



Weare in the World

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For Weare Residents, by Weare Residents

Newest Full-Time Officer Joins Police Department in April

By Tom Clow

Aaron Weed was sworn in as a full-time officer with the Weare Police Department on April 28. Weed was a familiar face in the department before that, having served an internship in Weare from January through April of this year as part of his program in criminal justice at Plymouth State University. He was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Plymouth State on May 8.



Aaron Weed was sworn in as a full-time officer with the Weare Police Department in April (Tom Clow photo).

Weed is a native of Franconia, N.H. and graduated from White Mountain School in the nearby town of Bethlehem. He attended WMS as a day student. According to the school's website, about 20% of the student body are day students and 80% live on the campus. He grew up skiing or snowboarding since he was a toddler, with Cannon Mountain being his favorite slope. He is

presently a resident of Henniker, where his parents moved after he and his siblings finished high school.

Weed said he grew up listening to his grandfather tell stories about his experiences as a Vermont State Trooper so was drawn to a career in law enforcement. He thought about the state police as an option, he said, but enjoys the community involvement aspect of policing. He added that he respects the command structure in the Weare Police Department, where everyone in the chain of command is approachable and helpful.

Officer Weed is presently in the field training phase of his preparation. He will attend the New Hampshire Standards and Training Academy from August 30 through December 31 and then have about two more weeks of on-the-job training to complete after that, he said.

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JSRHS Announces Class of 2021 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The John Stark Regional High School Valedictorian for 2021 is Delaney Forrestall and Salutatorian is Nathan Chasse.

Forrestall, of Henniker, is president of the John Stark chapter of the National Honor Society and vice president of the Spanish Honor Society. She also serves on the student council, where she has been a student representative to the school board and is currently secretary.



Delaney Forrestall (courtesy photo).

Earlier this spring, she was named a Presidential Scholar semifinalist. Forrestall played John Stark varsity field hockey for four years and was the captain of the team in her last two seasons. She also played on the unified basketball team for the past three years.

"I think experiencing the last fifteen months of the pandemic as a student has really put an emphasis on just how important it is to prioritize and nourish both your mental health and social life to the same extent as your education," said Forrestall in a school district press release. "The social interaction, skills and collaboration you get from an in-person school environment contributes to your growth as a person in a much more meaningful way than any test or subject matter ever will."

Forrestall is the daughter of Rebecca Wilson and James Forrestall. She will attend the University of Richmond to study

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psychology. She also hopes to play club field hockey.

Nathan Chasse of Weare is Salutatorian. He is the current president of the Tri-M Music Honor Society and secretary of the John Stark chapter of the National Honor Society. He is also a member of John Stark's peer leadership, stage band and math team. Chasse is an AIME (American Invitational Mathematics Examination) qualifier and was invited to the state math team and national math meet.



*Nathan Chasse
(courtesy photo).*

Nathan Chasse is the son of Peter and Catherine Chasse and will attend the University of New Hampshire Honors Program to study data science.

-Submitted by Patti Osgood

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According to the Weare Police Department website, there is still one full-time and one part-time position open in the department.



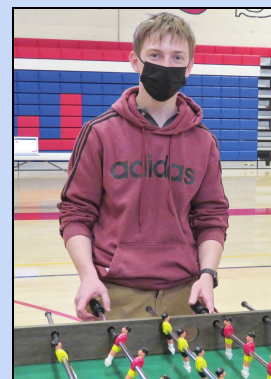
Graphics have been added to this 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe police pursuit vehicle. It now awaits the installation of additional police equipment before being put into service. Voters approved the purchase of the vehicle on the town warrant in March (Tom Clow photo).

JSRHS Seniors Complete and Present Capstone Projects

The Capstone Project at John Stark is defined as a student's pursuit of new learning and working with a mentor as they explore new interests. It demonstrates the student's ability to learn independently as well to demonstrate their college and career readiness. The project may be academic, totally hands-on or a combination of the two and is a graduation requirement.

Due to the continuing pandemic, the Capstone Project EXPO could not be open to the public this year, but it was held in person in segments during the evening of May 13. Each student could invite three people to attend during their designated time. Here are a few examples of the creative Capstone Projects for 2021.

Riley Brooks of Henniker built not one, but two foosball tables. The title of his project, "Foosball for Buddies," comes from his plans for one of the tables. Brooks will raffle it off, with all proceeds going to the Best Buddies Program, an organization that creates opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The second table he plans to keep for himself. Originally, Brooks wanted to



Riley Brooks (courtesy photo).

run a soccer camp for his Capstone, but with COVID-19, he realized it would not be possible.

"I learned a lot about woodworking and how expensive new counterbalanced Foosball players are to purchase," Brooks said. "When I realized I didn't have the budget to buy the parts brand new, I checked out Facebook Marketplace and purchased several used foosball tables. I then took the old tables apart and repurposed the players from the used tables. I only spent \$100 instead of the hundreds of dollars new parts would cost me." Brooks plans to study Health Sciences at Franklin Pierce University.



*Andra Degenais
(courtesy photo).*

Andra Dagenais of Weare researched and then collected clay from natural resources, specifically the Merrimack River, processed it, **See CAPSTONE, page 3**

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and made pinched pots that she then baked in her home oven. Why? "I took Ceramics I as a freshman and had wanted to take Ceramics II to finish off my senior year," Dagenais said.. "Once COVID hit, I wasn't sure we'd even be in school, so I thought I'd learn more about pottery on my own." She plans to attend Babson College to study accounting and entrepreneurship.

"My Trashy Project" was the Capstone Project of Brianna Bodner of Weare. This large, 3-D piece uses recycled plastic materials to create an image depicting a turtle caught in some carelessly tossed trash in the water.



*Brianna Bodner
(courtesy photo).*

"When recycling at the transfer station was closed due to COVID, we accumulated a lot of plastic bottles and stuff at home," Bodner said. "I used those things for my project." She pointed out the large plastic water bottle in her artwork, which she made from strips of two-liter clear soda bottle, and the turtle made from green bottle caps that she fused with a blow torch.

This Capstone was a culmination of her love for both the environment and art. She plans to study science at Clark University. Not surprisingly, she also plans to take some studio art classes at Clark, too.

"I feel like this year's Capstone Project was a tremendously positive outlet for many students," said Capstone Coordinator and music teacher Dan Williams. "Many of them used Capstone as a means of escape from quarantine, from remote learning, from all that COVID has brought us. It was a way to pour themselves into a project they were passionate about— something that they could hold on to while so much was being taken from them. I was also impressed with the quantity of charity and service-related projects this year. The result was some truly inspired work."



John Stark Regional High School graduation will be held outside on June 12 at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Only moderate to severe weather will move the time to later that day or to Sunday. Ticketed guests only.

To the JSRHS Class of 2021:

TARYN AREL: You are always so kind and cheerful, it's time to celebrate all of your accomplishments!

BRAILEIGH BOOKER: We have watched you grow into a beautiful young woman and look forward to what your future holds for you! Congratulations! Love, the Yelles

EMILY COREY: You are resilient. It's time to celebrate all your hard work!

KASEY CZARNECKI: These last 18 years have gone by way too fast. Congratulations on your graduation. I know in the next 18 years, I will be just as proud of you. Good luck in whatever path you may follow. Love always, Nanny
You know, you're still gonna' have to feed the chickens, right? Love, Gram & (Gramps)
We love you and we are so proud of you. Mom and Dad

LAUREN DESROSIERS: Congratulations! Your future is looking so bright Henniker Family Dentistry

ELIZABETH DOWNING: Congratulations! We are so proud of all of your accomplishments and can't wait to see what you do in the future! Love, Mom and Dad

SPENCER KEANE: You've come a long way from the island of Sodor and Cybertron kiddo. Congratulations. We're proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad and Victoria
"Super easy; barely an inconvenience." You've so got this, Spence! Love, Mimi & (BeePee)

KAITLYN LAFLEUR: Congratulations on your graduation and good luck on your next path. Your neighbors, the Smalls

KATERINA MANDRINO: Kat, you've got this! We are wishing you this best of luck! Secret Adopting Family

BRIANNA MEISSER: Your kindness and creativity will get you far in life. Continue down the path. Wish you all the best! The Lees Family

BRENNAN MUCCI: "The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts." -- Marcus Aurelius. We are so proud of you, Brennan. Mom, Dad and Ryan

SHERIDAN O'BRIEN: Congratulations on all your accomplishments! May your future be filled with joy and happiness! Wishing you all the best on your life journey and dream to be "California Dreamin'." Love, Missy, Emma and your entire You Should Be Dancin' Family!

Campbell Fund Announces Awards

By Christine Hague

Four John Stark seniors, as well as a Weare homeschooler and a Weare college student, will receive scholarships from the Eleanor A. Campbell Charitable Foundation. The awards are given each year in honor of the Fund's founder and namesake, Dr. Eleanor Campbell, a supporter of health care, education and religious and civic activities.

Quinn Antle of Henniker is the recipient of the Hugh Sherwood scholarship, given to a student planning to study writing, journalism or political science. Other awards went to Brianna Bodner and Bethany Fulton of Weare, Margaret Girardet and Alana Sevigny of Henniker, and Jaimason Lacasse, who attends DeSales University.

In addition, 13 seniors at Hillsboro-Deering High School and a Hillsboro-Deering graduate now in college received scholarships. Students who attend John Stark and Hillsboro-Deering High Schools, as well as residents of the towns served by those schools are eligible for up to two scholarships.

Awards are made annually in the spring from a fund that is now a public charity. A foundation supported by the estate of the late Dr. Campbell, who summered in Deering, was established in 1931. Now a 501c3, the Fund accepts community support through donations via its website and fundraisers such as the upcoming NHGives.

Anyone interested in participating on the Board of this Fund, which awarded \$40,000 in scholarships this year may contact Peter Cram at 529-7588. See the website, <https://eleanorcampbellcharitablefund.org> for detailed information about the fund.

5 p.m.. on June 8. The funds for the matches come from the N.H. Charitable Foundation and its donors. Site-wide matches totaling up \$300,000 will occur at scheduled times until funds are exhausted. The objective is to encourage donations of any size to the many participating nonprofits.

Although the Campbell fund has conducted fund raising since it became a public charity, this online event has broadened its outreach to local communities. Every tax-deductible dollar raised provides scholarship funding for students in Hillsborough, Deering, Weare and the high schools serving those towns. Students may receive up to two scholarships during their college years. This year, the fund gave \$40,500 in scholarship awards to help local families with the cost of college.

From 5 p.m. on June 8 to 5 p.m. on June 9, donors may log on to, <https://www.nhgives.org/> select the Eleanor A. Campbell Fund, and participate. For those who prefer other means of supporting our students, <https://eleanorcampbellcharitablefund.org/make-a-donation/> offers a Pay Pal alternative or a mailing address.

School Board Hears Comments For and Against Mask Mandate

By Tom Clow

To mask or unmask? That was the question, but it got no immediate answer at the May 18 meeting of the Weare School Board.

School board member Rochelle Kelley had proposed that protective face coverings be made optional rather than mandatory for children in the Weare schools during the board's April meeting. The item was put on the agenda for May to provide an opportunity for public input.

Approximately 40 members of the public attended last Tuesday's meeting, held in the middle school cafeteria. Most were there to voice their opinions on the issue of masks during a public comment segment that lasted well over an hour. Board Chairperson, Wendy Curry, opened by saying the board had already received dozens of emails about masks.

First to speak in public comments was Dawn Spring, President of the Weare Education Association. She reminded board members that they had signed an agreement with the teachers' union last October that included the mask mandate, and that they could not vote that evening to nullify the agreement. The issue would have to be brought back to the negotiating table. A vote to override the agreement would be illegal, she said.

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Matching Funds on June 8th

By Christine Hague

When the Eleanor A. Campbell Charitable Fund signed on to participate in New Hampshire's Day of Giving on June 8 and 9, its main aspiration was to raise over a thousand dollars from small and large donors in the community. NHGives.org is an annual event that offers supporters statewide a chance to participate from home.

Now the event's sponsoring organization, The New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits, has announced scheduled matches of donations up to \$250, beginning at

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What followed was a series of emotionally charged appeals on both sides of the issue. Some arrived with lengthy prepared presentations citing multiple sources to support their points of view. Others were more personal, on the one side explaining how the masks were needed to protect a child susceptible to illness because of pre-existing conditions, and on the other, how a mask can make it difficult for a child with autism to function. Administrators from both the elementary and middle school assured people that children were not expected to wear masks for six hours straight but were given regular breaks outside where they could remove the masks.

Following the public comment segment, the school board voted 3-2 to enter into negotiations with the teachers' union on the issue. When contacted on Thursday, Curry said that no new date has been set to meet with the union; however, there is a previously scheduled meeting set for June 9 to begin negotiations on a new collective bargaining agreement. Curry explained that any agreement reached between the two parties would have to be voted on by all members of the union before coming back to the school board.

The school year is scheduled to end on June 18.



Dr. Lorraine Tacconi-Moore helps JFES fourth grade student Xavier D'Arcy hold his tracing paper in place (courtesy photo).

Love for the Classroom Comes Full Circle for Former Superintendent

What began as a simple comment at lunch this spring between Superintendent Jacqueline Coe and her predecessor at SAU 24, Dr. Lorraine Tacconi-Moore, has the retired SAU 24 Superintendent back in the classroom.

"Jackie and I were catching up over lunch when she mentioned she was having a difficult time replacing the one day a week art teacher at James Faulkner

Elementary (JFES), SAU 24's K-5 school in Stoddard," said Dr. Lorraine Tacconi-Moore in a school district press release. "In an instant, I said, 'I'll do it!'"

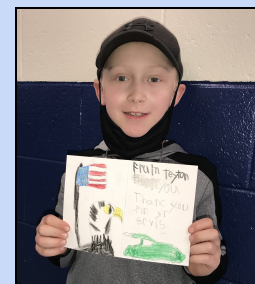
Dr. Tacconi-Moore was an art teacher for 18 years before transitioning to administrative roles. Throughout her career in administration, she was an assistant principal, principal, director of curriculum, assistant superintendent and then spent ten years as Superintendent at SAU 24.

"Once I moved into administrative positions, the one thing I always missed was the kids," she said. "I also have a real fondness for SAU 24. After all, it was my extended family for the past decade. The opportunity to step back into the classroom to teach art and stay connected with SAU 24 has been fantastic".

In classes with "Dr. Lorraine," (that's what students call her) JFES students have been learning about the work of artist Adam Goldsworthy who creates beautiful radial designs using raw materials found in nature. He also is a proponent of the philosophy that the charm of art is not the result or product but that it is the process of creating the art that brings it beauty. The first project students created was to make sculpture-like designs on the school grounds using found natural objects such as moss, sticks, and stones. They recently created radial designs on paper using tracing paper to repeat their design in each quadrant. "This opportunity to return to my roots in art education with SAU 24 students has been wonderful," Tacconi-Moore said. -Submitted by Patti Osgood



Tatum Lundeen from Mrs. Eriksen's class



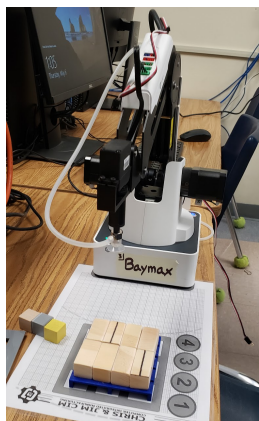
Teyton Dunn from Ms. Freedman's class

Students in second grade at CWES have been making cards to be included in military care packages.

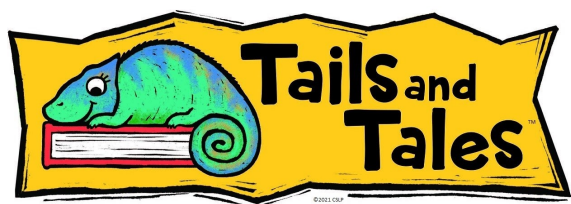
JSRHS Robot Programmed to Complete Many Tasks

Meet “Baymax,” one of three robots in Mr. Stone’s Computer Integrated

Manufacturing (CIM) class at John Stark Regional High School, where students are learning to program the robots to accomplish simple tasks and eventually automate a complete workcell. These tasks could be packaging, palletizing, welding, milling, grinding and machine tending. These robots are similar in nature to the automated manufacturing and assembly seen in companies like Tesla, Amazon, DHL, Best Buy, Adidas, Walmart and Pfizer. In addition to this CIM class, students can take Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Engineering Design and Development and Biological Engineering for Environment Sustainability within the Project Lead the Way Pre-Engineering Education Program at John Stark.



-Submitted by Patti Osgood



Summer Is Coming: Get READY for Tails and Tales at the Library!

The Weare Public Library has announced the theme and dates for 2021’s Summer Reading Program. Titled “Tails and Tales,” the library will challenge Weare residents to participate in fun reads and happenings – many of which involve animals and traditional stories.

“Our staff has been hard at work putting together exciting activities for all ages,” said Library Director Clay Kriese in a press release. “Traditionally, summer reading programs are designed to encourage youth to keep reading during summer vacation. Preventing the ‘summer slide’ [a decline in reading skills] continues to be a primary objective.”

“However,” Kriese added, “a top priority of a library is to further build and fortify its community. We are the perfect place for local interaction and companionship.”

Keeping with the program’s motif, Children’s Librarian Karen Metcalf is conducting several activities based on

animals, such as learning about monarch butterflies and building birdbaths, as well as interacting with the Rough Readers Therapy Dogs.

“But we also believe, when it comes to choosing activities, quality trumps theme,” Kriese said. “We’re holding other unique children’s events and crafts like Mad Science, Tie-Dye Fun and weekly Storytimes at the Lake.”

“For youth ages 7-18, I’m really looking forward to hosting ‘Get-Out-Gaming.’ A series of outdoor physical competitions every Saturday afternoon. You can compete for prizes while playing, for example, mini-disc golf or bocce ball. In addition, we’ll have demonstrations. Like, AG Paintball is showing off their guns and equipment, and the Weare Pickleball Club is holding a youth clinic.”

The Weare Library is also holding events for older patrons, such as the screening of the Weare Chronicles historical trilogy, and a picnic where you can make, bring and share sandwiches. Adults and teens will also have a reading challenge to complete.

“We’re giving away lots of prizes and craft kits for all ages,” Kriese continued. “Our monthly grab & go bags have been a huge hit. This summer, you can pick up a new grab & go every week. Some of them, like bookmarks and paper-quilling kits, are for teens and adults.”

The fun kicks off with a lawn party (featuring games provided by the Weare Parks & Recreation Commission) on June 24 and wraps-up with a Dance Party on July 29.

“It’ll be a chance to let loose and be silly,” said Children’s Librarian Karen Metcalf. “We’ll bring the music, you bring the moves!”

Each year, Weare’s Summer Reading Program is funded and supported by the Friends of the Library: The non-profit volunteer organization that allows patrons to enjoy programs, museums, parks and events without charge. You can learn more about this group, how to join, and other ways that you can help the library at <https://www.wearepubliclibrary.com/friends>.

Jack’s Little Free Library

By Friends of the Weare Library

Everyone is gathering at Jack’s Library to check out the



new selection of books. Come try one of the latest books placed in the library. Providing the funds for this library is one of the many projects in which the Friends of the Library participate. We meet monthly,

January - October, on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6-7 p.m. at the library. Everyone is welcome to join.



Summer Soccer Camp

By Jessie Sullivan

Weare Athletic Club is pleased to announce summer soccer with Challenger Sports! The dates will be July 12-July 16 at Weare Middle School. Ages 3-14 welcome.

The camp will run from Monday through Friday and each child will be coached by a member of Challenger's British coaching staff flown to the U.S. exclusively to work on these programs.

Each camper will receive a FREE camp T-shirt, soccer ball, soccer poster, individual skills performance evaluation and free access to an educational soccer website. In addition, any child who signs up by May 27 will receive a genuine British Soccer replica jersey valued at \$39!

Check out the Weare Athletic Club website for more info and to register today! [Summer – Soccer Camp](https://www.weareathleticclub.com/page/show/3025728-summer-soccer-camp) (<https://www.weareathleticclub.com/page/show/3025728-summer-soccer-camp>).



Business Issue: We Heard You

By Sharon Czarnecki

We at "Weare in the World" would like to let everyone know how proud we are of our local community and what we all have to offer one another. To that end, we plan



to publish a special section of our paper in August that is devoted just to area businesses. Let us know briefly about who you are, what you offer and how to get in touch!

Copy may be submitted to us starting now and it will be listed in the business issue in August free of charge. All businesses will be limited to the same amount of space – namely, the area of a standard business card, which is 3.5" by 2".

It has been suggested a business could run a special coupon code for the ad which appears in "Weare in the World." Such a generic code would have the advantage of not having to list complicated sale particulars in your limited space.

As of this time, "Weare in the World" encourages the community to "SHOP LOCAL." The particulars regarding publication dates and deadlines will be shared as we get closer. Please contact me with any questions at czar5@comcast.net.



Starting Memorial Day weekend, the Weare Real Food Farmers Market at 65 North Stark Highway will be open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. That weekend only, the market will be open Sunday and Monday as well to celebrate our Grand Opening! Vendors from New Hampshire congregate to provide fresh produce and quality crafts to Weare and the surrounding communities. Live music will be offered as often as possible and a food cart will have hot dogs, coffee, local pastries and more! Parking is free for customers and reserving a tent space is free for vendors. For more information contact info@realfoodmarkets.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 Jimmy! Papillon and Chihuahua mix; male; intelligent, playful and affectionate; medium coat; house trained; loves walks and good on a leash; vaccinations up to date;

neutered; three years old and weighs nine pounds; microchipped; good with other dogs, cats and children. Adoption fee: \$600 (*Would like to see him adopted with his son Johnny.*)



Meet Johnny! Papillon & Chihuahua mix; male; intelligent, playful, joyful and affectionate; medium coat; house trained; loves walks and is good on a leash; vaccinations up to date;

neutered; six months old; weighs six pounds; microchipped; good with other dogs, cats and children. Adoption Fee: \$600 (*Would like to see him adopted with his dad, Jimmy.*)

Meet Robbie! Shepherd and Yellow Lab Retriever mix; male; intelligent, playful, happy and affectionate; short coat; house trained; enjoys walks and picking up sticks; vaccinations up to date; neutered; six months old; weighs 30 pound; microchipped; good with other dogs and children. Adoption Fee: \$550.



Meet Meika! Papillon and Chihuahua mix; female; active, playful, joyful and affectionate; medium coat; house trained; loves walks and good on a leash; vaccinations up to date; spayed; six months old; weighs eight pounds;

microchipped; good with other dogs, cats and children. Adoption fee: \$600.

Meet Tessa!
German Shepherd mix;
female;
affectionate,
intelligent and eager to please; medium coat; house trained; knows basic commands; learning to walk on a leash; vaccinations up to date; spayed; 18 months old; weighs 48 pounds; microchipped; good with other dogs, cats and children. Adoption fee: \$550



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

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



Goffstown Rotary Car Show Zooms in Next Week

The Goffstown Rotary Car show is almost here! It will be held Saturday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The general public gets into this event for free. C'mon down to Parson's field and look for your favorite older car. All the profits go back into community projects in the form of grants, scholarships and other charitable donations, plus community service events.

The Goffstown Rotary Club services the communities of Goffstown, Weare, New Boston and Dunbarton. Meetings are held most Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m., via Zoom, with one evening meeting per month. For more information about the Goffstown Rotary, visit our website at www.goffstownrotary.org.



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Companion Planting with Garlic

By Anne Wirkkala

Garlic is a fun plant to grow. It is always a good producer -- most times too good. It is planted in the fall, even in the cold north of New Hampshire. It usually sends up a green sprout or two before the snow and overwinters well with some mulching in that condition. Then it is ready to begin growing early in the spring.



Any 19th century farm with fruit trees had garlic. Usually, it was the native small bulb kind, which grew prolifically beneath all the trees. Many of us still have orchards with abundant springtime garlic crops.

Do not underestimate these powerful little garlic cloves. They are wonderful in cooking, as long as you are careful not to use too much. They also keep for long periods of time, even if they look dried up and useless.

There are some types of hard neck (larger bulbs) garlics that do well under these conditions also. Russian or Polish/Slavic are two heirloom types. Our immigrant ancestors brought them to America from the early days of colonial settlement. Both types loved our fertile soils and have flourished in America.

Garlic is known to repel cabbage loopers, diamondback moths and cabbage moths and worms. Garlic also fights pests for chamomile, fruit trees, peppers, roses, rue, spinach and strawberries.

Be careful however; there are some plants that actually suffer when planted near garlic. They are asparagus, peas, beans, sage and parsley. Garlic has been known to stunt their growth.

FREE RESOURCE: The May Garden Club meeting featured Nate Bernitz from the N.H. Cooperative Extension, who outlined all the many services available to gardeners, most of which are free. Check out <https://extension.unh.edu/>. There are videos, podcasts, fact sheets, workshops, seminars, webinars, information on soil testing -- advice on just about anything a gardener would like to know.

A valuable group of staff and volunteers bring you such wonderful programs as "Grow it Green" broadcast weekly on WMUR. They also respond to your frantic email or phone call asking, "What is eating my tree? Plant? Lawn?" etc.

Garden Club – Next Meeting

By Anne Wirkkala

The next meeting is Tuesday, June 1 at 7 p.m. starting in the library parking lot for concrete stepping stone construction.



Please RSVP if you are planning on attending so we can get the correct number of materials. You will need to bring a flat, box-like container with 2-3" of clean sand (no rocks) big enough to hold your leaf, a trowel, a large leaf (rhubarb, hosta or some such) and gloves. Some people may choose to do a wall hanging. If so, bring a smaller leaf and a piece of ribbon or twine for a hanger. The club will provide the cement. Let me know if you cannot bring a leaf.

After that, we will adjourn to the Sawyer Room for refreshments and our business meeting. The topics will be the plant sale, field trips and summer meetings.

Please invite anyone who might be interested in joining and/or is interested in gardening in any way to join us. For more information, contact awirkkala@gsinet.net or 529-1234.

By the way, I just came across an article about sterile cultivars (i.e. Proven Winners plants). Just a heads up, they do NOT produce pollen that attracts and feeds bees! (SOURCE: "Fine Gardening," Dec. 2017, p. 10: "What's the deal with sterile cultivars?")

VERDANT FIELD

The field had greened
over a few weeks,
luxurious
verdant expanse,
until it turned
yellow when
an invasion
of dandelions
took over, not
as pretty as
before unless
you plan to pick
the flowers and
make fried fritters
for dinner or wine
for sipping on a
snowy winter night.

- Marge Burke



Ya Never Know Thrift Shoppe

By Margaret Bailey

On May 1, the \$20 gift card winner was Emma Watts! For every \$5 spent, a patron's name is entered into a drawing held on the first day of each month. Come try your luck for June.

May was very busy with our 50% off purses and shoes! For the month of June, Ya Never Know Thrift Shoppe will be having a \$5 Bag Sale! Hours have been extended. We are now open on Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Seniors Need Some Essential Items

Current needs for seniors at the food bank: canned tuna, canned chicken, small mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, buttery mashed potatoes, cereal, pancake and waffle mix, canned baked beans, canned green beans, canned corn, small peanut butter, laundry soap, dish soap. Items can be dropped at the Ya Never Know Thrift Store on Wednesdays or Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Friday 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Thank you for your support.



Chase Park Beach opens May 29. For a schedule of beach and boat ramp hours, go to https://www.weare.nh.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf5161/f/page/s/chase_park_hours_2021.pdf (Tom Clow photo).



Job Opportunities in Weare

Dunkin Donuts Manager

DESCRIPTION: PT/FT; all shifts available

REQUIRED ATTRIBUTES: Good with people

EXPERIENCE: Not necessary

SCHEDULE: Varies

STARTING SALARY: Will discuss

There are also **crew positions** open

TO APPLY: Call 529-5547, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Ask for Kasia

Retail Associates, Country 3 Corners Convenience

DESCRIPTION: PT/FT; all shifts available

REQUIRED ATTRIBUTES: Reliable, works well with others, preferably 16 years of age and older

EXPERIENCE: Not necessary

SCHEDULE: Varies

STARTING SALARY: Will discuss

HOW TO APPLY: Stop in the store at 427 South Stark Highway for an application

Hardware and Lumber Yard Associates, Country 3 Corners

DESCRIPTION: PT

REQUIRED ATTRIBUTES: Reliable, good with people, enjoy working outdoors (lumber yard position)

EXPERIENCE: Not necessary

SCHEDULE: Various shifts

STARTING SALARY: Will discuss

TO APPLY: Stop in the store at 833 South Stark Highway for an application

Children's Assistant Librarian, Weare Public Library

DESCRIPTION: General library routines in the Children's Room.

REQUIRED ATTRIBUTES: Friendliness, flexibility, patience, good 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: PT, 10 hours per week, weekday mornings and afternoons

STARTING SALARY: \$11 per hour

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: <https://www.wearepubliclibrary.com/employment>

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, May 26

7 p.m. - Weare Library Book Group discusses
"Pachinko;" outside event

Thursday, May 27

7 p.m. - Planning Board, Town Offices

Saturday, May 29

9 a.m. - Chase Park Opening Day

Tuesday, June 1

7:30 p.m. - Zoning Board meeting

Wednesday, June 2

6 p.m. - Mildred Hall Committee

Thursday, June 3

7 p.m. - Weare Public Library Trustees meeting

Friday, June 4

5 p.m. - Moody Pond Marketplace opening

Monday, June 7

6 p.m. - Board of Selectmen meeting

Tuesday, June 8

5 p.m. - Cemetery Trustees meeting

7 p.m. - Parks & Recreation meeting

Wednesday, June 9

4:15 p.m. - Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting

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

7:00 p.m. - Conservation Commission meeting



Memorial Day Will Be Observed on Monday, May 31

"Women in the south began decorating the graves of soldiers with flowers before the Civil War was over; later, towns in the north began doing so with formal, organized occasions. In 1868, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic John A. Logan designated May 30 a day for "decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion." In 1881, New Hampshire Governor Natt Head issued a proclamation formally establishing Decoration Day as a holiday in our state.

Decoration Day evolved into what today we call Memorial Day, which honors all Americans who gave their lives in the armed services, in all wars. In 1971, President Richard Nixon declared Memorial Day a federal holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May; New Hampshire continued to officially observe the holiday on May 30 until 1993, when Governor Stephen Merrill signed legislation joining the federal observance."

Information from the N.H. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

See more at <https://www.dncr.nh.gov/>

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Just a Common Soldier

(A Soldier Died Today)

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past.
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one.

And tho' sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,
All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.

He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,
For he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life.
Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his own way,
And the world won't note his passing, though a soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great.
Papers tell their whole life stories, from the time that they were young,
But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land
A guy who breaks his promises and cons his fellow man?
Or the ordinary fellow who, in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his Country and offers up his life?

A politician's stipend and the style in which he lives
Are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives.
While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal and perhaps, a pension small.

It's so easy to forget them for it was so long ago,
That the old Bills of our Country went to battle, but we know
It was not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom that our Country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand,
Would you want a politician with his ever-shifting stand?
Or would you prefer a soldier, who has sworn to defend
His home, his kin and Country and would fight until the end?

He was just a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.
Perhaps just a simple headline in a paper that would say,
Our Country is in mourning, for a soldier died today.

-A Lawrence Vaincourt