



# Weare in the World

*For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents*

**April 27, 2022**

## Jon Barry Named Principal at Weare Middle/Upper Elementary School

In a Press Release, SAU 24 Superintendent of Schools Jacqueline Coe, Ed.D. has announced the appointment of Jon Barry as Principal at the Weare Middle/Center Woods Upper Elementary School effective July 1, 2022. The appointment follows this spring's announcement by Shawne Hilliard that she is leaving after seven years of dedicated service to the Weare School District.



Barry comes to Weare Middle/Center Woods Upper Elementary School from Souhegan High School in Amherst where he has been serving as Dean of Students. Before Souhegan, he was Assistant Principal at Memorial High School in Manchester from 2017 to 2021. He held positions as Special Education Teacher/Case Manager at Bedford High and as Special Education Facilitator at McKelvie Intermediate School in Bedford for seven years before becoming assistant principal of Memorial High.

"Jon brings deep experience in discipline and culture/climate issues, and his student service background provides him with expertise in an important area for our school," said Superintendent Jacqueline Coe. "The community responded positively to Jon's energy and enthusiasm for our school. I look forward to Jon joining the SAU 24 team."

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## Draft Rental Housing Ordinance Presented to Board of Selectmen

By Tom Clow

With controversy over short-term rentals brewing in many New Hampshire communities as well as in the state legislature, you might be asking – what about my town? What are the rules if I want to rent out my home while I am away on an exotic vacation? What if I own a second home, say on Lake Horace, and want to rent it for several weeks during the summer when I'm not using it?

The draft of a new Rental Housing Ordinance presented to the Board of Selectmen at its April 18 meeting is meant to answer these questions and many more. However, in presenting the ordinance, Bruce Fillmore, Vice Chairman of the Weare Planning Board, emphasized that the proposed ordinance is for all residential rentals in Weare, not just short-term rentals.

The ordinance would be established pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 48-A, Housing Standards, and draws much of its language from that RSA. It designates the Town of Weare Fire Chief as the enforcing authority for the ordinance and outlines the duties and powers of that authority.

In addition, the ordinance would establish minimum standards for residential rental properties, again closely paralleling the minimum housing standards set in RSA 48-A, stressing health, safety, and sanitation. It goes on to outline a process for inspection and enforcement as well as an appeals process.

Since the draft document was more than four pages  
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**"Talk" To Us**  
**Teacher Appreciation**  
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A graduate of Southern New Hampshire University, Barry also holds a Master of Education in Learning Disabilities and General Education and Certification of Advanced Graduate Study (C.A.G.S.) in Educational Leadership from Rivier University. He is also currently enrolled in a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership at the University of New England.

"I am excited to be joining a community where parents, teachers, and students care for one another and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth," commented Barry. "I believe that relationships between families and the school are vital to the success of students, and welcome all to become involved in the school community. My door will always be open and I welcome input."

Barry lives in Concord with his son Connor, and his wife Kate, who is the nurse at the Henniker Community School.

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long, and selectmen were seeing it for the first time, no action was taken that evening. Board members also asked that the town's legal counsel review the draft before it goes any further.

Several citizens present at the meeting asked to speak concerning the rental ordinance, and the board suspended the rules so they could be heard. There were two points of view expressed, both pertaining more to short-term rentals. One was that people should have a right to do as they please with their own property. Presenting the other side of the issue, a speaker described the problems caused when a neighbor rented to a large group that partied late into the evening.

At the state level, there have been bills in both the NH House and the Senate regarding short-term rentals. The Concord Monitor reported in its April 20 edition that the N.H. House Municipal and County Government Committee voted to send to interim study a bill to loosen localities' restrictions on short-term rentals, putting off any legislation on the issue for this session. Senate Bill 249, which was still active as of this writing, would forbid municipalities from prohibiting or restricting the use of any single or two-family home as a short-term rental. The bill was amended to allow municipalities to regulate parking, noise, safety, health and sanitation issues related to the rentals.

Once again it should be noted that the ordinance being discussed for Weare relates to all residential rentals, not just short-term rentals.



*High Rock Road, which shows pavement deterioration and water collecting in the road, will be rebuilt this summer (Tom Clow photo).*

## **DPW Releases Plans for 2022 Paving Projects**

By Tom Clow

Plans for 2022 road reconstruction and paving projects are now in place, according to Department of Public Works Director Benji Knapp. High Rock Road will be the major reconstruction project. High Rock is an approximately 0.7 mile stretch of road off Chuck Street, which in turn loops off River Road near the bottom of the long hill headed south. The section to be rebuilt contains multiple duplexes as well as single-family homes.

Pine Hill, Walker Hill and Hatfield Roads, which were all rebuilt last year, will receive a top coat of pavement in 2022. Salmen Road and Meadow Drive will receive a shim and overlay, Knapp said. Shim and overlay involves shimming up low spots and putting a new top coat over the existing pavement.

At its April 4 meeting, the Weare Board of Selectmen approved bids from R&D Paving to do the reclaim work as well as all phases of the paving. Big Foote Crushing was awarded the bid for gravel crushing. Both companies also did the work for the town in 2021.





## Pine Tree Riot Commemorated

The 250th anniversary of the Pine Tree Riot was observed with events in the center of Weare on April 9, 2022.



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1. Connie Evans, author of "Ebenezer Mudgett and the Pine Tree Riot," at a book signing at the library (Connie Sullivan photo).

2. Sophia Porter, 6, of Weare, meets a sheep at the events (Glenn Moir photo).

3. Heidi Pope, costume manager for the dramatization of the Pine Tree Riot, arranges Charlie Gerrior's scarf. Gerrior played Deputy John Quigley, a target in the riot (Connie Evans photo).

4. Joseph and Jackie Dussault, who played Claire Maxfield and Abraham Johnson, one of the rioters (courtesy photo).

5. Actors from "Ebenezer Mudgett" meet musketeers from the Sons of the American Revolution (Alyssa Small photo).

6. Aerial photo shows the crowd of event-goers (submitted by Lisa Wilbur).

7. Musket maker Paul Gannon, who lives in the home that belonged to Ebenezer Breed, the first schoolmaster of Clinton Grove Academy in Weare (Sharon Czarnecki photo).

8. Thomas Worthley, descendant of the third family to settle in Weare – a member of whom participated in the Pine Tree Riot (Sharon Czarnecki photo).

9. Worthley family cemetery marker at South Weare Cemetery (courtesy photo).)

10. Compatriots Russell Cumbee, Al Lamson, Dennis Walsh and Richard Wright (Lydee Cumbee photo).





## School News



It's time to register for the **Weare Fun Run 5K** to be held on Friday, May 13 at 4 p.m. at Weare Middle School. Pre-register by May 4 and get a free custom race t-shirt. The cost for registration through May 12 is \$10 per person with a \$30 immediate family cap. Race day registration fee is \$15. This race is for all ages eight and up; walkers are welcome. Please, no strollers or dogs. For more information and a mail-in registration form, check the Weare Middle School website at [www.wearemiddlemiddle.net/](http://www.wearemiddlemiddle.net/)



Students in Lori LaBrie's basic **sewing class** at JSRHS created bunny bags and table runners as one of their first sewing machine projects. They also crafted woven baskets using recycled magazines to practice various forms of weaving. "The baskets are perfect household catchalls and were used by some of my students to corral all the various pieces and parts of their projects," Labrie said in a school release. Back row L to R: Kylie Perrino, Daphne Walsh, Makenzie Murphy-Plunkett, Charlotte Furness, Josiah Fowler, Isabella Rouse, Kaitlyn Carson. Front row: Annleah Coubrough and Kayla Allen. (Lori Labrie photo).



Weare Middle/Center Woods Upper Elementary School students will be participating in the N.H. Music Educators Association (NHMEA) South Central District Middle School **Music Festival** on May 7 in Manchester. Representing WMS/CWUES will be (back row): Eloisa Osgood (voice), Richard Desforjes Jr. (voice) and Blair Schou (voice). Middle Row: Leland Richman (clarinet), Zane Talbot (voice) and Haley Bell (clarinet). Front row: Marisah Nichols. Missing from photo: Gage Dumont (percussion) and Melody Carrara (voice). (Courtesy photo).



Weare Middle/Center Woods Upper Elementary School music teacher **Serena Gorham** (left) and Claire Fifield, music student-teacher from Keene State College, play their saxophones every Friday during lunch at the school. "Sometimes, it's chatty and other times it is completely silent as we play," said Fifield, who graduates from Keene in May. Though this is her first experience playing in a middle school, she says she loves it and is gravitating toward teaching those grade levels (courtesy photo).





The third grade enrichment book group read *"The One and Only Ivan,"* the true story of a gorilla kept at a mall. Back row: Esther Hueber, Hudson Trudel. Middle row: Liam Irish, Calliope Poole, Allie Hoefs, Isabella Gomez, Annabelle Lunderville. Front row: Zoey Johnson, Fallon Brunini, Quinn Hodges, Aurora Lunderville, Kayla St. Onge (Courtesy photo).

Under the creative guidance of enrichment teacher Kate Rodgers, first, second and third graders are learning about catapult engineering, hydroponic gardening and programming robots at Center Woods Elementary School. The enrichment program at CWES has also grown over the last four years from pullout sessions for exceptional students to a whole-school approach.

"Enrichment is good for all kids," said Rodgers in a school release. "It allows time and space to discover a passion for something they may not have been exposed to before."

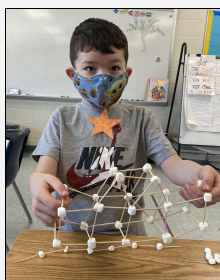
Rodgers now sees one class from each grade every week and six small-group sessions several times a week. At the end of the year, every student in grades 1-3 has had an enrichment experience with Rodgers several times.

One of the enrichment sessions runs like a book club where everyone reads the same novel and talks about it together, bringing important issues up for discussion.

"While reading *"The One and Only Ivan,"* a true story of a gorilla kept at a mall, third graders had conversations about what it is like to live in a domain not meant for you. And, what it means to make big promises and how to fulfill them. These issues are likely ones students will face themselves one day," said Rodgers.

In robot programming and other STEM-based enrichment sessions, Rodgers includes teaching about digital citizenship beginning in the first grade.

"I teach them that they are responsible for their digital footprint, and that footprint will follow them for life,"



Rodgers said. "We talk about how important it is to be polite and not negative when commenting online, how to protect your information, and be safe online."

Rodgers says being a mom makes her keenly aware of the importance of how technology is introduced.

"I see it like this," said Rodgers. "If you hand a kid a device like a phone at the age of 11 but don't give them any instruction about the technology--the good and the bad--it is like showing a kid the City of Manchester and then dropping them in New York City to figure the city out alone."

Rodgers says she loves her job at Center Woods and, with a big smile, says she often feels very popular.

"There's nothing better than having a kid holler in the hall--when can I come to see you?! Enrichment classes foster natural curiosity and show kids how fun it is to learn," she said.

"Students skip their way to enrichment classes because they are so excited," said Principal Jess Potter. "Everything Ms. Rodgers does during enrichment meets our *"Portrait of A Learner"* competencies. Additionally, our students further develop their collaboration and communication skills when working in teams and sharing ideas in enrichment."

John Stark Regional High School sophomore **Kayleigh Megowan** played flute with the All-State Band at the N.H. Music Educators Association Festival held at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord on April 9. Here is Kayleigh at one of the rehearsals prior to the final performance (Dan Williams photo).



It's time to register for **full-day kindergarten** at Center Woods Elementary. If your student is five years old by Sept. 30 this year, registration is open. For packets:

[https://www.centerwoods.net/about\\_us/student\\_registration](https://www.centerwoods.net/about_us/student_registration). To pick up a packet and drop completed forms off, the office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Questions? Call the school at 603-529-4500.

**Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6. Tell us what you like best about your teacher, your favorite teacher memory, or some words of appreciation for all teachers. We'll print it in our next issue! Email [weareintheworldnews@gmail.com](mailto:weareintheworldnews@gmail.com)**





The John Stark Regional High School Leo Club picked up 30 bags of trash along the highway that leads to the school (Route 114) last week. Photo (l-r) Arden Ulmer, Grace Caplan, Natalie Hebert, Sunnie Steinbach, Emaly Roy, Charlotte Furness, Kaylee Montgomery, Mrs. Braga, Alexis Allen, and Nate Restuccia. The JSRHS Leo Club advisors are teachers Carey Hagen and Hana Braga. (Courtesy photo)

## John Stark Football Fundraiser For Epilepsy Foundation



**Fill a Bag & Make a Difference!**  
It's as easy as cleaning out your closet



**Donation drop off times**  
April 27th, May 4th, 11th,  
18th, and 25th from  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Join our Clothing  
Drive Fundraiser!**

**Acceptable Items:**

- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Outerwear
- ✓ Footwear (shoes, boots, heels, etc.)
- ✓ Accessories (belts, socks, ties, scarves, hats, etc.)
- ✓ Backpacks & handbags
- ✓ Costumes & dress-up clothes
- ✓ Household fabrics (bedding, sofa covers, tablecloths, towels, etc.)

**Location: John Stark High School -Upper parking lot (near football field)**

**For questions: contact us @**  
[boosters@jsrhsfootball.org](mailto:boosters@jsrhsfootball.org)

Thank you for your support!

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## LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

### Zinnia & Birch

By Sharon Czarnecki

Our next issue will feature Teacher appreciation. Naturally it attracted our attention when a Weare resident decided to do something special to recognize them. Melissa Cassol, who owns Zinnia & Birch of Goffstown, decided to run an at-cost promotion for the benefit of our teachers. She is sending a single stem wood rose to all of our teachers, paraprofessionals, substitutes, and other staff during teacher appreciation week (May 2 to May 6). To help with this endeavor, go to <http://linktr.ee/sponsorastem> Dawn Leung is the assistant at Z & B and she also works as a substitute teacher. Thus, she saw firsthand how difficult the past 2 years have been for everyone at the schools. Science has proven that flowers bring happiness and increased well-being to those who receive them. Of course, the wood ones have the advantage of being maintenance free and perpetually beautiful.



As with so many of us, Covid has brought about significant life changes for Cassol. Her training and professional background was as a wellness coach which she enjoyed for many years. But, when one-on-one interactions came to a halt, she had time to explore other career options. In addition, she was happily moving forward with her personal life and in the middle of planning a wedding – her own. In the process of doing so, she considered floral options that she and her guests could have for a very long time. That is how she developed a love for wood arrangements. *Several of the items from her wedding 2 years ago are on display in her shop today.* She went on to explain that a major advantage was being able to guarantee she could match the exact shade of her color scheme and did not have to just *hope* that the right blooms would be in season for her early summer wedding. She also says, with a big smile, that her wedding was a smart business move too as her husband has been a great source of support and expertise in starting her own business.

It is clear Cassol is passionate about her new chosen field. She explains in detail how the flowers are created.

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The basic flowers – rose, zinnia, mums, etc. are purchased from US based suppliers. The flowers are crafted in Thailand or India from a lightweight marshy plant that grows quickly like bamboo. The petals are shaped with graceful curves and dimples making them practically indistinguishable from the work of Mother Nature.

But, after all, they are only a plain wood color. Cassol and her staff of two carefully apply paint in various gradient hues to each and every petal. But even that is an extra special process because in this industry one thing that distinguishes lasting, quality work is locked in moisture which keeps the flower from losing its shape over time. Accordingly, Cassol is quite proud of the special paints, dyes, and sealants she has developed in order to ensure the flower always looks freshly picked.

When asked how she chose the name for her business, she explained that flowers have meanings. Zinnias are known for remembrance, and birches are for resilience. (They also happen to be the NH state tree.) Her shop is located at 7 Main Street, Goffstown, but she is currently seeing people by appointment only – see contact information below. Cassol is proud to report that Z & B already ships anywhere in the United States with exceptional packing to protect the delicate work. It is her hope to soon be open to the public on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for walk-ins and later this summer for “make and take” craft sessions.

Contact: [info@zinniaandbirch.com](mailto:info@zinniaandbirch.com) or is 603-417-4730

## Local Ladies Group Welcoming New Members

By Sharon Czarnecki

Lily Tang of Weare has formed a group for women to get together for lunch and socialization on the third Friday of each month. The group is called Weare Pink and was formed in April of 2021. Lily stresses that the group has few “rules” except that there is no politics and no debates – just a fun time.

The group meets in different locations, sometimes restaurants or sometimes each other’s homes. For instance in March, they met at Stark Tavern. The goal is to listen to each other, support each other, and build friendships.

To learn more about the group go to [weare pink - Search Results | Facebook](#)



**Weare Pink**  
Private group · 67 members

## SENIOR NEWS

### News From Senior Café

By Peggy Bailey, Mary Thomas, Sue Canella

#### Menu:

**April 27:** Mini meatloaves with roasted potatoes

**May 4:** Sticky chicken with rice

**May 11:** Stuffed savoy cabbage with tomato sauce and sweet anise and citrus salad

**May 18:** Chocolate chicken

Dessert, coffee, tea and hot chocolate included.  
Fruit may also be added.

Affordable lunch for all (donation of your choice)  
FREE for any local area seniors age 60+.

**Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday. Located at 33 North Stark Highway.**

Dine in - we have room for 35 guests - or take out. (Currently Masks Are Optional). Delivery is free for any senior who has no transportation!

**Call ahead** 603-529-4263 Leave your name, telephone number and how many plates. It is first come, first serve. When it is all gone, we are finished serving 😊.

<https://www.facebook.com/Hand.in.Hand03281/>



### Ya Never Know Thrift Shoppe

By Melody Beauregard

Our RED TAG SALE and BOGO women's tops continues (excluding LuLaRoe)! We have shorts, a collection of store-sample wedding dresses in sizes 10, 11 and 12, NWT LuLaRoe items, Coach purses, and spring shoes, sneakers and sandals.

Don't miss our arts, crafts and entertainment room! We have a huge selection of movies.

As a reminder, the Thrift Shoppe proceeds benefit the Breaking Bread Cafe, Senior Center, and Senior Food Bank.

We always appreciate donations, which can be placed in the orange bin out front, or hand delivered during business hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 33 North Stark Highway.

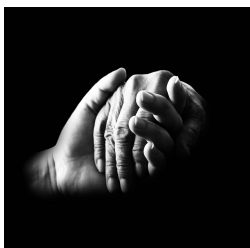
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## Tips for Caregivers

By Marge Burke

Caregiving for an ill loved one can be difficult and lonely, but caregivers must learn to take care of themselves first. Here are a couple of tips to help you through the day.



First, no matter how difficult your day might be, smile and shine. Don't frown and fret. Your loved one will notice and appreciate the difference in your demeanor.

Next, write. Yes, find time to write, even if it is only five to 10 minutes out of your day. Keep a journal; it doesn't have to be perfect. Don't worry about grammar and punctuation; just put your feelings into words. This can be good therapy. Let it all hang out. If your day has gone well, express words of thanks in your journal; if it has been a bad day, say so. Get the frustration out of your system. Be expressive; if you feel like you want to decompose and return as someone new and different, say so. No one has to see what you've written unless you choose to show it. Writing can be therapeutic – an emotional release for caregivers. Try it.

## Looking for Something to Do?

### St. Paul Concerts - FREE

By Sharon Czarnecki

St. Paul's School in Concord is restarting the Keiser Concert Series. The concerts will take place in the **Chapel of St. Peter and St. Paul on campus**, and will last approximately one hour. The next concert is **Matthew Odell: Juilliard Pianist**

MATTHEW ODELL  
pianist



**and New Hampshire Native, Friday, April 29 at 7 p.m.**

Odell began his studies at the age of 10 and has since won acclaim for performances of a wide range of repertoire as a solo recitalist, soloist with orchestra and chamber musician. Mr. Odell will play a program featuring Beethoven's "Appassionata Sonata", Ravel's "Sonatine" and other works for solo piano.

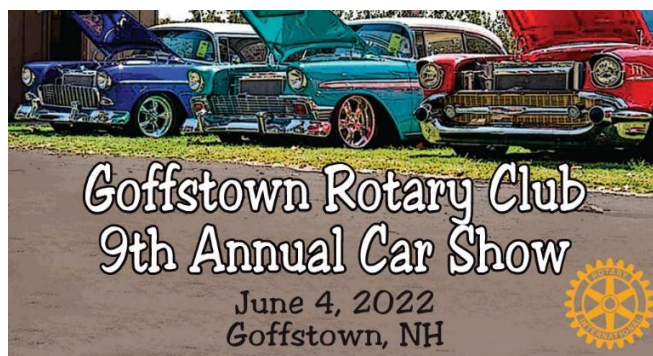
Read more about Odell [HERE](#).

### ALSO:

### Art Show by Rosemary Conroy

May 1 – May 31 at the Harris Center for Conservation Education in Hancock, NH.

**Gaming – including board games** At the Weare Library. Every 2nd & 4th Thursdays (Apr 28 & May 12) 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.



### We Need Volunteers !

The Goffstown Rotary Club is looking for volunteers to help with its upcoming car show event on June 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be held at the corner of Parson's Drive and Route 114.

Volunteer activities include setup, parking direction, registration, ballot collecting, clean up and more! For more information, please contact us via Facebook or email at [info@goftstownrotary.org](mailto:info@goftstownrotary.org) or call 603-606-8758 (Robin Morrell.)

All proceeds benefit our local community. Goffstown Rotary Club services the communities of Goffstown, Weare, New Boston, and Dunbarton. Meetings are held most Tuesday mornings, with one evening meeting per month. Guests are welcome at all meetings, and attendance by Zoom is also available.

## Lookin' for Love

By Cathy Bailey

If you'd like to adopt any of the pets pictured here, please complete an adoption application at <https://www.heartsandtails.org/adoption-application>



Meet Noah! Shepherd mix; male; friendly, loyal, gentle, smart, independent and quiet. Medium coat; house trained; vaccinations up to date; neutered; microchipped; two years old; weighs 60 pounds.

Good with other dogs and children. He knows all his basic commands and is good on a leash. Adoption: \$600.

For more information, visit the adoption website at <https://www.heartsandtails.org/petfinder-list/>

## Garden Club News

### Garden Club: All Are Welcome

By Anne Wirkkala

Come learn about herbs and bring your friends. Guests are always welcome! Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at the Weare Public Library in the Sawyer Room at 7 p.m. Please wear a mask.

#### May 3: Herb Gardening with Sarah Marcoux

Join us for a talk by Master Gardener Sarah Marcoux. She is a master gardener who has spoken about topics including permaculture, adaptive gardening for seniors, herbs and vegetable gardening.

For more information contact [awirkkala@gsinet.net](mailto:awirkkala@gsinet.net) or 603-529-1234.



### Weare Garden Club Scholarship

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#### Deadline: April 30

Do you have an interest in pursuing a degree (major or minor) or a certificate in any of the following fields: sustainable agriculture; plant biology; horticulture; landscape design; landscape architecture; permaculture; soil science; plant science; entomology; food science; agricultural management; plant pathology; botany; science teaching; plant genetics; plant propagation and breeding; plant molecular biology; nature preservation; controlled environment agriculture; or environmental science?

The Weare Garden Club offers a scholarship to an individual from John Stark High School or a resident or teacher from Weare attending college or a continuing education program. The individual must have an interest in a field related to gardening and plants and be registered for a course or be accepted at a college.

Applications are available upon request in the Guidance Office of John Stark High School or upon request from the Weare Garden Club, [gardenclubweare@gmail.com](mailto:gardenclubweare@gmail.com). This award is based on character and commitment to a field of endeavor and is

*not need-based*. The Weare Garden Club may choose to interview finalists.



### Garden Club Plant Sale

Come give a deserving plant a happy home! Saturday, May 21 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the American Legion in Weare Center, 12 North Stark Highway.

Mother's Day is May 8th. Tell us what you love about your mom, a favorite memory of your mother, or some words of encouragement for all mothers. We'll print it in our next issue. Email [weareintheworldnews@gmail.com](mailto:weareintheworldnews@gmail.com)

### Weare Historical Society 28th Annual Townwide Yard Sale



**SAT JUNE 4 2022**  
**8AM - 2PM**

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## **Asked and Answered:** **Reader Submitted Poetry**

### **Magnificent Magnolia**

On the corner lot,  
a magnificent  
magnolia tree stands,  
its tiny, closed buds  
opened slowly to  
reveal delicate  
pink, grey, white petals,  
glorious flowers,  
then they fall forming  
a carpet, fit for  
a bridal aisle.

-Marge Burke

### **The Dead Branch**

Dead branch draped over  
limb like an uneven  
wishbone, whipped by wild  
winter winds, sways in  
spring breezes, tenacious  
to a fault, it hangs on,  
not ready to fall.

-Marge Burke

### **Good Wool Hunting Shirt**

By David Erikson

*I wrote the first two lines and the last line of this poem when I was seventeen. I had found an old wool shirt in the family attic in a pile of camping gear my dad had not used in my lifetime. It kept me warm on many summer travels.*

Outwore our wool summer shirt for the cold,  
My father's one, cast off and passed on to me.  
It's dust trapped in black warp, rust woof and old fold,  
never got washed out, just worn out by degree.

He taught medicine to men of high standing:  
muscle, nerve, fascia and bone.  
I taught kids drilling, hand sawing, hand sanding-  
led them to design and make things their own.

He moved on to Brooks Brothers and ivy degrees.  
I worked as a farmer, worked with timber and trees,  
dropped out and made desperate back to land gambles  
where the shirt got more thread bare and clawed at by  
brambles.

We'd wandered separately, similar roads,  
for me empty boxcars, for him freighter holds,  
from lonely to family, willingly stuck;  
Don't blame the family, just familial muck.

From Palmer to Panama, all ports of call.  
We longed to fathom nature, women and all.  
From Bristol to Hillsborough life taught us to teach,  
yet understanding, contentment, were just out of reach.

Discarding what's outworn is all for the best,  
but it weaves through both pasts way back when,  
when we both were wanderers, by rambling blest.  
Wish we'd patched the good parts together again.



*Springtime behind the Old Town Hall (Photo Alyssa Small)*

**TODAY'S TEACHER**

Monday morning – all's in hand -  
 You have a super lesson planned.  
 You stayed up late on Sunday night  
 So everything would turn out right.  
 Just when you think you're heaven sent –  
 On every face bewilderment.

Move on to science – fossil day –  
 Plaster of Paris – never clay.  
 But someone mixed it much too soon,  
 Now it surrounds an upright spoon.  
 No fossils here of years untold,  
 Just one fossilized Tupperware bowl.

Let us go back to classroom news.  
 Louis, write whatever you choose.  
 Now sound it out to understand –  
 No! Louis, wait – on the other hand –  
 Perhaps it's best that we don't hear  
 Everything you have to share.

Nothing can go wrong it seems  
 When you work with cups and beans.  
 The concept seems so very clear  
 Till Roger puts one in his ear.  
 Then so you will not think him slow  
 Billy puts two up his nose.

Today the hours pass so slow  
 You wonder if you'll ever know  
 Why you chose this strange career  
 When the unpredictable you fear.  
 Will you survive another day?  
 Perhaps you'll make it, perhaps you'll stay.

Then as the kids line up to go,  
 You look and listen – start to know.  
 Holding the fossil by the spoon,  
 Mary says, "It dried too soon."  
 Louis carries the classroom news,  
 Looking proud – not abused.

Billy says – a little congested –  
 Teacher you just can't be bested.  
 You think, perhaps because it's Monday,  
 It didn't turn out to be a fun day.  
 But tomorrow you will get it right,  
 If you have to work all Monday night.

-T. Clow

(Tuesday, May 3 is Teacher Appreciation Day)



### Hand in Hand Ministry **Board Members**

Enthusiasm for helping others required. This position is part time and there are no formal meeting schedules. However, Board Members usually do some volunteer work within the Senior Center or Thrift Shop whenever they are able.

In addition, a major contribution of board members is that they help decide, by votes, what, where, and when resources will be used for the benefit of Hand In Hand Ministries and their mission.

If these tasks sound like a great opportunity for you to do what you LOVE, please get in touch. Contact President Bob Boucher at [boucherrobert@comcast.net](mailto:boucherrobert@comcast.net) or Director Peggy Bailey at [handinhandministriesinc@gmail.com](mailto:handinhandministriesinc@gmail.com) or call 603-529-4263.

### Weare Athletic Club **Board Members**

Are you interested in getting involved more in the Weare community? Volunteer and join our Weare Athletic Club board! We have open positions and you can be a part of bringing sports and fun to our Weare youth!

Please attend our public WAC Board meeting Monday, May 9 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact the email address below for the link. Any "active member" of WAC is eligible to vote at the annual meeting.

At this meeting, we will be voting for all officers, including president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, seven at-Large directors, concession stand coordinator and fundraising coordinator.

To learn more about the positions available, please check out the WAC website:

<https://www.weareathleticclub.com/page/show/3025733-contact-us> Current members would also be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Our regular board meetings occur once a month on the second Monday via Zoom (working on in-person meetings soon, we hope!) Contact Jessie-Lynn Sullivan: [Communications@weareathleticclub.com](mailto:Communications@weareathleticclub.com)  
<https://www.weareathleticclub.com/>





### Autumn Hills Campground

#### **Bathhouse Cleaner**

FT and PT, various shifts, flexible hours. Cleaning bathhouses, restocking materials. Must be 16 years or older. Benefits for FT employees. Experience/knowledge of chemical use preferred; \$16-\$20 hour. To apply, call 603-529-2425 and ask for Jennifer.

### Country 3 Corners

#### **Convenience Store – Cashier, Deli, Stocking, Cleaning**

FT and PT, various shifts, flexible hours. Must be 16 years or older; benefits for full-time employees.

**CDL-B Driver**, experience required; \$23 per hour.

**To Apply:** Stop into the store at 833 S. Stark Highway for an application. Call 603-529-7539 for the convenience store X2; for hardware store, X3.

### Weare Girls & Boys Club

#### **Group Leaders & Assistant Group Leaders**

Looking for an extra staff member in the after-school program. Also, now hiring summer camp staff at this time. Part time, competitive salaries, all experience levels welcome. If you are looking for a fun afternoon or a fun summer, please get in touch and make a difference in the lives of young people. Contact Jim O'Hara at [johara@centralnhclubs.org](mailto: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.

#### **Deli Associate – PT**

**Apply at** 421 S. Stark Highway



*(Photo Sharon Czarnecki)*

## Mark Your Calendar

### **Thursday, April 28**

7 p.m. – Planning Board Meeting

### **Monday, May 2**

6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen meeting

### **Tuesday, May 3**

7 p.m. – Garden Club meeting, Library

7:30 p.m. – Zoning Board meeting

### **Wednesday, May 4**

6 p.m. – Mildred Hall Advisory Committee meeting

### **Thursday, May 5**

7 p.m. – Public Library Trustees meeting

### **Friday, May 6**

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

### **Monday, May 9**

6 p.m. – Board of Firewards meeting

### **Tuesday, May 10**

5 p.m. – Cemetery Trustees meeting

7 p.m. – Park & Recreation meeting

### **Wednesday, May 11**

4:15 p.m. – Trustees of the Trust Fund meeting

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

7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting

7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting

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