

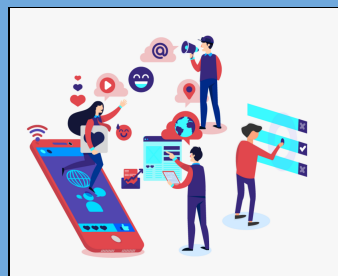


Weare in the World

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For Weare Residents, by Weare Residents



Get Informed!

Below are several opportunities to discuss issues of interest with school district leaders ahead of voting on the budget and warrant articles March 8. For

candidate filing information and upcoming meetings, see page 3. Watch upcoming issues of *Weare in the World* for profiles of candidates for local school boards and the Weare Selectboard (information on open town positions on page 3).

SUPERINTENDENT ZOOM MEETINGS

Thursday, Feb. 3, 6 p.m.

Join SAU 24 Superintendent Jacqueline Coe for a discussion about the new teacher contracts. Includes Weare teacher Dawn Spring and John Stark teacher Suzanne Carmichael.

Thursday, Feb. 17, 6 p.m.

Discuss full-day kindergarten in Weare with Assistant Superintendent Natasha Kolehmainen, joined by Weare School Board member Sarah Button.

How to connect:

<https://bit.ly/2Yx51YJOfficeHours> Meeting ID: 821 4229 1994 Passcode: 225191 or Join by phone @ (US) +1 240-623-0475 PIN: 538 949 965#.

"ASK A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER" ZOOM MEETINGS

Monday, Feb. 7 and Monday, March 7 at 12 p.m.

School Board Members from Henniker, Weare and John Stark Districts will be available for questions via Zoom. If you have a question about budgets, contracts, or anything board-related, join in or just drop in to listen.

How to connect:

<https://sau24-org.zoom.us/j/82361441890?pwd=WitqTFN1b21jV0t6MlVYwMHk3MW01dz09> Meeting ID: 823 6144 1890 Passcode: 292666.

WEARE COMMUNITY THEATER

AUDITIONS

FOR THE PLAY
"EBENEZER MUDGETT AND THE PINE TREE RIOT"
A DRAMATIZATION OF THE BOOK
BY CONNIE EVANS

JAN. 30; 6-7:30 P.M.

AUDITIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT:
733 S STARK HWY., WEARE
(THE ACTUAL SITE WHERE THE PINE TREE RIOT TOOK PLACE!)

EMAIL: LWILBER@AOL.COM OR
TEXT 603-345-9466
TO SECURE YOUR SPOT ON THE
AUDITION ROSTER
ALL AGES/GENDERS WELCOME

Casting Call for Historic Play Commemorating "Pine Tree Riot"

By Lisa Wilber

You've heard of the Boston Tea Party, but did you know that the Pine Tree Riot took place the year BEFORE the Boston Tea Party? It was one of the events that led to the uprising in Boston. On Saturday, April 9, the Weare Historical Society will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Pine Tree Riot. The play, "Ebenezer Mudgett and the Pine Tree Riot" – written by Society member Connie Evans - will be one of the centerpieces of the day.

This is your chance to be a part of history! In this open casting call, there are parts big and small for all ages and genders. Also needed are support crew for costumes and props.

WHEN: Sunday Jan.

30 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: 733 South Stark Highway (the former Avon store, located a quarter mile south of Country 3 Corners.)

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"Talk" To Us

Valentine Cards
Stories – max 500 words, poems, photos
weareintheworldnews@gmail.com
Deadline – Friday, Feb. 4

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Auditions are being held on the very spot where the Pine Tree Riot happened all those years ago!

Be sure to email or text so you can be put onto the audition roster: Lwilber@aol.com or 603-345-9466. You won't want to miss this opportunity to be part of this special event.

Finance Committee Reviews Town and School Warrants

By Tom Clow

Last week was a busy week for the Weare Finance Committee with back-to-back meetings on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 19 and 20. The Wednesday meeting was devoted to school budgets with Superintendent Dr. Jacqueline Coe and Assistant Superintendent Natasha Kolehmainen reviewing much of what had been presented at the respective Weare School District and John Stark public hearings. This included a discussion of collective bargaining agreements, which were reached in December of 2021, for the teaching staffs and support staffs in both districts. Details of these contracts can be found on the SAU 24 website www.sau24.org.

Kolehmainen addressed an article on the WSD warrant that would establish a full-day kindergarten program. She explained that changes in student population had freed up enough space at Center Woods to house the program in the elementary school. She also showed how savings in transportation costs and an increase in adequacy revenue from the state would offset the cost of a full-day program. (More to come on this in a future issue.)

Thursday was devoted to a review of the finalized town warrant and a presentation by Fire Rescue Chief Robert Vezina on a warrant article that asks the town to join the Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact.

The Finance Committee will meet again on Jan. 27 to make its recommendations on the school and town budgets and all other warrant articles that involve expenditures. These recommendations will be presented at the respective school and town deliberative sessions and will also be printed in a mailer that is sent out by the town prior to election day on March 8. In order to allow for different opinions on the committee, the recommendations will include an actual count of members' votes (for example 8-3 in favor) as well as a rationale for the group's decision.

Changes Made to Town Warrant After Board Hears Public Input

By Tom Clow

A public hearing on the 2022 Town of Weare Budget and Warrant scheduled for Monday, Jan. 17 turned into a two-day event due to a COVID-19 outbreak at the town office. Only a handful of people and three selectmen attended the Monday night session. There was limited discussion before the meeting was continued to Tuesday, Jan. 18, when the full selectboard and the town administrator were present.

The Tuesday meeting was still lightly attended by the public; however, several changes were made to the Jan. 3 draft warrant. Most notably, an article to rebuild the radio communication system for safety services was removed from the warrant. The previous week, the board had decided to remove the article because they felt they were not ready to present it to the public. Chairman Hippler assured those present on Jan. 10 that the board still intended to move ahead with the project, but they were not ready to put it on the 2022 warrant. He reiterated that position at the public hearing.

Another major change to the warrant was the addition of a second article for the purchase of a fully equipped 10-wheel plow truck for the Highway Department. The entire \$260,000 for this truck would be withdrawn from the unreserved fund balance. The purchase of two trucks, with one paid for through taxation and the other from the fund balance, would put the fleet replacement back on schedule, since there was not a plow truck purchased in 2021.

A second article added to the warrant, which was requested by Parks and Recreation, was for \$5,000 to purchase three skateboard park features. Removed from the warrant was an article that would have amended the Finance Committee Ordinance.

A summary of the proposed warrant articles, prepared by Finance Administrator Beth Rouse as part of a packet made available at the public hearing, shows that the estimated tax impact if all town warrant articles are approved by voters would be \$3.67 per thousand. After the changes made following the public hearing, the warrant was forwarded to legal counsel and to the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) for review before being posted.

The public will have the opportunity to comment further and to make amendments at the Deliberative Session, which will be held at the Weare Middle School at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12.



Voting Day:
TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Town Clerk Maureen Billodeau has announced that the filing period for candidates for town offices opens on Jan. 19, 2022 and closes Jan. 28, at 5 p.m. Filings are at the Weare Town Clerk's Office, 15 Flanders Memorial Road. Open positions:

Selectman	One position	3-year term
Town Clerk	One position	3-year term
Town Moderator	One position	2-year term
Town Treasurer	One position	3-year term
Supervisor of Checklist	One position	6-year term
Library Trustee	One position	3-year term
Cemetery Trustee	One position	3-year term
Trustee of Trust Funds	One position One position	2-year term 3-year term
Board of Firewards	Non-member One position Member One position	3-year term 3-year term

Weare School District Meetings

Deliberative Session

The Weare School Board will hold a Deliberative Session: Session I meeting on **Feb. 9, 2022** at 7 p.m. at Weare Middle School. The regular Board meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and recess for Session I.

Filing for School District Offices

Those interested in filing for school district offices must do so by **Jan. 28, 2022 at 5 p.m.** Contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 603-428-8863.

- One school board member: 3-year term
- One school board member 1-year term
- One school district moderator: 3-year term

John Stark School District Meetings

Deliberative Session

The John Stark School Board will hold a Deliberative Session: Session I meeting on **Feb. 11, 2022** at 7 p.m. at JSRHS. The regular Board meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and recess for Session I.

Filing for School District Offices

Those interested in filing for school district offices must do so by **Jan. 28, 2022 at 5 p.m.** Contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 603-428-8863.

- One school board member (Henniker) 3-year term
- One school board member (Weare) 3-year term
- One school district moderator 1-year term

College Graduates and Honorees

Alexandra Hardcastle was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Assumption University.

-*Concord Monitor* reports



School News



John Stark Regional High School "We the People" class competed in the state finals in Concord on Jan. 10, placing third. The primary goal of the We the People class and competition is to promote civic competence and responsibility among the nation's students.

Above: civics teacher Dan Marcus with students (l-r) front row: Quince Kirtland, Madison Lafleur, Sarah Guillemette, Rose Kosciuszczek, Jackson Davis.

Back row: Quentin Fairo, Lydia Richman, Samantha Veilleux, Lauren Ballou, Ruby Dykstra (courtesy photo).

School articles submitted by Patti Osgood. Continued on page 4.



Spanish Honor Society students at John Stark Regional High School can now experience a pen pal letter exchange with students at the Instituto de Educación Secundaria (IES) Conde Diego Porcelos in Burgos, Spain. JSRHS Spanish teacher and Honor Society advisor Stephanie Harpring connected with Jorge Cabañas García, a geography teacher at the school in Spain, to make this writing experience happen.

Students from both schools write letters on predetermined topics in Spanish and English that are then scanned and sent to their pals.

"To personalize the project further, Jorge and I record videos about the topic of each letter and share our videos with our students," Harpring said in a school release. "This pen-pal exchange promotes both an intercultural language exchange as well as additional cultural learning about various topics."

JSRHS Spanish Honor Society L-R: Harpring with students Kayleigh Megowen, Madelyn Morette, Izabel Korbet, Hailey Michaud, Sophia McGinty, Emma Dobbins, Ruby Dykstra, Hailey Brisson (kneeling in front), Samantha Veilleux, Maria Hagar, and Andrea Seaver. On the screen behind them is García (courtesy photo).



Franz Haase, a fifth grade student at James Faulkner Elementary in Stoddard (an SAU 24 school), was named a finalist for "NH Kid Governor" for the third year in a row. As a finalist, Haase was elected to the Kid Executive Council. His platform was "Addressing Childhood Poverty in New Hampshire." The

inauguration of the NH Kid Governor (Charlotte Cotti of Plaistow) and the swearing-in of the Executive Councilors was held Jan. 10 at the N.H. State House. Franz is the son of Christine and Franz Hasse of Stoddard. Here is a video of his platform: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWsM-Qs-VaE>

Super Spring Sports Swap

Two things to love: spring sports and saving money. One thing is for certain; kids keep growing and they always need new sports gear. Multiple kids, multiple sports – it adds up! WeAre Upcyclers is hosting its first Super Spring Sports Swap to help local families get their next gear for free.



How it works:

In February, bring unwanted spring sports gear – the stuff that's still good, but has been outgrown – to the donation box at WeAre Upcyclers during open hours. Every acceptable donation earns you an admissions ticket to the Super Spring Sports Swap. (Donate three good items, earn three tickets.) Then, on Feb. 20, bring your ticket(s) to the Swap and trade in for gear you need. All swap items are free, but this is also a fundraiser for Weare Athletic Club, so donations are encouraged to support local youth sports.

Please think before donating gear:

Is your item clean and in great shape? Would you want to pick this item up for your own child? Please bring the best of what you've got for donations for softball, baseball, lacrosse and soccer. Think cleats, soccer balls, shin guards gloves, bats, helmets, lacrosse sticks, pads, etc. Keep in mind this is a free swap with donations accepted, so if you're hoping to get money for your gear, this swap is not for you.

Event Details:

Sunday, Feb. 20, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Weare Middle School gym

Donation box:

This will be outside at WeAre Upcyclers during hours of operation - 464 S. Stark Hwy. Weare, NH 03281

Hours: Wednesday - Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Connect:

<https://facebook.com/events/s/super-spring-sports-swap/596990448044537/>

Weare in the World has its own website! Check us out on www.weareintheworldnews.com.

Weare Public Library News

The Weare Public Library Presents: The Merlin Awards!

By Clay Kriese, Director

The Weare Public Library is proud to announce the winners of the annual Merlin Awards. This honor is named after the library's owl mascot. It is awarded to the most popular books, games and DVDs for the year 2021 – chosen by YOU: the residents of the town of Weare, New Hampshire.

Best Novel (print or audio): *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

Runner-up: *The Sanatorium* by Sarah Pearse

Best Non-Fiction: *Nomadland* by Jessica Bruder

Runner-up: *Haunted Hikes of New Hampshire* by Marianne O'Connor

Best Cookbook: *Cook Like A Pro* by Ina Garten

Runner-up: *Cook This Book* by Molly Baz

Best Young Adult Novel: *Wrecking Ball (Diary of a Wimpy Kid #14)* by Jeff Kinney

Runner-up: *They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera

Best Graphic Novel: *Naruto (#1)* by Masashi Kishimoto

Runner-up: *Death Note (#1)* by Tsugumi Ohba

Best Juvenile Graphic Novel: *The Dragonet Prophecy (Wings of fire #1)* by Tui Sutherland

Runner-up: *Dog Man: Mothering Heights* by Dav Pilkey

Best Juvenile Fiction: *Rise of the Balloon Goons (Notebook of Doom #1)* by Tony Cummings

Runner-up: *Bad Kitty vs The Babysitter* by Nick Bruel

Best Juvenile Non-Fiction: *Moon! Earth's Best Friend* by Stacy McAnulty

Runner-up: *Minecraft: Guide to Farming* by Alex Wiltshire

Best Easy or Early Reader: *Bluey: Good Night Fruit Bat*

Runner-up: *Paw Patrol: Rubble to the Rescue* by Kristen Depken

Best DVD: *The Father*

Runner-up: *Promising Young Woman*

Best Juvenile DVD: *Paw Patrol: Dino Rescue*

Runner-up: *The Croods: A New Age*

Best Game: *Minecraft: Builders & Biomes*

Runner-up: *Choose Your Own Adventure: House of Danger*

Congratulations to our winners! You, too, can check these out from the Weare Library, or try out some of our new arrivals for 2022.



Friends of the Library Needs Your Help

By Brenda Cannon and Heleen Kurk

The library has always been a community gathering place. Our Weare Public Library relies on "Friends of the Library" for all the things that are not covered by taxpayer dollars.

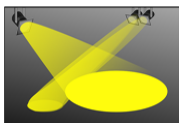
It's a daunting list. These are just some of the things the Friends have purchased for the library: two large screen TVs, all museum passes, two Kindles, two Amazon Fires, Zoom expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic, carpet for the hallway, a canopy tent and library logo banner for events, a button maker, storage bins, Jack's Little Library and 10 tables. Additionally, the Friends also have provided funds for: books for babies (for newborns), robotic and stem learning kits, early literacy toys, a popcorn maker and supplies, prizes and entertainment for summer reading programs, iTunes for apps, prizes for Ruff Readers and prizes for other programs.

The list goes on. How do the Friends of the Library raise the money to pay for all these things? The greatest money raiser has been the yearly book sale (before the pandemic). It's a lot of work but a lot of reward. We've had silent auctions and yard sales. Generous patrons and dues round off our money raising efforts.

The "Friends of the Library" is reaching out to the community to get more active members. Please consider becoming an active member of this volunteer group to keep these good works going.

The Friends try to meet January-October of each year. Meetings are held in the library on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Most meetings are for an hour, but yes, we occasionally have longer meetings. To join, pick up an application at the library or send a message to Friendsfowearepl@gmail.com. You can also address any correspondence to the Friends at P.O. Box 227, Weare, NH 03281.

Our first meeting of the year will be Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. The following meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 22. Looking forward to your ideas, involvement and hope to see you there.



Business Spotlight: Rosemary Conroy

By Sharon Czarnecki

“THAT was a wake up call!” That is how Rosemary Conroy was affected by Sept. 11. She had always planned to paint, but she was going to really devote her time to



it....someday.

Instead, she made a decision to honor those lost by making a positive change in her own life. Now, twenty years later, the results are on display at her art studio in Francestown, and on her website – see below.

Let’s start at the beginning. It was obvious to family members that Conroy had a talent for art, which surfaced in the form of obsessive drawing. But, of course, the future offers little to high school students except the stark fact that there will be bills to be paid. Sadly, the bills come early and with great regularity, whereas establishing oneself as a self-sufficient artist can be a daunting struggle.

With this in mind, Conroy graduated from Pace University in Manhattan with a degree in Business Management Systems. At a time when computers were just coming on the scene in professional environments, she got a job teaching stockbrokers how to make sense of the tools they now needed. She found it gratifying to help others overcome their extreme frustration and learn to deal with a wide range of problems, including the infamous “operator error.” She continued to work in Manhattan for six years, but it was still a long way from a chance to use her artistic talent.

Serendipitously, she chanced upon a group of bird watchers and became enchanted with everything around her in the natural world. Conroy describes becoming nearly obsessed with wildlife and wanting to help improve and stabilize habitats in any way she could. Accordingly, she went to graduate school at Antioch College and received a Master’s degree in environmental science. This led to a job here in New Hampshire working for the Society for the Protection of N.H. Forests in Concord.

Meanwhile, she still had family and friends in New York and, like the rest of us, was appalled when the twin towers

fell. She explained that she was overwhelmed with the fact that those people all had plans to do various things....tomorrow. But now they never would. It gave her the courage to at least try her hand at art and to combine her love of animals with her love of painting.

Our readers would perhaps benefit from understanding that comments of this writer by no means reflect any training in art or even the benefit of a course in art appreciation. Accordingly, the description below is strictly from a layman’s perspective.

But, this.... This is art that is easily understood, and connects with its audience with or without a background in the subject. In fact, the single word that jumps out, time after time is: “striking”. It is not art you wander by and walk away from. Every single picture is vibrant – radiant even. (Perhaps a part of that is due to her love of the color orange.)

All of the paintings are animals, many of whom she has “met” in their natural environment. A large percentage of them are looking directly at you, and all of them are engaged in some type of movement. These are by no means dull, static portraits.

Asked about her process, Conroy explained she tries to spend as much time as possible in the company of her subject out in the wild, but occasionally she will use photographs she has taken of some feature she wants to highlight. Recently, she has also started using models she makes for herself to better depict structures of the body and how they interact.

One of her current favorite subjects is whales. Obviously, spending time with them in the wild is something of a challenge. She will shortly be making her fourth trip to the coast of the Dominican Republic where she will be spending time with whales in the waters off the coast. Parts of this area are protected whale sanctuaries where large numbers of them come to give birth at this time of year. The trip involves going out on a live-aboard dive boat 75 miles off the coast and anchoring there for six days. From that vantage point, you can slip into the water and float while observing the activity in the “nursery”. Sometimes, the curious whales have swum right up to her. The divers do not use oxygen because bubbles are seen as signs of aggression by whales. These huge animals are very

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peaceful and if you are privileged to get close enough to stare into their eyes, it is a very otherworldly experience and something she hopes to capture in her art.

When asked if she had the opportunity to go back to college for art training, she explained that she actually just jumped right into a backlog of ideas she wanted to express but later was delighted to have the chance to take classes with talented local artists and friends who advanced her skills and techniques and most importantly provided encouragement early on. This past summer she was happy to be able to "give back" by starting an outdoor art club with a focus on animals. She has also been a guest artist at John Stark Regional High School.

Prior to COVID-19, you could see her art in person at about three-five shows per year. However, more recently, it is recommended that you sign up for her newsletter in order to get current information on when and where her art will be available for viewing. Just go to her website (see below) and select "newsletter" to sign up. She does take requests for commissioned work when she has the time.

Conroy explains that she wants the spirit of each animal to come through in her work. She is hopeful it also encourages people to look at animals with respect and honor and as fellow earthlings, realizing we are lucky to share this wonderful planet with them. For more information, go to www.rosemaryconroyart.com.

Ya Never Know Thrift Shoppe

By Melody Beauregard

Fabulous February sale! Our winter rack is 50% off already low prices! Also for \$1...Men's pants and shirts, movies, puzzles and games. Stop by and check out our arts and entertainment room. Many of the pieces of furniture are now for sale too.

Donations are loved and needed. If you are driving by during the hours we are closed, you can use the orange bin on the porch to leave your unwanted, gently used items or bring them in during business hours.

Volunteers are still needed for the shop. It's a great place to help out our community and all volunteers get 30% off all purchases.

We are now open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am. to 3 p.m.. On Wednesdays, we stay open until 5:30 p.m.

Thrift Shoppe proceeds benefit the Breaking Bread Senior Café/Center, Senior Food Bank and any overhead for Hand In Hand Ministries, Inc.

For more information, find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ThriftyShopper03281>

SENIOR NEWS**Senior Center News**

By Peggy Bailey

Covid Vaccination Clinic

When: Wednesday, Jan. 26, 3 to 6 p.m.

Where: Senior Center, 33 North Stark Highway

How: Sign up at Cafe or Thrift Shoppe.

Who: Ages 12 and older

What: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J and booster

Limit: 50 available slots

Menu:

Jan. 26: Beef Stew

Feb. 2: Scalloped ham and potatoes

Feb. 9: Kielbasa stew

Feb. 16: Tuna and egg cheese melts with roasted red pepper and tomato soup

Feb. 23: Stuffed shells

Dessert, coffee, tea and hot chocolate included. Fruit may be added. FREE for any local area senior (60+). Donations accepted.

Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday

There is room for 35 guests. Take out or free delivery available for any Senior who has no transportation.

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

Wanted: Dessert. Anyone can donate goodies for our Wednesday desserts (currently serving 30 people).

Senior Center Hours:


Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone can come sit, have coffee, tea or hot chocolate and socialize with a friend 🍌 We have complimentary Wifi and there are puzzles, board games, cribbage boards, cards, poker chips, etc. They can also bring in projects to work on.

Need a Meeting Place?

If anyone is interested in holding meetings (AA, Bible studies, small gatherings), they can contact Bob Boucher or Peggy Bailey at 603-529-4263.

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

**** (Currently Masks Are Required)**



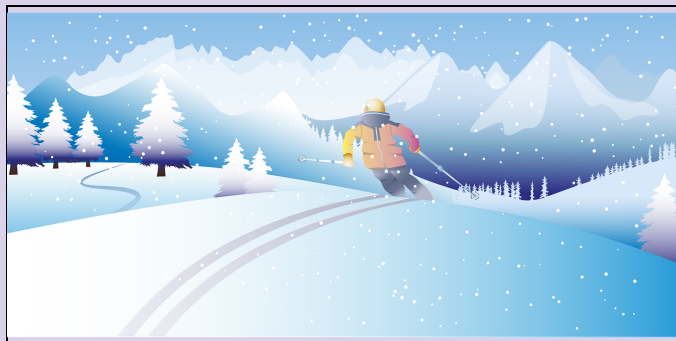
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Asked and Answered: A sledding, skating or skiing memory



Yes, We Still Ski

By Shirley Hewitt

We were newlyweds In January of 1970, when my husband and I ventured into downhill skiing. My husband, Ron, had skied once before. I never had. We headed off to a small slope called Honey Hill in Warsaw, New York. It certainly was a hill for beginners, so we felt safe to give it a try. We rented our boots and skis with cable bindings, which don't exist today due to significant upgrades.

Ron was eager to teach me all he knew about skiing, which was not much. Snow plowing carefully down my first trail, I was filled with apprehension and fear and had several falls. I needed to improve my turns. On my very next run, my husband challenged me to a race downhill. He was joking of course, but he got to the bottom first, then stood and waited.

After waiting a long time, he felt it best to come to see what was slowing me down and offer more expert advice. When he was halfway back up the hill using the t-bar, Ron spotted a crowd of skiers gathered together around someone on the ground. Quickly letting go of the bar, he skied over, expecting to find me standing with the crowd. Instead, he discovered his bride of just three months, who was the focus of everyone's attention. I was lying in a decidedly awkward position, with my lower right leg and foot facing backwards - boot and ski still attached. There was no question in his mind! The mangled leg was broken! Frantically, he released his skis, got down on his knees and tried to console me through my unbearable pain.

The growing number of bystanders added to my turmoil as all discussed the horrible sight. Clearly my bindings didn't release as I was falling. The ski patrol finally arrived pulling a toboggan to take me down the

hill. My screams echoed throughout the hills as my body slid onto the sled. The slightest movement caused even more excruciating pain as I was pulled to the bottom of the hill and then placed into a station wagon.

My screaming never ceased for every little bump on the slopes or on the back country roads. I was rushed to Wyoming County Medical Hospital, which was close by. After what seemed like a very long time, I was placed on a hospital bed in a small room, where nurses struggled to remove my clothing. They finally realized my jeans had to be cut off, because each movement of the distorted leg caused more unbearable pain. My wailing echoed throughout the hospital. At last, an anesthesiologist entered the room to put me under. The very next thing I remember seeing were the faces of the anesthesiologist and a nurse smiling down at me. A huge white cast was propped on a pillow in front of me. I could see the cast extended from my upper right thigh to the tip of my toes. X-rays showed a total of five broken bones in both the fibula and tibia. My doctor announced that my cast would need to remain in place for six to 18 months. To make matters worse, we lived in an upstairs apartment with no family close by and only a few new friends around. Needless to say, the days were long and lonely during my recovery.

But, 52 years later, it is with a grateful heart that I can say, "We still ski!"

Winter Sport

There he sat, all alone
in his red jacket
on his fold up chair
in the middle of
the frozen pond,
watching his pole
in the hole
hoping for a catch.

-Marge Burke

Firmament

Otherworldly view
tonight of heaven's
high vault, lustrous
moon obscured, covered
by translucent film,
casting a fragile aura.

- Marge Burke



Many Hands Make **LIGHT** Work Volunteers Needed (Unpaid positions)

Hand in Hand Ministry

Board Members

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

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

If these tasks sound like a great opportunity for you to do what you LOVE, please get in touch.

Contact Bob Boucher, president at boucherrobert@comcast.net or Peggy Bailey, director, at handinhandministriesinc@gmail.com or call 529-4263.

Job Listings

A free public service for the Town of Weare.

Country 3 Corners

Convenience Store - Various Positions

Full Time & Part Time, Various Shifts, Must be 16 years or older, benefits for full time employees

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

To Apply: Stop into the store at 833 S. Stark Hwy for an application. 603-529-7539 Convenience Store X2, Hardware X3

Weare Girls & Boys Club

Group Leaders & Assistant Group Leaders

PT, competitive salaries, all experience levels welcome, make a difference in the lives of young people. Contact Jim O'Hara at johara@centralnhclubs.org

Weare Market & Deli

Retail Associate, Grocery Store

PT/FT / all shifts available / experience not needed but must work well with others / prefer 18 years or older / schedule varies / salary – will discuss

Deli Associate – Part Time

Apply at 421 S. Stark Highway

Weare School System

Para Educators – Weare Middle School & Upper Elementary School

This is an opportunity to make a difference in our community and have a positive impact on the lives of students.

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Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 27

7 p.m. – Planning Board Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 1

7:30 p.m. – Zoning Board Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 2

6 p.m. – Mildred Hall Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 3

7 p.m. – Library Trustees Meeting

Friday, Feb. 4

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

Monday, Feb. 7

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

Tuesday Feb. 8

5 p.m. – Cemetery Trustees Meeting

7 p.m. – Park & Recreation Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 9

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

6 p.m. – Weare School District Board Meeting

7 p.m. – Weare School District Deliberative Session

7 p.m. – Conservation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. – Weare Democrats Meeting

Friday, Feb. 11

6:30 p.m. - John Stark School District Board Meeting

7 p.m. - John Stark School District Deliberative Session

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