

Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents
March 23, 2022



John Stark's Leo Club, Amnesty International, National Honor Society and the Skills Program with donations they procured to send to Ukraine (Hana Braga photo).

JSRHS Clubs Collect for Ukraine

When John Stark special educator and Leo Club co-advisor Hana Braga learned that a local friend, Brandon St. Onge, had a way to deliver supplies to an organization that would ship donations to Ukraine, she knew the John Stark community would be on board. The goal? Collect as many medical and hygiene supplies, as well as much-needed baby and pet food, as they could in just a few days, as everything would be sent to Ukraine in short order.

"The support and results were nothing short of amazing," Braga said in a school district release. "The Leo Club started their donation gathering efforts and

they were quickly joined by the school's chapter Amnesty of International and National the Society. Honor Shortly after that. the Life Luke school the decided donate proceeds



that, the Life Luke Couture, Matthew Mulet, Aidan Skills program at the school decided to Luke Couture, Matthew Mulet, Aidan McKeage (back) Nathan Morse and Zack Fifield with supplies purchased with proceeds from their Coffee Cart business (Tessa Carbonneau photo).

from their Coffee Cart business and used their cart money to purchase over \$200 in supplies to add to the John Stark Ukraine donation."

Upcoming Pine Tree Riot Celebration Commemorates Historic Rebellion

The Weare Historical Society is commemorating and celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Pine Tree Riot, one of the first acts of rebellion against the crown that later inspired the Boston Tea Party.



On Saturday, April 9 at 10 a.m., come to Weare Center

and learn about the Pine Tree Riot; watch the one- act play; see demonstrations of period equipment; meet Connie Evans, author of the book, "Ebenezer Mudgett and the Pine Tree Riot;" and purchase an autographed copy of the book.

Event-goers will have an opportunity to meet descendants of the historical event; purchase Pine Tree Riot merchandise; sign the commemorative pine board; and be included in the group aerial photograph.

Food trucks will be on hand to serve food for purchase. Relive the past and be a part of history!

For a full schedule, details and updates, see www.wearehistoricalsociety.org.

Kick off the fun early! Sue Edge of the Weare Historical Society will offer a lecture overviewing the Pine Tree Riot at Weare Middle School on March 29 at 6:30 p.m.



"Talk" To Us

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How it affected your life

Deadline-April 8

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School News



Twenty-eight students at Weare Middle/Center Woods Upper Elementary School participated in the **Invention Convention** held March 7. The Invention Convention is part of The Young Inventors' Program, a K-12 project-based learning program that provides a hands-on STEAM (Science,

Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) educational enrichment opportunity to budding young inventors.

"I was excited to see the creativity and ingenuity exhibited in the inventions this year in both the chain reaction machine and traditional invention categories," said Wil Crabtree, Enrichment Coordinator. "Each chain reaction machine had to consist of multiple simple machines, such as a pulley, incline plane, screw, wedge or lever. Our traditional inventions were a collection of imaginative items to improve our lives."

WMS/CWUES Invention Convention results:

Traditional Inventions:

1st: Grace Meisser - The Simple Sand-Inator

2nd: Carl Hallock - The Descuff-Inator

3rd: Skylee Miller, Sophia Durette and Gideon Hinse - The Desk Creation

Chain Reaction Machines:

1st: Sophie Sargent and Maura Osgood - The Lotion-O-Meter

2nd: Sean Crean, Damion Beaulie and Ben LaBrecque-The Ball Drop Machine

3rd: (tie) Lily Jusczak, Halena Lanagan, Maria Defosses and Ava Newell; and Gavin Arel, Will Babicz and Ryan Andrews.

Four inventions from WMS were nominated to attend the Northern New England Invention Convention: Sophie Sargent and Maura Osgood for their Chain Reaction Machine, Grace Messer for The Simple Sandinator and Carl Hallock for The Descuff-inator. The



regional convention is hybrid this year. Students

attended either in-person on March 19 at the University

of New Hampshire or virtually March 20-21.



A program of the Academy of Applied Science, the Young Inventors' Program (YIP) captures the spirit of youth innovation first sparked by founder and inventor Dr. Robert Rines. Now nearly 40 years later, YIP is enriching the third generation of

inventors in New Hampshire, and most recently Massachusetts and Vermont, with plans to grow throughout Northern New England. In 2021 YIP joined the Leitzel Center at the University of New Hampshire.



Judges at the school invention convention this year were Superintendent Dr. Jacqueline Coe, former Weare School Board Chair Marge Burke, and Center Woods Elementary School Interventionists Amanda Dionne and Judy Khan.

Top left Grace Meissner; bottom left Carl Hallock; top left Sophie Sargent and Maura Osgood; below Sophie Durette, Gideon Hinse and Kylee Miller. Melissa Boudreau photos.

It's time to register for **full-day kindergarten** at Center Woods Elementary. If your student is five years old by Sept. 30 this year, registration is open. Packets to print out are available on the CWES website at



https://www.centerwoods.net/about us/student regist ration. If you would rather pick up a packet and drop your completed forms off, the office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Questions? Call the school at 603-529-4500.

Artwork by 17 JSRHS students is currently on display through the month of March at a special Youth Art Month exhibition at the Red River Theater in Concord. The following students are included: Bailey Carignan, Gracie Bolduc, Aster Rodonis, Sergio Chavez, Bonnie Bragdon, Logan Grant, Carina Keirstead, Natalie Patterson, Madelyne Cyr, Ryan Mucci, Nate Dennis, Eli Lemire, Makayla Pellerin, Leah Chapman, Athena Warren-Foote, Amber Welch, and Emma Dobbins.

Here are a few pieces.



"Epiphany," by Bailey Carignan, grade 12



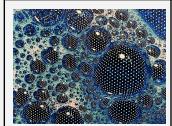
"Panic," by Natalie Patterson, grade 12



"Father's Daughter" by Bonnie Bragdon, grade 12



"Mountain," by Nate Dennis, grade 9



"Blue Bubbles," by Athena Warren-Foote, grade 10.



"Flowers From Above" (light box photography) by Emma Dobbins, grade 11

Internet Safety Program Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the JSRHS cafe. OPEN TO ALL EDUCATORS, PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. (NOT suitable for children under grade 9 due to content). This 1.5-hour presentation is specifically geared towards parents, educators and community leaders who are looking to better understand the technology available to teens today and the way in which child predators use it to exploit them. Learn about the dangers that face teens every day. In doing so, we'll discuss how computers, cell phones, iPads, digital cameras, gaming systems, social networking applications and internet blogs all play a role in placing students and families at risk. Presented by The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, Weare Police Department and John Stark Regional High School.

Join SAU 24 Superintendent Jacqueline Coe on April 21 at 6 p.m. for **open office hours** via Zoom. Ask a question about SAU 24 schools or just listen. Link: https://sau24-org.zoom.us/j/82142291994?pwd=OHIrbTB2TnIrU1BZSmpTRThxWFd5UT09 Meeting ID: 821 4229 1994 Passcode: 225191 or Join by phone @ (US) +1 240-623-0475 PIN: 538 949 965#.

PANCAKES FOR SUPER HERO LINCOLN ANDERSON APRIL 9, 2022 CENTER WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 14 CENTER RD., WEARE, NH 8:00 am to 10:30 am

Lincoln is a young boy going through his third round of brain cancer. Lincoln and his family are in need of assistance to relieve them of some of the major expenses relating to travel for treatments and medical expenses.



Please join us for a delicious breakfast and awesome raffles as we come together to help our friend Lincoln. We will be serving pancakes, eggs and sausage.

ALL DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!

If you cannot attend the breakfast, PLEASE MAKE CHECKS TO THE EXETER LIONS FOUNDATION AND SEND TO Karen Baillargeon, 11 Michael Bennett Rd., Brentwood, NH 03833. For more information contact Mike D. Baillargeon, (603)235-1260, or email: kebail@comcast.net

Weare Public Library News

The next Weare Library Survey is coming your way!

By Clay Kriese

What will the library look like in 5 years? Ten years? Twenty-five years?

Be on the lookout in your mailbox. If you're a resident of Weare, there's a good chance you'll receive our survey.

We are your library. We are looking forward to making changes. We want to know your needs and desires. That way, we can implement the changes that you'd most like to see, and serve you in the most effective manner. And, best of all, it's only **10 questions**. So, it won't take much of your time.

We did initiate a similar survey back in January, but this version will be more widely distributed. If you remember doing one earlier this year, don't feel like you have to do another.

Like the last batch, when you return it to the library, you can be entered into a random drawing to receive a \$50 gift card for Gibson's Bookstore.

There are multiple convenient ways that you can take and return this survey. Easiest, online at: bit.ly/weare-survey.

Thanks to the suggestions we've already received, this next month the library is hosting events like...

Game Afternoon

Date: **Every Tuesday** Time: 2:30 to 5 p.m. Who: Kids and teens

Challenge your friends with Super Smash Bros.
Ultimate, Mario Kart 8, or another classic video game
OR play one of our board games OR You can bring one

of your own.

Pinochle and Cribbage

Dates: **Every Tuesday**

Time: 2 p.m. Who: Adults

Storytime with Ms. Karen

Dates: **Wednesdays** Time: 10:30 to 11 a.m. Who: Ages birth-5

Join us for stories and songs.

Read with the Ruff Readers

Dates: **Wednesdays** Time: 5-6 p.m. Who: Kids

Meet and Read with the Library's own Ruff Reader Team. Call Ms. Karen (603) 529-2044 to sign-up.

Game Nights

Dates: Thurs, Mar 24 / Apr 14 & 28

Time: 5:30 to 8 p.m. Who: All ages

Pine Tree Riot 250th Anniversary Celebration

Date: **Sat, Apr 9**Time: 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Who: All ages

As part of the Town of Weare festivities, the library is hosting talks by Connie Evans, author of *Ebenezer Mudgett and the Pine Tree Riot* AND crafts and buttons

for kids.

Knit & Craft Group

Dates: **Sat, Apr 16**Time: 12:30 - 1:30p.m.
Who: Teens and adults

Bring your knitting and crafts - whatever you're working

on - and meet with other community crafters.

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tourney II

Date: **Thurs, Apr 21** Time: 6:30 p.m.

Who: Kids & Teens ages 7-18

Fight for prizes and glory in this double-elimination tournament! Sign-up between 4/1 and 4/20.

Friends of the Library Meeting

Date: Tues, Apr 26

Time: 6 p.m. Who: Adults

Get involved! You too can volunteer and help us raise funds for programs and events. Stop by to see what

we're about. Learn more at: wearepubliclibrary.com/friends.

Book Group

Date: TBA (a May date anticipated)

Time: TBA. Who: Adults

We'll discuss *When Books Went To War* by Molly Manning. Call us to reserve your copy (603) 529-2044.

LINEC: Stay Sharp, Make Friends

By Chris Hague

Registration closes March 23.

The Learning Institute of New England College has been around since 1989, sponsoring informal non-credit



courses for seniors and other adults. Spring courses run from April 4 to May 13.

They include: "America's Geological Wonders," led by retired geologist Paul Hague.

"Introduction to Contemporary Poetry" led by UNH Professor Emeritus Deborah Brow.

"Follow the science" led by Eric Simon Professor of Biology at New England College.

"The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict," led by retired high school history teacher Carol Zink.

"Textiles Across Time and Cultures" led by Betsy Holmes with teaching experience in non-western art.

"The American Novel Reading Group" led by John McCausland, who is a lover of literature, retired priest and former lawyer.

"The Great Kate—A Helping of Hepburn" led by Paul Brogan, who hosts a show on Concord TV and is the author of two books.

"America's Founding Fathers" led by a collaboration between Mary Lee Sargent and Dick Hesse. Based on a Great Courses video and narrative. Sargent is a retired professor of History and Women's Studies and has been an adjunct professor in NH's state college system. Hesse is a retired lawyer and law professor specializing in Constitutional law.

"Screwball Comedy" looks at comedies of the 1930s and 40s, and led by Mary Lee Sargent and Don Melander, retired Humanities Professor at New England College.

To learn more, see www.linec.org. Courses are available for a nominal fee to all who subscribe to an annual LINEC membership. Because Covid protocols are still changing, the Spring semester will be offered via Zoom, which has dial-in and visual access.

Ya Never Know Thrift Shoppe

By Melody Beauregard

It's looking a lot like spring at Ya Never Know Thrift Shoppe with lots of beautiful dresses (prom season is coming!) for only \$7 and women's tops For \$5! Some are new with tags, such as LuLaRoe. Some are also priced at \$5! Get them while they last. Our sale on jewelry (\$1 off) continues and footwear is still half price, as well as all handbags!

Plan on spending more time here when you visit us as we keep adding more and more high-quality items, thanks to all the wonderful donations we receive. We have an orange bin on our front porch if you bring donations during hours when we are closed.

Ya Never Know Thrift Shoppe, 33 North Stark Highway. Hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

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

SENIOR NEWS

News From Senior Café

By Peggy Bailey, Mary Thomas and Sue Canella

Menu:

March 23: West Virginia hot dogs, chips, coleslaw March 30: Hungarian beef stew and herb bread

April 6: Pending

April 13: Ham with sweet potato soufflé and ambrosia salad

April 27: Hamburger Soup with fruit salad

Dessert, coffee, tea and hot chocolate included. Fruit may also be added.

Affordable Lunch for all (donation of your choice) FREE for any local area seniors age 60+.

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

Dine in (there is room for 35 guests - masks currently required) or take out. Delivery is free for any senior who has no transportation. **Call ahead** to 603-529-4263 and leave your name, telephone number and how many plates. It is first come, first served.

<u>Senior Food Pantry needs</u>: canned cat food, B&M baked beans and toilet paper. Find us on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/Hand.in.Hand03281/



Since February 2020, Weare in the World has been produced by these happy volunteers and is no longer a publication of the Weare Public Library. Read our story at https://www.weareintheworldnews.com/about.

Pictured L to R: Alyssa Small, Sharon Czarnecki, Marge Burke, Karen Lovett and Tom Clow (courtesy photo).



Become a Sponsor!

Goffstown Rotary's

9th Annual Car Show
Saturday, June 4th ~ 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Corner of Parsons Drive and N. Mast (Route 114)

\$100 Trophy - Sponsor one class (1st, 2nd & 3rd)

\$150 **Bronze** - Your Banner at show \$250 **Silver** - Booth space at show

\$500 Gold - Your name and logo on all print and digital

materials, banner placement, booth space, selection of Best of Show for Sponsors'

Choice award trophy

In-kind donations and goodie bag fillers are also welcome. All proceeds benefit our local community. Contact us via Facebook or email at info@goffstownrotary.org or call 603-606-8758 (Robin).

Garden Club News

Weare Garden Club Scholarship

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Deadline April 30

Do you have an interest in pursuing a degree (major or minor) or a certificate in any field related to plants?

The Weare Garden Club offers a scholarship to an individual from John Stark High School or a resident or teacher from Weare attending college or a continuing education program.

Applications are available upon request in the Guidance Office of John Stark High School or upon request from the Weare Garden Club,

gardenclubweare@gmail.com This award is based on character and commitment to a field of endeavor and is <u>not need-based</u>. The Weare Garden Club may choose to interview finalists.



Asked and Answered: Funny stories, pictures and poems

Basszilla, a fisherman's story

By Steve Arwine

It was a Tuesday, the sun had just dipped beneath the tall pines and with the exception of the distant cry of the loon, the lake was calm and quiet. The late summer storm had finally passed, and I was pleased that I was the only person on the water. The surface was as smooth as glass, and I marveled at the stillness of it all.

My kayak glided easily through the thick vegetation as I came to my favorite fishing spot. The thick weeds took hold and held me motionless in the water. I sat effortlessly rocking gently back and forth in a rhythm that seemed to say, here's the beat, now fish!

It had been a hot, rain filled and mostly unproductive fishing summer. I was superstitious and not very optimistic for I had switched from live bait to artificial, from spinner lures to plastics - constantly looking for the right combination. Nothing seemed to work. It was as if the fish had my number, and that number was spread amongst the lakes' many Bass. "It's him again, swim away, don't go after anything he presents you."

For the past few months the frequent heavy rains had resulted in weeks of disinterested, obstinate largemouth. I constantly consulted the temple of today's great fishermen - YouTube - looking for ideas and new techniques. None of them worked. I presented every lure I possessed in a failed attempt to generate interest. I threw spoons and plugs from deep divers to surface hoppers. I used every colored plastic worm manufactured and still nothing worked.

It was now August, the traditional dog days of summer when nothing bites. The surface bugs are so plentiful that the fish had a cornucopia of delectable choices, it was no wonder they snubbed my purple plastic wacky worm.

What was I to do?

Should I give up and hope September would be better? Should I give in and go back to live bait and settle for the small pan fish and other undesirable "little

guys" that every lake and pond produce as bait fish for their larger cousins? Was that it, was I to be reduced to chasing bait fish?!

According to the dictionary, a fisherman is someone who captures fish for an occupation or sport. fisherman is not someone who gets beat by a limbless cold-blooded vertebrate with gills that lives in a lake! I'm not settling for bait fish and I'm not going back to using a thick helpless red worm grown in Canada. This is my lake and I'm putting the fish on notice that I'm just like Hemingway's Old Man in the Sea, my luck will change!

I rigged up one pole with a strike King KVD perfect finesse yellow plastic worm and the other pole with a Berkley 10" Power Bait plastic worm with the pumpkinseed chartreuse tail. It was now war.

That night the wind seemed to know not to dare blow causing my green vessel of combat to stick fast to water lillies' edge. The sun's glow was still bright enough to see the fish feeding on the lake's surface all around me but also dim enough to signal feeding time to the bass below.

Conditions were perfect.

I clutched my Bass Pro Johnny Morris Shimano C14 carbon lite spinning rod and flung the chartreuse tail twenty feet to the right. The plastic object of war broke the water's surface with a splat and slowly began to sink. Once on the bottom I confidently gave the worm a twitch and an upward jerk. Nothing. Twitch and jerk again, still nothing. The twitching and jerking would go on for the next forty minutes and regardless of which plastic I threw, the results were the same. maneuvered the kayak to multiple locations with the results always the same, no strikes, nothing.

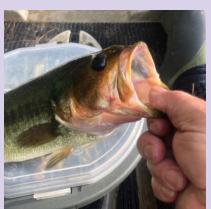
I thought here we go, skunked again. It was now approaching 9 pm and the sun's remaining rays were getting fainter by the moment. In a last-ditch act of fishermen's pride, I cast the yellow perfect finesse towards the weeds and strained to watch it sink. The yellow beauty signaled that it was resting on the bottom, so I unenthusiastically gave it the customary tug.

Minutes passed and just as I was accepting what was yet another addition to my summer long fishing bad luck, the drag on my Johnny Morris began to sing. The clicking sound the reel makes as line is being forcibly pulled out to sea was magic to my ears. I gave the pole a strong yank to set the hook and off we went! The green vessel of combat was pulled from the weeds in a clockwise direction and the thrill, the adrenaline of the struggle coursed through my body, fish on!

At that moment I prayed that my bad luck had changed and that I'd land what surely had to be the largest bass that this lake had ever produced. minutes of fierce, sweat dripping, open combat with this monster of the depths passed. I was getting the upper hand. I switched on the official bass fisherman's head band flashlight and watched as the light bounce off the calm lake water. Splashing in the distance was Basszilla.

Since then, my little lake has given up many largemouth some as big as 8 to pounds. That night my bad luck streak was broken by what to me was a behemoth. It was priceless, catching that fish remains the crown jewel of last year's

fishing memories. Basszilla was one pound.



It's Your Name

By Margie Arwine

In the military, everyone wears a name tag on their uniform that indicates their last name. Since you also wear your rank insignia, military protocol dictates you are addressed by your rank and last name. This certainly makes it very easy so you don't have to



memorize anyone's name. Their identification is right in front of your face. The problem is when you see fellow soldiers in civilian clothes. Rarely do you call them by their first name, so what do you do? You don't know their actual name.

If I ever saw a soldier I knew in civilian clothes and they outranked me, I would address them by their rank and last name.

However, when working with a peer in uniform and no other soldiers are around, you tend to drop the rank and last name and call them by their first names. When I worked at an Army Aviation Support Facility I was known by my rank and first name, "Sargie Margie" ... all in fun of course.

It was my first day at my new assignment at the Military Academy. The boss, Major Navillus, took me on the tour of the training site. He introduced me to Supply Sergeant Siwel. "Wally," as I called him, became my best buddy at the facility. Major Navillus, Wally and I worked

together at the site supporting the soldiers who attended training.

One hot summer day, Wally asked me if I would join him on a supply run. Since it was sweltering inside and out, he suggested we stop for an ice cream cone on the ride back to the academy. Of course, I accepted the invitation to join him for a cool refreshment.

As we sat on the tailgate of the Ford F150 pickup truck, Wally and I had a wonderful chance to talk about our previous military assignments. Wally started his career in the Navy as a tailor aboard a Naval ship. I started my career in the Army Security Agency working as a stenographer for a military attorney.

While enjoying our ice cream and chatting, I did notice Wally had a strange look on his face, almost as if he had something to say to me. I was feeling a bit uncomfortable. We always enjoyed working together over the past six months and enjoyed each other's company and professionalism. The atmosphere suddenly took a strange turn.

Wally appeared very serious, apparently ready to reveal what was on his mind. He looked directly at me and said, "Margie, I have to tell you something. My name is not Wally; it's Lewie."

What!! I have been calling Lewie "Wally" ever since I met him and he never mentioned it?

I just started laughing and so did Wally ... I mean Lewie!

A Note of Advice

By Clay Kriese

As newlyweds, my wife and lived in a Nashville apartment. One day, we stepped outside and spotted a card propped upon our rusty gas meter.

On the card's front: contact info for an optician at a local Sears store. On the reverse: An anonymously sketched illustration with a reminder to relieve internal pressure through the expulsion of excess air.

artist's identity remains a

Fourteen years since, the mystery. My wife and I have had children, lived in several residences across multiple states, but, to this day, permanently affixed upon the family refrigerator, the vital directive remains, "Let the gas out."

Taxi to Nowhere

By Shirley Hewitt

The year was 1968. I was living in New York City where I worked for Overseas National Airlines as a flight attendant. Just returning home from a trip to Europe, I

dashed out of LaGuardia Airport to try and catch a taxi. It was rush hour! I knew I would have a long wait to get one. 4 (Most taxi drivers flight took



attendants last because they had a reputation for being poor tippers.)

Much to my amazement, I spotted a taxi parked right at the curb! I ran right over, opened the back door, tossed my luggage into the back seat and hopped in. I quickly pulled the door shut and blurted out my destination. "Fifty-fifth and Woodside please!"

Slowly the driver turned his head toward me. Instantly, I realized, I was NOT in a taxi.

"Oh my gosh!" I shouted with embarrassment. I immediately opened the door, grabbed my luggage, slammed the door shut, then hopped onto the curb.

I peered over my shoulder and noticed the driver laughing while nodding his head. I returned an embarrassed smile and a friendly wave after seeing his big red light on the top of his police car flashing at me. He wanted to make sure I knew he was not a taxi driver, but a police officer!



My Amazing Avian Visitor

By Sue Cannella

For several months now this stunningly beautiful leucistic cardinal has been coming to my deck where I keep black oil sunflower seeds in two feeders. I enjoy a LOT of birds all the time. Aside from cardinals, every day I see chickadees, titmice, juncos, pine siskins, goldfinches, downy woodpeckers, nuthatches, purple finches, and house wrens. And, of course, quite a few

squirrels come too. The squirrels cannot get to the feeders (not that they don't try), but the smaller birds drop a lot of seeds on and around the deck, so they do get their share. The cardinals are ground feeders, so they get a steady supply of dropped seeds as well. And I throw some seeds at random on the deck and railing just to try getting her to come.

So, I couldn't believe the first time I saw this beautiful bird. I'm pretty sure she's a female since there's usually a male nearby when she comes around. Also, she has red markings where females are red. But instead of brown over most of her feathers, the pigment is lacking, and she is white. It makes a very striking bird to see. My hairdresser suggested I name her, so I'm calling her Loretta.

In looking up more about her, I found there are also *melanistic* cardinals with an excess of pigment. These are black and are even more rare than the *leucistic* ones. Anyway, I've been trying for months to get some good photos of her, but usually she flies off before I can get the camera aimed. Finally, in that snowstorm we had on a recent Friday, she stayed and posed for me for several good exposures. I don't see her every day, but always look forward to her coming back. Would love to get a photo of her with her male companion too. I'm hoping this spring they'll raise some babies with a couple more of these in the mix.

Leucitic - an abnormal condition of reduced pigmentation affecting various animals (such as birds, mammals, and reptiles) that is marked by overall pale color or patches of reduced coloring and is caused by a recessive genetic mutation which inhibits melanin and other pigments from being deposited in feathers, hair, or skin.

Monsters Level One

By Ellen Reed

Below is a recently published excerpt from, "Monsters Level One," a story of a boy stuck in a crazy video game that I wrote for my grandson's eighth birthday. Happily, it has been enjoyed by both kids and adults!

Where would one keep a lantern? The garage was a likely place. Asher walked through the halls, opening every door he came across in the hopes of finding a garage or preferably, the lantern itself. He wandered through the ballroom, the billiard room, the lounge, the hall and the dining room, but no garage. Frustrated, he opened the next door and discovered a greenhouse type room full of plants. Over the doorway was a metal plaque that said Conservatory.

Asher stepped into the room almost tripping over a piece of lead pipe. What idiot would leave a piece of

pipe in the middle of the floor? He kicked it out of the way.

The room was full of luxurious green plants, some taller than Asher's head. There were banana trees lining the walls, tables covered with pots full of exotic, brightly colored flowers, and hanging baskets of fragrant blossoms. It was like being in a flower shop.

"Can I help you?"

Asher turned to find a beautiful dark-haired woman in a deep red dress eating donuts. She eyed Asher with curiosity.

"Um, you haven't seen a lantern around anywhere, have you?" asked Asher.

The woman pursed her lips. "You might look on the table by the candlestick. It's right behind the knife."

Asher frowned, trying to figure out why this all sounded so familiar. He walked over to an ornate iron table painted white and sure enough, there was a lantern, about a foot tall, right next to a plain pewter candlestick and a very sharp looking knife. Asher picked up the tin lantern. It looked a bit like the top of a cartoon rocket with a pointy cone on top of a metal cylinder poked full of holes. Asher realized each set of holes formed the outline of a lizard. There was a loop at the top for carrying and a hatch in the front. Asher opened the hatch and found a candle and lighter inside.

Cautiously, Asher lit the candle. He wanted to know exactly what the lantern did before trusting his life to it. Immediately, little lizards of light appeared and started dancing around him, sparkling like gemstones. Asher was hypnotized by the swirling, brilliant colors. He blinked and blew out the candle. All the lizards disappeared. He studied the lantern again. This time he noticed a second little door on the opposite side. When he flipped it open, an intense bright light shot out like a laser beam. It hit a deadly nightshade plant across the room and instantly, it shriveled up and died.

That should kill the Boogeyman, thought Asher with satisfaction. He closed the door and the beam disappeared.

The door to the Conservatory opened and in strode a man dressed all in purple. He stopped midstride when he spotted Asher. "Hello, young man," he said, giving Asher a little bow. "I am Professor Plum." He glanced over at the lady in red who had moved on to a bag of jellybeans. "I do hope I'm not interrupting."

The woman waved her hand. "Oh, no. Just go on."

Professor Plum nodded, then standing straighter, cleared his throat and said in a firm voice, "I suspect that YOU, Miss Scarlett, killed Mr. Boddy, in the Conservatory with the lead pipe."

Asher's eyes went wide and deciding now might be a good time to get out, slipped out the door.

Menacing Specter

Rising out of the marsh, menacing specter looms, undefined blob of fog hovers, yet ready to drift toward the roadway, swallowing everything.

-Marge Burke

In Between

In between snow and spring landscape is blah leafless limbs tower over scruffy brown ground cover everything looks lifeless until the day green appears.

-Marge Burke



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 President Bob Boucher at boucherrobert@comcast.net or Director Peggy Bailey at handinhandministriesinc@gmail.com or call 603-529-4263.



Autumn Hills Campground

Bathhouse Cleaner

FT and PT, various shifts, flexible hours. Cleaning bathhouses, restocking materials. Must be 16 years or older. Benefits for FT employees. Experience/knowledge of chemical use preferred; \$16-\$20 hour. To apply, call 603-529-2425 and ask for Jennifer.

Country 3 Corners

Convenience Store - Cashier, Deli, Stocking, Cleaning

FT and PT, various shifts,fFlexible hours. 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 Highway for an application. Call 603-529-7539 for the convenience store X2; for hardware store, X3.

Weare Girls & Boys Club

Group Leaders & Assistant Group Leaders

Looking for an extra staff member in the after-school program. Also, now hiring summer camp staff at this time. Part time, competitive salaries, all experience levels welcome. If you are looking for a fun afternoon or a fun summer, please get in touch and 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 - PT

Apply at 421 S. Stark Highway



Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, March 24

7 p.m. - Planning Board Meeting

Saturday, March 26

9:30 a.m. – Weare Republicans Meeting, Weare Public Library

4:30 p.m. – Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner, American Legion

Friday, April 1

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

Monday, April 4

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

Tuesday, April 5

7 p.m. - Garden Club Meeting, Weare Public Library 7:30 p.m. - Zoning Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 6

6 p.m. - Mildred Hall Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 7

7 p.m. - Library Trustees Meeting

Monday April 11

6 p.m. - Board of Firewards Meeting

Tuesday, April 12

5 p.m. - Cemetery Trustees Meeting

7 p.m. - Park & Recreation Meeting

Wednesday, April 13

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

5:30 p.m. - Rabies Clinic, Town Hall

6:30 p.m. – John Stark School Board Meeting

7 p.m. – Conservation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. - Weare Democrats Meeting

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Sap buckets hanging from maple trees mean spring (and syrup!) is coming (Alyssa Small photo).



Snow melts near the top of Hedgehog Mountain in Deering (Alyssa Small photo.)