



# Weare in the World

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Wishing Weare A Happy and Safe Thanksgiving

## Nurses – Thank You So Much!

By A Proud Mom



In honor of National Nurse Recognition Month, I'd like to tell you about my daughter. I'll call her Clara.

Clara knew by the age of ten that she wanted to be a nurse. Her first patient was her precious

grandmother, who was very ill with cancer. Clara adored her Grandma and was eager to be right at her bedside helping to do whatever was needed. Most girls her age would not have sat in a hospital for hours at a time. But, whenever she could, that was where Clara wanted to be.

By the time she got to high school, she loved sports and was on the track and softball teams. The coach said Clara's quick thinking and instant response saved two of her teammates. Richard was pole vaulting when he fell and was struggling to breathe. Undaunted by the extent of his injuries, Clara dashed in and kept his airway clear of blood until EMTs arrived.

On another occasion, her teammate was subbed onto the field but had a mouthful of sunflower seeds she had been snacking on. On the next play of the game, the girl was hit in the face with the ball and began choking. Clara wasted no time and again did just the right thing clearing the seeds out to avert a tragedy.

Clara did, in fact, go on to college and got her degree in nursing. She has been in nursing now for over 20 years and loves it so much she even went back to college and got her degree as a Nurse Practitioner. She has been promoted many times and even been in a position to train other nurses coming into the field.

The job means getting home late when there is a shortage of staff or a patient has special needs. But after all this time, she still loves her work. She is still glad she grew up to be a nurse.

## Weare Select Board Sets

### Tax Rate at \$23.95

By Tom Clow

At its November 16 meeting, the Weare Board of Selectmen set the 2020 tax rate at \$23.95 per thousand. That is an increase of \$0.24 over the 2019 rate of \$23.71. The 2020 tax rate can be broken down into four components. The town tax is \$4.79, schools \$15.88, state education tax \$2.12, and county appropriation \$1.16.

Selectmen have the option of using money from the previous year's fund balance to offset the tax impact. This year Weare used \$350,000 from the 2019 fund balance to reduce 2020 taxes. According to the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) a town should retain a fund balance of between 5% and 17% of its regular general fund operating expenditures. The action of the selectmen will result in a 5% retainage. Regular general fund operating expenses are a total of the town's expenses, the state education tax amount, the local school net tax commitment, and the county appropriation. For the Town of Weare, that total is \$21,584,907.

Town Administrator Naomi Bolton said that she had been receiving calls of concern because the tax rate decision came later than usual, and the deadline for tax bill payment is usually December 1. She said the bills were scheduled to be in the mail by this Monday, and the deadline for payment has been extended to December 23. She added that the town had to wait for the Department of Revenue Administration to gather financial data from the schools as well as the town before giving the go-ahead to set the rate. The process was also slowed down because many DRA employees are working from home because of COVID-19.

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The Weare tax rate is the second lowest in the area when compared to surrounding towns with Dunbarton being the lowest and Henniker the highest. The list below gives the comparison from high to low. The New Hampshire DRA website lists the tax rates for all municipalities in the state.

Henniker	\$31.24
Hopkinton	\$29.25
Warner	\$28.40
Goffstown	\$24.82
Deering	\$24.81
New Boston	\$24.09
Weare	\$23.95
Dunbarton	\$22.28

## Four 'Fixed Drivers' Included In SAU 24 Budgets This Year

Four fixed budget drivers face SAU 24 officials as they prepare budgets for the 2021-2022 school year. The four drivers are—reduced adequacy aid from the State of NH due to lower student enrollment, a decrease in several Federal and State funding sources such as Title I and II grants due to a decrease in Free and Reduced Lunch applications and the reduced student population, a 7.3% increase in the Guaranteed Maximum Rate (GMR) for health insurance, and an increase of 2.89% for non-instructional staff and 3.22% for instructional staff for the SAU 24 contribution to the mandated New Hampshire State Retirement System.

“Every year there are difficult decisions to make when preparing a school budget but this year will be particularly challenging,” said SAU 24 Superintendent Jacqueline Coe.

Schools in New Hampshire must report their student enrollment figures as of October 1. That number is used to calculate the amount of NH State Adequacy Aid the school will receive the following year. “There are fewer students in school today because some families have decided to homeschool due to the pandemic,” commented Superintendent Coe. “What makes today’s lower enrollment and the resulting loss in aid more devastating is that many of these students are likely to return to school next year. In the fall of 2021, we’ll likely have more students and fewer state dollars to provide their education,” she continued.

More families than in recent memory would qualify for free lunch under the National School Lunch Program due to the number of job losses related to the pandemic. But since last March and until the end of this school year,

the program is providing free meals to all students in SAU 24. No one needs to apply to the program to receive the benefit. “It’s wonderful that we can feed all children, but the amount of Federal grant money schools receive is in part based on the number of free and reduced program participants in a district,” commented Superintendent Coe. “Many families hope their job prospects will be better next year, so they don’t apply. It should be noted that applying now not only increases our eligibility for grant money but also benefits families next year. Anyone who qualifies for the free and reduced lunch program now would not need to re-apply when the new school year begins as it would be effective through October 1, 2021.”

Two additional concerns in formulating next year’s budget are increases in both health insurance and the amount employers must contribute to the NH State Retirement Plan. The increase in the cost of health insurance is 7.3% (the Guaranteed Maximum Rate) and an increase of 3.22% in the amount the districts are legally required to contribute to the New Hampshire Retirement System for teachers. “While we can hope that the actual rate for health insurance might be somewhat less, we have to build our budgets based on what the maximum rate might be, and 7.3% is a big increase,” said Coe. *-submitted by Patti Osgood*

## What Can I Do To Help?

By Sharon Czarnecki

People are losing their jobs. Their hours are being cut. They have to quit to stay home with their kids. There isn’t enough money for clothes, for Christmas gifts, for rent, and yes – even for food!

Sometimes it seems overwhelming. “I can’t solve all these problems!” No, you can’t. But you can make a dent in them, and you can start right here in your hometown.

The Weare Food Pantry plans to give out 40 hams in a variety of sizes this Christmas. They have a large freezer, and they are starting to collect them now. Let them know you can help by sending an email to [foodpantry@weare.nh.gov](mailto:foodpantry@weare.nh.gov) or by calling 540-2414.

It’s not just about ham, either. The pantry has made it super convenient to help with all the other needs by going to its [Amazon Wish List](#).

The address for the food pantry is 15 Flanders Memorial Road, Weare, NH 03281.



## Senior Café Take Out

By Chef Karl

As I take pen to paper - yes, I still write this way - we are going into a second phase of closures due to the uptick of numbers resulting from this nasty virus swirling around. We at the Café want to be sure we are doing our absolute best to keep everyone safe. At the same time, we want to continue to enjoy the fruits of our labor and bring those seniors in need, and all other seniors as well, a hearty lunch. Therefore we have opened our doors - for pick-up and take out only - each Wednesday from 11 am to 1 pm. I will continue to post our menu in a timely fashion on our Facebook page so you may plan your week accordingly.

This week, being a National Holiday, we will all gather around with family and friends to observe Thanksgiving. This year (2020) marks the 400th anniversary of the landing of The Mayflower in Plymouth, Mass. As we pay homage to this American tradition let's not forget our ancestors who arrived in this unfamiliar land. As a 14th generation descendent of Mayflower passenger Richard Warren, I take special pride in that momentous occasion. However, this year instead of feasting around our table at home, I will partner with one of our dedicated volunteers, Ms. Shirley Higgins and her family, and prepare a holiday feast for our senior community. This will be a pick-up and take-out event from 11 am to 1 pm on Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) November 26th. For those in need of a delivery, Shirley's son Jim has volunteered. What better way to enjoy the holiday than to have a ready-made home-cooked feast delivered to your door? And wait till you try Pauline's homemade dinner rolls! I'll provide plenty of gravy to go with them.

As an added treat, if you don't get enough turkey, I will be making my famous Thanksgiving dinner soup for Wed Dec 2nd. This is accompanied by homemade egg salad on a toasted roll and homemade coleslaw.

In closing, we want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Hopefully, you will spend the day with family and friends. And remember, stop by the Café on Wednesdays. The soup is on!

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## Closing – For Now

By Margaret Bailey

Due to the recent surge in COVID-19 diagnoses and today's report of more than 300 new COVID-19 cases diagnosed in a single day for the first time in NH, we at Hand In Hand Ministries are closing Breaking Bread Senior Cafe Center and Ya Never Know Thrift Shoppe until further notice in an effort to curb possible transmissions.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation with regard to this matter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



## NAME ME!



## Help Me Get A Name!

By Clay Kriese

If you've been at the Weare Public Library, you may have seen me behind the circulation desk. I'm a barred owl. I was presented to the Library by the Weare Conservation Commission. I inspired the library's logo. While I'm still perched proudly (on a mole), I wish I had a name. The patrons who come to visit call me "The Owl." Though they're very friendly, how would you like it if someone called you, "The Human?"

You can help. During the naming contest, many folks entered suggestions. The library staff has picked the final four, but they still can't decide. We need YOUR help to choose the winner. The winning name will be announced on November 30, and the person who came up with that name will win a \$10 Amazon gift certificate!

The four choices for my name are: Barry the Bard, Hootie and the Molefish, Merlin, and Owly. Please vote by going to this website: <https://bit.ly/weareowl>

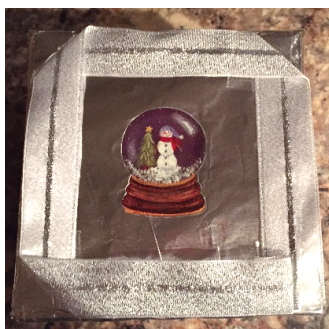


## Wrap & Ship

By Sharon Czarnecki

I have been jealous and admired you at the same time – that uber-organized Christmas shopper who has everything purchased, wrapped and shipped by the end of November. But we might have just a little bit in common. I have had to learn how to transport items and hope they will arrive intact.

So elaborate bows are out, as are delicate twigs and elegant berries. Bags don't work with inquisitive toddlers and food needs a cast iron tin in a house full of dogs. But here are some ideas that are tried and true and may save you time if you have not tried them before:



**Recycled Cards** – Hate to throw out your favorite cards? Make them a centerpiece on a package this year. Use double-stick tape to secure the cut-out card and frame the whole with ribbon.

**Creative Soft Ribbon** – Center an image from the paper on one side of your package. Use ribbon to accent without making a bow. Use Gift Wrap Tape so it won't show.



**Hard Plastic Accoutrements** – Use a very plain paper – even tissue paper. Use a simple layout for the ribbon too. Then the item you attach will be the featured aspect of the package. Now here's the sneaky part: use a matching color curling ribbon to tie the item to your main ribbon. Because your accoutrement is hard plastic, it will hold up to transport. Because you used ribbon to secure it, and not

glue, it won't fall off.

**Creative Ribbon** – Again choose a simple paper that you like. Attach a plain curling ribbon in a simple design. Now take one of the more exotic items like a string of garland and weave it around the curling ribbon. In this case, the choice was a string of white plastic beads. Covered with an air pillow or two, they will survive just fine.

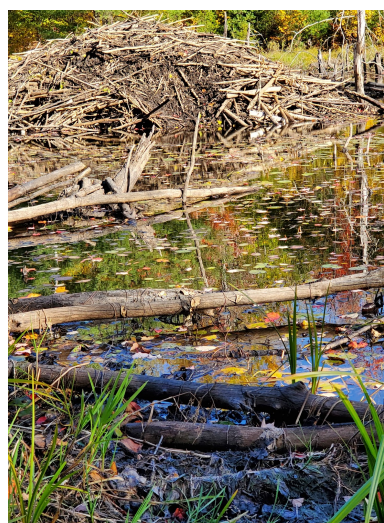


## Your Library Misses You

By Sharon Czarnecki

The library **IS** open and there is a social-distance time slot with your name on it! Curbside pickup is also available. You can schedule a visit at the times listed on the following days: Monday 10-8 / Tuesday 10-6 / Wednesday 10-6 / Thursday 10-8 / or Saturday 9-2 (No Friday or Sunday hours)

To schedule your appointment call 529-2044.



**Busy Beavers** - This enormous beaver lodge appeared on a pond in the Eastman Forest in early fall. From its size, the beavers must be expecting their extended family to move in for the winter. The pond can be accessed by a trail off the end of Pine Hill Road. It's an easy hike of about one mile on a trail off to the right as you enter the forest

from the Pine Hill parking area. (Tom Clow Photo)



## Tips For Caregivers

By Marge Burke

Caring for a loved one with a long-term or life-threatening disease can take its toll on the caregiver. First and foremost, caregivers must take care of themselves first. This is not selfish; it is essential.

Learn about the disease your loved one has, what it is, and how it affects the entire family. Advocate for your loved one; you know the person best. Ask for and accept help. Seek out support groups where you can share feelings, laugh at things that once felt impossible to handle, cry if necessary to release tension.

Following is a list of everyday self-care suggestions.

-Plan regular hours off to restore yourself. Both the time away and the opportunity to anticipate it and remember it when things get tough are very beneficial.

- Go for a walk
- Eat chocolate
- Have coffee with a friend
- Listen to music
- Read a book
- Take a nap
- Practice mindfulness
- Get regular exercise
- Take a yoga class
- Find a special "retreat" place where you are washed in peace, quiet, solitude. Perhaps a garden, or a body of water.
- Keep a journal to express what you are feeling
- Start coloring; let your inner child loose
- Remember to laugh, no matter how bad things get. It is easier to laugh than to frown.
- Forgive yourself when you think you did something wrong
- Talk with a spiritual companion about faith issues
- Develop your own stress busters. There is no right or wrong way in this area; whatever works for each individual is best: cry, scream, stomp your feet.

## Holy Cross Happenings

By Marge Burke

St. John's the Evangelist Church in Dunbarton will host their annual Ecumenical service on Thanksgiving Day. The service this year will be virtual due to the coronavirus. The Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld, Episcopal Bishop of New Hampshire will preside and Pastor Robert Vorda of the Dunbarton Congregational Church will preach.

Dan Andrus, Lay Vicar of St. John's says, "We are eager to carry on this long tradition which is so very important

this year." Residents of surrounding communities are always welcome to share in this yearly celebration.

Link for the Thanksgiving Day service at 9:30 a.m.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85155432737?pwd=YlRua1dKTCTtBZ2VIY0svMGFHS2NDdz09>

## Stark Theatre Teacher Keeps Students Engaged Through Pandemic

John Stark theatre teacher Jen Matzke is working hard to make sure the student experience is complete during this time of remote and hybrid learning by planning several theatrical productions that students in her classes, Stage Company members, or any student interested in learning more about theatre and theatre production can take part in. Plans right now include a show performed for a limited audience as well as a live-stream or recorded version in November, a one-act comedy in January written specifically to be performed via Zoom or Google Meet, and a one-act musical at the end of April. She also hopes to do a staged reading of a play that is being written as a Capstone Project sometime in the spring.

The John Stark Stage Company production will be "Testing 1, 2, 3" which includes different components of theatre performance including monologue, duet performance, musical theatre, and improv.

As John Stark Regional High School is now on a remote schedule until December 1, the live-stream performance planned for this Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21, will be delayed until December 15 and combined with the John Stark Winter Concert (to be live-streamed). Details will be made available as the new date approaches.

*JSR theatre students create the sets for "Testing 1, 2, 3". The show will stream Dec. 15. (Patti Osgood photo)*



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## THEATRE, from Page 5

Rehearsals are divided up just like the school week, by alpha chunk. “If you have school on Thursday in the hybrid schedule, you have rehearsal on Thursday,” said Matzke, who also planned two work calls to create basic set pieces and for lighting and sound.



John Stark theater teacher Jen Matzke (Courtesy Photo)

“This all takes a lot of pre-planning which teachers are really good at. Planning is what we do. But there are many more layers when you add a pandemic into the mix. Just trying to figure out how to put together a rehearsal schedule when the whole school is on a split schedule was a feat,” commented Matzke. “Then you have to factor in the ‘it could all change overnight’ should

we need to go to a remote schedule. My students know my mantra is, *Hope for the best but plan for the worst.*”

The team working with Mrs. Matzke to bring theatre to life at John Stark this year is the same as in the past. Dan Williams and Sue Williams, music performance arts teachers at John Stark, former John Stark English teacher and now SAU 24-wide Literacy Coach Jill Pinard, and Technical Director Chris Flaherty, who supervises set building and maintains lighting and sound. “This year we are especially appreciative of the television experience Chris brings with him as we plan for such a tech-heavy season,” said Matzke. Flaherty has worked in production at WMUR-TV for many years.

“We’re all learning a lot this year, both students and teachers. And, we’re seeing that learning persists even in less than ideal situations. I’ll always continue looking for different ways to engage my students and help them experience theatre no matter what else is going on in the world,” concluded Matzke.

-submitted by Patti Osgood

## Model Railroading

By Tim Reed

I have been engaged in model railroading for nearly 13 years. I, like many model railroaders, formed a love of trains as a child when I received a Lionel train set for Christmas the year I turned 5. In my childhood years, I

would sit in the car at grade crossings and watch Rock Island and Soo Line trains slowly creep by reinforcing my fascination with trains.

I had always wanted to pursue model railroading, but not until our 4 children were in high school and college and there was extra



room in the house, did I have the time, space, and income to actually begin the hobby. As I built my first small layout, I soon decided that once I retired from petroleum geology, I would make model railroading my second career. We built a retirement home in New Hampshire with a large basement so I could construct my own railroad empire in HO scale.

Model railroading encompasses a wide variety of skills and tasks: layout design, carpentry, track laying, electronics, construction of scaled buildings and bridges, painting of buildings and backdrops, scenery creation,



using computer software, plus gaining and applying knowledge of actual railroad industry procedures. It’s hard to get bored in model railroading!

Contrary to popular opinion, model railroaders don’t “play with trains”. They operate miniature railroads, simulating the actual practices and procedures that prototype railroads use. Model railroaders refer to it as “the world’s greatest hobby.” While folks who favor other hobbies may wish to debate that claim, what is undebatable is that model railroading involves lots of imagination, creativity, and is lots of fun!

If you have questions for Mr. Reed, he can be reached at [weareintheworldnews@gmail.com](mailto:weareintheworldnews@gmail.com)





## Substitute Teachers Help SAU 24 Keep Schools Open

Substitute teachers have always played a key role in keeping schools running smoothly but in this time of COVID-19, the need for substitute teachers has never been greater. "Keeping our schools open depends on having adequate staff and we absolutely could not be open without our substitute teachers," said SAU 24 Superintendent Jacqueline Coe. Due to the need being so great for substitute teachers this year, SAU 24 recently raised the per day rate to \$95 for substitute teachers.

Colleen Couhie of Weare, an SAU 24 substitute teacher since 2004, cites variety in the workday as one of the reasons she loves working as a substitute teacher. "It is the diversity of the work and the ability to experience different classes, different students, and the daily challenges that arise every school day that keeps me so happy in this position," said Couhie. "It's always interesting, and the kids are always amazing."



*John Stark substitute teacher Colleen Couhie. (Patti Osgood photo)*

Substitute teachers have a great deal of flexibility in their schedules, too. They decide what days they can sub and what days they cannot. "I don't have to ask for a day off. I just let the school know that I cannot work on that day," commented Couhie. "I'm also a Supervisor of the Checklist in Weare, and there are days that I have commitments, and it's no problem. It allows me to make my own schedule," said continued.

Couhie also sees it as a way to give back to the community and as a long-time resident of Weare, she knows a lot of the kids she sees at school. "There is no better feeling than to help a student and make a difference in a kid's life," said Couhie.

If you are interested in being a substitute teacher in SAU 24 schools, consider applying today. You may access the application here: <http://bit.ly/sau24sub>.

*-submitted by Patti Osgood*

## Lookin' For Love

By Peggy 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>



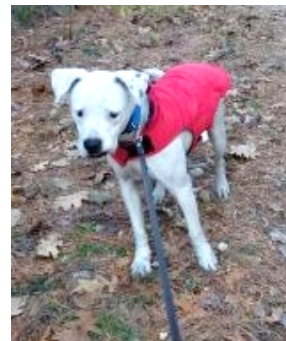
Coco - This beautiful brindle low-rider loves to be loved! She is an intelligent, active girl who enjoys going for walks and playing. And at the end of the day, she is eager to snuggle and shower a person with love. Coco was

surrendered to our shelter when her former owner could no longer care for her. She is now eager to begin the search for her forever family! She has always lived with children and would be best with kids 10 or older. Coco is about 2 and a half years old, and she weighs about 58 lbs. She is spayed, has all her required vaccines, and is microchipped.



Kevin - He is affectionate, playful, intelligent, and a bit shy at first. He is very dog friendly, and we're told he loves kids too.

He arrived in NH only recently, and he is now getting ready for the next phase of his life with a forever family. He loves to go for walks, and he walks fairly well on a leash! Kevin is about 1 year old, weighs 33 lbs, is neutered, microchipped, and up to date on all his required vaccines. He is a mix of chocolate lab, retriever, and terrier. This handsome boy, who bears an uncanny resemblance to your favorite teddy bear, is a little shy at first but once he trusts, he is wonderful with people of all ages! Adoption fee \$550.



Kelsey - This gorgeous, gentle boy loves to go for walks, and he's pretty good on a leash for a puppy! And when the day is done, you can count on lots of snuggles from this snuggliest of pups! Kelsey is so very loving and affectionate! Kelsey is about 7 months old, weighs about 45

lbs, has all of his required vaccines, and is neutered, microchipped, and housebroken. He is a Boxer, Dalmatian mix. He loves other dogs, and he's happy to spend time with humans of all ages. And did we mention that he loves to cuddle?

For more information on these and other dogs visit the adoption website at

<https://www.heartsandtails.org/petfinder-list/>

## Clothing Shed at Holy Cross Church Reopens

The clothing donation shed at Holy Cross Church on Center Road, which was temporarily closed due to the global effects of the pandemic, has now been reopened to the public.

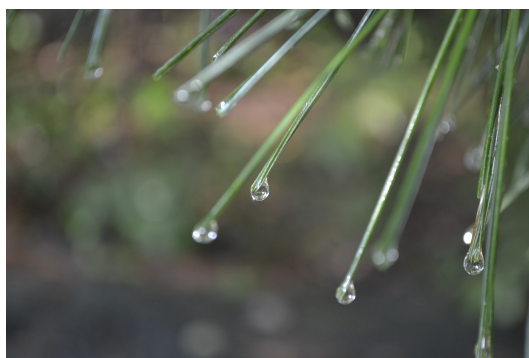
If you're not familiar with the clothing donation shed, it's designed to give community members a uniquely clean, convenient, and well-cared-for option to donate their used clothing to. St. Pauly Textile Inc., the company that has provided the shed, partners with a network of businesses and various organizations to distribute donated items both here in the U.S. and worldwide, where they're ultimately re-worn by people who need them. Holy Cross Church receives funding for donated clothing, and additionally has the option to use donations to serve community needs.

With over 1,300 clothing drop-off sheds in place, St. Pauly Textile Inc. collects over 90,000 pounds of clothing every day and estimates that this clothing ends up in 44 different countries (including the U.S.) yearly. In 2019, the company was able to help keep over 20 million articles of clothing out of landfills, which clothed an estimated 2.5 million people worldwide. The company was founded in 1996 and is an A+ rated member of the Better Business Bureau.

Accepted items: clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, and stuffed animals.



**Leo Club Cleanup** - Some of the members of the John Stark Regional High School participated in the Route 114 highway clean up earlier this week. Leos are a high school service organization under the Lions Club. Other projects the Leo Club at John Stark participates in during the year include food and gift drives for the holidays and Red Cross Blood Drives. John Stark teacher Hana Braga (who is an advisor to the club with teacher Carey Hagan), junior Evelyn Hallee-Cardoso, WMS 8th-grade student Adie Bolduc, who joined the Leo highway cleanup with her sister, Gracie Bolduc, a junior. (Courtesy Photo)



**Needles** - these little droplets were captured after rain in South Weare. (Rachel Cisto photo)

## A Fragrance Memory: Late Fall

By Marge Burke

Freshly baked bread

Hospitality

my beloved Gramma Gertie  
hair askew  
ample body covered with apron  
smile that welcomes  
she called us all "Sadie"  
golden crusted loaves of bread  
cool atop cast iron stove.

Hospitality





## December Holidays

By Sharon Czarnecki

There is so much to celebrate in December. We recognize our love of art, architecture, & books. Foods we celebrate all month long include eggnog, fruit cake, pears, noodle rings (think bundt cake made with pasta), root vegetables, & tropical fruits. Hobbies recommended for us are: learning a foreign language and writing old fashioned snail mail letters to friends. Because gift-giving is a big part of the month for many, being mindful of safety in all gifts, especially toys, is a theme. For a list of recalled toys this year go to:

<https://uspirgedfund.org/page/usf/list-recalled-toys>

A few ideas are particularly well suited to December – remain stress-free, be proud of items “Made in America”, protect yourself from identity theft, don’t procrastinate, and don’t let friends drive drunk. Some ideas are timeless and thus always seem to fit in. December is handwashing awareness month and has been for the past 12 years. It is “say hi to your neighbor month” and universal human rights month. Lastly, it is world AIDS awareness month.

As always, we manage to sneak many of our special favorites into the month with their own day of recognition as follows: Dec. 1 – Eat a Red Apple / 2 – Fritters / 3 – Housing / 4 – Brown Shoes, Santa’s List / 5 – 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment (end of prohibition) / 6 – Mitten Trees / 7 – Pearl Harbor, Civil Aviation, Cotton Candy / 8 – Brownies / 9 – Christmas Cards, Pastry / 10 – the Nobel Prize / 12 – Poinsettias / 13 – Violins, Ice Cream, Children’s Rights / 14 – Monkeys, Bouillabaisse, Roast Chestnuts, Postal Workers / 15 – the Bill of Rights, Lemon Cupcakes / 16 – Chocolate Covered Desserts / 17 – Maple Syrup / 18 – Baking Cookies, Roast Pigs / 19 – Looking for Evergreens, Oatmeal Muffins / 20 – Go Christmas Caroling / 21 – Crossword Puzzles, Ancestors, Humbug, Flashlights / 22 – Date Nut Bread / 24 – Christmas Eve / 25 – Christmas, Pumpkin Pie / 27 – Cut Out Snowflakes / 28 – Boxing, Card Playing / 29 – Pepper Pot / 30 – Bacon / 31 – New Year’s Eve, & lastly, Make Up Your Mind Day.

## Boy Scouts Troop 24

BSA Troop 24 has had a very busy November! The Troop participated in Scouting for Food, the Annual BSA Food Drive, and collected 24 bags of food for the Weare Food Pantry. The Troop has also been working on earning their Cooking Merit Badge. The Scouts learn valuable food safety and cooking skills and put those skills to the test by cooking meals outdoors. Scouts also performed some community service by cleaning up the outside of Weare’s Osborne Hall. (Lorrie Piper photos)





## Ceramic Creations

Students in Mrs. Smart's Ceramics I class at John Stark Regional High School created these pinch pots as their introductory project for ceramics. They next tackled making coil pots and soft slab forms. The student artist's name is under the image of their pot. (Patti Osgood photos)



Both by Noelle Barrieau



Ethan Hauptman



Both by Courtney Cranshaw

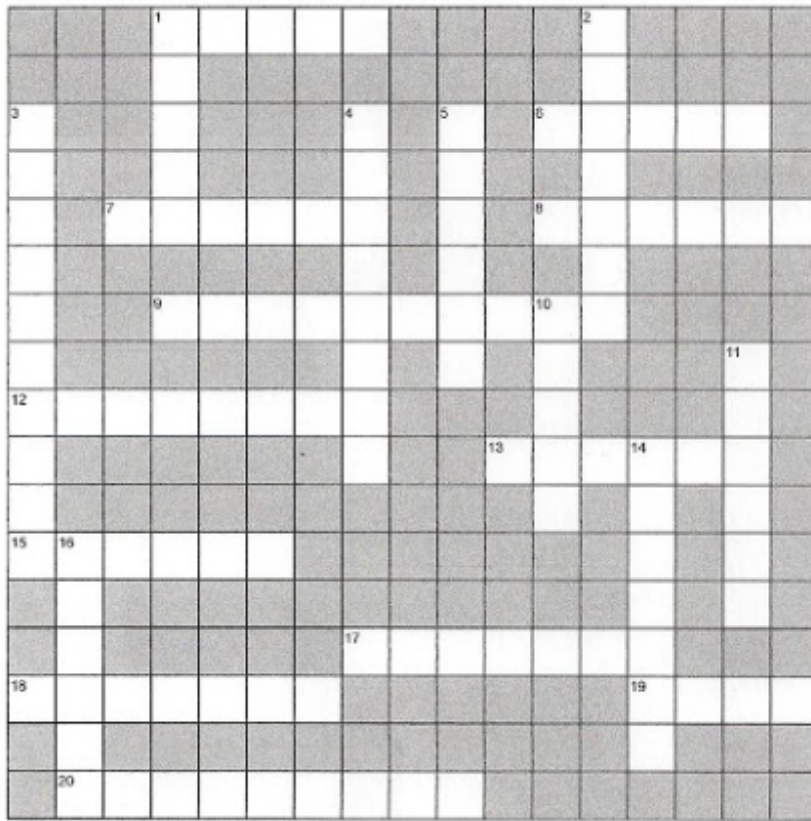


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## A World of Thanks



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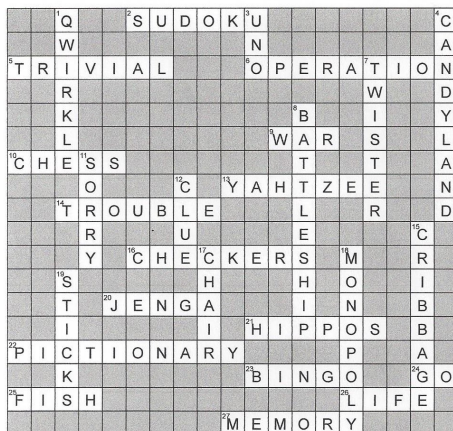
### Across

1. Thank you from Notre Dame Cathedral
6. Thank you from the Matterhorn
7. Thank you from Porvoo
8. Thank you from the Great Wall (2 words)
9. Thank you from Santorini
12. Thank you (masc.) from Copacabana
13. Thank you from Diamond Head
15. Thank you from Lake Victoria
17. Thank you from Sri Harmandir Sahib
18. Thank you from Patagonia
19. Thank you from Malmo
20. Thank you from Baffin Island

### Down

1. Thank you from Tian Tan Buddha (2 words)
2. Thank you from Red Square
3. Thank you from Cape Town
4. Thank you from Persepolis
5. Thank you from the Grand Canal
10. Thank you from the Dead Sea
11. Thank you from Cardiff Castle
14. Thank you from Mt. Fuji
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