

# Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents
June 14, 2023

# **BOS Approves Grant Application; Joining Special Operations Unit**

By Tom Clow

At its June 5 meeting, the Weare Board of Selectmen gave Police Chief Christopher Moore the go-ahead to apply for a Speed Enforcement Equipment Grant from the N.H. Department of Highway Safety. The grant, if approved, would reimburse 75% of the cost of equipment. In his presentation to the board, Moore said that speeding is the number one citizen concern in town.

The department's grant request would include two movable RADAR speed display signs — likely one rechargeable and one solar powered. One of these units would be for the schools; however, since this is a law enforcement grant, it must be submitted by the police department, Moore said.

The grant request would also include two handheld LIDAR units and one in-car RADAR unit (Raptor RP-1). The total cost of all the equipment would be \$13,712; however, with the 75% reimbursement from NHDNS, the cost to the town would be \$2,585. Moore said that the town's share of the cost for the hand-held units and the in-car unit could be paid for through the Dam Patrol Fund. The state pays the town to provide patrols around the dam at Clough State Park.

### **Interagency Mutual Aid Agreement**

At the same meeting, the board approved and signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the Weare Police Department to become part of the Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit. The purpose of the unit, as defined in the MOU, is to provide mutual law enforcement assistance and/or logistical support to the city/town governments party to this agreement in high-risk situations including drug raids, hostage rescue, barricaded suspects, search and rescue, or other situations requiring exceptional police actions which are beyond the normal resources and/or capabilities of an individual department.

Including Weare, there will be 21 team communities with some of the closest being Bow, Bradford, Concord, Dunbarton, Henniker and the Merrimack County Sheriff Department. When asked about assistance from the N.H. See POLICE, page 2

### John Stark Regional Graduation

On Saturday, June 10, 140 students graduated from JSRHS. The recording of the live stream of graduation is <a href="https://jsrhs.fuelstream.live/">https://jsrhs.fuelstream.live/</a> and will be available for approximately 30 days. Here are some images from the ceremony, which continue on page 2.



Meghan Mefford shakes Superintendent Coe's hand after receiving her diploma from JSHRS Board Chair Zach Lawson.



Members of the John Stark band and chorus performed "Life Is a Highway" by Tom Cochran during the ceremonies.



Senior Class Speaker Braden Schou will attend UMass Lowell to study video and sound production.



Senior Ben Cooper was ready with an umbrella during one of the popup showers during graduation.



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### **JSRHS Graduation, continued**



Valedictorian Jacqueline O'Donnell will attend WPI to study biomedical engineering.



Salutatorian Samantha Veilleux will attend the University of New England to study nursing.



Sophia Pollard with Katelyn Pinter as they walk around the track before entering graduation ceremonies.



Seniors (I-r) Rose Kosciuszek and Natalie Smith present the class gift, emblazing the school's golf carts used primarily for athletics with the school logo.



Marshalls Brody Jones and Hailey Brisson, the top two juniors in their class, lead the Class of 2023 to graduation ceremonies

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State Police, Chief Moore said the agreement didn't rule out calling the state police, but they are already spread thin and cannot always respond.

### **Parking Issues**

At Moore's request, the board discussed and took action on two parking issues. The first will allow the police department to put up temporary "Handicapped Only" parking signs in the spaces on East Road near the gazebo for special events such as the Patriotic Celebration. The second will allow permanent "No Parking" signs on Sugar Hill Road South on the opposite side of the road from Ilsley's Ice Cream Stand.

# School News, Continued



The **JSRHS Equestrian Team** won the New Hampshire High School Equestrian Teams (NHHSET) state championship against 17 other teams at the end of May. This was their fourth NHHSET Championship win. The 2023 JSRHS Equestrian Team members are Sierra McCabe, Carmela Martin, and team captain Sarah

Guillemette. They are coached by Susan Russell and assistant coach Lisa Compagna, who is also the owner of the team's practice barn, Twin Bridge Stables. *Photos:*JSRHS Equestrian Team



members Carmela Martin, assistant coach Lisa Compagna and team member Sierra McCabe. Jumping: Team captain, senior Sarah Guillemette.

Cooper Gorski's **personal fitness class** at JSRHS recently hiked up Mount Sunapee as they continue to experience new ways to stay physically fit and explore local places to create more opportunities for their own personal fitness. They hiked a total of seven miles and had themselves a day!



Photo L to R: Vincent Draelus, Tyler Fredette, Cooper Gorski,, Aidan Johnson, Luke Boden (courtesy photo).

The **Unified Track and Field Team** at JSRHS recently completed a successful season. The team traveled to competitions at Concord, Keene and Hollis-Brookline throughout the spring. The team is made up of a combination of students with and without intellectual disabilities. Members are Kayla Allen, Khloe Burgess, Luke Couture, Sean Crean, Kaiya Duquette, Ava Friberg, Liam Gannon, Kaleb Hardy, Ava Martin, Nathan Morse, Matthew Mulet, Nolan Nelson, Isabella Pelletier, Cam Shaw, Kate Smith, and Kelsie Walton.







Upper left: Unified partner Kate Smith runs alongside Asa Lamarre. Lower left: Luke Couture throws shot put. Above: Nathan Morse throws shot put (courtesy photos).



Weare School Board member Bill Politt visits Mrs. Grantz's 2nd grade at Center Woods Elementary School (courtesy photo).

### Several JSRHS students submitted works for the **2023 Congressional Art Competition.**



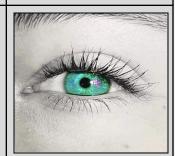
"The Healing Process," by Alexis Filteau



"Winter Spring," by Alexis Filteau



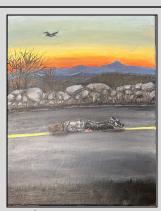
Emma Fifield



Hailey Duval



"Australia," by Adam Bogle



Natalie Jensen



"Bailey Dog," by Alexis Boudreau



Weare Middle School students performed "Annie, Jr." on May 19 and 20 under the direction of Ms. Fitzpatrick and Ms.

Labrie.

JSRHS students in **Introduction to Woodworking** with Joel Kress crafted bandsaw boxes from single pieces of wood and spoons they carved right from the stump. The wood students used included maple, cherry, pine and birch.



Bandsaw box by Will Hanson



Bandsaw box by Adam Bogle



Bandsaw box by Nate Dennis



Birch spoons by Nate Dennis

All students (incoming grades 9 through 12) interested in participating in a sport at JSRHS this upcoming 2023 fall season should attend the **fall sports information night** on June 14 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. JSRHS Athletic Director Rodney Brown will share updated sports guidelines for the fall season. Students and their family members will transition to sports-specific breakout meetings with the coaches of their respective sports. Fall sports offered include bass fishing, cross country (boys and girls), field hockey, football, golf, soccer (boys and girls) and girls volleyball. Fall online registration begins July 1:

<u>https://johnstark-nh.finalforms.com/</u>. For more info, contact rodney.brown@sau24.org.

CHASE PARK 2	at Lake Horace Weare NH
2023 ]	Parking & Boat Fees
RI	ESIDENTS*
Dai	ly & Season Pass
Parking	\$5.00 per car (daily) \$20.00 per car (season) \$5.00 each additional car (season) (CURRENT Vehicle registration required)
Boat Ramp	\$30.00 per jet ski/boat (season) (CURRENT Boat Registration required) Car included only when boat is in tow. If car has no boat in tow, car pass is required.
Seniors* (60+) & Veterans*	1 FREE Car pass (season) \$5.00 each additional car (season) \$15 1st Boat/ Jet Ski Pass (season) \$30 each additional boat/jet ski (season) (CURRENT Vehicle & Boat registration required) *(Owner must be present to receive stickers)
Walk ins	\$2 per person (fee waived with proof of pass purchase)
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Parking Access	\$5 per person (daily) all ages - no reentry
Boat Ramp Access	\$50.00 per boat or jet ski (daily)
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Residency proof can be: CURRENT Car registration, Drivers License, Rental Agreement, tax bill or current utility bill

# **American Legion Post 65 Program Honors Those Who Served Country**

By Tom Clow

When called to serve, they answered, "I'll go," for the love of country, family and friends. This was the theme of



Members of American Legion Post 65 honor fallen soldiers with salute at gravesite in Pine Grove Cemetery on Memorial Day (Tom Clow photo).

a speech by guest speaker Howard Kaloogian at the Weare Middle School on Memorial Day, this year celebrated on May 29. After a brief history of Memorial Day, first known as

Decoration Day, Kaloogian wove together quotes from several former

presidents including Garfield, Kennedy, Reagan and Obama, as well as paraphrasing President Calvin Coolidge in the quote above. Kaloogian also paid tribute to New Hampshire men who gave their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Memorial Day program was organized by American Legion Post 65 with Post Commander Brad Goulet

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introducing the guest speaker and thanking members of local Boy Scout Troop 24 for their help in replacing flags on soldiers' graves in the Weare cemeteries. Other than Legion members participating in the program and BSA Troop 24, the ceremony at the middle school was sparsely attended.

Following the program at WMS, Legion members moved on for a brief wreath laying ceremony at the memorial in front of the Stone Building in Weare Center, and from there to ceremonies at Pine Grove Cemetery on Buzzell Hill Road and Hillside Cemetery on Deering Center Road.

As reported in the May 24 issue of WITW, Howard Kaloogian is one of the founders of Move America Forward, a non-profit military charity based in Sacramento, CA.



# **Boy Scouts Memorial Day Participation**

By Marsha Lanier – Scout Master

Boy Scouts participated in Memorial Day services. Here are some photos commemorating the day.



Legion Post 65 Wreath Laying at Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Shown here is Scout Davien Wooten.



Scout Alex Westfahl from Troop 24 with the Legion members at Pine Grove cemetery.



Scout James Erikson at Hillside cemetery (courtesy photos).

### **Pack 24 Cub Scout News**



### By Alyssa Small

On Sunday, May 21, Pack 24 Cub Scouts went on a perfect morning hike along the trail at Marjory Swope Park in Concord. The weather was ideal, and the crew enjoyed the adventure and the views.

From June 10-11, our Scouts participated in a campout at Chase Park. This is a fun event that Scouts and their families look forward to each year. We had dinner, a move up ceremony, fireside entertainment, s'mores, and, of course, beach and lake time. There might have been some sleeping in tents, too.

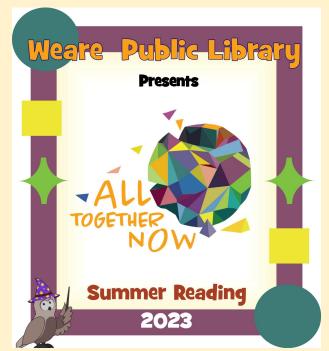
Our next Pack activity will be marching in the parade at the Weare Patriotic Celebration on July 8. Sometime before then, Scouts will make signs and decorate a float, too.

The Cub Scout program is open to all boys and girls in grades K-5, and the Pack welcomes new members year-round. Regular den meetings take place every other week. If anyone is interested in joining, learning more about the program, or checking out an upcoming event, please reach out to Pack 24 Cubmaster Bill Theriault at usaairforceeod@yahoo.com.

Photo above: Cub Scouts at a vista on the Marjory Swope Trail. Below: Cub Scouts lighting sparklers at their move-up ceremony (*Bailey Theriault and Alyssa Small photos*).



### **Weare Public Library News**



Summer Reading 2023 "All Together Now" Kids sign-ups begin on June 15!

<u>PokeMondays</u>: Mondays, 2 to 5 p.m. Meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card game enthusiasts and win prizes.

**Baby & Toddler Playgroup:** Tuesdays, 10:30 to noon. An informal gathering for caregivers and young children. Get out of the house; meet new friends! Books, puzzles, early literacy toys, & music.

<u>Afterschool Gaming:</u> Tuesdays, 2 to 5 p.m. Challenge your friends with Smash Bros., Minecraft, or other video games. You can even check-out many of our games and take them home! Recommended for ages 6+. In the Sawyer Room.

<u>Scholastic Chess:</u> Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m. All kids are invited to jump in, learn logic and planning skills while they play. Upstairs, in the Paige Room.

<u>Pinochle & Cribbage:</u> Tuesdays, at 2 p.m. Meet and play with other card game enthusiasts.

**<u>Lego Club</u>**: Thursday, June 15, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Stop by to see what you can create and display with our huge pile of Legos.

**Summer Reading Kick-off Party:** Thursday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. Try a medley of our outdoor games (like cornhole and ladder-golf) and wet fun (water balloons and squirt guns) - provided by the Parks & Recreation Commission.

**Return of Game Night:** Fridays (starting June 23), 5 to 8 p.m. Enter the Golden Age of Board Gaming! Meet, learn, and play with other game enthusiasts. Choose from our collection or bring one of your own.

Monday Movie Matinees: Starting June 26 at 4 p.m. Enjoy family classics in the Sawyer Room with popcorn, lemonade, coloring, and Legos. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, we're watching Puss N Boots: The Last Wish.

Stories at the Lake: Wednesdays, starting June 28 at 10:30 a.m. Meet Ms. Karen at Chase Park for stories and songs. Ages: birth-5.

Matt Forrest Esenwine: Wednesday June 28 at 2:30 p.m. Local children's book author and poet Matt Forrest Esenwine will share his latest picture books, and you'll create an origami turtle! – for grades K+

<u>Coding with Robot NED</u>: Wednesdays, starting June 28 at 4 p.m. Learn coding and problem-solving skills while teaching NED the Robotic Arm to complete physical challenges — for kids entering grades 3-8. Space is limited, so register by contacting the library.

**Book Group:** "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger: Thursday, June 28 at 7 p.m. Call the library at 603-529-2044 to reserve your copy.

**SkyWatch:** June 29 at 8 p.m. The N.H. Astronomical Society's bringing their powerful telescopes, so you too can get a closer view and learn about the dazzling celestial bodies in our night sky! Event begins at the library. (rain date: July 20)



### Weare Pink Ladies Group By Lily Tang Williams

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Thursday, June 29. Potluck 4 to 7 p.m. at Nancy Kramer Pichie's house

Come to meet local ladies, make friends and have fun. For directions, please email Lily at: <a href="mailto:lily4liberty@comcast.net">lily4liberty@comcast.net</a> or find us on Facebook at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/285603816508112">www.facebook.com/groups/285603816508112</a> Hope to see you then!

### HAND IN HAND SENIOR CENTER



The Hand in Hand Senior Center is a gathering place for seniors to socialize and get involved in group activities.

33 North Stark Highway, Weare, NH 03281 Wednesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 603-529-4263

Hand in Hand Senior Center is offering a new FREE program, Fun with Arts & Crafts with Donna Carey. Donna, who taught in the Monadnock Regional



School District, will now share her talent and love of the arts with us. She will offer four sessions in the first round of classes. You'll learn how to paint birch trees with acrylics,

use India ink to paint seasonal trees, how to load your brush to paint leaves and how to paint lilac blossoms with Q-tips. The first session will be Saturday, June 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Center. Classes will be limited to 10 people. To sign up, stop by by Hand in Hand Senior Center during open hours, or call us at 603-529-4263.

Join us for a fun-filled movie afternoon on Thursday, June 29 at 3 p.m. The movie this month is *Waking Ned Devine*. It's a heartwarming comedy (Irish) with a delightfully light touch, finding feel-good humor in some unexpected -- and unexpectedly effective -- places. We'll round the afternoon off with popcorn, hotdogs, and soda. Plan to have a good time with us.

### WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?



Wednesdays 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Dine in, take out or free delivery.

<u>June 14</u>: Chicken salad wraps; Greek orzo salad <u>June 21</u>: Chicken stroganoff over noodles; cashew brussel sprouts

<u>June 28:</u> American chop suey; garden salad, garlic bread

Coffee, tea, and various desserts are also available.

### WHAT'S IN THE SHOP?



Please note our new hours: Wednesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Come in and meet our lovely model Hannah, currently sporting fun summer wear. The volunteers have a lot of fun changing her clothing and accessories to highlight





the seasons, holidays, and our own whims.

We have lots of summer clothing in stock: capris, shorts, tops, and we're even bringing out bathing suits!

Donations can be placed in our new gray bin at the front door, or dropped off during business hours. We accept gently used clothing, kitchen and housewares, games, books, and movies. Unsure? Just ask us.

# **Greet the Summer Solstice** with Songs and Pie

By Dick Ludders

The Weare/Henniker Quaker Meeting invites everyone to

come sing old favorite hymns and folk songs, followed by of sampling homemade pies. Join voices with friends and neighbors in the historic ambiance of our 1799 meetinghouse. It's free and all ages are invited and welcome!



Sunday, June 25, 6:30 p.m. 529 Quaker St., Henniker



### Weare Garden Club

### By Anne Wirkkala

July and August will depart from our usual schedule. July will be our annual field trip and August the annual tea party. But we are back to our regular first Tuesday of the month schedule in September (Sept. 5) with a program about gardening with deer presented by a Master Gardener. Please join us, even if you don't have a deer problem.



Thanks to all of you who worked so hard during the month of May: digging up plants, bringing them to Weare Center, staying to help sell them and clean up . A

special thanks to Kate Blume and Laurel Noss who

planted some extra hostas in front of the American Legion sign, for which they thanked us profusely. The sale went well, even if we ended early because of the rain. We earned enough to pay for a scholarship.





Also a big thanks to the volunteers, especially Sherry Burdick, Cheryl Elliott and Jason, who saw to it that the town/historical society/Legion barrels were planted beautifully in time for Memorial Day! It took a lot of work. They look great! Photos: Flowers in

front of the Legion. Garden Club members Nancy Christian and Yvonne Walton ready for customers at the plant sale. Laurel Noss and Kate Blume plant the hostas in front of the Legion (courtesy photos).

### 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 Billie Jean! Female miniature Pinscher/Lab-Whippet mix. Affectionate, playful, gentle, smart, friendly, quiet, house trained and crate trained. Vaccinations up to date, spayed, good with other dogs, cats and children. She is submissive and is hoping for a home with

another dog. Very intelligent and eager to please. Billie Jean is nine months old and weighs 38 pounds. She is also microchipped.



Meet Xena! Female Terrier mix. Friendly, affectionate, playful, gentle, smart, quiet, house trained, and crate trained. Vaccinations up to date, spayed. Good with other dogs, and children. Wonderful temperament, very good natured,

loves all other dogs. Xena is two years old and weighs 37 pounds. She is also microchipped.

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



### Asked and Answered:



### Why I Went to the Hills

By Jeanloretta
Father's Day is June 18 this year.
I would like to honor my father who wrote this poem five years before I was born into these very *silent hills* 

in Deering.

### Why I Went to the Hills

Some ask with a jeer, what brought you here, To the backward lonely place,

Where so little is seen of the things that are In the march of the human race.

Sometimes with a sigh I make reply, I wished no more to roam

I came up here with no wild idea But just to make a home.

A little tired of the stress and strain, And an old desire for a brooks refrain

The city's glare no hope refills, So I came up to these silent hills.

> -Harold Solomon Titcomb, 1924 Printed at the Titcomb Press Lennoxville, Quebec, 1925



# Tell Us About: Summer Solstice

For next time, "Talk to Us" is looking for stories, poems or pictures about the summer solstice. But, we will take whatever you want to send us with a summer theme. So, what's a summer solstice anyway? Well, for one thing, it is the longest day of the year in terms of daylight. It falls on June 21. On that day, the sun appears to stand still. This happens because the sun is at its northernmost point and for the next six months it moves southward. June 21 is a Wednesday this year. Since the daylight is longer maybe those of us who work should get to take extra long lunch hours as a way to celebrate.

### **Losing an Inanimate Friend**

By Tom Clow

A woodstove is an inanimate object. It warms the body but not the heart. Or does it? The centerpiece of my kitchen for nearly 50 years has been an antique parlor stove. It is primarily made of cast iron but with a wrap-around sheet metal body on the sides and back that allows it to heat up quickly when started on a frosty winter morning. The front has two cast iron doors. The larger one on top is for loading the firewood. The bottom door opens to the ash pan and also has a circular vent to adjust the flow of air up into the firebox.

Adding to the character and beauty of the stove is a large chrome ornamental piece on top with a chrome ring that encircles the stove just below that. There are also three chrome attachments lower on the stove, one on each side and one on the front between the two doors. The chrome has taken on its own patina with age changing it almost to a pewter look.

Adding to the character, but not the beauty of the stove, is the very basic technology from its time of birth. Simply put, it burns dirty, creating a lot of dust inside the house and spewing unhealthy particles into the atmosphere outside. Sometimes it smokes when it is started, and it has to be fed frequently, which means it rarely burns through the night without someone getting up to feed it. For all of these years, the woodstove has been my primary source of heat with an oil furnace for backup. I burn about four cords of wood per year but less than one tank of fuel oil.



Over the years, I have often looked at more modern woodstoves and pellet stoves but have resisted making a change despite their efficiency and lesser environmental impact. I have clung to aesthetics of my antique stove. However, this year after a visit to the Abundant Life Store in Chichester, I made the decision to purchase high efficiency Vermont Castings stove, which will be delivered soon. My head tells me it's the right decision for

indoor and outdoor health, but my old stove and the memories it holds are tugging at my heart.

When my wife Heidi and I bought our home in North Weare Village in 1973, it had only one single-flue chimney with no tile lining. The front of the house had two small rooms divided by an archway. We had envisioned a home with a fireplace, so we took down the chimney from roof to cellar and scrubbed and stacked the bricks for future use. We also removed the archway creating one large living room in the front of the house.

Next we hired a mason to build a fireplace in the living room with a brick wall on the backside of it in the kitchen, using the old bricks for the facing of the fireplace and the wall in the kitchen. The new chimney would have three flues; one for the fireplace, one for the oil furnace, and a third with an opening in the brick wall in the kitchen where we hoped to one day install a wood stove. The mason believed the old bricks were made locally because they were of a softer texture and color. Since the original core of our house was built in 1790, we assumed the bricks were from that era.

Howard Bancker lived on Woodbury Road, which is just up the street from where we lived. Howard was a rugged 80-year-old. When we put out a sign offering a free refrigerator, which had been left in the house when we bought it, Howard stopped to pick it up and that is what he did. Before I could offer any help, he had hoisted the refrigerator onto his truck by himself. After that he became our regular drop-by visitor.

On one of his visits I mentioned that we were See STOVE, page 10

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looking for a woodstove. He said he would keep an eye out for one and returned a few days later with the story of a chicken farmer in the town of Webster who had one that was for sale in his barn, but he said the guy wanted a lot for it. I followed Howard's directions to the chicken farm and for \$75 purchased the stove that has sat in my kitchen and warmed my house for 50 years.

My two sons and later my daughter spent many hours of their young lives huddled near the woodstove. In the winter boots and mittens were scattered around the stove to dry. I have a picture of my oldest son, even as an adult, sitting on a wooden milking stool next to the kitchen stove with his back against the brick wall. Whenever visitors came by in the winter, they were inevitably drawn to the woodstove. For a major part of my adult life my morning ritual has included drinking my coffee and reading the newspaper in a rocking chair by the woodstove.

No doubt the new stove will be more convenient. With its ten-hour burn time, I will get up in the morning to a warmer house. With its enamel finish it will be easier to clean and never need painting. I will still sit near the new stove in the morning with my coffee and newspaper. It will warm my body but will not bring back heart-felt memories.

The old stove will be moved to the barn for storage, and perhaps to someday heat a workshop area out there. Or perhaps, I'll decide to get off life's carousel, build a cabin in the woods, and take the old stove with me to warm my body and with its memories to warm my soul.



Historic barn on East Road on a May evening (Alyssa Small photo).



### POETRY CORNER

#### **Turf War**

Majestic rhododendron bush blossoms too numerous to count leaves nearly obscured. abundant nectar ready for birds, bees and butterflies alike, two yellow butterflies dive bomb each other when one flies to close the waiting feast, battle goes on, round and round they fly at each other until the alpha butterfly claims victory and flits around blossom to blossom until filled.

-Marge Burke

#### **Restful Garden**

Between the stepping stones damp blotches on the grass except when water trickles over my toes through the garden, lush with manifold shades of green, periwinkle veronica, bearded iris of mauve, white peonies, petals opened like saucers, regal Asiatic lilies, waiting to cast their colors above the bench holding a bronzed garden hat.

-Marge Burke



### Life Saver

By Roger LeBlanc

If you are fortunate enough to live in Weare, N.H., you are blessed with the most professional, courteous and knowledgeable group of first responders I've ever had the pleasure to meet.

On a recent Sunday, I needed to call 911 as my wife appeared to be acting strangely, with confusion and speech. Kudos to Fire Chief Christopher Olsen, paramedic Kristina Houde, EMTs Wayne Meattey and Nate Shatney. The chief was able to calm me down and assured me that everything was being done to ensure a favorable outcome. It was a humbling experience that will stay with me forever. Each one gave me confidence that they were doing everything to help us deal with this traumatic event.

Please bear this in mind when it's time for the town to raise the needed funds they request to keep our police, fire and first responders well prepared for any emergency they are faced with in the future. They may very well be your true lifesavers.

Thank you all.



### **Mark Your Calendar**

### Tuesday, June 13

7 p.m. - Parks and Recreation Commission meeting

7 p.m. - Cable Committee meeting

### Wednesday, June 14

3:45 p.m. – Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting

6 p.m. - John Stark School Board meeting

7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting

7 p.m. - Weare Democrats meeting

#### Friday, June 16

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

### Tuesday, June 20

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

6 p.m. - Board of Firewards meeting

#### Wednesday, June 21

6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting

### Thursday, June 22

6 p.m. - Weare School Board meeting

7 p.m. - Planning Board meeting

### Saturday, June 24

9:30 a.m. - Weare Republicans meeting

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