



# Weare in the World

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For Weare Residents, by Weare Residents



## Children's Christmas Party

Sunday Dec. 5  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Weare Middle School

- Singalongs
- Animal encounters
- Santa and elves
- Auction
- Caroling
- Tree lighting
- Refreshments

### Brought to the community by:

Weare Historical Society  
Weare Public Library staff  
JSRHS DECA club



Ground has been broken for a Dollar General Store on South Stark Highway (Tom Clow photo).

## Dollar General Retail Store

### Coming Soon to South Weare

By Tom Clow

A Dollar General retail store is coming soon to South Weare. The site at 455 South Stark Highway, north of Lanctot's Center and Dunkin Donuts, has been eyed for development since March 2021 when Matthew Bombaci, a project manager for Bohler Engineering of Southborough, MA, and Eamon Moran, President of Aubuchon Realty Company (ARC) of Concord, MA, met with the Weare Planning Board to explain their proposal for a 10,500 square foot building on the lot, which is located in a commercial zone. At that time, there was no specific tenant for the site. Moran offered several different possibilities including an auto parts store, a hardware store or a dollar store.

Last week, town officials confirmed that  
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### "Talk" To Us



Share a Christmas Memory  
Stories – max 500 words, poems, photos  
[weareintheworldnews@gmail.com](mailto:weareintheworldnews@gmail.com)

Deadline – Friday, Dec. 3

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permits had been issued for a Dollar General. In addition, the ARC website includes a map of the 5.97-acre site showing the planned location of the building, the layout of a parking area and other graphics. The website also indicates a planned completion date of sometime in the first quarter of 2022. To view the plan for the building site, search "Dollar General - Weare - ARC, Inc."

## Weare Board of Selectmen Sets Tax Rate at \$17.20

By Tom Clow

The 2021 tax rate was set at \$17.20 per thousand by the Weare Board of Selectmen at its meeting on Nov. 15. The board used \$600,000 from the undesignated fund balance to help defray the tax impact. This is the only purpose for which the selectmen can spend from the fund balance. Any other expenditure from that fund must be approved by voters through a warrant article.

The new rate represents a sharp decrease from the 2020 tax rate of \$23.95, however, to make a direct comparison would be inaccurate. 2021 was a revaluation year for Weare, with the goal being to bring all property assessments to fair-market value, a process required by the State of New Hampshire every five years. Addressing the Board of Selectmen in March, Chad Roberge, assessor for Avitar Associates, the assessing agent for the town of Weare, estimated that assessments would be raised 30 to 40 percent, with waterfront property more. He emphasized, however, that taxes would not go up by that percentage. As the overall valuation of the town increased, the fall tax rate will be adjusted down, he said. The town's assessing office sent letters to all property owners in the spring with their new assessments.

So, what will your tax bill be? If your new assessment is \$300,000, your total tax bill for 2021 will be  $(300 \times 17.20)$  or \$5,160. Of course, your fall bill will show that you already paid part of that in the spring. Town Administrator Naomi Bolton said that tax bills were scheduled to be sent out on Nov. 22, with payment due on Dec. 23.

The Weare tax rate is the lowest in the area when compared to surrounding towns that have set their tax rates to date. The New Hampshire Department of Revenue (DRA) website lists the rates for all municipalities in the state that have reported their 2021 rates. The table compares nearby communities that have reported thus far.

Town	Tax rate
Hopkinton	\$30.87
Warner	\$26.31
Bow	\$25.49
Goffstown	\$24.82
Dunbarton	\$23.41
New Boston	\$18.50
Weare	\$17.20

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School News




*Tommy Coruth proudly holds up the carrot he pulled from the CWES garden with math interventionist Mrs. Keegan-Dayton looking on (courtesy photo).*

### Third Grade Garden Project Grows into Lessons about Courage

The Center Woods Elementary School garden recently provided experiences for third graders beyond gardening. A garden project grew to include preparing, cooking and tasting homemade soup. It also offered students in Mrs. Descoteau's class the opportunity to talk about courage, their first "CHOOSE LOVE" focus from the social/emotional learning curriculum.

Descoteau spoke with students about how it takes courage to try new things. She pointed out that everyone tried at least one new thing: pulling carrots and weeds, washing and cutting vegetables, opening cans, adding spices, measuring ingredients and trying new food -- their homemade soup!

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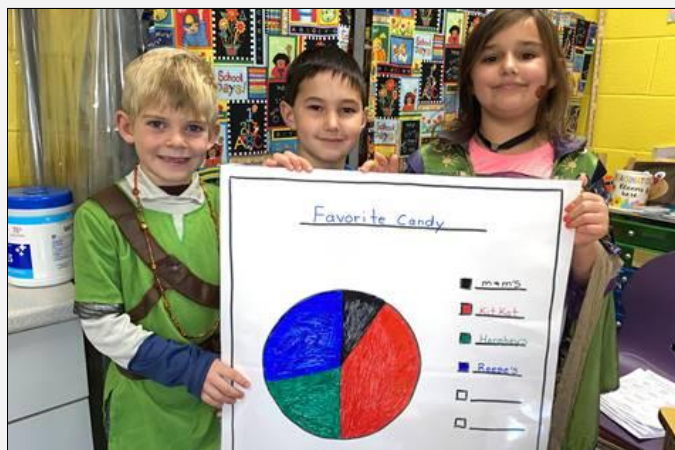


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"The students were enthusiastic and had great confidence in all aspects of the project," Descoteau said in a school release. "We had a team of incredible adults helping as well."

Math Interventionist Mrs. Keegan-Dayton worked with students on the project from start to finish. Assistant Principal Jacqueline Cornwell helped students cut the vegetables and cook the soup, stirring the soup often to make certain it didn't burn. K-8 math coach Mrs. Kenney oversaw handwashing and vegetable scrubbing while paraeducator Mrs. Wing offered classroom support as the various stations were running. Interventionist Mrs. Dionne, occupational therapist Ms. Scholl and physical therapist Ms. Kelsey helped to serve the soup. Lastly, CWES kindergarten teacher Mrs. Tucker stopped by to check out the project and see some of the students she had when they were in kindergarten, and they all worked on a soup project.

"I am so thankful for the amazing people at Center Woods Elementary for their energy and dedication to learning for all students," Descoteau said. "I am also thankful for all the support our students got at home for the project. I'm also appreciative of the donated soup items families sent in for the project."



Second graders at Center Woods Elementary School learned how to draw and use bar and picture graphs. Adding sweet, real-world learning into the mix, teacher Barbara Grantz tied graph creation to student preferences for Halloween candy. Each student was given a choice of M&Ms, Kit Kats, Hershey bars or Reeses and was asked to pick their favorite. The class collected the data and created six graphs to show which ones were class favorites and noted how many different graphs showed the same information. Above, Jonathan Gaffney, Jordan Larue and Isabelle Tavares show their pie chart (Barbara Grantz photo).

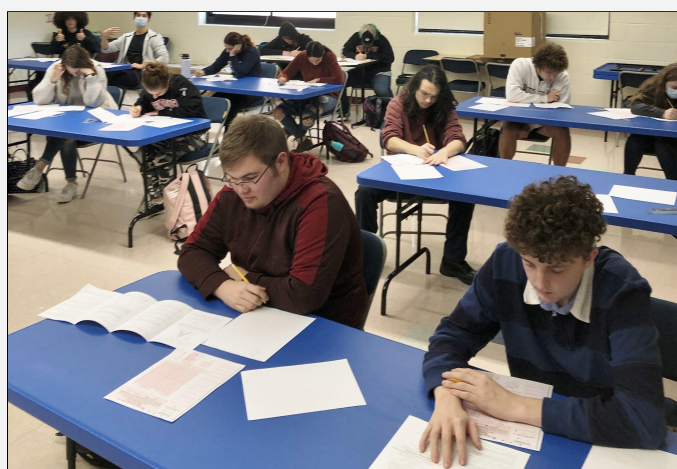


Nineteen students were inducted into the John Stark Regional High School Chapter of the National Honor Society Chapter on Nov. 8. L-R: Natalie Smith, Nolan Scott, Jackson Davis, Samantha Veilleux, Logan Grant, Ruby Dykstra, Emma Dobbins, Meghan Mefford, Katelyn Pinter, Aubrey Fischer, Kiera Briggaman, Kadie Forrestall, Rose Kosciuszek, Percy Carson, Sarah Guillemette, Sophia McGinty, Jacqueline O'Donnell, Brooke Blackburn and Andrea Seaver. They joined returning members (shown below): Maria Hagar (Secretary), Bailey Carignan, Kaitlyn Bossart (Treasurer), Brianna Langdon, Terry Greene, Lexi Guimond, Emaly Roy (President), Gracie Bolduc (Vice President), Alexis Rinker, Grace Caplan, Diana Stafford (Public Relations). Absent from photo: Ketan Fournier, Alyson Kenney, Devin Patterson, and Arden Ulmer. Qualifications for membership are based on the 4 pillars of the National Honor Society: scholarship, service, leadership and character (courtesy photos).



### Superintendent's Zoom Hours

SAU 24 Superintendent Jacqueline Coe will host Zoom office hours on Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. To learn more about what is happening in the Henniker, Weare, John Stark and Stoddard School Districts and to ask questions, please join SAU 24 Superintendent Jacqueline Coe via Zoom @<https://bit.ly/2Yx51YJ> OfficeHours Meeting ID: 821 4229 1994 Passcode: 225191 or Join by phone @ ?(US) +1 240-623-0475? PIN: ?538 949 965?#.



(L-R) Nathan Grandmaison and Logan Pike were among the 18 John Stark students who took the American Mathematics Competition exam in November (Matthew Caputo photo).

## JSRHS Math Students Compete

John Stark Regional High School students joined thousands of high school students around the country competing in the American Mathematical Competition (AMC) in November. The AMC 10 (students in grade 10 and below) and AMC 12 (students in grade 12 and below) are 25-question, 75-minute, multiple-choice examinations in high school mathematics designed to promote the development and enhancement of problem-solving skills. The AMC 10 covers the high school curriculum up to tenth grade. The AMC 12 covers the entire high school curriculum: trigonometry, advanced algebra and advanced geometry but excluding calculus.

"This is the fifth year John Stark has administered the AMC competition," said JSRHS math teacher Matthew Caputo. "We had 18 students take the exam; that's the greatest number of students at John Stark to participate in the last five years." Caputo added that students who score well, about the top 10%, will have the opportunity to move on to the AIME, the American Invitational Mathematics Examination.

The AMC began in 1950 with 200 schools with about 6,000 students participating in the New York area. Today, it has grown to 300,000 students in over 6,000 schools. The AMC provides an opportunity for high school students to develop positive attitudes towards analytical thinking and mathematics that can assist in future careers. The AMC 10 and 12 are the first in a series of competitions that eventually lead to the [International Mathematical Olympiad](#).



Forty-four John Stark students took advantage of the school's first "I Am College Bound: I Applied Day" held on Nov. 9. Each student who participated received hands-on, expert assistance in submitting their college application to any New Hampshire private, public, four- or two-year college or university from volunteers who are professionals in the college access field, including college admissions officers and the JSRHS counseling team. For free, students could ask questions, get college essay feedback, have their college application(s) reviewed before submission and pay no application fee. The 44 participating John Stark seniors were also entered to win a \$500 college scholarship that will be awarded to one John Stark student. "I Applied Day" is part of a campaign that assists high school seniors with navigating the college admissions process. Above, Diana Stafford, the first John Stark senior to submit a college application on "I Applied Day" signs a poster in the school library (courtesy photo).

-School articles submitted by Patti Osgood.

## Selectmen Award Lawn Care, Cleaning, and IT Contracts

By Tom Clow

Selectmen approved contracts for lawn care, cleaning services and information technology (IT) services at their Nov. 15 meeting. All contracts were for three-year periods but were broken down to be site-specific for services and with yearly as well as total contract costs.

The lawn care contract for cemeteries was awarded to Landscape Exclusive, LLC for a three-year total of \$131,000 broken down as follows: 2022 - \$42,000, 2023 - \$44,000, 2024 - \$45,000. This amount covers the cost of regular mowing, as well spring and fall cleanup, of 18 town-owned cemeteries.

The contract for lawn care and landscape services for municipal properties was awarded to Stockhaus Enterprises, LLC for a three-year contract total of \$202,050  
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broken down in equal installments of \$67,350 per year. Municipal properties include parks and athletic fields as well as the gazebo area and the property around all town government buildings. Stockhaus was also given the contract for Fire Department lawn care, which involves mowing all of the cistern sites in the town at an annual cost of \$8,725 totaling \$22,700 over the three years.

A Cleaner Solution was awarded the cleaning contract. The terms of this contract run from April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2025, so the breakdown is different than for lawn care. The three-year contract totals are as follows: Department of Public Works (DPW) offices - \$7,500, Town Hall - \$4,470, Town Office Building - \$22,905.

The IT contract was awarded to Umbral Technologies, LLC of Merrimack, NH, for a total of \$95,400 or \$31,800 per year for 2022 - 2024. The contract does not include IT services for the library.

**Budget Presentations**

The Board of Selectmen also heard detailed budget presentations from Police, Fire Rescue, Library, and the Parks and Recreation Department as well as from CIP Chairman Jack Dearborn at its November meetings. These presentations can be accessed through the meeting minutes posted on the Town of Weare website. The Police Department budget can be found on its website by clicking on the chief's page. A breakdown of all CIP requests was published in the Oct. 13 issue of Weare in the World. For easy access to all back issues, visit our new website: [www.weareintheworldnews.com](http://www.weareintheworldnews.com).

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

<b>Selectman</b>	One position	3-year term
<b>Town Clerk</b>	One position	3-year term
<b>Town Moderator</b>	One Position	2-year term
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	One Position	3-year term
<b>Supervisor of Checklist</b>	One position	6-year term
<b>Library Trustee</b>	One position	3-year term
<b>Cemetery Trustee</b>	One position	3-year term
<b>Trustee of Trust Funds</b>	One position One position	2-year term 3-year term

<b>Board of Firewards</b>	Non-Member One position	3-year term
	Member One position	3-year term

**Weare Public Library News****Weare Public Library Introduces After School Gaming and More**

By Clay Kriese

The weather is turning cold. The days are turning dark. But there's plenty to do indoors at the Weare Public Library.

The library is the ideal safe, warm and friendly space for local youth to hang out, do some homework, socialize and have fun!

Starting this week, when school is in session, every Monday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., we're hosting "After School Gaming." If you need something to do, we have you covered. You can challenge your friends with Nintendo Switch games like *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate* or *Mario Kart 8* or play one of our board or card games. And, since it is held in the Sawyer Room, feel free to bring your snacks and drinks.

Spurred by high interest, last month, the Friends of the Library provided the funding for a Nintendo Switch system, three additional controllers and two marquee games. We are also looking into purchasing an additional system that features hundreds of classic retro-arcade games.

Further, thanks to the help of a grant, we've added several popular board games, such as *Ticket To Ride* and *Pandemic*, to our collection. All patrons can play them at the library, or check them out and take them home.

Due to the recent success of our "Gaming Nights," we **See GAMING, page 6**

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were inspired to add this after school program. All ages are invited to our next "Game Night" on Dec. 9 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

No doubt, *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate* is our most popular game. Therefore, we will also host our first *Smash Tournament* on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 1 p.m. Kids and teens (ages 7 to 18) can sign up to fight for prizes and glory. Just visit or contact the library between Dec 1 and Dec 10.

Finally, if you are not that into video games, consider our weekly "Pinochle and Cribbage" meet-ups (every Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m.), where you can meet and play with other card enthusiasts.

For more information about these or other events, call the Weare Public Library at 603-529-2044, email at [wearepl@comcast.net](mailto:wearepl@comcast.net), or go to our website: [wearepubliclibrary.com](http://wearepubliclibrary.com).



Weare Historical Society

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Weare, NH 03281

## Tidbits of Weare History

*An occasional feature by the Weare Historical Society*

This week by Heleen Kurk, director:

**Do you know where the first school was in Weare and how much money was raised to run it?**

The first school was kept in the house or barn of Jonathan Atwood at South Weare in 1769, the town having voted the sum of five pounds lawful money for the purpose, (or about \$1,340 in today's dollars.) You can learn more about early schools in Weare by going to William Little's 1888 "History of Weare."

**For years, students who went on to high school went out of town. What do you know about Weare's first high school?**

Weare's first high school opened in September 1919 in the second story of the Town Hall. The first class had 20 pupils of whom 14 graduated in 1923.



Go to [wearehistoricalsociety.org](http://wearehistoricalsociety.org) to learn more about our town's history and or to join the society.



## LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHTS: Christmas Tree Farms



*Windcrest Farm covered in snow (courtesy photo).*

### Windcrest Farm

By Marge Burke

'Tis the season when life at Windcrest Farm, 274 Poor Farm Road in Weare, gets "kind of crazy for a few weeks," said the farm owner Paul Doscher.

What began as a vegetable garden over forty years ago has evolved into growing trees -- not just any trees, but Christmas trees. After a decade of vegetable gardening and selling, Paul and his wife, Deb, decided to turn their fields into a Christmas tree farm. It is now a thriving cut-your-own tree enterprise, in the true New England tradition of "pick" or "cut" -- in this case, your own product.

The business is a family operation that began modestly selling a few dozen trees the first few years. It takes eight years from the time a seedling is planted until the tree is ready to be cut, decorated and bring joy to hundreds of families. Now, they sell between 250 and 300 trees a season. During the "crazy" time, they enlist the help of volunteer friends who assist with the customers, manage traffic and parking.

While this is basically a seasonal business, a lot goes on behind the scenes beginning in April of each year when they planted new trees, until recently. Fertilizing happens in May, followed by the most time-consuming job: mowing grass in the rows through the rest of the growing season. The trees are checked regularly for any necessary pruning, leading to "perfect" trees that are identified as ready for cutting. It is important that the grass is kept low to prevent rodents from taking up residence and damaging the trees. There is an electric fence as a deer deterrent. It takes a buck only 90

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seconds to rub against a tree and totally destroy it, a devastating loss of eight years of cultivation.

Cutting season begins the Saturday after Thanksgiving at 9 a.m. and is open weekends until the weekend before Christmas. There could be as many as forty cars or pick-up trucks waiting in line on opening day with returning customers who are very familiar with the routine. New customers this year are asked to wait until Sunday to come and cut your tree so the Doschers can explain the process and orient you to the farm. There is no need to bring any tools, as saws are provided, the kind that require some elbow grease. Chainsaws are not allowed due to insurance requirements. Doscher has twine to help secure the tree, in case you forget to bring your own. It is strongly suggested that customers wear weather-appropriate clothes, sturdy shoes for walking over rough ground, work gloves to protect the hands, as well as keeping them warm. For many years the majority of the customers came on opening day to choose, tag and pay for their tree, then came back in a couple of weeks to do the actual cutting, in order to have the freshest tree possible. Now most people choose, pay and cut at their first visit. Both options are available.



For many families, a trip to Windcrest Farm has become a tradition going back as far as three generations. Customers are asked to please wear a mask, honor social distancing, have a happy disposition, put on a smile and enjoy yourselves.

Please follow the parking signs. There is absolutely NO parking allowed on Poor Farm Road. Volunteers will be available to direct customers to the fields.

Paul Doscher worked for the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests for almost 30 years and now devotes much of his time as a conservation advisor assisting land owners in protecting their property for future generations. He and Deb Doscher hope to retire from the tree business in a few years, so they are no longer planting new trees.

**Windcrest Farm**

**274 Poor Farm Road**

**Phone: 603-529-2653**

[www.windcrestfarmnh.com](http://www.windcrestfarmnh.com)



*The Townes family and Santa Claus at Jewel Farm in Weare (Katlyn Ashley photo).*

**Jewel Farm**

By Karen Lovett

Kristy Townes is the kind of gal who starts humming Christmas tunes when the leaves are still falling. Heck, since the first week in November, the halls in her Weare home have been fully decked for Dec. 25.

"I'm not someone who rolls my eyes when I see Christmas stuff out right after Halloween," said Townes in a recent phone interview. "I love to see it."

So, it's not surprising when some years ago, Townes and her husband Eldon were a little twinkly eyed when they visited Sowle's tree farm in Dunbarton to pick out the centerpiece of their Christmas decor.

"We were just admiring how beautiful it was and how fun it was to be out there, picking out a tree, with everyone getting in the spirit," said Townes, who taught elementary students in Weare for seven years. "It was right up our alley. With where we live, we have plenty of land. We were like, 'Why don't we give it a try?'"

The Towneses live on 15 acres on Huntington Hill Road, which they call Jewel Farm. The original Jewel Farm was the childhood home of Eldon Townes' grandfather, which was located on Luftkin Road in Weare. The antique sign from the old farm was given to Eldon and Kristy, and they felt it only natural to call their own property by the namesake.

In the spring of 2013, the couple got to work on the vision: planting 300 seedlings in a field; Eldon, who owns Townes Excavating and Septic Services, shoveling

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a wedge in the earth; Kristy next, hand planting each one-foot tall tree-to-be.

It was so satisfying that within time, the couple decided to get rid of the cows they kept in order to use more fields for Christmas tree planting. In fact, they



have repeated their 300-seedling ritual each year now, save for this past April, when Townes was nine months pregnant with her third child. (They only planted 100.

“We’ll make up for it,” Kristy Townes said.)

In 2020, the couple opened Jewel Tree Farm to sell their first crop of trees. Kristy Townes said they sold so many on their opening day they decided to shut down in order to save enough to sell for the following year.

When it comes to selecting a tree of her own, Townes said she’s “super picky” and not into the sparse but spirited “Charlie Brown” type.

“I like a little height, because we have tall ceilings, and I really like the perfect shape,” she said. “It has to be that perfect triangle...tall and full.”

The couple has already tagged their tree, but there are plenty of Balsam and Fraser Fir available for customers this season and in varying heights (some 8-footers, lots of 7- and 6-footers and some smaller.) All trees are \$60. Wreaths handmade by Kristy Townes will also be for sale. Saws, cocoa, candy canes and good cheer are free.

**Jewel Farm**

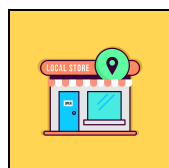
111 Huntington Hill Road

Open: Saturday, Nov. 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Phone: 603-759-0562

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Jewel-Farm-Christmas-Tree-s-103416224816184>

**Small Business Saturday**

Support local on Saturday, Nov. 27!

When holiday shopping, consider Weare businesses. Browse the *Weare in the World* business issue with its directory of vendors to spark some gift ideas. Happy shopping!

<https://www.weareintheworldnews.com/business-edition>

**Scout News**

By Bailey Theriault

In November, Cub Scout Pack 24 participated in Scouting for Food, a nationwide food drive program. The Scouts (in concert with Troop 24) collected and delivered 1,328 items to the Weare Food Pantry. Thank you to all in town who donated food and to all who participated in the success!

On Nov. 14 Scouts raced their handmade rockets in the Pack 24 Space Derby. Fun times were had by all, as each rocket blasted off to race down the track! In December, we will be getting ready for our Pinewood Derby race and will have a fellowship campfire.



The Cub Scout program is open to all boys and girls in grades K-5 and the Pack welcomes new members year-round. If anyone is interested in joining, learning more about the program, or checking out an upcoming event, you can find more information at [www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org) or can reach out directly to Bill Theriault, Pack 24 Cubmaster [usaairforceod@yahoo.com](mailto:usaairforceod@yahoo.com).

**SENIOR NEWS**

HAND IN HAND MINISTRIES ~ SENIOR CENTER, 33 NORTH STARK HWY, WEARE NH 03281

This past week, seniors donated hats and mittens to Center Woods Elementary School -- handmade with love! A wonderful team of ladies, Kathy, Joan and Pauline, who displayed one of their many talents. Their hope is that each child can go out and play with friends even if they forget their warm mittens and hats at home.

Do you like to crochet? Any help or talent that you See SENIORS, page 9



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would like to share with us? The Senior Center is open while Ya Never Know Thrift Shoppe is. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a friend!

If anyone is interested in a painting party on an evening or weekend, stop in and see Peggy or call 603-529-4263.

The Breaking Bread Cafe is open with FREE lunch for seniors age 60+. Lunch is each Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. When the food runs out, service is done for the day. Find the menu for the week here:

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

For Christmas dinner, sign up at the cafe or call 603-529-4263. Leave your name and number of meals, Pick up or dine in.



## Asked and Answered: What are you thankful for?



David Lansford (courtesy photo).

### I'm Grateful for Small Acts of Kindness

By Connie Evans

For about three years at specific times in the day, David Lansford has sat in his lawn chair at the end of his driveway waving to cars and school buses going by his home on Route 114. It's a simple act, but one that means a lot to people of all ages.

David's act of kindness started when he waited with his grandsons for their school bus, waving goodbye to them and the other children. He now waves to dozens, if not hundreds, of vehicles, on his busy road making sure to acknowledge the younger children on school buses in the morning and afternoon. He has his regulars who look for him, me being one of them. I can tell you in all honesty, I miss David if he isn't there, and I am not the only one. High schoolers will stop by and ask where he was if the lawn chair was missing when they passed by.

David doesn't just wave; you also get a broad smile at no extra charge, guaranteed to lift your spirits. If you are lucky, you might even get jazz hands, but they are generally reserved for special individuals. One is a little girl in a car seat whose mother rolls her window down so her daughter can reciprocate with her own jazz hands.

David's goal? He wants to perk people up if they are having a bad day. In doing so, it makes him happy as well. People honk, wave back, and can't help smiling in return. In these unsettling times, isn't it nice to know that someone out there is willing to sit in good weather and bad just to make you happy.



### Ya Never Know Thrift Shoppe

December sale: buy one, get one for women's pants and children's clothing. Upon customer request, a Christmas room has been added!

The shoppe is looking for volunteers to join the team. Anyone interested in giving a day per week or a few others a month can contact the shoppe; volunteers get a 30% discount.

Hours are Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

More: <https://www.facebook.com/ThriftyShopper03281>.



### Wine Tasting at Country 3 Corners

Friday, Dec. 16, 5-7 p.m.  
(In the hardware store)  
833 S. Stark Highway

603-529-7539 X 4

[lfiala@country3corners.com](mailto:lfiala@country3corners.com)

## Heads Up

By Sharon Czarnecki

Have you ever noticed how busy your head is all the time? How often does the phrase, "My head was elsewhere" apply? What's for dinner? Do I have what I need to make it? I need to move the wash around. Oops, I forgot to send that birthday card. Is this garbage night? I'll feed the dog the...

But there is nothing like a little drama to stop it in mid-whirl. Stacking wood, my arms are full. I trip on a tarp and my face and head meet the deck full force! Did you know that people bounce? I hit it a second time!

And you stop. Your head is quiet – very quiet. Then it whispers...We are on blood thinners you know....This means an ambulance ride. Sigh, yes, I know.

And suddenly, I know exactly what I am thankful for. The daughter who is glued to my side, the EMT personnel, the Concord Hospital staff, the room I am taken to when so many, so very many are in cots or recliners in the hallway, the warm blankets, the *negative* CAT scan, the discharge to HOME.

So grateful for the prayers, the daughters, the son, the sister, the dad, the grandchildren, the friends, even the pets. I am glad that my head has stopped whispering but its chatter is now annoyingly interspersed with, "Are you sure that's the best use of your time?"

## Chickens Are Hilarious

By Carla Brown

You should see the way a rooster acts when he "wants some loving" from a hen. First, he drops one wing down to the ground; and then does a relatively short, but vigorous dance all around her. If she's interested, she hugs the ground with her tail feathers up. He hops on, and the deed is done in two seconds. Then, the rooster struts his stuff while loudly declaring his prowess to the audience in attendance. All this, while the hen just fluffs her feathers and continues her day.

Sometimes if no hens are cooperative with his advances, he pretends that he has found some food. He makes a special clucking sound that is very similar to the clucking a mother hen makes to alert her babies to come quickly to the food she has found. So when the ladies rush over to see the food, the rooster, using his beak, grabs one of them by the feathers on her back and jumps on. And again, it's over in seconds. Of course, the rooster knows that this scenario would only work if

he actually found food for them often, so he works at it all day. He's also pretty clever. Whenever I throw chicken feed out for them, he takes credit for it by clucking them over, even if they're all already there.

So, we got the chickens primarily for the eggs, of course, but I would have fun watching them even if they didn't lay. But, oh the eggs! They have deeply orange yolks and sturdy whites and are so, so delicious! And, the reason why the eggs are this way is because the chickens run around our ten acres eating bugs and grass and whatever else they can find. It's really amazing when you think about it: the living factory of a critter's body taking in such diverse ingredients of bugs, seeds and grass that then automatically, (almost automatically) produce a delicious food for us, or the beginnings of a replica of its parents!

We have one downside, though. There are coyotes in the area that would get them if we didn't have our guard donkey, Gladys. Donkeys don't like coyotes, and they are very protective of their territory and their "friends!" Gladys ran a coyote down that was after the chickens and stomped it to death. We, and the chickens, appreciate Gladys.

## Mist Rising

Ice skim along  
the shoreline  
open water  
beyond  
mist rises in  
ghostly spirals.

-Marge Burke

## Morning Glory

Broad brush strokes of  
blazing color  
stretched across the  
morning sky, a  
warm hearth to  
greet the new day.

-Marge Burke





### Volunteers Needed (Unpaid positions)

#### Hand in Hand Ministry

##### **Board Members**

Enthusiasm for helping others required.

##### **Grant Writer**

PT/ experience required.

##### **Chef – Senior Center**

PT/outgoing/retired/food industry experience/ Responsibilities include planning a menu each month, shopping, preparing healthy, tasty meal for local area seniors, which is served each Wednesday from 11 to 1. The Senior Café offers a free meal to seniors 60 plus. The chef will also create an inventory of items needed each week based on the projected menu for the upcoming weeks. The focus is on safety guidelines for food prep. The chef works closely with a team of volunteers who serve lunch guests. Together, everyone achieves more.

##### **Game Facilitator - Senior Center**

PT, one or two days per week. Help set up a game day, paint day, gardening day, arts & crafts day, etc.

##### **Staff Person – Ya Never Know Thrift Shop**

PT, one or two days per week.

If any of these tasks sound like a great opportunity for you to do what you LOVE, please get in touch. Contact Bob Boucher, president at [boucherrobert@comcast.net](mailto:boucherrobert@comcast.net) or Peggy Bailey, director, at [handinhandministriesinc@gmail.com](mailto:handinhandministriesinc@gmail.com) or call 529-4263.

## Job Listings

A free public service for the Town of Weare.

#### C.J. Bolton, Inc.

##### **CDL Driver / Equipment Operator / Mechanic / Welder General Laborer**

PT & FT / Monday – Friday / 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. / Experience in any of the positions is a plus but not required / Salary - will discuss / Apply via 603-529-7760; ask for Chris Bolton

#### Country 3 Corners

##### **Retail Associate, hardware**

Min. 40 hours per week/ \$16 per hour/ medical and dental benefits after introductory period. Apply in person or obtain an application. 603-529-7539 ext. 3.

##### **Various positions, convenience store**

Must be 16 or older. Apply in person or obtain an application at 833 S. Stark Highway. 603-529-7539 ext. 2.

#### Student Transportation of America

##### **School Bus Driver**

PT – Weare Terminal / Mornings 6:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., afternoons 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 P.M. / CDL-B license needed / Perfect for moms and retirees / Salary varies with routes and experience / Paid training / Sign-on Bonus / Contact Kate, Tracy or Matt at 529-4744.

#### TMS Diesel

##### **Shop Assistant**

Flexible hours / Pay to be negotiated based on ability / job is at our 83 Rockland Drive location / For application contact: [info@tmsdiesel.com](mailto:info@tmsdiesel.com).

#### 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 / Apply at 421 S. Stark Highway.

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## Mark Your Calendar

**Thursday, November 25**  
Thanksgiving Day

**Wednesday, Dec. 1**  
6 p.m. – Mildred Hall Committee Meeting

**Thursday, Dec. 2**  
7 p.m. – Public Library Trustees Meeting

**Friday, Dec. 3**  
10:30 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild Meeting

**Sunday, Dec. 5**  
2-4 p.m. – Children’s Christmas Party, Weare Middle School cafetorium

**Monday, Dec. 6**  
6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen Meeting

**Tuesday, Dec. 7**  
7:30 p.m. – Zoning Board Meeting

**Wednesday, Dec. 8**  
4:15 p.m. - Trustees of the Trust Funds Meeting  
7 p.m. – Conservation Commission Meeting



*The chairlift at Pats Peak was in motion earlier this month for the resort’s Oktoberfest event (Alyssa Small photo).*



*A stone arch bridge in Hillsboro (Alyssa Small photo).*



*Wild turkeys “hiding” in the trees (Sharon Czarnecki photo).*