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He Changed My Life

By Sharon Czarnecki

It was my senior year of high school. I went from Lincoln, Maine, where my whole school had 310 students, to Enfield, Connecticut, where my graduating class alone had 800. I was terrified.

But there was one bright spot: "Problems of Democracy," taught by Frank Gross. Our first assignment was to draw the name of a third world country, determine its top three problems and report to the class in a week. Once Mr. Gross agreed we had the top three problems, the next job was to offer the best solution we could. We had three weeks.

From day one, Mr. Gross treated us like he just knew every one of us was going to change the world and we were all worth listening to. As a result, his whole class was wide awake and wanted to please him. We researched (pre-internet), documented, made charts and graphs – it was impressive work for high school seniors. The big day came. We were earnest, engaged, committed. Truly, we solved ALL the world's significant problems.

He was generous with his praise and the grades. In many cases, he pointed out that our own U.S. State Department had taken the same approach. THEN, he said, "Those ideas are so pretty. But they don't work for very practical reasons." And he spelled them out in each case – corruption, foreign ownership, lack of equipment and on and on, as we are still finding today.

But because of him, my classmates and I learned to look for practical, real life, workable solutions to problems. We learned to be proactive and set reasonable, achievable goals. He changed how we thought. He changed how we looked at problems. This teacher changed our lives. Thank you, Mr. Gross.



Voting on John Stark Warrant May 11 at WMS

By Tom Clow

Voting on the John Stark School District warrant will be held on May 11 at the Weare Middle School. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The John Stark School Board voted to postpone the district's deliberative session to April 5 and the voting to May 11 due to concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic rather than have the voting on the traditional second Tuesday in March.

In addition to five warrant articles on the ballot, there are two elected positions to be filled. Deborah Urbaitis is running for a three-year term for school board member at large, and Luther Drake is running for a one-year term for school district moderator. Both are uncontested. There were no changes made to warrant articles at the deliberative session.

In a mailer that was sent to all Weare voters in early March, the Weare Finance Committee included recommendations on the three John Stark warrant articles that have a tax impact. The committee recommended passage of Article 3, the proposed operating budget of \$14,425,926. It also recommended approval of Article 4, the collective bargaining agreement between the school district and the teachers' association. The estimated increase for 2021-2022 related to that contract is \$74,802. The Finance Committee voted to not recommend Article 5 as it appears on the ballot. The rationale behind the Finance Committee recommendations can be found in the March mailer.

According to a press release from SAU 24 Community Outreach Coordinator Patti Osgood, the Chair of See STARK, page 2



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the Henniker School Board Deb Urbaitis, Chair of the John Stark School Board Zach Lawson, Superintendent Jacqueline Coe and Business Manager Chris Roy will be available to answer questions via informal Zoom sessions on Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, May 7 at 10 a.m. See www.sau24.org for more ballot information and Zoom links. A copy of the John Stark ballot can also be found on the Town of Weare website at www.weare.nh.gov. Note: Henniker School District voting was also rescheduled to May 11.

Advanced Art Students' Work

John Stark Regional High School students in Mrs. Smart's Advanced Placement Art class are preparing for their art exam through revising, photographing and writing about the works they created over the school year. Here is some of their work.

-Submitted by Patti Osgood



The Shadows We Cast, by Maddy Dionne. Watercolor and salt crystals.



Untitled, by Stephanie Rodonis. Watercolor and ink.



Head Trauma, by Brianna Bodner.
Charcoal pencil



Dad, by Quinn Antle. Oil painting.

College Graduates and Honorees

Dean's List, Fall 2020

Alexander Burgess, Saint Anselm College



Bri Pinter, shown with tables she designed for her senior Capstone Project (courtesy photo).

John Stark Capstone Project Provides Artful Extra Seating

Bri Pinter's capstone project, picnic tables painted with inspirational quotes to spread positivity, was already on the JSRHS campus and ready to greet students as everyone returned on April 19.



A Bri Pinter table (courtesy photo).

Pinter was inspired to do the picnic table project as she recalled the old and wobbly picnic tables that once graced the patio outside of the cafe when she was a freshman. When she started her project last August, she figured having some positive messages around would be good for morale.

To pay for the four picnic tables she wanted to create for her project and then donate to the school, Bri used the fundraising platform "Givebutter."

"I chose that site because 100% of the money you raise goes to the effort; they don't take a percentage," said Pinter in a school district press release.

Besides relying on family and friends to donate, Pinter did things like sit at the end of her driveway last summer during Weare's town-wide yard sale to solicit donations. It was on this site that she also offered to share donor-specific inspirational messages on a picnic table in exchange for a donation.

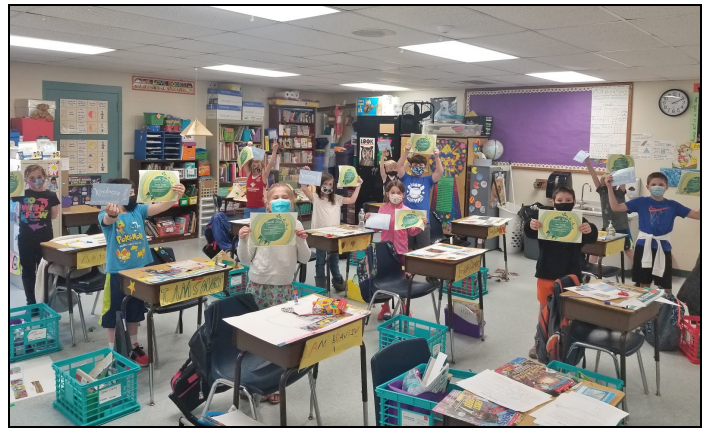
"It was really popular," Pinter said. "I raised enough money for the four tables and all the paint I needed, AND I

had \$477.01 leftover. I'm giving that money to the Weare Food Pantry."

Pinter is off to the University of Minnesota in the fall to study child psychology, a school she chose not for its location, but because it's one of the top colleges in the US.. for her chosen area of study. She also leaves for college already having earned 16 college credits between the courses she's taken at the Concord Regional Technical Center (CRTC) in their Education and Behavioral Science program and dual-enrollment English courses with NHTI and John Stark.

When asked if she'd choose painting inspirational picnic tables for her capstone project if she were to do it again, Bri exclaimed, "Yes! I'm proud to leave my mark at John Stark."

This year, a modified, **by invitation only** capstone expo will be held May 13 at John Stark Regional High School to allow for proper social distancing requirements.



Mrs. Rauscher's third-grade class with their Earth Day certificates (courtesy photo).

Third Graders Launch Effort to Keep CWES Playground Free of Trash

All on their own, some students in Mrs. Rauscher's third grade at Center Woods Elementary School started picking up the trash on the playground during their recess.

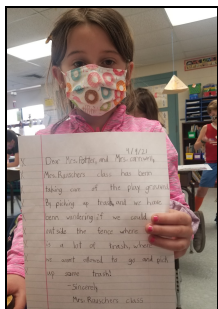
"Before I knew it, all of my students started asking if they could help and it grew from there. Every recess my students are picking up the playground," said Rauscher in a school district press release, noting that trash tends to accumulate from the later after-school hours.

It wasn't long before Mrs. Rauscher's students noticed that there was also trash outside of the playground fence.

"When they asked if they could go pick that up, I told them the fence was there for a reason and they would need to ask permission to do so from Principal Potter,"

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Kiersten Woods holds her letter to CWES Principal Potter (courtesy photo).

Rauscher said. "We have been studying persuasive writing in class and with no prompting from me, student Kiersten Woods wrote a letter to Principal Jess Potter asking permission to clean up outside of the fence."

"I read the letter and then looked at the area they wanted to clean up and was sad to have to tell them the area was not conducive to third-grade feet and hands as it was full of poison ivy and pricker bushes," Potter said. She also

told them that if they designed something that they could use to pick up the trash from the inside of the fence, she would provide the materials.

You guessed it; the class is now working on designing some type of tool to gather the trash outside of the fence. Students have also taken to cleaning up outside of school.

"They come in most days telling me what they cleaned up at home or on their street, or most any place they go outside," said Rauscher. "It's just fantastic to see how excited they are to make the world around them a little better."

In recognition of Earth Day (April 22) and their cleanup efforts, Potter and Interim Assistant Principal Jacqui Cornwell presented each student in Mrs. Rauscher's class an Earth Day Certificate. - Submitted by Patti Osgood



Sponsors needed! For more information visit the event page on Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/1ir1sINZx>

Science Students Study Viruses at Weare Middle School

"What would make learning relevant?" was the thinking behind Weare Middle School seventh grade science teacher Jan Dwinnele's plans when she revived and revised a lesson about viruses first created by now sixth-grade teacher Debbie LeBlanc.

"I knew this year was going to be tough for students with ever-changing schedules, ever-changing EVERYTHING due to COVID," said Dwinnele in a school district press release. "I needed to find something that was important to each and every student to keep engaged amid all the changes this year has brought."

Collectively, Dwinnele's 115 students studied 32 different viruses, including smallpox, Zika, hantavirus, and Hepatitis B. Students did research using sources like the CDC, Mayo Clinic and the World Health Organization. Each student created a Google slide research project that could be presented in Google classroom so all seventh-grade students could view their work.

Students also created models of the virus they studied, many using whatever they could find at home, including recycled Gatorade bottles, newspaper, push pins and pipe cleaners.

At the end of the project, students were paired up as mock interns in a hospital to diagnose what virus their mock patient had by using notes from the presentations of their classmates.

"The students loved this project and there was so much in-depth learning," Dwinnele said. "I think it also reduced some of their stress over COVID-19 as they studied other viruses that are now more in control thanks to science."

-Submitted by Patti Osgood



Lexie Provost with her norovirus model



Nicholas Wheeler with his model of Hepatitis B



Kyle Nichols with his model of yellow fever



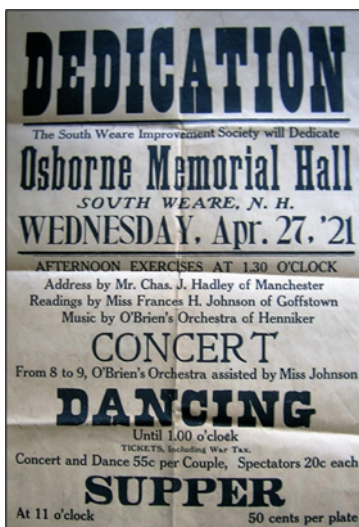
The main floor of Osborne Hall today. It has all new systems – well, septic, heating, electricity, accessible bathrooms and a refinished floor. The building is handicap accessible; tables and chairs provided (Sheila Lindh photo).

Osborne Memorial Hall Dedication

By Sylvia Beaupré

One hundred years ago, on April 27, 1921, there was a big party at Osborne Memorial Hall in South Weare. The South Weare Improvement Society (SWIS) had been incorporated in 1916 to fulfill Wellman Osborne's wish to benefit his native place. After his death, his wife Nellie bequeathed money to establish his legacy. SWIS planned a building to serve as a community meeting place. The organization purchased land owned by George Hazen on Deering Road, and Albert Farmer, Sr., with the help of other South Weare citizens, built the hall with lumber supplied by Forrest Dearborn of Tavern Village. The building became known by two names: Osborne Memorial Hall and the Grange Hall, which occupied it consistently throughout most of the 20th century. Its history can be summed up by one word: community.

Back to that auspicious day in April 1921. It was a Wednesday, but that didn't stop the ambitious all-afternoon-and-evening plans for the dedication of the hall to Wellman Osborne. Events, which included speakers, readings and music, began at 1:30 p.m. and were followed by an evening concert, supper, and dancing until 1 a.m. Tickets, including a war tax, cost 55 cents per



Original poster donated to SWIS by Sylvia Hight Brown, granddaughter of Albert S. Farmer, Sr. and daughter of Dorothea Farmer Hight, a Wyoming Grange member.

couple for the concert and dance in the large hall on the main floor, and 50 cents per plate for the supper below in the kitchen and dining area.

Osborne Memorial Hall became the focal point for a variety of community activities. Besides a permanent home for Wyoming Grange #54, it was the place to hold school functions, dances, concerts, dinners, plays, card parties, wedding receptions, showers, church services and lawn parties.

In the mid-1990s, activities ceased as the building slowly succumbed to the elements. A small group of dedicated volunteers brought it back. Since 2013, the main hall, with a stage and accessible bathrooms, has been in use for many of the activities listed above, including SWIS fund-raisers such as bingo and yard sales.

To rent for your event or to participate in Weare Flags Fly, please call 529-7282. All proceeds benefit further restoration of Osborne Memorial Hall. Tax-deductible donations to the nonprofit SWIS, P.O. Box 392, Weare, NH 03281, are always gratefully accepted.



The completed Osborne Hall, circa 1920. Photo donated by Frank Farmer, Albert Farmer, Sr.'s grandson.

Jack's Little Library

By Brenda Cannon

Come on in! The books are here and with the changeable weather, what better way to pass the time? Yes, the snow was a surprise, but not the biggest amount seen at this time of the year. Hopefully you had a book to enjoy during this brief return to winter.

Providing the funds for Jack's Little Library is one of the many projects in which the Friends of the Library participate. They meet monthly, January through October, on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6-7 p.m. at the library.

Everyone is welcome to join and to help plan for upcoming activities. See you at the library.



SENIOR NEWS

Library Sponsors Webinar for Seniors on Navigating Medicare

For those approaching 65, Medicare can be unnerving. Asking for advice never hurts, and when it comes to your health, a little of the right kind of advice could mean the difference between life and death.

On Wednesday, May 5 10 to 11 a.m., the Weare Public Library is offering a free virtual presentation to assist area seniors in making the best choices regarding Medicare. Hosted by CRS-AD Michelle Magarian, Medicare Coordinator for Hillsborough County, she'll offer guidance and answer questions for anyone new to the program.

"It's even for those who are already on it but don't completely understand how it all works," said Magarian in a library press release. "I want to hear from you."

The hour-long Q&A session can be accessed from the safety of your own home with Zoom via the Internet. To protect the privacy of the meeting, you will have to register. Simply send an email to Weare Library Director Clay Kriesse at wearepl@comcast.net and he will send you a secure link.

Can't make it? There is also a forthcoming Welcome to Medicare Virtual Fair on June 23. To register for that one, go to www.shiphelp.org.



Menu for Senior Café

Always on Wednesdays and always served with chips and dessert.

May 5: "Breakfast for lunch:" Texas French toast, bacon, home fries and fresh fruit, coffee and juice

May 12: Chicken cordon bleu, wild rice with asparagus

May 19: Sausage, pepper, mushroom and onion sandwich

May 26: Chicken Marsala over angel hair pasta, artichoke salad and garlic bread

Just call ahead to 603-529-4263 and let us know if you would like to dine in, pick-up or have us deliver to your door. Visit our Facebook page for the latest news:

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



Drop Some of Those Pandemic Pounds While Having Fun!

By Connie Evans

What is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. with more than a 600 percent increase in the number of participants in the last six years? What sport can be played by a five-year-old or a spry 90-year-old? If you guessed pickleball, you are correct!

For those new to the game, it is a combination of tennis, badminton and table tennis, but it has its own rules. Players use paddles, not rackets, and the ball resembles a wiffle ball. Two or four people play on a court a bit smaller than a tennis court.

When they resume their games in May, the Weare Pickleball Club, coordinated by Denise Purington, will be marking out four courts from the two tennis courts located behind the American Legion Building and Weare Historical Society.

If you are interested in joining and/or learning how to play, email we.arewpc@gmail.com and give permission to add your email address to the Weare Pickleball Club's mailing list. Also, check out the Facebook page for postings at Weare WPC Pickleball. The club provides the nets, balls and loaner paddles for lessons. If you wish to buy your own paddles, wooden ones are not recommended; go to USA Pickleball (<https://usapickleball.org>) for information on what to buy or Amazon has a variety to peruse.

What surprising connection does Weare have with this nationally played game? Dick Ludders, former John Stark School Board member and former resident of Weare, is the nephew of a man who - along with a couple of others - invented the game in the 1960s on the west coast. Dick's uncle wanted a game that both kids and adults could play when they had their summer family get-togethers. He named it after their dog, Pickles! Dick and his wife Ann learned how popular it had become after visiting a friend in New England in 2000. What a surprise to learn the game had travelled from one coast to the other.





Buy One, Get One Free

By Margaret Bailey

Expanded hours! Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Our April Sale on women's tops is winding down. But, for the month of May, we will offer 50% off all purses and shoes!

Congratulations to Dawn Cepurneek! She was our \$20 gift card winner on April 1. For every \$5 you spend during the month, your name is entered for a \$20 gift card drawn on the first day of each month!

You have all continued to support our cause by some amazing donations. If it's gently used or like new, or it's been put away because you'll never use it, send it our way. Our cause, at Hand In Hand Ministries Inc., is to help local area seniors by offering them a FREE lunch each Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You are all making this happen and we are truly grateful.

Are you a senior or someone interested in becoming a volunteer at the thrift shoppe? We are interested in meeting you!! Please stop by during our business hours or call 529-4263.



Goffstown Rotary Car Show: Sponsorships Needed

By Robin Morrell

The Goffstown Rotary Club is seeking raffle and goodie bag donations for its upcoming annual car show fundraiser, being held on Saturday, June 5 at Parsons field in Goffstown. Goffstown Rotary serves the communities of Goffstown, Weare, New Boston and Dunbarton. Admission to the car show will be free to the public. Funds raised will go back into the community in the form of grants and other charitable donations, as well as to help support the club's various community service activities. For more information, email goffstownrotary@gmail.com.

Lookin' for Love

By Cathy Bailey

If you'd like to adopt any of the pets pictured here, please complete an adoption application at <https://www.heartsandtails.org/adoption-application>.



Meet Lawson! Male Yellow Lab/Retriever/Beagle mix; white and tan; affectionate, shy, intelligent, happy and playful; short coat; house trained; vaccinations up to date; neutered; two years old; weighs 27 pounds; microchipped; good with other dogs and children. Adoption fee: \$550.

Meet Troy! Male Boxer mix; chestnut and white; playful, affectionate, intelligent and obedient; short coat; house trained;



vaccinations up to date; neutered; two years old; weighs 56 pounds; microchipped; good with other dogs and children. Adoption fee: \$550.

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

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



Obituaries

To honor people who have lived, worked and served in our community, WITW will now accept obituary submissions. These

may be sent for consideration to

weareintheworldnews@gmail.com.

Correction

In an article published April 14 about a new Scout den in town, it should have said the den is open to boys and girls, kindergarten through fifth grade. The age range was incorrect. WITW regrets the error.



LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

444 Candles

By Sharon Czarnecki

Perhaps it would be best to begin by letting you all know I have been a devoted convert to this particular candle company since I ran across them at a summer fair in 2019. And, ever since 2019, I have wanted to know – where does the name 444 Candle Company come from? As it turns out, 4:44 p.m. is the time of day that everyone in Josh Denapoli's family tries to check on each other to be certain that all is fine. Everyone got home from school okay. No one needs a ride home from anywhere or a ride to anywhere. So, for Josh, 4:44 represents closeness and caring and all that is right with families.

The business got started because it was time to get rid of his extensive glass bottle collection. They were just sitting around not doing any good, and as a last resort, Josh came up with a plan to save his collection. He would make candles in them and give them as Christmas gifts in 2017. The surprise was that everyone who received them wanted more. Since Josh found candle making relaxing, "and kind of Zen," he started a business to keep friends and family in candles.

The signature candle and company flagship is "Live Free or Die," which uses a white birch fragrance base. (This is my favorite since it has a balsam tinge to it and fills my entire open concept kitchen area.) When I asked how that was accomplished, Josh explained to me that they have experimented and found the maximum amount of fragrance they can put into each candle and still achieve a smooth burn. He is proud of the fact that his candles have a particularly "hot throw" – candle-making jargon for when a candle gives off a strong fragrance that does not diminish as it burns down.

The business is now expanding rapidly: in seven stores from Lincoln to Litchfield at this time, but they are still able to manage it as a family affair. Son Cameron, age 10, has started his own line of candles with fragrances of his own choosing. Josh tells me Cameron's candles often sell out at shows.




Evan (front) and Cameron (rear) help with candlemaking (courtesy photo).

In addition, Evan, age seven, is a cheerful and competent helper as well. He particularly likes giving candles to his teachers on special occasions. Josh wants to be certain to mention that his wife Chantel has been key to his success and the ongoing expansion. Josh and Chantel try to make certain the business is primarily about having fun and, to that end, have developed some creative scents.

One great thing about having a family business like this is that there are always available gifts for special occasions. With Mother's Day coming up, for instance, Josh will be giving the women in the family their favorite scents: vanilla for his wife, strawberry cheesecake for his mom and cucumber melon for his mother-in-law. They also do weddings and baby showers. At this time, they provide free delivery to folks / events in Weare.

The candles are available at the Weare Real Food Farmers Market and you can find more information at www.444candles.com or on Facebook or by email at 444candles@gmail.com.



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Feel Free to Print: It's Fine with Us

By Sharon Czarnecki

We have been asked by a lot of you: when will the paper be available as a hard copy again? As with so many things, COVID-19 interrupted our process and we were forced to discontinue printing.

In the meantime, the paper has grown quite a bit – now averaging 15 pages twice per month. Most definitely the cost of printing would be way beyond our resources. Consequently, we have no plans at this time to return to printing the paper.

We apologize for any hardship this may create for some. However, we would like to make it very clear that we encourage you to print as many copies of the paper as you would like. Then, if you have elderly friends or neighbors with no computer access, you can take a copy over to them. Likewise, if you are a business person and would like copies for your lobby, by all means, please print them for your customers. You have our permission to reproduce our work. As always, if you would like someone to get the paper directly to their email inbox, please send the name and address to me at: czar5@comcast.net

DARE Officer Meets with Scouts

By Marc Payeur

On April 13, Weare Scout Troop 529 hosted Goffstown N.H. DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Officer and School Resource Officer Emily Crosby. She engaged the youth in the dangers of vaping, drugs, alcohol, bullying and other destructive behaviors. Several of the scouts are wrapping up their requirements for Second Class. Troop 529 is accepting boys AND girls. For more information, contact our Scoutmaster at troop529wearenh@gmail.com.



Girl Scout Daisies in Weare toured Sakari's Place in New Boston, which rescues wolf dogs (courtesy photo).

Girl Scout Daisies in Weare

A new troop of Girl Scout Daisies has been very active since last fall, learning life skills that will serve them well as they grow up. Troop 61281 has six girls in kindergarten and first grade who began meeting last fall at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Weare.

"We are loving this experience!" said Troop Leader Amy Fontaine in a Girl Scout press release.

Her troop has five girls who will bridge to Brownies, which is for girls in second and third grades, and one who will stay a Daisy.

"We love doing crafts, finding ways to help others, have big plans to help clean up a local playground and provide the sandbox with new sand and sand toys and adventuring outside to try new things," Fontaine said. The girls made the most of the winter, going on a snowshoeing adventure, which Fontaine called "a big hit."

Girls are welcome to join Girl Scouts any time of the year and at any age. Participate by joining an existing troop, forming a new troop or even as an individual member. Regular membership is just \$40 and extended-year membership through Sept. 30, 2022 is \$56, with

financial aid available. For more information see www.girlscoutsgwm.org.

May Holidays

By Sharon Czarnecki

During the month of May, we celebrate the culture of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. We enjoy mysteries, older Americans and photographs. Foodwise, we look forward to salads, barbecue, hamburgers and all gifts from the garden. Every month has its own special attention to health issues. For May, they are Lupus and blood pressure. The entire month is also dedicated to relationships with particular attention to foster care, dating your mate and resolving to become recommitted to relationships you already have.

When it comes to weeks, nurses get week one, wildflowers week two, bikes (of all types, I guess) and the police share week three, and the fourth week belongs to Emergency Medical Services.

Now for the individual celebration days – some special and some wacky. 1) Free Comic Books, Hawaiian Leis, The Kentucky Derby, Loyalty, Mother Goose, Fitness, and Saving the Rhinos 2) Babies, Brothers and Sisters 3) Garden Meditation, Lumpy Rugs, Freedom of the Press, 4) Birds, Candied Orange Peels, Teachers, Renewal, Star Wars 5) Biking to School, Cartoonists, Cinco De Mayo, Oysters 6) Beverages, Tourists, Nurses, Not Dieting 7) Tubas, Prayer, Space 8) Child Care Workers, Mothers, Irises, Military Spouses, Trains, Windmills, Not Wearing Socks, Victory over Europe, The Red Cross 9) Birth Mothers, Migratory Birds, Lilacs, Lost Socks, Mothers, Babysitters 10) Cleaning Up Your Room 11) Eating whatever you want, Twilight Zone 12) Fatigue Syndrome, Nurses (again), Limericks, Receptionists, School Nurses 13) Frog Jumping, Hummus, Leprechauns 14) Dancing Like a Chicken 15) Our Armed Forces, Chocolate Chips, Sliders, Fallen Police Officers 16) Trees, Sea Monkeys, Wear Purple for Peace 17) being a Pack Rat 18) Museums, No Dirty Dishes, Visiting Relatives 19) Boy's Club, Planting a Vegetable Garden 20) Being a Millionaire, Picking Strawberries 21) Biking to Work, Endangered Species, Memos, Waiters and Waitresses 22) Buy a Musical Instrument, Maritime and Service Members, Goth Day 23) Lucky Pennies, Turtles 24) Tiaras, Escargot, Queen Victoria 25) Be Aware of Missing Children, Brown Bag Lunches, Towels, Wine, Tap Dancing 26) Sally Ride, Otters 27) Sunscreen 28) Amnesty International, Avoid Fried Foods Day, Hamburger Day 29) Jazz, Composting 30) Mint Julep, Water a Flower, 31) Memorial Day, Macaroons, Saving Your Hearing, No Tobacco Day.



Garden Tools

By Anne Wirkkala

What tools do you need for gardening? Luckily, it does not take many! There are some tools that can make gardening a lot easier. Here are 10 trusty gardening tools, must-haves for your “new” hobby.

When starting a garden for the first time (or the second or third time), the right tools will make a big difference. Just remember: whether you shop in garden centers or online, it is easy to get caught up with all the newfangled gardening tools that you will see. Focus on basic, good-quality and durable tools. Basic tools are not too fancy; they can last a lifetime if they are well-made and you take care of them. Yard sales are great places to find good quality and often well-cared for favorites. Or order from a reputable garden supplier. (Or even add them to your holiday wish list.)

You will notice no rototiller is listed below. Remember not to disturb the mycorrhizae! (Definition: a fungus which grows in association with the roots of a plant in a symbiotic or mildly pathogenic relationship.)

The top ten!

1. **Hand trowel** (a wide blade is most useful)
2. **Hand cultivator** (or long handled for those of us with bad backs)
3. **Garden fork** (also called English garden fork, with wide tines)
4. **Shovel** (those narrow bladed but sharp pointed ones are super)
5. **Hoe** (not necessary if you have a long-handled cultivator also with a flat pointed edge as well as tined)
6. **Rake** (garden-wide tines, not the plastic leaf type)
7. **Gardening gloves** (a few pair; I keep losing one all the time)
8. **Pruning shears** (spend the extra to get a good pair)

9. **Garden fence** and or cold frame or cloche or hot houses
10. **Root saw** (also used for dividing perennials)

Weare Garden Club Guest Speaker

By Anne Wirkkala

We will be featuring a guest speaker at our next meeting of the Weare Garden Club. Nate Bernitz will tell us about all the services provided through the UNH Cooperative Services including soil tests, gardening advice, the Master Gardener Program and more. We will be meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sawyer Room at the Weare Public Library. For information about the meeting, contact me at awirkkala@gsinet.net or at 603-529-1234.



Garden Club Plant Sale

By Anne Wirkkala

Saturday, May 15 at 9 a.m., 183 East Road. Need a plant or plants? Get them here first from your fellow gardeners and help us raise money for our scholarship program. There will be some hardy perennials, seeds, garlic sprouts, shrubs, and even some vegetable transplants. Hope to see you there.



Teacher Appreciation

Celebrate teachers from May 3 - May 7



Teacher Appreciation

By Marge Burke

Teachers and administrators throughout SAU 24 have been teaching our students for this year of COVID-19 under less than ideal conditions and have done an admirable job. Stories and pictures of their innovative ways of presenting their subject matter -- be it in the classroom, hybrid or all online -- have graced the pages of this newspaper, thanks to contributions from Patti Osgood, SAU 24 Community Outreach Coordinator. While students had to adapt to learning from home in front of their computers, teachers had to learn new computer programs in order to be effective. So, a huge **See TEACHERS, page 11**

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round of applause for ALL our dedicated teachers at Center Woods Elementary School, Center Woods Upper Elementary School, Weare Middle School and John Stark Regional High School for their commitment to providing the children of Weare with an excellent education.

Special Delivery for Weare Teachers

Tim and Heather Lorenz recently delivered 30 pizzas to WMS/CWUES for teachers and staff to enjoy. When asked why, they said, "The reason is simple. We wanted to recognize the teaching, administrative, facilities, support, Special Ed and coaching staff for their commitment to providing a top-notch education to our students during this pandemic. Having three children in the school district, we witnessed firsthand their tenacity,

dedication and resilience and wanted to recognize each and every person who supports our children's education.



Tim and Heather Lorenz (courtesy photo).

Everybody's job was significantly more difficult to manage during this pandemic and we thought those in the Weare School District are more than deserving of recognition. In a similar fashion to the drive-through pizza party the district coordinated for the kids, this small token of appreciation is the least we could do to say thank you for what they have done."

-Submitted by Patti Osgood

Thank You for Your Dedication

By David Trumble

Just a quick note of appreciation for the teachers and staff at the schools. Our teachers continue to show their dedication to their students and to their education and learning. Despite the challenges this year has brought, they have been strong and caring people in the lives of their students. I think when our children grow up and look back on this year, they will remember their teachers as sources of light. Thank you to all of our teachers, paraprofessionals, school staff, bus drivers and volunteers!

**Local Student Voices Heard Here:
"Tell Us About Your Teachers"**

"My favorite teacher is Mrs. Desrosiers. She was always kind and understanding. She wrote funny poems and stories, like when her dog stole tater tots!" **-Sol Totten**, grade 3

"I appreciate my teacher Mr. Hammond because he tells at least one story a day and makes learning fun. Also, I am so happy that Mrs. Spring introduced me to my new favorite author!" **-Molly Heath**, grade 6

"My teacher (Mrs. Descoteau) does so many fun activities and she works really hard to make learning fun for us." **-Megan Heath**, grade 3

"Thank you to my science teacher Ms. Delay for always caring and being nice." **-Bella Mann**, grade 8

"If I had to pick one and only one, it would be Miss Hunt, Mrs. Townes and Mrs. Descoteau, Mrs. Rand, Mrs. Bissonette and Mrs. Bishop, because they are all so good to me and care about me doing good in school and help me to try my best even when I don't want to." **-Bella Harder**, grade 3

"I am a student in Madame Chiquelin's French II class. Learning a foreign language can be challenging. French is one of my favorite classes because Madame has made learning so much fun. The Gimkit and Blooket activities that we do in class have made it much easier to learn French. I am looking forward to taking French III next school year. Merci, Madame for all that you do for your students. You are an amazing teacher and person." **-Bourne Spooner**, grade 9

"Ms. Dwinells is an excellent science teacher. She explains the material really well and shows visuals to help support the information. Ms. Dwinells is really nice to her students and funny. She always greets me when I see her in the morning and always gives good feedback on assignments. Ms. Dwinells is someone you can trust and students know that she always has your back." **- Grant Spooner**, grade 7

"Mrs. Rivers is really nice and teaches me a lot of stuff" **-Sierra Theriault**, grade 1

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"Mrs. McNally is my favorite teacher because she is kind, caring, nice, grateful, smart and she makes me laugh and smile. And makes my classes school day fun. She gives us PJ day and movie day and always makes the whole class happy." -**Emma Gilbert**, grade 3

"Mr. Sulzen is a GREAT fifth grade teacher. He teaches at CWUES in Weare, NH. Some of the things we do in Mr. Sulzen's classroom is research on plants, multiplication, division and science. Our schedule has changed. We have two snack breaks: one at 9:30 a.m. and one at 12:45 p.m. He brings the whole class outside before our snack break. If we get our work done, every day when you walk in, you will see a white board with the assignments you have to do in order to get outside for morning break. Our break in the morning is ten minutes long. The whole school day is based on work, unless we earn our goal. Then, by the end of the day, we pack up and most of the time we read before we get called to go home. That's my day with my favorite teacher!" -**Cody Gilbert**, grade 5

"Ms. Zifchak has been a great fourth grade teacher. She is really helpful and I've enjoyed being in her class" -**Austin Lovering**, grade 4

"Mrs. Dionne has made my fifth grade year amazing. I will miss her next year." - **Lexi Purington**, grade 5

"Mrs Burke is fun! On Fun Friday, she lets us do fun activities like art projects and she lets us color. We play games in the mornings like "What Did I Change?" and "Pop." She makes learning easier because she explains when we don't understand. Mrs Potter is funny because in all-school meetings, she is always doing really funny stuff. She always is the one who makes mistakes and Mrs. Cornwell corrects her. Mrs Potter is a funny principal and I like her." -**Eliana Lussier**, grade 3

"I love Mrs. Marzinik because she is the best. She is nice and is really good at teaching math and how to tell time." - **Belle Moulthrop**, grade 1

"Miss Hunt is very nice and funny. She's the best teacher in the world." -**Gabby Valles**, grade 2

"Mrs. Campbell is the best teacher because she's patient and very kind." -**Jayden Valles**, grade 4



Asked and Answered: Mothers

(May 9: Mother's Day)



Mary in pink blouse, the author with headband

My Mother's Job

By Sharon Czarnecki

My earliest clear memory of my mother as a separate entity is on a warm afternoon in the summer. I was four and a half at the time. She was ironing – tablecloths, dad's shirts, handkerchiefs, my little dresses and blouses, etc. We had very little, but it was all neat, clean and properly cared for. On this occasion, I remember I wanted to help. She looked at me thoughtfully with her head tilted to one side and said, "Ok, I will give you a job to do." She laid out a handkerchief on the ironing board and ironed it. Then she showed me how to pick up the corners – very, very carefully so I wouldn't get burned, and fold it in half. Then she creased it with the iron. Then I folded it one more time, one more crease with the iron, and it was set aside on the end of the ironing board to cool. Once cool, it was my job to move it to the table and come get the next one until they were all stacked neatly. Next, she showed me the spot these "hankies" occupied in my dad's drawer, and I was allowed to gently place them in there. When my adored daddy came home, he was duly informed that I was a "big help" with the ironing that day.

The relationship between children and mothers (or nannies or grandmas or whoever is in that role) is made up of countless tiny interactions like that. Who taught you to brush your teeth? Who taught you to hold onto your sweater sleeves when you put your jacket on? Who taught you to trap peas with your knife? Who taught you to pull your sock all the way on, so it does not leave a lump in the middle of your foot? These tiny gifts from mothers are also apparent to any Alzheimer's caregiver. If these little lessons are taken from us, we

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can no longer function as competent adults. My mother was not outwardly affectionate. She was a hard taskmaster, easily frustrated with incompetence or indifference. However, she was quietly proud of all we accomplished and always did her best to build a safe family haven for children and grandchildren.

She took her “job” very seriously and, as a result, was an accomplished mother to whom I owe my very ability to function from moment to moment. I will always be grateful for all those tiny and tireless moments.

The Dancer

She wanted to dance, but she had no partner
with whom to dance.

She wanted to dance, but she had no music
to which she could dance.

She did have partners, but all were lonely drinkers,
and they didn’t dance.

She found her music in the mail, a club to join,
buy one, get three - free, pay later.

She signed her name, sent the card, and waited
for the music to arrive.

At Ledoux’s, a second-hand store, she found a player
ten dollars – cheap – two payments – five each.

She had her music, so one by one she took the hands
of her oldest sons,

Step forward, then back, to the right, to the left
She danced.

When she came to her baby boy, she held him in her arms
his tiny head nestled against her cheek,
And under the overhead light in the tiny room
She danced.

-T. Clow

Death of a Mother

I cuddled with a favorite blanket.

Suddenly, it was taken away.

The room was cold.

-Sharon Czarnecki

Dog Day

Crouched in crates
corners, kitchens,
faces pressed on windows
no one passes by;
up the street
signal barks of
distant cousins
but, no pack for them
they wait alone.

They listen to hear key in lock
footsteps,
“Good dog!”
feel the stroke of
hands that feed.
It takes
so
long

until the joy
of Dog Day,
Saturday
when every breed
in every brand of truck
ears like sails in road-wind
noses filled with scent
of dump, and hardware store
and coffee shop discover
easy bliss
of man and dog together,
field and woods all freedom; Dog Day
yips and leaps in
wild abandon
unfamiliar ecstasy.

The sun retreats
they sigh
they spread themselves
across the feet of tired companions;
Dog Day is the comfort
love rewards us with; it is
the very stuff of life.

-Christine Hague

**Steely Sky**

The sun is obliterated
today by a steely sky,
ominous, graphite clouds drip toward
the treetops, a feeling of
melancholy travels through
the airwaves, lethargy sets in.

-Marge Burke



Local Author Book Review

DESCRIPTION – “Beyond Ice and Sand” by Marge Burke completes the “Ice and Sand” trilogy of one couple’s nine-year

Alzheimer’s journey. The book is broken into three parts: “Diminishment,” “Seismic Change” and “Beyond,” as the author shares the last nine months of her husband’s life, the intense several

months after he died and a year of finding herself again in her new role as a widow. There is sadness in the book, but it is not a sad book, rather one of joy, introspection and hope. Amidst the diminishment of her husband’s life, she was able to write stories of his humor,

the deep love they shared and their visits referred to as “coffee dates.” The year of finding herself was not a clear, level path; it was full of ups and downs and back and forth of the days. The themes that run through the book include music and art, walking labyrinths, meditation as well as friends, family and professionals who helped her on the last leg of the journey.

REVIEW – By Sharon Czarnecki

Learned so much from this book, I read it twice. I love the section on how a person’s collections can take on so much more meaning after they are gone and how they can be incorporated into this new style of living to bring comfort.

Also, it is always nice to know we are not alone in our experiences and that other widows, too, struggle when things become non-functional around the house and we have to find a way to cope.

One of my very favorite sections, though, is where the author talks about the water and how gusts of wind can so disrupt and change the surface, but underneath it is still

the same body of water - just as we remain the same underneath this cataclysmic change forced upon us. That is a powerful concept that I have tried to absorb for myself.

Lastly perhaps, I envy Marge her group of widow friends. The practical comfort of women who are going down a path with you is invaluable. (*For this group, see the Granite VNA (formerly the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association):*

<https://www.granitevna.org/content/newly-bereaved-support-group-concord-4>)

Let me just say, there are many books out there on widowhood, but nothing like the helpful gem we have right here from Marge Burke.

EXCERPTS – “Someday”

“Somehow, in this time between Donald’s death and this dreary day in February, the word *someday* has crept into my vocabulary and become an almost daily mantra, one with which I am not comfortable. Why do I consider “someday” not a comfortable state of mind? Why am I not able to focus on that word as a positive that “someday” I will have reached beyond my present state, having dealt with mourning and grief and reclaimed my old self, and having incorporated new insights into who I have become? My answer to my own question is that I have let lethargy, among other things, take over. I look at things that need to be done around the house and say out loud to myself, “Not today, but someday.” This behavior applies to both complicated and simple tasks, so I repeat to myself, “yes, someday.”

A Toast

We sit together
my love and I
overjoyed to see me,
he tells staff, “She owns me.”
we are having a coffee date
we do that a lot
when I visit
he takes his mug
utilitarian, dark blue,
raises it, indicates
for me to do the same
I raise mine, we clink
as if sharing the finest wine
in delicate crystal
a moment to savor.

Regeneration

There are days when this is necessary;
forest solace from a world
unmindful of the scent of Beech,
canopy of pines,
space among the hills,
pristine water rushing over rocks,
serenity.

The path familiar to my weary feet,
this yielding earth a history of seasons;
layers on the forest floor
decaying underfoot like pain
layered in the heart,
diffused beneath the weight
of winter's fearful darkness
until grace as silently as dew
prepares the soil, the soul, the self
for gratitude.

-Christine Hague

Spring Night

Spring night, clear, bright,
perfectly formed
oak tree
silhouetted
against
perfectly rounded
full moon,
heaven twinkled
luminous stars.

Fullness of time
complete for the moon
yet still to come for
the oak tree whose
buds just forming,
another one of
life's cycles, a
perfect moment
captured for time.

-Marge Burke



Job Opportunities in Weare

CHILDREN'S ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN – PART TIME

Do you like kids, children's books, arts and crafts? This may be the experience for you!

DESCRIPTION: The Children's Assistant Librarian is responsible for general library routines in the Children's Room. He or she receives and checks-out library materials, shelves and assists patrons with matters relating to the circulation or use of library materials and computers. In addition, he or she assists the staff with library events and programs.

REQUIRED ATTRIBUTES: Friendliness, flexibility, patience and a desire to provide customer service.

EXPERIENCE: Working with infants, children and teens. A knowledge of children's literature and general computer applications.

EDUCATION: High School diploma or GED

SCHEDULE: Part-time, 10 hours per week, weekday mornings and afternoons

STARTING SALARY: \$11 per hour

HOW TO APPLY: Complete the application linked at the bottom of the webpage: wearepubliclibrary.com/employment.

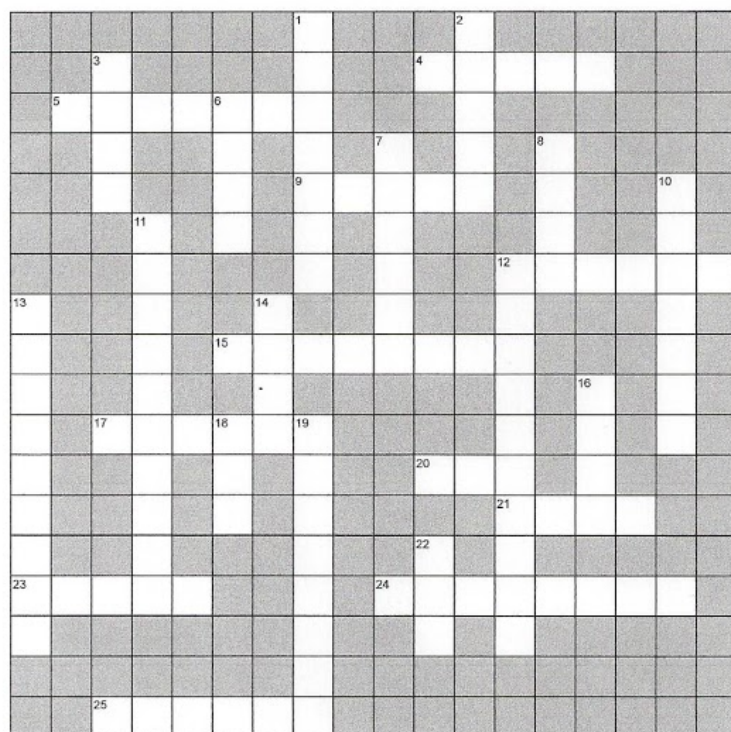
MANAGER, DUNKIN DONUTS STORE

Please contact Kasia LaBatt at wearedonuts@gmail.com or 603-529-5547. More details on the job requirements will be available in our next issue if the position remains open.



A budding tree taken on a recent spring day (Karen Lovett photo).

Mothers



EclipseCrossword.com

Chicks and Bunnies



EclipseCrossword.com

Across

4. This Florence Henderson character had six children in her "bunch"
5. "Are You My Mother?" author
9. Nursery rhyme collector: Mother ____
12. Just Like Mom's in Weare is one of these
15. Mother of Dragons (first name)
17. Actress Kate Hudson's mother
20. Other half of a small store owned by a couple
21. "Mamma Mia" musical features music of this band
23. "Dear Mama" is a hip hop song by him
24. Phylicia Rashad played the mother of this sitcom family
25. This mammal can expect to have up to 360 babies in her lifetime: the European ____

Down

1. "Mother" is a substance found in apple cider ____
2. Spanish mother
3. Jesus' mother
6. Colt's mother
7. First language: mother ____
8. Baby's first word
10. Singer of "The Mother:" Brandi ____
11. Hit by The Mamas and The Papas: ____ Dreamin'
12. Actress Tina Fey wrote "A Mother's Prayer for her Daughter" in this autobiography
13. Mother of invention
14. Playground game: Mother, ____? (2 words)
16. Uterus, ie.
18. Fawn's mother
19. African land mammal with longest gestational period of 22 months
22. Flower or British mother

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