



Weare in the World

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For Weare Residents, by Weare Residents



Frank Campana speaks at the Jan. 18 socially distanced town budget hearing. Shown from right to left are Board of Selectmen Chair Jack Meaney, Campana, Finance Committee Chair Tom Downing, and at distant right Selectman John Van Loendersloot (Tom Clow photo)

COVID Continues to Impact Budget Preparation Process

By Tom Clow

Social distancing, face masks and Zoom meetings are the new norm as the town budgeting process moves ahead during the COVID-19 surge. On Monday, Jan. 18, about 20 people -- including selectmen and department heads -- attended a public hearing on the town budget and warrant articles in the Weare Middle School gymnasium. Chairs were spaced well apart across the gym with selectmen seated far away from each other and from other participants in the meeting. The public hearing gave citizens the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on individual lines in the proposed and default budgets, as well as on other warrant articles, before the Board of Selectmen makes its final decisions.

Since the Town Office Building is now closed to the public, the Finance Committee meeting held on Wednesday, Jan. 20 was totally on Zoom, with participants taking part from armchairs, kitchen tables and even from a worksite in Wyoming. The committee spent the evening
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Sliding into the Past

By Andrew Czarnecki

When I was in third grade, I lived in Milwaukee, WI. After school -- if I wasn't grounded -- I would head for Kern Park. This park was on both sides of the Milwaukee River. Well, here I came -- first time ever -- to Kern Park with my brand new "Flexible Flyer" sled!! There were some kids my age sledding down the sidewalk. Heck with that, I thought. I'm going straight down the hill and shooting out on the river, which was frozen and snow free. I picked a spot where -- if I went straight down the hill perpendicular to the river, and sidewalk -- I would intercept the sidewalk about halfway down the hill. Off I went -- well ... I hit that sidewalk at a good clip ... and was airborne about 25 feet, came down on the snow again and shot out over the river almost to the other side. It was totally unexpected!!! If I had seen someone else do it, I would NOT have tried it. But ... once I did it, it was OK -- and felt awesome!! After that, it was old hat.



Back then, winters were colder, and that river froze around Thanksgiving -- give or take a few days. The city of Milwaukee had built a ramp -- 80 feet high -- from the river level, a little wider than a toboggan, and they somehow froze water in it -- top to bottom. That ramp was about 45 degrees. They had another ramp right next to it -- smooth wooden bottom -- and a set of stairs next to that. You could rent a toboggan for 25 Cents for the whole night. You hauled the thing on the ramp, up the stairs to the top. At the
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reviewing and making recommendations on the Weare School District and John Stark budgets and warrant articles. The committee planned to meet via Zoom again on Tuesday, Jan. 26 and Wednesday, Jan. 27 to review and make recommendations on the Town of Weare budget and warrant articles.

The Finance Committee's recommendations will be presented at the school and town deliberative sessions in February. The Town of Weare deliberative session is presently scheduled for Feb. 6 at 9 a.m. at the **Weare Highway Garage on Merrill Road**, where voters can be properly distanced for COVID safety. There is ongoing discussion about the dates for the school deliberative sessions, so voters should check the SAU 24 website for updates; however, their respective warrants indicate that the Weare School District deliberative session is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Feb. 3 at Weare Middle School, and the John Stark session is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Feb. 5 in the high school cafeteria. After the deliberative sessions, the Finance Committee recommendations will be included in a mailer that voters will receive before voting on March 9.

Other COVID-19 News

Both Police Chief Christopher Moore and Fire Rescue Chief Robert Vezina report that first responders in their respective departments have had the opportunity to receive COVID-19 vaccinations. Both departments are also continuing with all safety protocols. For the Police Department, that means having the officers divided into four teams who avoid contact with each other so if an infection occurs, it won't force the whole department into quarantine.

Chief Vezina said that 911 operators continue to screen all calls with a series of questions to assess the risk. The same goes for all calls that come into the department. In addition, he said they take precautions with all patients as if they could be infected with the virus.

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top, you put the toboggan on a "gate" that was about 15 degrees nose up – at the top of the ice chute. When you were ready, a park employee released the safety on the gate, and rotated it down with a big lever and you were off in the ice chute. When you hit that river ice, you were movin!!! It was about 500 to 600 feet across the river and you usually made it – just hitting the soft snow on the other bank. If you stayed all afternoon and early evening, you could only get in five or six rides ... It was a long walk back across the river and up that ramp!! That whole section of river was lit up.

I loved feeling the excitement of just "doing" with my body. In the excitement to get back up the ramp for one more run – I wasn't tired, or sore, or cold, or whatever – I just thought "walk" and I walked. It was only later – after I got in bed – that I realized I'd had a workout – and the next morning – Let's do it again!!

Open Positions to Serve the Town of Weare

There are many open opportunities to serve the Town of Weare. They are listed below. If you are interested, do not miss the filing period which is January 20-January 29, 2021. For questions, Contact Town Clerk Maureen Billodeau at mbillodeau@weare.nh.gov or call 529-7527.

Selectman	Two positions, three-year terms
Supervisor of Checklist	One position, two-year term
Library Trustee	One position, three-year term
Trustees of the Trust Funds	One position, three-year term
Cemetery Trustee	One position, three-year term
Board of Fire-Wards, Non-Member Fire Department	One position, three-year term
Board of Fire-Wards, Member of Fire Department	One position, three-year term

School District Budget Proposals Head to Deliberative Session

Earlier this month, there were public hearings for the school district budgets in Henniker, Weare, and John Stark. In each district, the school board accepted the budget presented. The next step of the budget process is a deliberative session. The three school districts operate under SB 2, which means that the deliberative session is the public's opportunity to meet, discuss and amend the warrant articles that will go on the ballot in March.

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Town and school officials are meeting to discuss how best to hold deliberative sessions given the pandemic. School officials are seeking to balance safety considerations with the need to ensure that everyone who wants to have a voice in this process is able to. More on these discussions will be coming.

The largest increase to the budgets is attributed to an accounting procedure change that will not have an impact on local tax rates. Currently, the money received from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) federal grant is consolidated at the SAU. Moving forward, these funds will shift to the individual districts and will continue to support identified students. In order to move the revenues to the district budgets, it requires that an expenditure matching the revenue amount be built into each district's budget. This tax-neutral change makes up a large percentage of the overall increases.

The remaining increases to the budgets that do have an impact on local taxes are primarily due to mandated expenses including an increase to the employer rate to the NH State Retirement System and an increase to our health insurance premiums. The employer contribution rate to the NH State Retirement increased by 3.22%. The Guaranteed Maximum Rate (GMR) increase for health premiums is an increase of 7.3%. These expenses are represented in both the proposed and default budgets and make up:

- 2.55% of the 3.72% increase with tax impact in Henniker (69% of the increase)
- 1.65% of the 2.55% increase with tax impact in John Stark (65% of the increase)
- 2.5% of the 3.49% increase with tax impact in Weare (72% of the increase)

The additional increases in both the default and proposed budget include special education costs based on student needs, contractual increases for support staff, and the district share of the cost of the SAU.

The three districts also have teacher contracts that were ratified. In all three districts, the teachers came to the table asking to extend the current contract. The salaries on the grid did not increase. If the agreements pass, the teachers will move one step on the grid and will receive between \$500-\$1,500 increases, depending on the district. The teachers will also see an increase of up to 7.3% to their portion of the health insurance premium.

For specifics details to see recordings, please visit: <https://sites.google.com/sau24.org/sau242021-2022budgetprocess/home>

-Submitted by Patti Osgood

Upcoming Public Meetings

School officials are meeting Wednesday, Jan. 27 to discuss scheduling of deliberative sessions in light of the pandemic. Dates below are subject to change. Please check local sites for updated information.

Weare School District

From now until Friday, Jan. 29, 5 p.m.

What: Filing for Weare School District offices. Open are two seats on the Weare School Board, each for a three-year term. Those wishing to file should contact the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 428-3269 ext. 240.

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 7 p.m.

What: Deliberative Session

Where: Details for the meeting will be posted on www.sau24.org.

(The regular Weare School Board meeting begins at 6 p.m.)

John Stark School District

Friday, Feb. 5, 7 p.m.

What: Deliberative Session

Where: Details for the meeting will be posted on www.sau24.org.

(The regular John Stark School Board meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, Jan. 20 - Friday, Jan. 29

What: Filing for John Stark School District offices. Open is one school board member position (at large) for a three-year term and one school district moderator position for a one-year term. Those wishing to file should contact the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 428-3269 ext. 240

Town of Weare

Wednesday, Jan. 20 - Friday, Jan. 29

What: Filing period for Town of Weare offices. See page 2 for more details.

Saturday, Feb. 6, 9 a.m.

What: Town deliberative session

Where: Weare Highway Garage, Merrill Road

Voting Day: Tuesday, March 9



Tanner Bell and Kaitlyn Osborne

WMS and CWUES Announce Spelling Bee Winners

Tanner Bell, a 4th-grade student from Center Woods Upper Elementary School, and Kaitlyn Osborne, a 6th-grade student at the Weare Middle School, recently won their respective school spelling bee.

This year's school bee was held via Zoom. The school bee is the first step in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. The purpose of the Scripps Spelling Bee is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives.



Meet Kera Barriere, the person most likely to answer the phone when you call Weare Middle School and Center Woods Upper Elementary School. Barriere came on board at the beginning of the school year and has two children in the district. When asked what she likes best about her job, Barriere had this to say:

"I get to see firsthand all of the great work of our teachers, support staff, and administrators. I see what it takes to plan and coordinate each day and it is pure dedication." Barriere grew up in Goffstown and was a certified medical assistant for 15 years before joining the school.



John Stark's school nurse Susan Kizler received her first COVID-19 vaccine this week, given by the National Guard. "The whole experience was seamless and painless," she said. "I am very grateful to have received it and have signed up for the second dose already. I

want to protect myself and others from this horrible virus and do what I can to stop this pandemic." School nurses are among the first group to receive the vaccine in NH.



Mrs. Bodine stopped by the SAU office recently to pick up some art supplies for her students. Mrs. Bodine teaches art, music and Family and Consumer Science (FACs) to SAU 24 "Learn at Home" students in grades 1-5. Originally from the Netherlands, she shared her lesson for Pannekoeken (Dutch Pancakes) with us here: <https://youtu.be/pGbc2mcXYZM>. Yummy!

-All school news submitted by Patti Osgood



The Redistricting Process Explained

By Beverly Cotton

It is an important time in New Hampshire. Once every decade, our electoral maps are drawn. This creates the blocs in our state that determine our voting and political districts. Each town is entitled to one representative for every 3,290 people living in the town. That is why this is done in conjunction with the census: to determine the number of representatives each town is entitled to.

The Bureau of the Census conducts a constitutionally mandated census whose figures are used to determine the number of congressional districts to which each state is entitled, in a process called apportionment. Each state is responsible for the redistricting of districts within their state.

When the drawing of these maps is done in a fair and transparent way, it ensures a very democratic environment for a state's voters of all parties. All voters should expect a public process with access to view proposed maps and to voice opinions about those maps.

This was not the case in 2011/2012 when this redistricting was last carried out. Maps were drawn privately and not released publicly, just 24 hours before being voted on. This is not democracy. I urge all registered voters to inform your legislators that it is your expectation—not to mention, your right—that a fair and transparent process will take place this year.

Voters of all parties should be concerned. Some states have drawn their maps in the past to favor one party over the other. In some states, this has been done by the Democrats and in some states, this has been done by the Republicans. This is called gerrymandering and it should be a concern for everyone. For some, America's faith in government has been shaken and creating a fair and transparent system of redistricting would seem to help restore the public's confidence.

Addendum to Absentee Voting

On Friday, Jan. 22, Governor Sununu signed an Executive Order reinstating the COVID-19 voting safety measures that we had back in our state primary and general elections. The order included other stipulations regarding town meetings and such, but voters should be aware that

they are able to request an absentee ballot as they may have last fall. Know that the COVID-19 reason may not appear on the affidavit (inner) envelope. If that is the case, they would use the disability option. The secretary of state is expected to release guidance this coming week and will also have that posted on their website. Stay tuned and stay safe!



Democratic Caucus on Feb. 10 to Elect Convention Delegates


The Weare Democrats will meet virtually on Zoom on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. to elect town Democratic officers and delegates to the New Hampshire Democratic Party state convention. Local Democratic Committee officers and delegates have a vote at annual state Democratic Party conventions, to approve the party platform, resolutions and other party business.

"New Hampshire Democrats are already excited about working to elect responsible leaders for New Hampshire and Weare," said Derek Winsor, the Weare Democratic Committee chair. "Our caucus provides a great opportunity for anyone who wants to be a part of New Hampshire's unique grassroots-style politics."

There is no cost to attend the virtual caucus, and it is open to all members of the public. Any registered Democrat, regardless of past political experience, can run for an officer or delegate position.

"Weare residents are eager to elect representatives who will work to create good jobs and expand opportunities for middle class families," continued Winsor. "The fight to elect those representatives – strong Democrats up and down the ticket – begins with the Feb. 10 caucus."

For more information, please contact the Weare Democrats at WeareDemCom@comcast.net or call (603) 369-3697.



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Weare Animal Control Officer Katelyn Ricker stands beside the Police Department's ACO vehicle (Tom Clow photo)

New Animal Control Vehicle Adds Touch of Art and Humor

By Tom Clow

There is a new doggy paddy wagon in town, which is good news to Animal Control Officer Katelyn Ricker, who had been using her personal vehicle to go on critter calls since being hired in August of 2019. The previous ACO had been using an old Ford Crown Victoria that was once the canine unit's car. That vehicle was sold at the state auction when the estimate for repairs surpassed the value of the car.

The Police Department purchased a 2011 Ford Transit XLT van last October, which with new graphics, has been turned into a work of art and good will. As a play on words with the department's motto of "Preserving the Peace," the ACO vehicle reads, "Preserving the Paws," with pawprints highlighting the lettering. A message on the rear bumper cautions, "No Tail Gating." The van came with professionally installed cargo shelving and a roof rack.

Ricker said that a major portion of her calls are for dogs roaming at large and sometimes dog bites. She has also had calls concerning cats and other small animals, including a guinea pig. She once had to transport a pig when she was using her personal vehicle. Ricker said she works closely with NH Fish and Game and has had some wildlife calls, including an injured porcupine (which turned out to be okay), a baby opossum and a coyote.

Ricker grew up with pets and said she has always been comfortable around animals. To prepare for her job she did ride-alongs with the Hudson, NH ACO. She had planned to attend a program at UNH last summer presented by the New England Animal Control/Humane Society (NEACHA), but it was cancelled because of the

COVID pandemic. She assumes it will be offered in the future.

Never Mind the Summer: Winter Reading Comes to the Library

What better way to beat "cabin fever" than with a good book? From now until March 13, the Weare Public Library is hosting a Winter Reading Challenge for children ages 5 to 12.

"Too often during summer break, children experience a regression in their reading skills," says Weare's Children's Librarian Karen Metcalf. "Our regular Summer Reading Program helps to combat this problem by motivating kids to keep reading. Unfortunately, due the pandemic, kids are missing out on in-classroom instruction. Our new Winter Reading Challenge will be a fun way to fight back against 'winter reading loss.'"

To play the game, area-children are challenged to read books that fall into a variety of unique categories, such as, "a book with 'snow' in the title," "a book that has been made into a movie," or "a book with a blue cover." In addition, they are encouraged to earn bonus points with fun analog activities like, "play a board game," "build a snowman," or "build a blanket fort."

For every four challenges each child completes, they earn an exclusive pin. If they achieve a total of 16 challenges, the library will award them a special prize. Participants can log their progress at the website wearepl.readsquared.com, or if they prefer, they can pick-up a bingo sheet at the library.

Metcalf encourages participants to share their Winter Reading themed pictures on the Weare Public Library's Facebook page.

"Winter's a magical time for children," she says. "During this difficult time, I miss seeing my young readers. I'm hoping that, even though we're apart, a shared challenge can bring us together."

For further information about library programs, to reserve a material for curbside pickup, or to get a library card, call 529-2044 or visit weare.wordpress.com.

2021 Winter Reading Program



January 19 - March 13

For kids ages 5 - 12

Pick up a bingo card in the library lobby or go to <http://wearepl.readsquared.com> to participate online.

Jack's Little Library

By Heleen Kurk

Need to get out of the house? Why not take a drive down to East Road and stop by Jack's Little Free Library (in front of the old part of our public library) and browse and see if there's a book that might interest you? Bring a book, if you have one, to put in its place. Friends of the Library, in remembrance of Jack Davis, established this Little Library for your use. Learn more about the Friends of the Library and how you can become a member by going to

<https://wearepl.wordpress.com/friends/> You'll be part of helping to develop great things for our community!



He Meant to Do That

By Joe Czarnecki

My grandfather was captain of the ski team for Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln, Maine. It was during that golden hour before the storm of World War II in which both he and his older brother enlisted.

In the picture, he is wearing the "gear" he used to wear when he "hit the slopes:" long johns, white shirt, letter sweater, wool pants, wool jacket, wool socks, lined leather gloves and a gorgeous head of hair.



The school ski team was populated almost exclusively with daredevils who knew how to show off. From the stories I've heard, my grandfather – Buddy – was daredevil-in-chief. These young guys had developed specialties in speed, jumps, slalom and moguls and took awards for their school from all over the state. They were also practical young men, however, and realized that if they were going to wow the crowd, it would be a good idea

not to fall and get injured. So, away from prying eyes, they practiced how to make a fall look graceful and minimize any impact – over, and over, and over again.

This skill came in handy for the daredevil-in-chief one day in February of 1943. Buddy had been visiting his grandparents in Carroll, which was 25 miles from his home. His parents left early, and Buddy had a friend give him a ride later – with his skis. Back in 1943, the roads were never plowed down to the pavement or dirt. There was always a heavy layer of snow and all the cars used chains. Homes were few and far between and the hills were breathtaking.

Buddy grabbed his friend's tow rope (standard equipment in cars at that time) and decided to ski behind the car while holding onto the tow rope. That young man just lived to ski. He slewed back and forth across the road behind the car with abandon. As they approached the next very small town of Springfield, it was clear a wing plow had been at work and the sides of the road sported a well-defined shelf. Better yet, there were folks out and about running errands who stopped to watch the spectacle of this daring skier gliding up onto the wing shelf and back down with grace and practiced ease.

Sadly, large blocks of ice that get thrown up by the plow can land on that same shelf and become camouflaged with disastrous results for a showboating hot shot. As he hit the block of ice, Buddy dropped the tow rope, did a backflip on his skis and landed squarely on the snowy road. People clapped and he waved, removed his skis and climbed into the car saying to his friend, "I think I'll ride the rest of the way."

A Snow Snippet

By Marge Burke

It had been a particularly snowy month of January with abundant snow drifts just waiting to be explored by an adventurous two-year-old child. My son found them irresistible and eagerly sought them out announcing, "I walk snow, mom, I walk snow." And into the drifts almost as high as he was he would go, all bundled up in his snowsuit, boots, hat and mittens, grinning from ear to ear and repeating, "walk snow, walk snow." Occasionally, he would tumble and I would have to plunge into the drifts, pick him up and set him back on his journey. The only problem with this was the fact that I was eight and a half months pregnant with his brother. Now, an adult, with children of his own, he still likes to "walk snow" and will often phone to let me know what he is doing. I no longer have to rescue him from any tumbles.

The Untimely Death of Nettie Belle Douglass

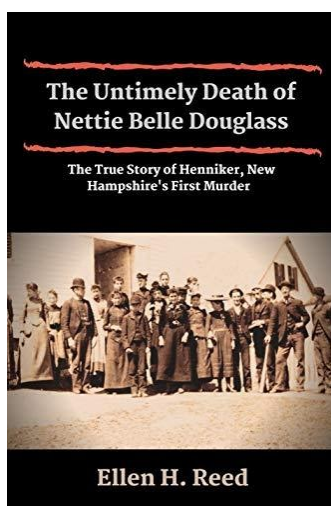
On Aug. 15, 1894, Henniker, NH, experienced its first recorded murder when 21-year-old Arthur McLean shot and killed his 14-year-old sweetheart, Nettie Belle Douglass. In the early hours of the morning, a driverless carriage careened into the stable yard of liveryman, Fitz Courser, dumping its grisly cargo just outside his house before disappearing into the foggy night. The news of the awful murder spread not only across New England, but across the entire country. The question on everyone lips, "Why did he do it?"

This is the exciting true story of that murder and the events leading up to it in a small New England town. Ellen Reed is a member of the Weare Area Writers Guild and author of four books. This book is available at Amazon.com and the Henniker Historical Society has autographed copies as well at <https://www.hennikerhistory.org/>

Martha Taylor, Henniker Town Historian, says, "This is an engaging story based on real life. Author Ellen Reed's extensive research is rich in its explanation of the known facts. The story is true to the history of the time in Henniker, NH, when it took place. In expanding on the true facts, Reed has created engaging and convincing detail of what might have been said and done. She has written a coherent, moving, tragic story of love gone wrong. This book is a must-read for anyone."

Excerpt

"At the Courser livery stable, owner Fitz Courser dozed on the couch in his office. As the hour grew later and there was still no sign of Arthur and his team, Courser's concern increased. Arthur had always returned the horse and buggy without any problems, and Fitz was beginning to wonder if some misfortune had befallen the team. Earlier, he told his assistant, John, to sleep in the barn so he could help when Arthur returned, while Courser returned to his office to wait. Around 2 a.m., his eyes had grown so heavy, the paperwork before him swam. Stumbling over to the sofa, he lay down to rest and soon fell asleep in the quiet darkness of the foggy night.



An explosive crash just outside his window followed by the thudding of hoofbeats pounding up the road toward the square abruptly awakened Courser. Fitz leapt up, flung open his office door and stared into the dense fog, struggling to locate the source of the noise. He frowned. Closer to the road, near the corner of his house, he spied a dark bundle huddled on the ground. Unable to identify the object in the murky night, the liveryman darted back into his office and grabbed the lantern. He pulled out his pocket watch and held it to the light. It was 2:30 in the morning.

Courser rushed out of his office towards the bundle on the ground, but as he brought it into the dim light of his lantern, he froze, unable to believe his eyes. It was a body."

Senior Café

By Karl Messner

Greetings to all our community readers.

Once again, we are in the midst of another chilly New England winter and as the smoky aroma from my wood stove fills the air, I look back to my earlier days when I would spend countless hours at the beach. But for me, January has



a special date, that being the tenth of the month. This year, I turned 65 and although all those nasty little aches and pains rear their ugly head from time to time, I feel great for my age.

So, let's look forward to what this new year has to offer. Hope! We hope the new vaccine will eradicate the virus that has killed so many and crippled our lives. We hope the new political administration will do what's right for the country. We hope we can all return to a normal way of life. And we hope we can look back a year from now and say, "2021 was the best year of our lives."

Ok, I know I'm looking through rose-colored glasses. But that's the inspiration one needs to be optimistic about life itself. That and a little bit of work. And what I mean by that is reaching out to each other with a helping hand. Nothing too drastic; just simple acts of kindness. Volunteering is a great way to start. It helps forge new friendships while offering others a helping hand. Equally, this gives one a sense of satisfaction for doing something good. We all have it in ourselves to make it happen. It just takes a little motivation. Think about it. When was the last time you did something new for the first time?

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I'll digress for a moment and shift gears to what we have in store at the Café'. First, I'd like to thank everyone who has made contributions and donations to our program. The food items come in real handy, as do the kitchen appliances. This week, I will be serving homemade beef soup paired with a cold cut sandwich, chips, and dessert. This is for pickup or delivery. As of yet, we haven't fully opened our doors. I will also be making a new menu for the month of February. However, for those interested, I plan to make "hobo stew" for Feb. 3. Check our Facebook page for more details. As I've mentioned in previous articles, if you have a favorite dish you'd like me to prepare, please feel free to contact me. Thanks for all your support and feel free to stop by and say hello. From our galley to your table, Bon Appetit.



February Holidays

By Sharon Czarnecki

This February, there is a new sense of urgency as we try to understand black history and use our knowledge to change the future for the better. As always, there is a focus on love since it is National Weddings Month. Every day in February is considered a great day for "Creative Romance." Now doesn't THAT just beg for examples?! We also set aside the third week for flirting. Health issues that concern us are children's dental and care of the heart. Bird Feeding is a hobby we celebrate, and we don't forget to feed ourselves either with thoughts of pies, canned food, cherries and grapefruit.

I am always fascinated by the list of things we have decided to recognize with a whole day of celebration. In February, these are our choices: 1) Freedom, No Politics (now there's one we can probably all get behind right now – at least for a day) 2) Ground Hog Day 3) Feed the birds, The day the Music Died 4) Create a vacuum, Stuffed Mushrooms, Thank a Mailman 5) Bubble Gum, Weather reporters 6) Ice Cream for Breakfast, Frozen Yogurt (But not for breakfast), Lame Ducks, Chopsticks 7) Mail a Greeting Card, Superbowl (date varies), Wave to Your Neighbor 8) Boy Scouting's Birthday, Cleaning Up

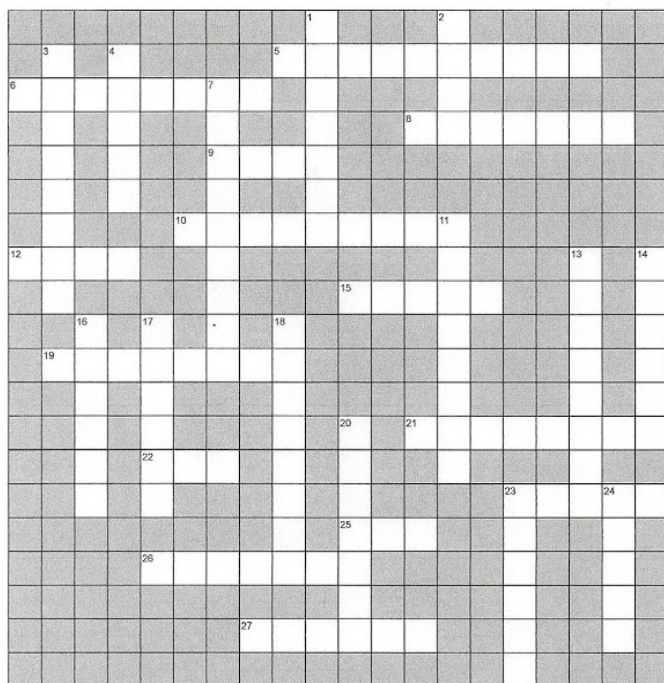
Your Computer, Kite Flying (a diehard enthusiast, no doubt) 9) Pizza, Toothaches (? I guess we just recognize them without any celebrating, unless you happen to be a dentist, of course – LOL) 10) Umbrellas, 11) Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk, Make a Friend, Inventors, White T-Shirts 12) Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, Chinese New Year (date Varies), Lost Pennies, Plum Pudding 13) Get a New Name Day (In case you don't like the one your parent's picked) 14) Ferris Wheels, Organ Donors, and – of course – Valentine's Day 15) Gum Drops, President's Day, Singles Awareness, Susan B. Anthony, 16) Madi Gras (date varies) 17) Ash Wednesday (date varies), Random Acts of Kindness 18) Batteries – as in AA or D or C or AAA, Wine Drinking 19) Chocolate Mints 20) Cherry Pie, Love Your Pet, Hoodie Hoo Day (Get rid of the winter blas. Join your neighbors and go outside at noon, wave your hands over your head and shout "Hoodie-Hoo" several times. 21) Card Reading Day 22) George Washington's Birthday, Being Humble, World Thinking, Margaritas (Do you think these two are related?) Walking Your Dog 23) Dog Biscuit Day, Tennis Playing (these are obviously people with a club membership) 24) Tortilla Chips, Bartenders 25) Chili, Corn Chowder 26) Carnivals, Pistachios, Tell a Fairy Tale 27) Polar Bears, No Brainers 28) Floral Designers, Tooth Fairies (She is important. She also gets celebrated on Aug 22), Oscar Night (date varies).



Sunshine warms a frozen marshland (Alyssa Small photo)

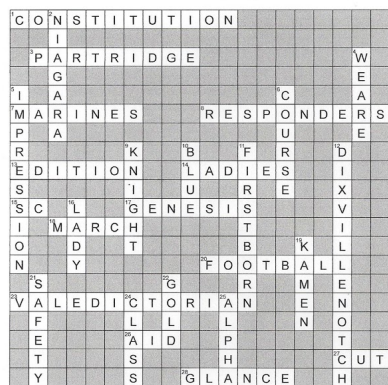
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Oh, Snow



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5. Mount Shasta in this state holds the record for most snowfall in a single storm - 189 inches!
6. "The Snow Queen" author
8. Mt. Snow is a ski resort in this state
9. French dish "oeufs a la neige" means this: snow _____
10. Snowdrop flower, aka
12. Abominable Snowman, aka
15. Hut built of snow
19. "Snow Falling on Cedars" author
21. A snowstorm is characterized as this when winds reach at least 35 mph
22. The only "Snow White" dwarf not to end in -y
23. "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening" poet
25. Number of points on a snowflake
26. Whistleblower who leaked intelligence information in 2013
27. Harry Potter's snowy owl is called this

Down

1. NH town that hosts annual snow sculpting competition
2. Shaved ice in a triangular paper cup: snow _____
3. Canadian musician "Snow" produced this smash in 1992
4. "The Snowy Day" author
7. "Snowflakes that stay on my nose and ____"
11. Idiomatic phrase meaning to grow serious quickly
13. Snowmass is a ski resort in this state
14. "Smile's Sense of Snow" lead actress
16. She sang "The Snowbird"
17. This state's name means "snowy"
18. If you live here in summer but spend winter in Florida, you might be called this
20. Kit Harington plays this character in "Game of Thrones" (2 words)
23. Snowman with a corncob pipe
24. For a winter treat, pour this sweet on snow

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