



Weare in the World

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For Weare Residents, by Weare Residents



Luke Couture learns how to fix a clogged drain with volunteer Mr. Carbonneau, who used a washcloth to clog the sink (courtesy photo).

Learning Essential Life Skills at John Stark Regional High School

The Life Skills Program at John Stark is designed to ensure that students with specific disabilities are taught the skills necessary to become as independent as possible and actively participate in the school community and the community at large.

"The program is highly individualized and is tailored to meet each student's needs," said Special Education teacher Tessa Carbonneau in a school district press release. "This allows us the flexibility to work one-on-one and in small groups of students. It also gives students the flexibility to be part of the Life Skills Program and take general education offerings on this campus and programs at CRTC (Concord Regional Technical Center)."

Learning to cook, nutrition, and basic home repairs are taught as part of independent living lessons.

"Every student is different and some may need more repetition and time to build skills," Carbonneau said. "We give them the time and space to achieve their goals."

Special Education teacher Faith Crowe conducts the
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Revaluation Starts April 26; Assessments Mailed in June

By Tom Clow

On April 26, Avitar Associates, the assessing agent for the town of Weare, will begin a viewing of properties throughout the town as part of a re-valuation process to bring all assessments to 100% of their market value. Avitar assessor Chad Roberge attended the March 22 meeting of the Weare Board of Selectmen to explain the upcoming process. He said he is doing a cyclical re-valuation, which is required every five years. He estimates that assessments will be raised 30 to 40%, with waterfront property even higher. He emphasized, however, that this does not mean taxes will go up by that percentage. As the overall valuation of the town increases, the fall tax rate will be adjusted down. There will be no impact on June tax bills, which are always 50% of your previous year's taxes.

Roberge said that over 100 properties that were sold starting from Oct. 1, 2020 will be used to model the assessment. He said that a white Toyota Highlander, which is clearly marked "Avitar Municipal Services," will be seen around town frequently beginning on the 26th as his work progresses. The Weare Police Department has been notified of his presence.

New assessment notices will be mailed out around June 11. The notice will also include an online link to Avitar as well as a phone number. Roberge encouraged residents to use the online link to compare their property values with their neighbors' values and also to schedule hearing appointments for themselves.

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weekly cooking or nutrition segment and records a video of the cooking lessons so the Learn at Home students can easily participate.

All students also have the video to refer to when making the dish again at home.

Lessons this year have included making vegetable soup, gingerbread and cupcakes.



Zach Fifield practices using a drill and learns safety skills during the home maintenance unit (courtesy photo).

Before becoming a teacher, Ms. Crowe held several restaurant jobs from chef to baker.

"Just like in a restaurant, a teacher takes personal responsibility for everyone in the room," Crowe said. "Each student is different and they are the ingredients I use to create a positive environment for my students."

Students also learned some valuable home repair skills this year during the home maintenance unit.

"My dad is a carpenter and I knew he'd be game to come in and show the students how to handle a few basics like how to hang a picture, change a doorknob and fix a clogged drain," said Carbonneau.

In the hands-on lesson, students learned how to safely use a drill and hammer and plunge a sink.

The Life Skills Program also includes instruction in math, science, English and social studies. Students work on self-management skills such as dealing with stress and conflict. Career goals and building a plan to achieve those goals are deeply explored and often culminate in an internship at a business in the community.

The Life Skills Program also includes a dedicated paraprofessional staff who assist teachers and students with academic support, the wisdom of experience and role modeling to help grow students into well-rounded, confident young adults.

"The students in our program are just like everyone else, they're just trying to find their way," Carbonneau said. "It's our goal to help them become well-rounded citizens that have the life skills they need to be successful."

-Submitted by Patti Osgood

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Hearings will begin on June 28 and will be by phone. There will be no face-to-face contact.

New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration Property Assessor Lisa Mudge and Assessor Assistant Brenda Pabon were also present at the March board meeting. Mudge explained her department's role in overseeing the revaluation process. She said that in a revaluation year, state law requires a review of all town assessing practices. This involves reviewing ratios, physical property inspections and a random town-wide sampling. She said DRA will notify police before visiting randomly picked properties.

Board of Selectmen meetings are presently being held via Zoom. They are recorded and then uploaded onto YouTube. Anyone interested in seeing the whole discussion of the reassessment process can go to YouTube and search "Weare NH Channel 6 Selectmen Meetings." There is also valuable information on the assessing department page on the Town of Weare website.

Board and Committee Appointments

At their March 22 meeting, selectmen also approved appointments and reappointments to town boards, commissions and committees. All appointments were for full member, three-year terms unless otherwise noted.

Cable TV Committee	Doug Alwine John Lawton (Appointed on April 5, one year)
Conservation Commission	William Bolton Michael Camacho Sherry Burdick
Parks and Recreation Commission	JaNeen Lentsch David Lundeen
Planning Board	Frank (Chuck) Bolton William Stockhouse (to 2023) Raymond Menard (alternate)
Zoning Board	Jack Dearborn Marc Morette Gary Shelto (alternate) Bobbi-Jo Plamondon (to 2022)



JSRHS student Izaiah Pihl in a prior welding class with Tech Ed teacher and welding instructor Joab Owen (courtesy photo).

John Stark Students Take Classes for College Credit; Save Money

More than 100 John Stark Regional High School students took advantage of the opportunity to take classes for both high school and college credit through partnerships with the Community College System of New Hampshire, Southern New Hampshire University and Maine Community College. Students pay only \$150 per college course, a huge savings from the regular cost of college.

"It's a great way to get a head start on college and save a lot of money," said Theresa Risdal, Director of Student Pathways at John Stark, in a school district press release. "And, right now, the state of New Hampshire is offering scholarships and waiving the \$150 fee for STEM classes (math, science, technology and engineering). Overall, students who took STEM classes and received the \$150 grant and students who took dual enrollment classes that didn't qualify for the grant saved \$118,560 in college costs based on current NH Community College tuition."

John Stark students have the opportunity to take 16 courses for dual credit, with 13 of those STEM classes which qualify for the \$150 grant. This year, John Stark students received a total of \$10,050 in STEM grant money. All classes are taught on the John Stark campus as part of their daily class schedule by their teachers, who have college-level teaching credentials; all classes follow a college syllabus and course materials.

Joab Owen, the tech education teacher at John Stark, teaches two sections of welding in which students can get both John Stark and college credit, plus the \$150 STEM grant. He teaches introduction to welding in the fall and advanced welding in the spring.

"It's exciting for me as a teacher to see how far we've

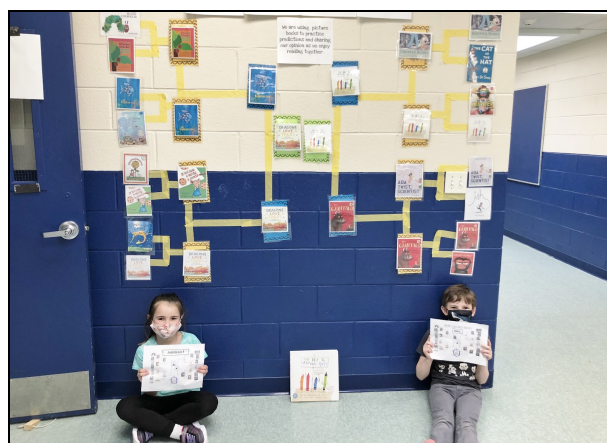
been able to take the welding program in such a short time," said Owen. Welding made its debut at John Stark during Intersession in 2016 and student interest was great. "That's when I knew I had to grow the program at Stark."

To get the welding class up and running, Owen sought the advice of Dan Chabot, who chairs the welding department at the Manchester Community College, and Mark Stock of Multi-Weld Services in Contoocook.

"I took advantage of all their knowledge and it helped me tailor my high school class in a way that it would be a smooth transition for students who wanted to continue with welding when they left John Stark," said Owen. "We started with an experiment at Intersession, then added one welding class and got approval for dual enrollment with Manchester Community College. We now offer two classes in welding that students can get high school and college credit for at the same time. It's satisfying to see how the interest in welding has grown and how many opportunities it opens for our students. I like being part of making a difference in a kid's life."

Classes at John Stark that students can also earn college credit include calculus I; quantitative reasoning; statistics; English composition; computer integrated manufacturing; engineering design; engineering principles; people, purpose, and career; personal financial management; marketing; small business management; pc applications; medical terminology; licensed nursing assistant; and fundamentals of welding.

-Submitted by Patti Osgood



The winning title in Ms. Sara Marzinik's first-grade March Madness "Book Battle" at Center Woods Elementary School was "The Day the Crayons Quit," by Drew Daywalt, with illustrations by Oliver Jeffers. The winning title came from the 16 books selected by Ms. Marzinik for her students to predict the class favorite, round by round. Addison Crete and Liam Williams, shown above, predicted the winner on their bracket (courtesy photo).

Student “Invention Convention” Projects to Be Shown at Regional Competition

Weare Middle and Center Woods Upper Elementary Schools held their Invention Convention virtually this year. The Invention Convention is part of The Young Inventors’ Program, a K-12 project-based learning program that provides a hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) educational enrichment opportunity to budding young inventors.

"Our students typically invent and build at home, so in a time when many students are not on campus full time and completing regular school work at home, I know it was a lot for parents to provide the extra support for their child's invention beyond their regular assignments," said Wil Crabtree, Enrichment Coordinator at CWUES and WMS. "Although it was sad that we weren't able to have an in-person invention convention this year, I am extremely proud of our students who showed perseverance and produced high-quality ideas and displays."

Students from Weare Middle and Center Woods Upper Elementary nominated to move on to the Northern New England Regional Convention are shown in the photos on this page.

A program of the Academy of Applied Science, the Young Inventors’ Program (YIP) captures the spirit of youth innovation first sparked by founder and inventor Dr. Robert Rines. Now nearly 40 years later, YIP is enriching the third generation of inventors in New Hampshire, and most recently Massachusetts and Vermont, with plans to grow throughout Northern New England. In 2021, YIP joined the Leitzel Center at the University of New Hampshire.

YIP believes that students can and will challenge themselves given the opportunity to invent a product or process that solves a problem in their everyday lives. The YIP staff help educators, both in and out of school, apply curriculum and tools to move students through the invention process from developing an idea to prototyping to presenting their designs and research.

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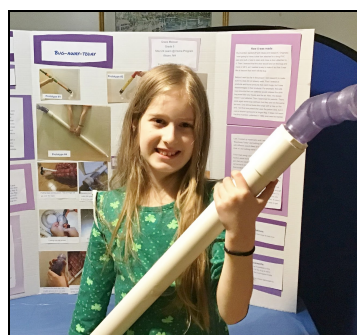
Sadie (WMS) and Claire (CWUES) show “L.E.G.S.,” an acronym for their Lifiable Exoskeleton Gait System, a training device for someone with an altered gait pattern, a familiar problem for Sadie, who has cerebral palsy.



Rose Van Kalken and Riley Lees (CWUES) with “Buddy Blanket,” a blanket with lights to read or act as a nightlight.



Ashley and Hailey Thellen (CWUES) for “Evil Kicker 3000,” a Rube Goldberg chain reaction machine.



Grace Meisser (Learn at Home / CWUES) for “Bug-Away-Today,” which safely captures bugs and deposits them outside. Grace also won a “Best Environmental Impact” citation.



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Weare Garden Club Scholarship

The Weare Garden Club fosters amateur and recreational gardening. Our members seek to promote interest in the beautification of the community.

To promote that interest, we are offering a scholarship of \$500 to a John Stark graduate who is going on to college and has an interest in a field related to gardening and plants.

Some fields of interest that would qualify are: sustainable agriculture, plant pathology, plant biology, science teaching, horticulture, landscape design, nature preservation, landscape architecture, plant propagation and breeding, permaculture, botany, soil science, plant genetics, plant science, plant molecular biology, entomology, controlled environmental agriculture, food science, environmental science and agricultural management.

Applications are available in the Guidance Office at John Stark High School, or directly from the Weare Garden Club at gardenweare@gmail.com. The award is based on character and commitment to the field of endeavor and is not need-based. The deadline is April 30. The Garden Club may choose to interview finalists.

Campbell Fund Scholarship Awards

The application period for the Eleanor Campbell Scholarship fund is open through April 15. Graduating high school seniors from John Stark and Hillsborough-Deering High Schools and other students from Hillsborough, Deering and Weare are eligible. Students enrolled in an accredited college may apply if they have received no more than one prior scholarship award.

The Scholarship Committee understands the complications distance learning has created and will be flexible during the submission process while still maintaining confidentiality. Special directions have been added to application forms which are available to download and print at <https://eleanorcampbellcharitablefund.org>.

Applicants may scan and email forms to either address on the application, use the postal service, or bring applications to their school guidance office. Faculty references may be submitted separately, with the student's name at the top. Class standing and test scores will be provided to the committee by the schools at the students' requests.

Last year, the fund awarded \$37,200 in scholarships. Awards were given to 16 Hillsborough-Deering students

and alumnae as well as eight from Weare and John Stark Regional. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement as demonstrated not only by excellence, but by effort and dedication, and by community involvement, a value exemplified by the fund's founder and namesake, Dr. Eleanor Campbell.

Established in 1931 as The Deering Foundation, the transition to a charitable fund took place five years ago, along with a name change. The Eleanor A. Campbell Charitable Fund now accepts tax-deductible contributions from community members and businesses. An annual spring fund drive complements the assets of Dr. Campbell's estate to provide the financial resources available to students.

Dr. Eleanor Campbell was a well-respected pediatrician in New York City, where she founded the Judson Health Center, with the assistance of Dr. A. Ray Petty of the Judson Memorial Church. When she came to Deering, she actively supported women's and children's health and other community issues. The Deering Foundation was established to perpetuate support for causes Dr. Campbell championed. General support of education was refined to create a scholarship program in 1967.

Scholarship applications and fund information are available at EleanorCampbellCharitableFund.org. Questions about scholarships may be directed to co chairs Alex Luhtjarv at 603-899-6278 or Chris Hague, 603 529-2064.

-Submitted by Chris Hague

College Graduates and Honorees

Graduates, Fall 2020

Douglas Andrad, New Hampshire Technical Institute
Alexa Archambault, New Hampshire Technical Institute
Molly Hixson, New Hampshire Technical Institute
Charles Wetherbee, New Hampshire Technical Institute

Dean's List, Fall 2020

Justin Bowen, Endicott College
Kaitlyn Brown, Western Governors University
Alexander Burgess, Saint Anselm College
Julia Meisser, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Award of Excellence

Hannah Raleigh, Western Governors University

Degrees

Christopher Whiteman, master's degree in curriculum and instruction, Western Governors University
-Concord Monitor reports

JSRHS Students Baking for Good

"Mixing, kneading, proofing and baking bread is a process that requires patience but it is well worth the effort when you smell and taste fresh bread, warm from the oven," said JSRHS Family and Consumer Science teacher Christine Heifetz. Students in her class recently had the opportunity to take part in King Arthur Flour's "Bake for Good" program. Each student received a baking kit with flour, yeast and materials to bake at home; they shared half of what they made as an act of kindness. Instruction by Mrs. Heifetz, along with her videos and videos available from King Arthur Flour, made the project very adaptable for those in remote learning.

Sophia Lundeen

-Submitted by Patti Osgood



By Eva Grolljahn



By Summer Clement



By Eva Grolljahn

A Truck Load of Love

By Marge Burke

Not to be deterred for the second year in a row of the coronavirus thwarting his birthday wishes, Andrew Osborne decided on a different way to celebrate his 10th birthday this year on March 30. In lieu of presents for himself, he asked family and friends to show their love for him by helping others, and help they did.

Andrew is in the fourth grade at the Upper Elementary School. When

asked what his favorite school subjects are, other than gym and lunch, he was quick to respond: math and reading. His favorite leisure pastime is working with wood. He likes to build things from kits and aspires to design and build his own bureau someday. He also enjoys his pets, two cats and a tank of fish, which he keeps high up away from the prying eyes of the cats.

Even though he had to forego a birthday party last year,



he had no specific needs or wants this year, other than to help other people by collecting food for the Weare Food Pantry. His mother said how proud she is of him for this act of thoughtfulness on his part.

Girl Makes Dog Biscuits for Cause Close to Heart

By Karen Lovett

If there were a diagnosis for Bella Harder, it could be this: she has a serious case of puppy love.

The 8-year-old Weare girl's affinity for her dog motivated her to start "Bella's Biscuits and Pupcakes," a venture in which she bakes and sells homemade dog treats to benefit the Pope Memorial SPCA in Concord.

"It basically makes me happy and keeps me busy," said Harder in a recent phone interview. "And it makes my heart happy."



Isabella Harder (courtesy photo).

Harder, a third grader at Center Woods Elementary School, began baking doggie treats this past winter in honor of "Stella", her fluffy, white Wolfhound mix with a sweet tooth. Sadly, Stella -- who could be stubborn but was also a great snuggle partner for Harder -- died following complications from a tick bite in June 2020.

"Her love for dogs has always been there, but after Stella passed, she found this as a way to spread her love and make her feel better," said Melanie Osborne, Harder's mother.

Harder and Osborne started by researching recipes online, seeking out tasty, healthy ingredients. Ultimately, Harder landed on biscuits that include peanut butter, mashed banana, natural maple syrup, wheat flour and eggs. She then cuts them into pooch-friendly shapes (dogs, paws and bones...the doghouse shape didn't hold well) and bakes them up.

Osborne estimates they've baked over 300 treats so far. Asked about how many customers she has, Harder groaned playfully.

"Kind of way too many," she said.

"We bake every weekend," Osborne added with a laugh.

Bella has so far filled orders from family, friends and

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acquaintances in Weare, Concord, New Boston and Bow – and she's recently shipped packages to New Jersey and Rhode Island.

In addition, Harder and her mom have made three trips to the Pope SPCA to donate biscuits for dogs there. Harder also has about \$200 from treat sales to donate to the shelter for their "wish list" items, such as bags of food and blankets.

"Bella is a wonderful and kind, young girl with a generous heart," said Shannon Camara, Director of Community Outreach at the SPCA, in an email. "She has stopped by and left donations to help the animals in our care on more than one occasion. Her mother, Melanie, was able to follow up with her donations through messaging and provide pictures of Bella making these donations. We enjoyed seeing these photos and her happiness in helping the homeless animals in our care."

Apparently, the shelter dogs have also given "paws-itive" reviews of Harder's treats.

"They thought they were delicious," Camara said.

Harder has expanded her bakes to include "pupcakes," which are a tempting mix of carrots, applesauce, pumpkin puree, wheat flour and some other ingredients. Fellow dog-lovers may find Harder's treats at a booth at the Weare Real Farmer's Market soon enough.

Those interested in learning more about "Bella's Biscuits and Pupcakes" can also check out her Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/109378504567349/>

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 Tessa! Shepherd mix, female, 18 months, 48 pounds, affectionate, intelligent, eager to please, active, house trained, vaccinations up to date, spayed, likes other dogs and children. The

adoption fee is \$550. For more information on Tessa and other dogs as they become available, visit the adoption website at: <https://www.heartsandtails.org/petfinder-list/>



A New Look for the Weare Library

By Clay Kriese, Director

Readers of *Where In The World* may remember the library's "Name the Mascot" contest, which we held last November.

"Since our fiction room has a taxidermied owl," explained Kriese, "we wanted our logo to represent the same species."

The three finalist names were, "Owly," "Barry the Bard," and "Hootie & the Molefish," but the name which garnered the most patron votes was "Merlin" (suggested by Rachel Burbee).

"Now that he is 'Merlin,' his persona has taken on magical properties," says Kriese in a library press release. "A month later, we obtained an animatronic owl who wears a wizard hat and reads fairy tales. (He's now living in the children's room, for anyone who wants to meet him.) It was so serendipitous, we knew our logo had to depict a fantastical time-traveling fowl who promotes the magic of reading to Weare residents of all ages."

Kriese's initial attempt to acquire appropriate artwork, however, hit a snag.

"Searching online, I found an image of a chubby, blue, cartoon-y owl with books, which, at the time, seemed perfect," Kriese continues. "It was designed about a decade ago, by a Swedish artist, but I thought that using it without her permission was not cool, and my multiple approaches to contact her were futile."

For Weare, Kriese sought the help of a "Friend."

"Lindsey Hillard is a highly contributive member of our Friends of the Library organization," Kriese explained. "As a skilled graphic artist, she's designed promotional materials for us in the past. I asked her to give the logo a shot. The wizard owl that she created has exceeded my expectations, and the staff loves him too!"

A Personable Website

Kriese explained that Merlin's makeover came at an opportune time.

"I am pleased to announce that he'll be featured atop of each page on our spankin' new website, which debuts this week," Kriese said. "The best place for Weare residents to access information, reserve materials, and learn about upcoming events is now at www.wearepubliclibrary.com. Our older web-presence was a Wordpress blog, which was free and good for newsletters, but not as good for accessibility. Granted, much of the content is the same,

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but it's much more aesthetically pleasing and browsable. There are also new forms, which makes it much easier for patrons to ask reference questions, contribute funds, and join the Friends of the Library – no printing or mailing required."

In addition, Kriese opined that the new site is, "more personable."

"It features fun and friendly picture galleries," he said. "And the new 'about' page has a little introduction to each of our staff members – listing their hobbies, book and DVD picks."

"Like pretty much every organization," Kriese said, "the pandemic has hurt. We miss seeing our loyal patrons, the afterschool kids, along with the new faces – just stopping by to check us out or sign up for a library card."

"It's my hope that this site will open new conversations... face-to-face, of course."

Golf Tournament – Save the Date!



Sponsors are needed. For more information, visit the event page on Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/1ir1slNZx>

Jack's Little Free Library

By Heleen Kurk

When Jack Davis was alive, he was a great cheerleader for the Friends of the Library. He was always on hand to volunteer for whatever was happening at the library; he supported the many things that the Friends worked on to raise money so that the library could offer many activities that our citizens wanted and benefited from, but that tax dollars didn't support. Over the years, the Friends have had mammoth book sales in August, auctions and bake sales. Monies have gone to "Books for Babies," passes to museums, science centers and parks. The Friends provide money for creative summer programs for all ages. During the pandemic, much of the activities that were supported by the Friends were at a standstill. However, it was the Friends that provided the money for Zoom activities.

We are turning the corner on a most unusual year and slowly getting back to normal. Park passes are once again available now. Library summer activities are being planned. The Friends will again be providing the funds for these programs.

A note about what's happening with Jack's Little Free Library; we're pleased that people are stopping by and checking it out, taking a book and leaving a book. Clay Kreise, our director, has donated some of Mike Sullivan's Escapade Johnson series books. Mike wrote books with young male readers in mind. This is a tribute to two special men: Jack and Mike.

There are several ways that you can support the good work that the Friends do. Most importantly, get involved and become a Friend. To learn more, go to wearepubliclibrary.com/friends. Take a look; we have our new page up and running.



Weare Public Library is fully reopening April 19!

Monday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SENIOR NEWS



Hand in Hand Ministries volunteers are shown with Christine Lynady, far right, of Grappone Automotive Group (courtesy photo).

Grappone Automotive Supports Hand in Hand Ministries

By Margaret Bailey

Grappone Automotive Group of Bow presented Hand In Hand Ministries, Inc., a check for \$250 last month. Christine Lynady of Grappone was on hand to help at Breaking Bread Cafe/Senior Center for the day on March 17 - St. Patrick's Day! Hand in Hand thanks Christine and Grappone. This is an example of volunteerism at its best!

Senior Café Plans Outdoor Dining

Coming up in the near future, the plans are to start outdoor dining under the new 10'x20' canopy with enclosure. The current focus is on selecting a suitable location that will make for comfortable outdoor seating. Once a seating location has been established, a grill will be set up and the menu expanded to include barbeque. Of course, menu suggestions are always welcome. If it is something that hasn't been made in the past, the cafe will do its best to figure it out. All the wonderful volunteers are hoping to see everyone at the café' very soon.

Menu: Lunch is always served on Wednesdays and always with chips and dessert.

April 14: Crispy fried chicken drumettes, cole slaw

April 21: Beef stew, cornbread, side salad

April 28: Meatball sandwich, pasta side dish

Just call ahead to 603-529-4263 and let the volunteers know if you would like to dine in, pick-up or have them deliver to your door. Here's the Facebook page for the latest news:

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

Senior Weare-ites: Stay Tuned...

No, you are not missing out on any meetings just yet. Senior Weare-ites are still unable to meet at the American Legion Post, but they are staying in touch with each other. As soon as there are plans for this group, there will be information for readers here. In the meantime, stay well.



Buy One, Get One Free

By Margaret Bailey

We are having a sale for the whole month of April. Our BOGO Sale applies to women's tops, but we have so many more items on hand. Come on in and browse.

Hours: Wednesdays, noon to 5, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. -- right next door to Breaking Bread Senior Cafe at 33 North Stark Highway in Weare.



A contented pig at a winery (Connie Sullivan photo).



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Scout leader Bill Theriault shown with the Tiger Cubs (courtesy photo)

All-Girl Cub Scout Den

Over the past school year, Cub Scout Pack 24 of Weare welcomed their first group of girls since the Boy Scouts of America opened their ranks to include girls as well as boys in 2019. (At the Den level, Scouts are not co-mingled). "Den 12" consisted of five first grade Tiger Cubs! The girls eagerly met throughout the year to work toward achieving their Bobcat and Tiger Cub badges. They had fun meeting in a variety of formats as they learned outdoor skills, team building and problem solving, team-oriented games, healthy eating habits and citizenship. Together they enjoyed hiking, sledding, supporting a holiday food drive, making Christmas cards for Veterans, participating in their very first pinewood derby race and more!

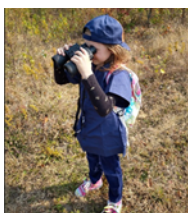
Bill Theriault, the Den Leader for the girls and an Eagle Scout himself, hopes the momentum gained by the first successful year can continue, and looks forward to growing the group going into next year.

"Scouting gave me so many amazing experiences and memories which I still hold dear," Theriault said. "The lessons I learned in Scouting are part of what makes me who I am today. I was SO excited to hear that the BSA would be allowing girls to participate and I'm looking forward to sharing this experience with my daughter."

The Cub Scouts program is open to all boys and girls in grades K-3 and the Pack welcomes new members year-round. Anyone joining this spring will also be eligible to attend camp this summer with the Pack at Camp Carpenter in Manchester. More information is available at www.beascout.org or you can reach out directly to Mike Provencher, Pack 24

Cubmaster mprovencher29@gsinet.net.

-Submitted by Bill Theriault



The boys who crossed (left to right) are Elias, Lenny, Noah, Roy, Thomas and Davien, along with troop leaders (courtesy photo).

Crossing the Bridge, Flaming Arrows, and a Whole Lot of Celebrating!

By Lorrie Piper

Weare Troop 24 welcomed six new Scouts on March 13.. The "Crossing Over" Blue And Gold Ceremony took place at Holy Cross Church in Weare.

Six new Scouts crossed a ceremonial bridge, symbolizing the "bridging from Cub Scout to Boy Scout." The new Scouts were welcomed and presented with a new neckerchief, epilates and neckerchief slide as they reached the end of the bridge.

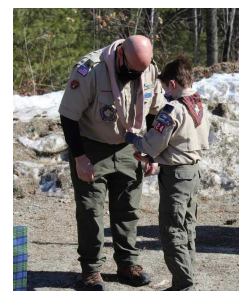
The new Scouts shot flaming arrows as part of a traditional crossing-over ceremony, where the highest rank in Cub Scouting (the "Arrow of Light Award") is celebrated. The Scouts who have earned their Arrow of Light may display the special badge on their uniform, which is one of the only Cub Scout badges that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform when a boy graduates into a troop.

More Scout News

Pack 24 recently held its annual Pinewood Derby. Congratulations to the winners: Sierra T., Ava V. and Thomas S. Also, in recent news, Cubmaster Mike Provencher earned his "Wood Badge" Beads. Wood Badge is the highest level of training

a Scouting leader can attain. It involves two full weekends of training, a group project and completion of a ticket, which involves five mini projects to be completed over one and a half years. For more information, see our new website at <https://sites.google.com/site/pack24wearenh/>.

Above: Cubmaster Mike Provencher's son, Lenny, places a neckerchief (courtesy photo).





Do you usually go to the local Goffstown Rotary Car Show? I am looking for folks who have either shown cars or attended as spectators in the past who are

willing to be interviewed about the event. Please contact Sharon Czarnecki at czar5@comcast.net.

Goffstown Rotary Car Show: Sponsorships Needed

By Robin Morrell

The Goffstown Rotary Club has announced the date of its annual Rotary Car Show fundraising event! The event will be held Saturday, June 5, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Parson's Field in Goffstown. Admission will be free for the general public, and COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. The Club is currently seeking sponsorship of the show at multiple levels. If you would like to support this great event and advertise your business in the process, please email goffstownrotary@gmail.com, call 603-606-8758 (Robin) or message the club via Facebook, to get details on the different sponsor levels. There is also a need for goodie bag items and raffle donations! All profits will go back into the community in the form of grants, scholarships, other charitable donations and community service events. The Goffstown Rotary Club services the communities of Goffstown, Weare, New Boston and Dunbarton. Meetings are held most Tuesday mornings, 7:30 a.m., via Zoom, with one evening meeting per month. For more information about the Goffstown Rotary, visit our website at: www.goffstownrotary.org



Caring for Transplants

By Anne Wirkkala

Before you transplant your indoor seedlings, "harden" your tender little plants...wean them from the warmth and protection of the indoors. To do this, you will need to move them outside for part of the day

A child's wagon makes a great device for moving them in and out. At first, place them in partial shade, away from the wind. Gradually introduce your seedlings to full sun. Start with a few hours and work up to a full day.

Even plants purchased from commercial sources need this care unless the vendor guarantees that they have been "hardened off."

Another method you can use is to put them in a cold frame. You will need to control the amount of sun and avoid low temperatures. Allow a gradual transition to full outdoor light and moisture.

Now they are ready for the garden.

Mid-April: broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, bunching onions.

Mid-May: basil, peppers, cantaloupe, celery, cucumbers, eggplant, oregano, pumpkins, rosemary, sage squash, sweet potatoes, thyme, tomatoes, watermelons.

Next, transplant them into your garden on a cloudy day, just after or before a rainstorm if you can. Plant in loose soil. Water thoroughly after planting. Mulch the surface. Provide shade or bug protection: use cloches or row covers. Stake or plant with plant support systems. Monitor their progress often. Check frequently for pest infestations. Provide water and shade as needed. Protect from late frosts. Weed and mulch as needed. Adjust stakes as they grow.

Make your own cloche (a small translucent cover for protecting outdoor plants). Use a gallon milk jug with the bottom cut off and top removed. Secure this over the plant by pushing the bottom into the soil. Especially important: monitor when the air heats up so your plants don't get too hot and dry. This can happen quickly in direct sun.



Garden Club Plant Sale

By Anne Wirkkala

The date is Saturday, May 15 starting at 9 a.m. There will be two locations announced in Weare in a future issue. You get plants for yourself, the plants get an appreciative home and John Stark students get money added to our scholarship program. Now that's win, win, win!!!

Plants available will include hardy perennials, seeds, garlic sprouts, shrubs and some vegetable transplants.

Speaking of garlic....it is a great companion plant for many others such as chamomile, fruit trees, peppers, roses, rue, spinach, strawberries and cabbage because it repels loopers, diamondback moths and cabbage worms. BUT - keep it away from asparagus, beans, parsley, peas, and sage, since it can stunt their growth.



We Asked, You Answered: Siblings, Pets and Farm Animals

Sir Buck of Long Pond

By Shirley Hewitt

It was June of 1989 when my family moved into our home in Henniker. Much to our surprise, we were greeted with the biggest smile I had ever seen. I never knew dogs smiled, but this Chesapeake Bay Retriever sure did. He seemed to shout, "You made it!" Little did we know how much a part of our family this excited stranger would become.



I learned quickly that "Bucky" was actually no stranger to anyone. He was a frequent visitor to many households in our neighborhood. Bucky believed he belonged on everyone's doorstep. The land had always been his place to roam freely, even after his owners had sold the property along Long Pond. Clearly, in his mind, the growing number of neighbors were on *his* turf! No one was going to stop him from roaming the land he loved.

Bucky wanted to belong to every family. He often spent nights at different houses curled up next to the beds of *his* various sleeping children. If you already had dogs, he just adopted them as his friends. Bucky was especially welcome in our home. Our daughter Holly, a teen at the time, bathed Bucky, took him for walks, cuddled him and gave him lots of kisses. Of course, we *all* fed him.

One day, Holly discovered Bucky had an ear infection and she took him off to the vet only to discover an owner's permission was needed. Reluctantly, she walked Bucky over to his legal owners to tell them of the problem. She returned all excited. "Mom, Bucky's ours! Mrs. P. asked if I wanted him."

It was then we learned Bucky's legal name. His papers read, "Sir Buck of Long Pond." Wow! We were impressed. Of course, we quickly learned the costs of being a dog owner were impressive too. I gazed at the

\$50 prescription sitting on my kitchen counter with the name "Bucky Hewitt" printed on it. "Yep, he was our dog all right."

Eventually, my children moved on with their lives, leaving Bucky and I to spend more and more time together. He was there to greet me every day and partly fill the void they left behind.

Soon, the whole town and I shared numerous "Bucky stories." There was the time he ran down to my coffee shop in town during a terrible thunderstorm. Other folks had stories of 10-foot tree trunks he'd carry in his mouth while running through the neighborhood. He was often caught stealing logs from backyard woodpiles and distributing them to other yards.

Bathing him was a joke, for he'd roll in the muddy ditches along the road immediately after his bath. He was also impossible to contain. Try chaining a dog who has been used to roaming all his life. It doesn't work. He broke every chain we had. He probably would have dragged the tree he was tied to, roots and all, if the chains hadn't broken.

Towards the end of his life, Bucky slowed down quite a bit. But he still wanted to go to the school bus stop and watch the bus go by. All the children waved and called to him. On one of his last days, however, something special happened. The bus stopped right in front of us! Thanks to Linda, the dog lover and bus driver, everyone aboard got out of the bus and had the opportunity to give him hugs.

Our family later donated a gift to Bucky's favorite beach in town. It reads "Buck Haven Beach" – a tribute to a great legend - Sir Buck of Long Pond.

Once Upon a Time

By Jeanloretta Bartlett

Once upon a time...it begins that way. The story of the turned down beds, cots, in this 18th century house. Turned down as in the days when a hostess prepared a welcome rest for travelers.

Susan wondered, as she poked her head into both guest rooms - where she had left neatly made-up beds. She was not frightened when she saw a chaste indentation in the pillow, a top sheet, a blanket neatly pulled back. Both rooms appeared ready for expected overnights. Do ghosts inhabit her sleeping chambers she mused, even entertaining, welcoming the thought—so often she longed for the return, in any form whatever, of her dear, deceased husband. Could it

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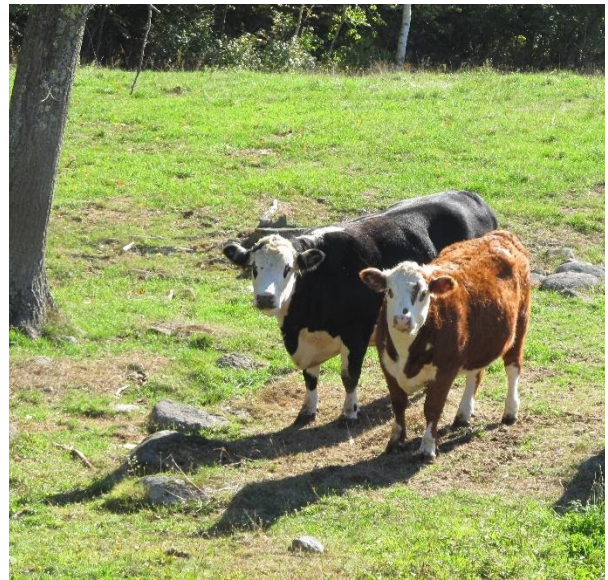
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be the woman who used to run a tavern in this house during the Civil War, or is it the shadowy figure of the church organist whose grand piano left those deep dents in the pumpkin pine floor? She questioned her son, who was a permanent boarder, and even herself as she remade the beds. *Not I, said Sol, unless I was sleepwalking!*

Each morning, she is awakened at exactly 7 a.m. by her dog, Robbie, his long-nosed face peering down at her, an eager beckoning in his whine. (Robbie is an Australian Shepherd/Border Collie mix.) Time for the daily hike into the woods behind her old colonial home. They have bonded, this “surrendered” dog she took in coming by way of Mississippi.

This morning, she had turned over for a few extra minutes of rest when suddenly her blanket was pulled off, the chilled air in the drafty room bringing her fully awake. Her annoyance abated somewhat as she hurried to dress. She had to admire her clever pet, his skill at drawing off the bed clothes. Stumbling down the narrow staircase, Robbie in the lead, his nails scrambling against the treads, she glanced toward the guest room's open door where a bed was once again turned down.

Following her charging companion down their accustomed path into the forest, she smiled in appreciation for the solved mystery of beds made ready for the fellow travelers in her life.



The clever lady on the left escaped her farm during a power outage when the electric fence went down. The photographer became an impromptu cow hand, herding her home to her farm (Connie Sullivan photo).

April 13: Peach Cobbler Day

By Marge Burke

Peach Cobbler

1 stick butter

1 ½ cup sugar divided: 1 cup and ½ cup

¾ cup flour

2 tsp baking flour

dash of salt

¾ cup milk

2 cups fresh peaches *

-Grease or spray two-quart baking dish.

-Melt butter in the microwave.

-In a small bowl, mix the batter: 1 cup sugar, flour, salt, baking powder and milk. Pour over the melted butter. DO NOT STIR.

-Mix peaches with remaining ½ cup sugar and pour over the batter: DO NOT STIR.

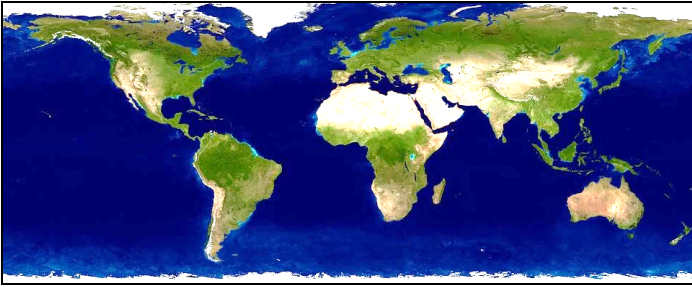
-Bake one hour at 350 degrees

Serve plain, with ice cream or whipped cream

* Don't have fresh peaches? Do what I do; in the summer, peel and slice two cups of ripe peaches. Stir in ½ cup sugar and freeze for winter enjoyment.



Chickens big and small (Alyssa Small photo).



Earth Day Poetry Readings

By Jeanne Bartlett

On Friday, April 23 at 7 p.m. via Zoom, come and read your poetry in celebration of national poetry month and also Earth Day (April 22). If you have written or heard or read a poem about our tired old earth -- trees, water, animals, weather, fire -- bring it on! Please pass this on to poets, lovers of poetry and to all, to any, who favor the curious and the mystery. All poetry themes and forms are welcome, too. For more information and for the Zoom link, contact milsite4@comcast.net. Sponsored by the Deering Community Church.

A Spring Fragrance Memory

Hyacinths

Resurrection

intoxicating scent fills the church
hyacinths on each window sill
one for each child
an Easter tradition
planted in the garden
they return every spring.

Resurrection.

-Marge Burke

Footwear

Snowshoes to traverse
mounds of whipped cream
new fallen snow, then
yaktrack walkers on
boots when the driveway
becomes a skating rink,
wellies for sloshing
through thawed ground that is
like wet peanut butter,
rubbers for puddles,
sandals for warm days,
the best is yet to
come, barefoot in the sand.

-Marge Burke

Thank You, Beverly Cleary

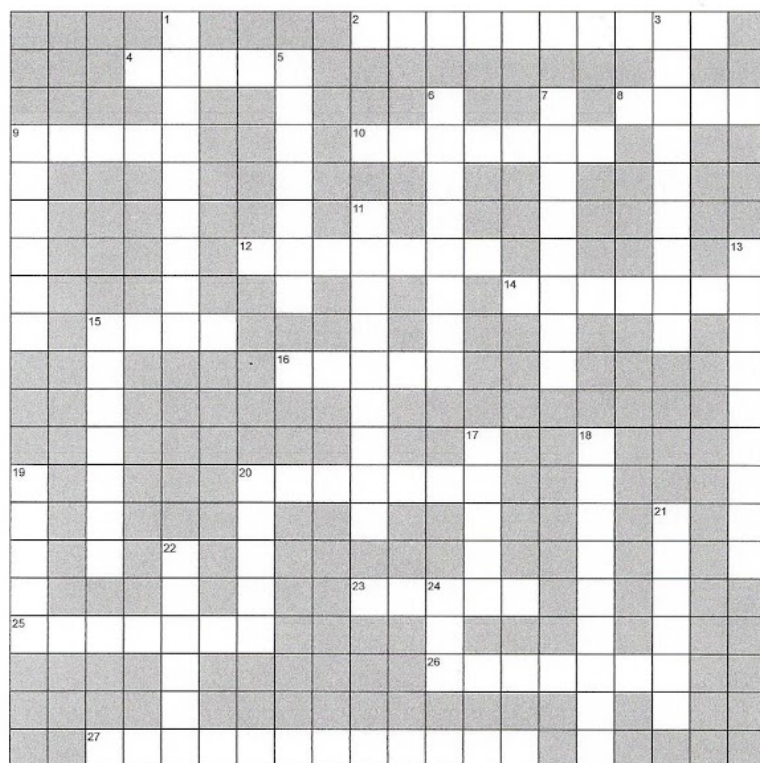
By Alyssa Small

I first became acquainted with Beverly Cleary as an eager reader in the early 80s. Cleary's Ramona Quimby amused me with her carefree wildness (which also resembled the spiritedness of my own little sister). Later, when my children grew from toddlers to elementary school-aged kids, I planned out how I would make the Cleary introduction. First, on a road trip to Tennessee, I read "Ralph S Mouse" out loud as we sped along endless interstate miles. My silly, vehicle-loving five-year-old son kept shouting, "More!" from the backseat. As my daughter's eighth birthday approached, I purchased "Ramona Quimby, Age 8" and hoped that it would be as impressive to her as it was to me decades earlier. Not quite a year later, we have read all eight Ramona books and are now on the sixth "Henry Huggins" book. It has been a sweet, heartwarming journey. There is a realness to Cleary's characters that has made them relatable to generations of readers. Their humorous exploits are true to the universal highs and lows of childhood. As a girl now grown up and as the mother of young children, I am deeply grateful for the talent that Beverly Cleary has shared with a world of readers. Rest in peace, Mrs. Cleary. (Beverly Cleary passed away on March 25. She would have been 105 on April 12.)



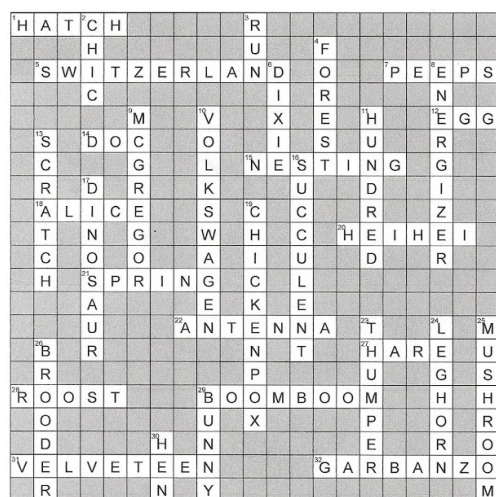
A wall of books at Boomer's Books in Weare (Alyssa Small photo).

Tribute to Beverly Cleary



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Chicks and Bunnies



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Across

2. Beezus and Ramona buried him (2 words)
4. Name of Cleary's fictional twin boy
8. Henry Huggins bought this at auction
9. Setting of "The Mouse and the Motorcycle"
10. "___ Dog Food is the best"
12. Memoir, "A Girl From ___"
14. Ellen Tebbits calls her enemy Otis Spofford this
15. Cleary's maiden name
16. Final book published before death: "Ramona's ___"
20. Quimbys' baby
23. Number of "Ramona" books
25. Winner of this medal
26. Name of Cleary's actual twin son
27. First book (2 words)

Down

1. Howie's troublesome little sister (2 words)
3. Ramona and Henry's street
5. Book about an author who befriends a boy through letters: "Dear Mr. ___"
6. School here was named for her
7. Beezus' real name
9. Howie's rich uncle
11. "The most beautiful name in the world"
13. Ramona's middle name
15. "Socks" the cat belongs to this family
17. First name of mouse with motorcycle
18. Cleary: "Quite often somebody will say, 'What year do your books take place?' And the only answer I can give is, 'In ___.'"
19. She had "boing boing curls"
20. Henry Huggins' dog
21. Children's librarian here
22. Cleary's home state
24. Henry finds and sells large quantities of this

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