeking a motivated individual willing to tackle challenges with high energy and develop positive working relationships with coworkers, residents and public officials as an Administrative Assistant for the Planning/Zoning (Land Use) and Building Department. Working under the direction of the Town Administrator, this position will basically be the face of departments. Major duties include answering phone calls; accepting applications for planning/zoning and building scheduling appointments for inspections; permits; preparing abutters notices and public hearing notices; records management; handling walk-in customers for inquires and other duties as necessary. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., off on Wednesdays. Successful candidates must possess exceptional attention to deadlines and time management. Applicants must be able to work extremely well with the public and independently, possess excellent judgement; be part of a team and maintain confidentiality. Experience in a municipal setting is not The Town of Weare offers a competitive necessary. benefit package. Hourly starting rate will commensurate with experience, DOQ. Direct a cover letter and resume, with three references and a completed town application to Naomi Bolton, Town Administrator, Town of Weare, 15 Flanders Memorial Road, Weare, NH 03281. Application: www.weare.nh.gov. Position will remain open until filled. First review of resumes will be Oct. 25, 2021. Weare is an equal opportunity employer.

Weare Girls & Boys Club

Group Leaders & Assistant Group Leaders

FT & PT / Competitive salaries / Full benefits at 30 hours / All experience levels welcome / Make a difference in the lives of young people; it can be a fun after school job! Contact Jim O'Hara at johara@centralnhclubs.org.

Weare Market & Deli

Retail Associate, Grocery Store

PT/FT / All shifts available / Experience not needed but must work well with others / Prefer 18 years or older / Schedule varies / Salary — Will discuss / Apply at 421 S. Stark Highway.

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, Oct. 27

7 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 28

7 p.m. - Planning Board Meeting

Sunday, Oct. 31

5:30-7:30 p.m. - Trick or Treating

Monday, Nov. 1

6:30 p.m. - Board of Selectmen Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 2

7 p.m. – Garden Club Meeting, Wreath Making

Wednesday, Nov. 3

6 p.m. – Mildred Hall Committee Meeting

7 p.m. – Conservation Commission Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 4

7 p.m. - Library Trustees Meeting

Friday, Nov. 5

10:30 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild Meeting

Monday, Nov. 8

6 p.m. - Board of Firewards Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 9

5 p.m. – Cemetery Trustees Meeting

7 p.m. - Parks and Recreation Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 10

4:15 p.m. – Trustees of the Trust Funds Meeting

6:30 p.m. – John Stark School Board Meeting

7 p.m. – Weare Democrats Meeting

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