



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

November 8, 2023



School Sports News



CHAMPIONS



The **JSRHS field hockey team** won the Division II State Championship against Kennett High School, 1-0, on Oct. 29, becoming back-to-back title earners (courtesy photo).



The **WMS boys' soccer team** won the Division III West Championship, 2-0, against World Academy of Nashua on Oct. 27 (courtesy photo).



The **WMS girls' soccer team** won the Division III West Championship, 4-0, against Hopkinton on Oct. 31 (Kelli Purington photo).



Veterans Day

By Margie Arwine (U.S. Army MSG Retired)

The United States federal holiday, Veterans Day, is observed annually to honor military veterans. On the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour, a time for two minutes of silence to remember and reflect on the Americans in our Armed Forces. In 1918, this date signaled the end of World War I, known then as Armistice Day.

As a reminder: Veterans Day honors *living* veterans. Memorial Day remembers those who gave their lives for our Country - particularly in battle.

Did you know Veterans Day has no apostrophe because the day honors all veterans?

Veterans Day is the official day to acknowledge and celebrate our veterans, but recognition and appreciation should occur every day. According to my Google research, "currently only 0.04 percent of Americans serve in the military."

In 2021, the U.S. population was 332,278,200; the 2021 size of our Armed Forces was approximately 2,108,135. According to current news, some of the Armed Forces enlistment quotas are down.

There are estimations that calculate just over 7% of living Americans have served in the U.S. military in some capacity.

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I see quite a few New Hampshire veteran license plates and many veterans hats and jackets too. We have many opportunities to meet a veteran.

It has become common when you see a Vet to stop and say, "Thank you for your service." Most vets appreciate the acknowledgement. If time allows, and they are receptive, engage in a conversation. I have heard some very interesting stories of their service. Be an active listener. Let them tell their story and respect their boundaries.

Other words of gratitude for a veteran: thank you for your service and sacrifice; I appreciate your service and your sacrifice; I am grateful for your service and sacrifice; thank you for all you have done for our country to keep us safe and free.

Ways to celebrate Veterans Day: attend a Veterans Day event; display an American flag; or pay it forward at a restaurant, coffee shop or drive thru. (This just happened to me last week. I was in a drive thru for coffee and the car in front of me paid for my coffee. I have a Veterans license plate). Ask a Veteran about their time in the military. Watch a military movie or television show.

Everyone who joins the military swears the same Enlistment Oath. They solemnly swear to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God." That is quite the oath of commitment to volunteer and serve our United States of America.

As a veteran myself, I want to thank you, my fellow comrades; I am grateful for your sacrifice, service and love for our great country just as it was my honor to serve my country.

"The true Soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him." G. K. Chesterton.

Mathews Chosen for BOS Seat; Will Serve until March 2024

By Tom Clow

After a somewhat bumpy process to fill the seat of Kevin Cahill, who resigned from his position on the Weare Board of Selectmen on Oct. 9, the board selected Janice Mathews to serve until March of 2024. The board initially interviewed Mathews and a second candidate, Tom Flaherty, in a nonpublic session on Oct. 16. Later in the week, the board changed course and on Oct. 19, it interviewed two additional candidates, Ricky Houde and



Janice Mathews, left, is sworn in as new selectman by Board Chairman Frederick Hippler. Police Chief Christopher Moore shown in background (Diana Dickinson photo).

Jack Meaney, in a public session that was broadcast live on YouTube. To be fair, the board then decided to call the first two candidates back for a live (public) interview on Oct. 23. When that round of interviews was completed, the board chose Mathews to fill the position.

In her interview, Mathews explained that she had worked for 35 years in the aerospace/defense industry and listed her multiple roles, which included budget

development, evaluations and negotiations. She said she felt that experience qualified her for the selectman's position. She added that since she was fully retired, she could devote significant time to the BOS position.

Mathews was in her second year as a member of the Weare Finance Committee, where she had recently been elected vice-chairman. Mathews immediately submitted her verbal resignation from the committee while still at the BOS meeting on Oct. 23 and followed up later that evening with a written resignation via email.

Finance Committee Adds Members; Elects Karie Tepper Vice Chair

By Tom Clow

The Weare Finance Committee added several new members and elected Karie Tepper as vice chair at a meeting on Nov. 1. Added to the committee were James Drury, Elizabeth Evans, Neal Kurk and Jessica Kallipolites. Drury and Evans served on the committee last year, and Kurk had served in the past. Tepper is new to the committee this year as is Kallipolites. Janice Mathews, who had served as vice chair, resigned from the finance committee following her selection to serve on the Board of Selectmen on Oct. 23.

The committee is divided into subgroups, which attend town and school meetings and report back to the full committee. With the addition of new members, the subcommittees now stand as follows: Weare School District - Bill Anderson, Lori Davis, Evans, and Kallipolites; John Stark - Tom Flaherty, John Merva, and Tepper; Town of Weare - Tom Clow, Maria Fossiano, Drury and Kurk.

The committee also approved a schedule to meet with the CIP chair, town department heads, and school district officials. The next meeting will be on Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. when the group will hear the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) presentation. All meetings are held in the Board of Selectmen's conference room at the Town Office Building



School News



No excuses. That's what newly certified Special Education teacher at JSRHS, **Deb Raymond**, has to say to anyone who thinks they should give up on their dreams and goals. At the age of 70, Deb just signed her first teacher contract on Oct. 23 with SAU 24

Superintendent Jacqueline Coe looking on.

"Deb's story is one of inspiration," Coe said in a school release. "I was honored to be with her when she signed her contract. I'm also so excited that she has made John Stark the place she wants to stay and teach after reaching such an incredible personal goal. What better way to inspire students than having her in front of them each day as an example of what can be accomplished."

Raymond began her career in public schools as a paraprofessional in Goffstown.

"I left that job after a couple of years, but I found I so missed the kids," Raymond said in the release.

But with her son in high school in Goffstown, she knew she didn't want to work in the same building. In 2002, she applied and was hired at JSRHS as a paraprofessional. It was there that she was encouraged to return to school for a few classes, which she did at age 55. She earned her undergraduate degree after taking coursework at Manchester Community College and Granite State College. But Raymond being Raymond, that was not enough. She then enrolled at SNHU to earn a Master of Special Education.

After college, Raymond continued the work she loved as a para at JSRHS until this fall when an opening for a special education teacher opened up.

"I was encouraged to apply, so I did," she said. "I got the job!"

She began her dream teaching job on Nov. 1.

Professor of Biology and Co-Director of the Center for Undergraduate Science Research at New England College Dr. James



Newcomb visited Ms. Zaffers' **A.P. Biology** class for two days the week of Oct. 23. He spoke about regeneration and its application in medicine using sea anemones and

sea slugs for demonstration. He also offered tips to decoding terms they may come across in the A.P. exam that they may not recognize or fully understand. The

students themselves will be conducting the regeneration data collection. Their goal will be to devise a way to measure the regrowth of the oral tentacle of a sealug that has been severed. They will monitor and collect this data for a few weeks and create an academic poster of their results. Newcomb is also a member of the John Stark School Board and Vice Chair of the SAU 24 School Board.

Dan Marcus, a social studies teacher at JSRHS, has been selected as the 2023 recipient of the Mary Susan Leahy Civics Educator Award. He was recognized at the N.H. Council for the Social Studies (NHCSS) annual conference on Oct. 20 at the Grappone Center in Concord.



Trained as a lawyer, Marcus decided that he could make a bigger difference sharing his knowledge of civics and law in the classroom. While teaching social studies in Indiana, he piloted a new (at the time) civics program called "We the People," which taught students about the U.S. Constitution and our system of government. When he arrived at JSRHS two decades ago, according to a school release, he noted that no civics classes were being taught, and proposed the school add "We the People" as an elective. He has been teaching it every year since. Known for making his lessons engaging and funny, he often writes songs to ensure that his students remember complex sets of facts, such as all the amendments in the U.S. Constitution, while strumming his guitar.

Outside of the classroom, Marcus has contributed significantly to the statewide conversation about civics over the years. In 2014, he was asked by Justice David Souter to join the Civics Task Force to help the group create its statement of purpose. A former trustee of N.H. Civics, he has worked with the N.H. Bar to design and deliver a three-day institute for teachers on "We the People." As a contributor to the *Concord Monitor* and the *NH Bulletin*, he wrote a column called "3 Minute Civics" producing 19 articles on topics like the Electoral College and the Divisive Concepts law.

The NHCSS and N.H. Civics honor a K-12 educator who excels at teaching civics (content, skills, and attitudes) and who has taken on state-wide leadership in civics education. The award, which comes with a \$500 prize, is co-sponsored by New Hampshire Civics, whose mission is to develop, nurture, and maintain an informed, engaged and civil New Hampshire citizenry.

For more school stories, see page 4

The **Second Annual Fall Festival** got a helping hand from Mother Nature with sunny skies and temps in the 70s on Saturday, Oct. 28. The event was held at WMS and raised over \$1,900 for the Henniker and Weare eighth grade trip to Washington D.C. this spring. The Weare PTO also held its Trunk and Treat during the festival.



Georgia Tetreault



Autumn Meyers, Caelynn Bauer, Ava Montgomery, Trinity Grenier, Vivian Deoleo, Mia Hatstat



Davien Wooten



Elsie Herrick with her mom



Zealan Jones and his mom



Alexis Gelinis



Students in 3-D art class at JSRHS recently took a trip to the **deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum** in Lincoln, MA. The mission of the deCordova is to inspire, educate and delight visitors with contemporary art from New England and beyond through outdoor sculptures in the landscape and museum exhibitions.

The **Oz-Ram 1922** robotics team, a combined team with members from Hopkinton Middle High School and JSRHS, recently competed in River Rage, an off-season event at Memorial High School in Manchester, taking second place. The event hosted 31 teams from around New England. The team now heads to Battle of the Bay (the last off-season event) at Prospect Mountain High School in Alton.



Photo: Logan Kaynak, Vaughn Dixon, Owen Horne, Brad Dickinson (holding award), Isaac Chasse (behind Brad in back), Teddy Ehrmanntraut, Judah Vendt, Sara Vargas, and Julien Zanetti.



Twenty-five new members were inducted into the JSRHS chapter of the **National Honor Society** on Nov. 2. These new members joined the current 23 members of the chapter. The evening's program included member Ella Smith singing the Star Spangled Banner and chapter President Ava Martin giving the welcoming remarks. Student speakers included Hailey Brisson (scholarship), Olivia Nock (service), Madelyn Morette (leadership), and Makayla Pellerin (character). Vice President Melody Couturier led the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Honor Society Pledge. *Back row L to R: Leah Chapman, Gianna Fournier, Juel Ferreira, Zudima Fuller, Kaitlynn Carson, Alexis Boudreau, Haley Stafford, Emelie Lundeen, Ryann Telgen, Elizabeth Ackerly, Emma Guilemette, Ava Rivers, Adison Bolduc. Front row L to R: Joseph Dykstra, Rio Calle, Joel Douzanis, Evette Dagenais, Natalie Lawson, Evan Browne, Emmerson Brown, Jillian Fredette, Emily Fredette, Ryan Mucci, Cassandra Lentsch, Sadie McCallum (Melody Couturier photo).*



JSRHS senior **Ella Smith** recently tied for the highest score in the state on alto voice during her audition for Jazz All-State. She'll represent John Stark Regional High School in the Jazz All-State Honors Choir in the 2024 Jazz All-State Festival in February. Ella plans to attend Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, TN, and double major in vocal performance and theatre in the fall.



On Nov. 1, CWES' **Girls on the Run** team had its practice 5K. On Nov. 18, it will run in Concord for the end of season celebratory 5K with the 42 teams from around the state that are participating in Girls on the Run N.H. this fall. Girls on the Run has fun programs that inspire all girls to build their confidence, kindness, and decision making skills. Girls on the Run lessons instill valuable life skills including the important connection between physical and emotional health. *Back row L to R: Jenn Lyons, Eryn Bennetter, Danielle Rossi, Jacqui Cornwell, Heather Marshall. Middle row: Autumn Fauteux, Theresa Canney, Amelia Burke, Sydney Moody, Allyson Trahan, Paisley Burnheimer, Evelyn McKillop, Kaycie Sullivan. Front row: Annabelle Bieler (kneeling), Teagan Fishburn, Aubrey Biron (courtesy photo).*

Upcoming dates

There will be NO SCHOOL in SAU 24 schools on:

- Nov. 10: Veterans Day
- Nov. 22-24: Thanksgiving Break

Center Woods Elementary School

Nov. 9: Veterans Day reverse parade at CWES 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Rain date: Nov. 13.

Weare Middle School

Nov. 9: Veterans Day Assembly, 8 - 9 a.m.
Nov. 28: Weare School District Board Meeting, 6 p.m., WMS Cafe. Budget preview. Live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/@sau24schools/streams>

John Stark Regional High School

Nov. 8: John Stark School Board meeting, 6 p.m. in Room 144 at JSRHS. Budget Preview. Live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/@sau24schools/streams>
Nov. 20: Parent/teacher conferences



Announcing the New CCSNH Promise Program

The Promise Program is need-based financial assistance for New Hampshire students enrolled in courses that are part of an academic degree or certificate program at one of seven community colleges. If you are eligible for a Pell grant of any amount, you may qualify.

If you receive any amount of Pell funding, the Promise Program can cover the gap between your grants and the **full amount of tuition** and required comprehensive fees.

You will know if you are Pell-eligible once you have submitted the federal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a form completed by current and prospective college students in the United States to determine their eligibility for student financial aid.

Full and part-time students are eligible. To receive Promise Program funds, you must enroll for at least six credits per semester. You must complete the FAFSA and all federal requirements, if any. If you need help with the FAFSA process, contact your college's Financial Aid Office. There is no separate application for Promise Program funds. For more information go to: <https://www.ccsnh.edu/promise>.



Hands-On Learning for Homeschoolers

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center offers a monthly program for homeschool students. The programs allow students to learn about the natural world through hands-on activities and investigations, followed by a visit from one of the Science Center's live animal ambassadors. Activities take place indoors and outdoors so participants should dress accordingly. Advanced registration is required and participants can register for one program or the whole series.

Ages 4-6: Dec. 7: Animal Survival Needs; Jan. 4: Habitat – Where Animals Live & Why; Feb. 1: Weather – How Organisms Respond to Seasons; March 7: Weather – Measuring Sunlight; April 4: How Organisms Change the Environment.

Ages 7-10: Dec. 7: Dendrology; Jan. 4: Ecology; Feb. 1: Ornithology; March 7: Mammalogy; April 4: Entomology.

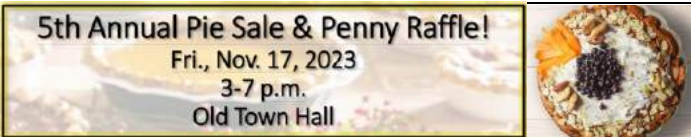
The cost is \$12 per member child per session or \$15 for non-member child per session. An adult must participate with children at no additional cost. For further details go to www.nhnature.org or call 603-968-7194.

Weare Democrats Are Cleaning Up

By Suzanne Couhie

Have you noticed how clean Route 114 is from TD Bank to Reservoir Drive? The cleanup crew from the Weare Democratic Committee were out again on Saturday, Oct 14. Thank you to Nancy Christian, Jim Curley, Bill Pollitt, Linda Martin, Christine Nase, Derek Winsor and Tom Clow for your service to our community.

Want to know more about how to help? Come join the team! We'll be cleaning up again in April 2024.



To view sampling of raffle items, go to <https://wearenhdemocrats.org>. The cost is \$1 per ticket to bid on gift cards, gift baskets, and more! Purchase pies for Thanksgiving! You do not need to be present to win. Winners will be contacted on Friday immediately following the event. Paid for by Weare Democratic Committee.

Stone Fund Assistance for Single Women in Need

The Joseph Stone Fund was created in 1896 to provide assistance to "widows and unmarried women, who are inhabitants of the Town of Weare, entitled and worthy of aid." The funds are managed by Weare's Trustees of the Trust Funds and the interest and earnings are distributed by a committee made up of appointed members of the Town's churches, the Weare Welfare Officer and a representative of the Weare Board of Selectmen, in accordance with the terms of the Fund. Please contact your church or Weare Welfare offices if you or anyone you know would be eligible and in need of such aid.

The application deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 22. The Committee will meet Nov. 29 to review them.

Please contact Weare Welfare offices 603-529-2572 or the Stone Fund (603-995-4311) if you or anyone you know would be eligible and in need of such aid.

Applications can be found at https://www.weare.nh.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf5161/f/news/stone_fund_application_form.pdf



News from the WPD

From the Weare Police Facebook Page

We at the WPD thank ALL OF YOU for your individual roles in bringing another Trick o' Treat event to a most successful end....this coming

together is what "community" is all about! We truly appreciate your efforts whether you took steps to drive extra cautiously, put out a decoration or two or simply shared a friendly smile when handing out treats!

With all that is going on in the world, it is crucial that we remember to create safe and memorable memories for our youngest residents!

Lastly, we send a big shout out to the Weare Friends PTO for providing us with some additional goodies to hand out from the cruisers Halloween night.

For more from the police department, call the business line at 603-529-7755 or go to the website at www.weare.nh.gov/weare-police-department.

Don't forget the "Officer Feedback" tab to let the police know your thoughts on community interactions.



Weare Pink Ladies Group October Luncheon

Thursday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. - noon

Intervale Pancake House 931 Flanders Road, Henniker

Please RSVP to Lily Tang Williams at lily4liberty@comcast.net

Scout News



Pack 24 Cub Scouts

By Alyssa Small

On Nov. 4, Pack 24 Cub Scouts were busy! From 8-10 a.m., they collected canned goods and other

non-perishable food items and delivered them to the Weare Food Pantry. This was part of the annual Scouting for Food drive started by Boy Scouts of America in 1985. This year our Scouts collected 611 items! Then, from 2-4 p.m., the Scouts cleaned up Bolton Park as their annual service project. Many Scouts and their families worked hard - picking up trash, weed wacking, pulling weeds, raking, cleaning equipment, and doing more to make the park clean and safe. Thanks to everyone who came. Your hard work shows!

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, Matt Bieler, at matthew.bieler.bsa@gmail.com.

Weare Public Library News

KIDS & TEENS

PokeMondays: Mondays 2-5 p.m. Meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card game enthusiasts and win prizes.

Baby & Toddler Playgroup: Tuesdays (Nov. 7 and 14) 10:30 a.m.- noon: An informal gathering for caregivers and young children. Get out of the house; meet new friends! Books, puzzles, early literacy toys and music.

Lego Club: Nov. 7, 12-2 p.m. School's out. Stop by to see what you can create and display.

Scholastic Chess: Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m. All kids are invited to jump in, learn logic and planning skills while they play. In the Sawyer Room.

Pre-K Storytimes: Wednesdays (Nov. 8 and 15) at 10:30 a.m. Join Ms. Karen for stories and songs.

Afterschool Gaming: Wednesdays 2-4:30 p.m. (Not Nov. 22). Challenge your friends on the Nintendo Switch and other game systems. (For ages 6+)

Read with the Ruff Readers: Wednesdays (Nov. 8 and 15) 5-6 p.m. Read with friendly dogs! Call to register.

Kids' Graphic Novel Book Club: Nov. 16 at 4 p.m. The next graphic novel we'll discuss is "Katie The Catsitter" by Stephanie Yue. For kids in grades 2-4. Call to register.

ADULTS

Pinocle & Cribbage: Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Meet and play with other card game enthusiasts.

Craft Group: Thursdays at 1 p.m. Learn a new craft. Space is limited. Call to register.

Your Identity: Staying Connected and Protected. Nov. 30 at 9:30 a.m. Millions of consumers are victims of identity fraud and identity theft every year. Since we all spend time shopping online and cruising the web, we need to be more vigilant than ever of security breaches. In a few simple steps, we'll show you how. Presented by the AARP of N.H.

Book Group: Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. We're reading the short-story collection "The Pact" by Jodi Picoult. Call to reserve your copy.

Closed on November 23 and 24. Happy Thanksgiving!
For events that require registration, call us: 603-529-2044.



Friends of the Weare Public Library

By Dianne Hathaway

Hello! The Nominations Committee is soliciting volunteers for officer positions for the 2024 calendar year for The Friends of the Weare Public Library. Are you ready? Are your leadership skills needing an outlet? Let us know! Email friendsofwearepl@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming involved.

The Friends has had a very successful year both in working with the library and raising much-needed additional funds for the library. The money we raise pays for things outside the library's operating budget, like museum passes, adult craft programs and children's events our community enjoys. We'd love to have you join us as we look forward to another great year!

The Nominations Committee members are Debbie Farr, Helen Dutton and Connie Evans.

Little Free Library

The Friends have a Little Free Library in front of the WPL on East Road that is regularly stocked. This is a "leave one, take one" library for used books, so look the next time you are in the center of town. This is a year-round service with volunteers shoveling after every snowstorm.

Thank you for a great year and for supporting the Weare Public Library!

Our 2023 officers: Nancy Zienkiewicz, President; Suzanne Belanger, VP; Debbie Farr, Secretary; Helen Dutton, Treasurer; Lea Anderson-Smith, Member-at-Large.

Please join us! We meet on the fourth Tuesday evening of January, March, May, July, September and November at 6:30 p.m. at the Weare Public Library. **Our next business meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 28.** We will elect officers, review and vote on the 2024 budget, and begin planning activities for the new year. We're always looking to increase our members; please consider joining us!

Contractors for Seniors

Calling All Weare Businesses



Would you like to be on the approved list of businesses that our senior citizens can turn to when they are looking for help? We need handypersons, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, snow removal, yard care, painters and drivers.

The Hand in Hand Senior Center is hoping to help our citizens learn who they can turn to for local help when they need it. By encouraging "shop local first," we are looking to establish an even tighter sense of community and caring where everyone benefits. To get on the approved list, please contact: hkurk@hihsc.org.

Hand in Hand
**SENIOR CENTER
 & THRIFT SHOP**

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

Wed - Fri, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

603-529-4263 / facebook.com/hihsc.org

Mark your calendars for the many things offered by Hand in Hand Senior Center. Need to give your body a boost? Come on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. for a half hour of chair yoga. Arts and crafts with Donna Carey at 1 p.m. on Saturdays, Nov. 18 and Dec. 2, 16 will set you up for the holidays. We will be making placemats, holiday gift necklaces, holiday centerpieces and candles. More details about what you need to bring is available at the center during Thrift Shop hours. FYI: The Thrift Shop is open the day before and the day after Thanksgiving.

Starting Monday, Nov. 6 from 12 -2 p.m., Donna McCarron encourages quilters, knitters, braiders and other crafters to work on and share their craft while enjoying each other's company. All are welcome.

Shirley and Jim Higgins are once again making Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Stop at the center during Thrift Shop hours to sign up if you would like to join them for a family-style meal, have it delivered, or take out.

Join us on Nov. 28 at 2:30 p.m. for the movie "*Hidden Figures*," based on the unbelievably true-life stories of three African-American female mathematicians who worked at [NASA](#) during the space race. They served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history.

Hand in Hand Senior Center and the Weare Public Library will co-sponsor an AARP program titled "Your Identity: Staying Connected & Protected." Millions of consumers are victims of identity fraud and identity theft every year. Since we all spend time shopping online and cruising the web, we need to be more vigilant than ever. In a few simple steps, you'll be shown how to stay safe! Come and learn more by coming to the library on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 9:30 a.m. Good information for all ages.



And now we introduce you to our newest board member. Good fortune was shining on Hand in Hand Senior Center and Thrift Shop when Gregory (Greg) Smith joined the Board. For about a year Greg has been our "recycling man and cleaner" extraordinaire. We are delighted that we had this younger senior doing the

"dirty work." We recognized a good thing when we saw it and asked if he would be our sixth board director. His knowledge and attention to detail will help the organization fine tune and move forward.

Greg and his wife, Lea, (who volunteers in the Thrift Shop) have two daughters that they raised in N.J. Once both girls "launched," Greg and Lea wanted to find a quieter, prettier place to live and found that place in Weare. And we're lucky that they did.

During Greg's working career, it was hard for him to "give back." Newly retired and living in Weare, he was looking for something worthwhile, local and low profile that would make a difference in the lives of others. Hand in Hand is filling that bill. Greg also provides weekly chess tutoring for youngsters at the library.

He would like to see Hand in Hand Senior Center grow as a valuable community resource. He sees the value in what we already offer: the Thrift Shop, Wednesday lunches, various activities and space for several groups to meet such as the writers' group, garden club and chess club. He'd like to see that value grow.

Greg's interest in chess and desire to improve his own game led him to organize the Weare Woodpushers, a chess club where folks meet to play USCF rated chess games. When you stop by Hand in Hand, you're likely to see Greg doing whatever needs to be done or on his computer trying to improve his game.

**WHAT'S FOR
LUNCH?**



Wednesdays 11- 1. Dine in, take out or free delivery.

Nov. 8: Beef picadillo, rice pilaf, spinach, fennel and apple salad

Nov. 15: Chicken noodle soup, tomato basil soup, grilled cheese, garden salad

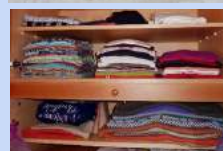
Nov. 22: Marianne's chicken casserole, farmhouse apple coleslaw

Coffee, tea, and various desserts are also available.

**WHAT'S IN
THE SHOP?**



All women's and men's pants are Buy One, Get One Free! Come by to see our great selection.



See up-to-date information here:, www.facebook.com/hihsc.org and like us while you're there.

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 Colby! Male Lab and Black Mouth Cur Mix. He's friendly, affectionate, gentle, lively, loyal, active, energetic, playful and VERY bright! He is house trained, crate trained and his vaccinations are up to date. He is also microchipped. He is neutered and

good in a home with other dogs, and children. Colby has a joyful personality and a silly demeanor and would be a great addition to any family! He is a lot smaller than he appears in the photos. Colby is about six months old, weighs 24 pounds. Did we mention he has the SWEETEST temperament? He loves other dogs, and he's happy to spend time with humans of all ages.

For more information on these and other dogs, visit <https://www.heartsandtails.org/petfinder-list/>

MUSICIAN WANTED

Holy Cross Church is looking for a pianist or organist to play hymns and service music for Sunday services (10 a.m.) If you are interested, please email the Vicar drferner47@gmail.com for more information.



Looking for Something to Do?

Compiled by Sharon Czarnecki

Tips for Growing Great Flowers

Presented by Henry Homeyer

Dunbarton Town Hall (second floor)

Monday, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.

The topic will include "Old Favorites and Lesser-Known Beauties." Homeyer is known for his book, "The New Hampshire Gardener's Companion" (2015.)

Dunbarton
Garden Club



He is a great speaker and a delight to listen to. Homeyer is also a

lifelong organic gardener living and gardening in Cornish Flat, N.H. since 1970. For the past 25 years, he has been writing a weekly gardening article for newspapers around New England. He is the author of four gardening books and has been a UNH Master Gardener for over two decades.



Asked and Answered: Veterans

Quilts of Valor

By Ron Mills



In July of this year, I received a wonderful quilt, as did seven other veterans, at the Tilton Senior Center. The quilt is beautiful and extremely well made.

The presentation was made possible by Kathy Bacon of Patriot Piecemakers (Penacook), a member group of the Quilts of Valor Foundation (a national grassroots

501(c)3 organization founded in 2003 by Blue Star Mother Catherine Roberts when her son was deployed to Iraq. (Blue Star mothers are those who have children who are currently serving in the military or are now veterans.) For more information, see the Quilts of Valor Foundation at <https://www.govt.org>

My time in the service of our country began with the U.S. Army in 1954 during the Korean conflict. However, I was given an extension to graduate from State University of New York in Cortland, N.Y. I received my basic training and Radio School (Morse Code) at Fort Dix, N.J. Then I was shipped over to France and was assigned to the Corps of Engineers. Next, I went to Munich, Germany (in October) to Clerk Typist School and became Company Clerk of Co. B, Engineer Battalion, Vassencourt, France.

In 1958, I returned to my teaching position with Boston University, at Sargent Camp Outdoor Education Program and joined the Peterborough National Guard. While I was on duty with the Guard at Camp Drum, N.Y., we were activated by President Kennedy and sent to Fort Bragg, N.C. to replace the 82nd Airborne Unit. They had been sent to Germany due to the Berlin Wall episode. While at Fort Bragg, I was made Personnel Sergeant (SGT E5). After completing my military requirements, I returned to my teaching position in Peterborough.

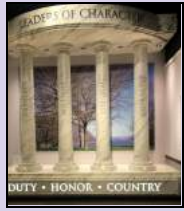
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Why Attend West Point

By Steve Arwine

West Point is consistently ranked as one of the top colleges in the United States. It is ranked number two among public colleges and universities. It is rated number three for schools engaged in public service and it offers the fifth top engineering program in this country.



As a young person trying to figure out my life, I knew early on that I wanted to attend the Point. Be it the attraction of the top military school, the superior academic programs, or the wonderment of it all - it was what I wanted. My grades were sufficiently high and between track, wrestling, and ice hockey I was fit. It was, however, not meant to be.

West Point has an acceptance rate of 10.3%. The application process is highly selective and different from that of many other schools. Applicants must receive a nomination from a senator, member of Congress, or service member.

I went on to attend Northwestern University and spent 23 years in the U.S. Army. That's 23 enjoyable years serving this country, an honor I will always cherish.

West Point is the oldest continuously occupied regular army post in the United States, founded in 1802. As you would imagine it's loaded with history, tradition and magnificent sights honoring this country. The buildings display elements of Gothic, Victorian and Tudor architecture. The grounds are immaculate, the location is breathtaking, I highly recommend a visit.

My wife and I recently returned to those hallowed grounds; the Point remains as grand as she always was. Nestled among the thick trees high above the Hudson River, the buildings shimmer in the sun and the stained glass of the magnificent chapel rivals that of any cathedral in London. Traveling to the Point is a mere 237 miles or 4 hours and 38 minutes from Weare.



The U.S. Military Academy at West Point's mission is "to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army."

As an Army veteran, I am proud to have been considered. Go Army; beat Navy!

WW I

By Sharon Czarnecki

My paternal grandfather – Albert A. Weatherbee II – served in WWI and he kept a diary. His daughter, Betty Kelly, put it into a book form for his descendants to have and hold dear. What follows are some excerpts from that book, which is titled, "The Swallow's Nest."



Press Release, Aug. 7, 1917. "The bridegroom was among the first of the Lincoln boys to enlist, which shows that, but 19 years old, he is not lacking in courage." P. 23

Oct 11, 1917. Letter to wife. "Gee but the nights are cold. I filled my tick with straw so I will not have to sleep directly on the tent floor tonight."

Oct 13, 1917. Saturday diary. "More rain and imagine 9 men covered with mud, wet to the skin, living in one small tent. The company streets are a mass of mud and water. Food very poor and only 2 meals per day at that." P. 34

Nov. 1, 1917. (France). Letter to wife. "Naturally we have made sacrifices, but every war means just that. On the other hand, how much better it will be to know that we have done our bit. If I had begun my law studies without thought of defending our country, I should have hated myself all the rest of my life." P. 43

Nov. 21, 1917. Letter to wife. "I just took up a \$10,000 life insurance policy under the government plan by which you will receive that amount in case anything should happen to me." P. 44

Dec. 25, 1917. Letter to wife. "It is now 10 PM and my comrades have just finished singing American melodies. Gee but this is sure one lonesome spot on Christmas." P.47

April 6, 1918. Letter to wife. "Most of the work here is done by the old women who drive and plow even better than the men. The other day, I saw a very very old woman holding a plow while a little girl drove the two horses. I offered to rest her for a few minutes and with an amused grin, she turned over the plow handles to me. Sadly, my furrows were far from the straight lines she wanted. With an angry curse she pushed me aside and continued her toil. I laughed to myself and walked back to camp. I was satisfied only because I realize I am doing my bit for her in another way." P. 61

May 10, 1918. Friday diary. "At 1 AM, the Boche shot thousands of gas shells at us and we put on our masks."

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Lt. Mosier, Ebert Sneider are gassed and leave for hospital. Dow Danforth, Pat Moore, and Perkins are dead. Pvt. Day and others are dying. I am sent to the hospital this PM and after a long ride in an ambulance I arrive at the base in Toul." P. 64 (*He was also gassed on 3 other occasions he mentions in the diary.*)

June 7, 1918. Letter to wife. "Believe me, I was sure some glad to hear from you after four long weeks!! I can imagine how you feel after waiting weeks to hear from me." P.75

July 19, 1918. Friday diary. "Our Lt. informs us to get ready to go over the top any time during the day. I have finished my pack, taking only that which I desire to keep and have decided to write no last letters. A big shell killed 7 and wounded 4 here today. I sleep only 20 yards from there." P.79

Aug 12, 1918. Letter to wife. "Grass, flowers, birds, rats, in fact everything in sight, was killed by the Chlorine gas. We were glad to lose our associates, the rats, however. Norman Dow, one of the best boys I have ever known, was killed by a big shell." P.88

Sept 17, 1918. Letter to wife. "Are you keeping in practice with the piano? I will hope to listen to some of the late American hits when I get home, and you are just the one to play for me, Love. We must have plenty of music in our cozy home because music means merriment and contentment." P. 90.



The Armistice was signed on Nov. 11, 1918. Like many of our exhausted troops, red tape prevented a swift return to their loved ones. Albert did not arrive in the United States until May 17, 1919 and was not reunited with his dear wife until May 19, 1919.

In conclusion, may I just say, I am overwhelmed by the incredible debt I personally owe to my brave grandfather and, in fact, to all of our current enlisted men and veterans. I am so grateful for all they have made possible for me.

A Conscientious Objector's Story

By David Erikson

I was a conscientious objector to the Vietnam Conflict. I believed I should serve in some way, so I took a year off from college, got myself to Central America, and worked for CARE, instead. This is the story of my decision to apply for conscientious objector status and the process.

I was born in 1954, so I turned 18 in January 1972. When I went to my town clerk and asked for the form to register to vote, the clerk also pushed the draft form under the glass window. It is surprising that I was so uninformed, but I was. Men my age were never called, but we had to register, and the news was not yet out that we would not be called.

I attended a Quaker school for junior high and began attending the Providence Friends (Quaker) Meeting at about this time, but I knew I could not claim a religious exemption. My parents were opposed to the war and had told me that Ho Chi Minh had come to the U.S. for aid before aligning with the Chinese. I also read that the two destroyers, which were torpedoed in the Gulf of Tonkin, were in Vietnamese waters intending to provoke a confrontation. I believed I had no reason to fight against the Vietnamese.

I decided to apply for 1AO or noncombatant draft status, which would mean I could be drafted but would not have to carry a weapon. I thought I might be a medic. I read the questions that someone applying to be a CO would likely be asked and I was asked these questions. The first was, would I fight under some circumstances? I realized I would have enlisted in World War II, so that was a "yes." Would I fight if the U.S. was attacked? I thought, probably, if we didn't have a crazy leader who provoked the conflict as we did in the Mexican War. Would I fight to defend my mother? Of course. So I had three strikes against me.

I drove to Fall River, Massachusetts for the draft board hearing. I was ushered to sit at the head of a long table. A woman stenographer was on my left. I remember about 12 elderly men on both sides of the table looking up toward me. I wondered whether they were Spanish American War Veterans or World War I. One of the oldest pointed a quavering finger at me and in a quavering voice asked, "We all died for our country; Why can't you?" I didn't know if he intended a joke, but I glanced at the stenographer and she was busy at her entry, so I kept a straight face. They asked their three questions and then asked what I could say for myself. All I could say was that I thought that taking another person's life was a very serious decision and in this war, I could not, in good conscience, put myself in the position where I could be asked to do that.

My application was denied, of course. I had the right to appeal and I did. The appeal gave me the chance to submit an essay further clarifying my beliefs. I did submit that, but I don't believe that it had anything to do with why I was granted the 1AO status on appeal. I believe it was because that draft board was laid down at about that time and they didn't want to have an extra

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meeting. The draft ended in January of 1973.

I want to take this opportunity to say that many who, like me, managed to stay out of the conflict, were not sympathetic toward those who came home suffering from the experience. Some of us were openly hostile. That was a serious wrong that widened a divide between two life experiences and a range of ways of understanding the world. This divide still needs to be healed. College draft deferments were limited in 1971 and they should never have been allowed. I remember Eugene McCarthy saying that if Senators' sons were drafted, the draft would have ended.

Dedicated to those who served.

The Last Saturday of October

By Douglas Gilbert – Weare Area Writers Guild

The true story of a thwarted event may evade historical consideration. Ordinary men from peasant stock pitted against international villains about to obliterate the most powerful nations on Earth are the stuff of legends from the underworld of spies, submarines, and nuclear weapons.

My book, “The Last Saturday of October: Declassified Secrets of Black Saturday,” reconstructs the Soviet B-59 submarine journey into the Cuban Missile Crisis and explores how two men could resolve their conflicting convictions over launching a nuclear weapon. It recounts the obscure B-59 incident from inside the hull and sheds new light on accepted historical “truths.”

Two men fought. With explosions deafening their ears and extreme heat broiling their brains, they fought. While their ship’s crew was passing out from oxygen deprivation and heat exhaustion, they expended their remaining energy in the fight. With the fate of their nation and all the world at stake, two men fought each other to find the least violent solution. They decided to

save the world, to prevent its immediate consensual devastation by firestorm. They defied death and their superiors by not initiating the act that would destroy hundreds of millions of lives and threaten everyone who might live beyond that moment.

A review by book reviewer Arya Fomonyuy states, “...a powerful encounter with history...Set against the backdrop of a politically turbulent time in international relations, the



reader relives one of the most dramatic and revolutionary days in history as they follow a historical character, Vasili Arkhipov... fast-paced...submarine thriller takes readers inside the B-59...readers feel history...so gripping, so engrossing, that it is hard to put this book down...one of the best thrillers I have read in military fiction.”

Brief passage from the book...“Sailors clamored to their assigned stations. Sentries with Kalashnikov rifles stood at parade rest on the pier amid the icy fog. Their clouding breaths hovered like steam over hot tea. The veiled mission, a special ocean voyage to a secret destination, was announced by the brass at the sendoff ceremony, but the details remained hidden from the captains and crews. Noiseless, ghost-gray silhouettes traipsed to their deck stations, forging a graveyard mirage, shrouded in stone-cold gloom. The anxious chill of an unknown sea gripped the air and the heart of Captain Savitsky. The nuke lay in its cradle, sealed orders rested in the safe, and the clock ticked.” This book is available on Amazon and at our local library.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Douglas Gilbert spent his engineering career developing submarine detection and tracking algorithms for the US Navy and underwater systems for the offshore oil exploration industry. He currently teaches mathematics and engineering at Southern New Hampshire University and studies topics of historical interest. He can be reached at dgilbert659@gmail.com



Tell Us About: Thanksgiving !

Share your family traditions, a favorite recipe – especially the pies – pictures, stories about the football game or the Macy’s parade. Do you go Black Friday shopping or are you a Cyber Monday fan?



“Last rose of summer”
(Val Bartholomew photo)



“Halloween ghost spider”
(Beth Woltjen photo)



POETRY CORNER

Two Toned Tree

Sparkling sun rays cast a golden glow on the once green leaves of the maple tree now dressed in yellow and red, a beautiful contrast amid the always green pine trees, their needles of brown carpet the ground, normal cyclical change of fall.

-Marge Burke

Dense Fog

Surrounded by dense fog like swimming in a milky ocean, I want to thrust it away, visibility vague, I am disoriented, distant trees emerge as rugged mountains, I feel trapped in this uncertain space.

-Marge Burke



Check out past issues of *Weare in the World*, our Business Issue (listing more than 75 local vendors!) and more at www.weareintheworldnews.com



Weare in the World will produce our final issues of 2023 on Nov. 22 and Dec. 13. Contributors are welcome to send news for the remainder of the year for consideration in those two issues. We will be back in January 2024!



Why We Love Living in NH

An occasional column featuring readers' reverent observations of our natural surroundings



Fall country road (Sharon Czarnecki photo).



Fall marsh (Alyssa Small photo).



Sunrise (Alyssa Small photo).

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, Nov. 7

- 7 p.m. – Garden Club meeting
- 7:30 p.m. – Zoning Board meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 8

- 3 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

Thursday, Nov. 9

- 7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Monday, Nov. 13

- 6 p.m. – Board of Selectmen work session

Tuesday, Nov. 14

- 7 p.m. – Parks and Recreation meeting
- 7 p.m. – Cable Committee meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 15

- 6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting

Thursday, Nov. 16

- 7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Friday, Nov. 17

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

Monday, Nov. 20

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

Tuesday, Nov. 21

- 6 p.m. – Board of Fire Wards meeting

Weare Business Corner

PLOWING: *Weare in the World* contacted 12 area businesses from a Google search of snow plow services in our area. Of these, seven are no longer plowing, two do commercial only and one plows residential but is not taking new customers. **THEREFORE**, if you plow and are seeking new residential customers in Weare, please let us know so that your services can be listed in the paper for our readers. The two businesses still taking new customers are:



Bouchard Excavation – Stephen Bouchard
 Cell 603-660-3761 bouchardexcavation@gmail.com

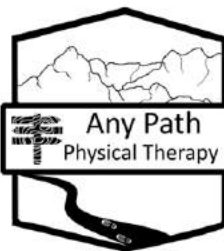


Jim Dow cell 603-486-8618 contact us available on web site: www.dowsoutdoorservice.com

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