



Weare in the World

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For Weare Residents, by Weare Residents



The Public Works Highway Garage is set up to maintain social distancing at Weare Deliberative Session. (Tom Clow photo)

Discussion but No Amendments At Town Deliberative Session

By Tom Clow

The Town of Weare Deliberative Session was held behind closed doors – garage doors that is. On Saturday, Feb. 6 approximately 60 town residents, including the Board of Selectmen and other town officials, gathered in the Town Highway Garage to deliberate the operating budget and other articles on the 2021 Weare Town Warrant. The garage was chosen as the site for the meeting in order to provide sufficient space for social distancing in light of the COVID virus. The majority of those attending the meeting also wore protective face masks; however, a separate area was set aside for those who chose not to wear face coverings to participate.

The Deliberative Session is considered to be the first session of the annual town meeting with the second session to be held on Tuesday, March 9, at which time citizens will have the opportunity to vote on all warrant articles as well as to elect town officers. Saturday's meeting gave voters a chance to discuss each of the articles and to offer amendments. No amendments were offered to any of the 17 articles that were discussed.

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More on Redistricting

By Beverly Cotton

In the last edition of Weare In The World, the process of redistricting was explained as the redrawing of our electoral maps for the NH Senate and House, the Executive Council, County Commission, and for the US Congressional districts every ten years in conjunction with the US Census. The reason for this is the number of delegates any state has is based on population. The New Hampshire Legislature is responsible for this mapping process. Due to delays, 2021 Census data will not be available until April at the earliest, so the process will not be underway until late spring/summer.

According to our State constitution, the towns are entitled to one NH House representative for every 3,290 people. This means that as of the last Census, Weare was entitled to have two NH House Representatives to itself - not shared with any other town. Instead, we share four with two neighboring towns. We qualify to be our own district, which would mean that the citizens of Weare would be the only constituents of those Representatives. When towns are not big enough to have their own representation, towns of similar interest are put together.

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That means that the 2021 Warrant that is presently posted on the town website (www.weare.nh.gov) accurately reflects what will appear on the ballot on March 9.

To those who regularly participate in town meetings and voting, most articles on the warrant will be familiar. Besides the operating budget, there is an article for pay raises for non-union employees as well as for raises for summer part-timers at Chase Park. Last summer the PARC was unable to hire lifeguards.

There is a request for two full-time firefighter/EMT's. This is the third year in a four-year effort to staff the fire station with two full-time employees 24/7. The fire/rescue department is also asking for funds to replace fire apparatus pump components. Money for this would come from a special revenue fund.

The town is asking to make the building inspector's job a full-time position. This has typically been a full-time position in the past. Other familiar articles include a police cruiser, a highway plow truck, and a trash trailer. There are also articles to add money to capital reserve funds for bridge construction and repair, road reconstruction, and the Government Building and Maintenance Fund. Although there were many people in the Highway Garage with cold feet, many still spoke up on issues that concerned them.

The Weare Finance Committee plays a major role at the Deliberative Session by making recommendations on each warrant article that involves spending. After an article is introduced by the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee Chair gives that group's recommendation and the rationale behind that recommendation. Before March 9, voters will receive a mailing from the Board of Selectmen, which will explain the purpose of each warrant article. That mailer will also include the Finance Committee recommendations and that group's reasoning for each decision.

Normally the mailer would also include information and recommendations on the school budgets. However, since the John Stark Deliberative Session and voting has been postponed until spring, that district's information will not be included. The Weare School District's Deliberative Session is presently scheduled for Feb. 17, so it appears that information for the Weare School warrant may also miss the deadline for the mailer.

There are two petition articles on the warrant that brought some discussion. Concerning an article to enact a noise ordinance to restrict the use of Tannerite, an explosive agent, Police Chief Moore said that the ordinance as written would be unenforceable. A second

petition article asked voters of the town to "urge the NH General Court to carry out redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts."

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This year, there is a warrant article on our town ballot that recommends a fair and transparent process and suggests a bipartisan committee be created to draw these maps and hold public meetings, giving opportunities for the citizens to view the proposed maps and ask questions or offer opinions. This would give the public the chance to be informed and have a level of participation in the process.

Don't forget, if you choose to vote absentee, the process is the same as it was in the fall. You must complete the absentee ballot application obtained from the Town Clerk.

Vaccine Registration: Nothing to Fear

By Clay Kriese – Library Director

For almost a year, the news has been overflowing with COVID-19 updates and changes. Such tumult can lead to confusion, frustration, and distress.

"I need immunity, and I want it now!" you may cry to the heavens. As the demand for both doses outpaces the supply, however, the gods of economics are not so generous.

The available vaccines are rationed by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, and there are multiple stages signifying the prioritized demographic groups.

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As vaccine fever hits the Granite State, the Weare Public Library has the cure.

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As of this publishing, if you are:

- Over the age of 65
- A high-risk health worker
- A first responder
- A resident or staff of a long-term health care facility, including intellectual and developmental disability residential facilities
- Correctional facility staff
- Medically vulnerable with two or more detrimental conditions

There's a good chance that you qualify.

But first, you'll need to register. The easiest way is to go to the website: <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/> Keep in mind: To complete the process, you will need an email account.

If you would rather sign-up by phone, you can call 211. There have been, however, several reports of persons having trouble reaching an available operator.

If you don't have an email account or you can't reach a person at 211, the Weare Public Library is happy to help you navigate the process. Just call us at (603) 529-2044, and we will schedule a time that you can come in and receive full assistance from a friendly librarian. You can also reach me at wearepl@comcast.net Together we can get this done.

Senior Café



Sorry folks, this week we have only the basic information for you.

The menu for next week is: roast pork loin, whipped potatoes with gravy,

veggies, and dessert. This is for pick up or delivery only on Wednesdays. Just call ahead - 529-4263 - so we know how much to make. Karl doesn't like to run out of food.

Thrift Shop Needs Help

By Peggy Bailey



We need our community in order to expand the hours for our Thrift

Store. We are looking for volunteers to join our team at Ya Never Know Thrift Shoppe. An hour or two, one day a week, a month. If community service hours are needed, we can help you with that too.

Our goal is to add Saturday hours, possibly 10 to 1 or 10 to 2. Please call Peggy at 529-4263 if you're interested.

At the moment, our hours are Wednesday to Friday, 10 to 3 and if volunteers are available. Hours and days may vary. Best to call ahead!

We are also looking for local Seniors 60+ who would like to sell their homemade or handmade goods. Interested? Please call to schedule an appointment and leave your name and number! Thank you for your continued support.

Tech help is needed too. We are looking for a savvy tech person to help with our website, Facebook page and customer base to help promote us. If that's you, we would love to talk!

We just finished with our \$5 Bag Sale for January and will be having another one in February! Also, every 1st day of the month we have a drawing for a \$20 Gift Card. For every \$5 you spend at the Shoppe, you receive a ticket to enter the drawing.

This is ongoing each month! It's a great place to shop and it is right here in town. Hope to see you soon.



Democratic Caucus **Tonight**, Feb. 10 To Elect Convention Delegates

The Weare Democrats will meet virtually on **Wednesday, Feb. 10th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom** to elect town Democratic officers and delegates to the New Hampshire Democratic Party state convention. These delegates vote at annual state Democratic Party conventions, to approve the party platform, resolutions, and other party business.

"New Hampshire Democrats are already excited about working to elect responsible leaders for New Hampshire and Weare. Our caucus provides a great opportunity for anyone who wants to be a part of New Hampshire's unique grassroots-style politics," said Derek Winsor, the Weare Democratic Committee chair.

There is no cost to attend the virtual caucus, and it is open to all members of the public.

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Any registered Democrat, regardless of past political experience, can run for an officer or delegate position. "Weare residents are eager to elect representatives who will work to create good jobs and expand opportunities for middle-class families," continued Winsor. "The fight to elect those representatives – strong Democrats up and down the ticket – begins with the Feb. 10 caucus."

For more information, please contact the Weare Democrats at WeareDemCom@comcast.net or call (603) 369-3697.

Need to Be More Connected?

Join the Women's Guild

It's not just for Deering. The Deering Community Church Women's Guild has members from all the surrounding towns. As with so many groups right now, you don't have to leave home to participate since the guild is meeting electronically. But when things change, you will have a whole new group of friends with purpose.



Ten members were able to meet in January to plan for 2021. The new president, Jane Waters, is from Hopkinton and started the meeting with a review of Guild contributions to organizations in Hillsborough, Deering, and Weare. These included the Eleanor Campbell Scholarship Fund, Deering Community Church, Hillsborough and Weare Food Pantries, One Great Hour of Sharing, Lions Club Christmas Baskets, Hillsborough Operation Christmas, Deering Police Cadet Program, Heifer Project International, Ukama Appeal, DCC Teen Food Bag Program, and Hand in Hand Ministries senior center in Weare. As you can clearly see, community support is a big part of the Guild's mission.

The Guild welcomes all women in Deering, Weare, Hillsborough, and surrounding communities. It enriches the spiritual life and friendship of its members, engages in benevolent work to benefit our communities, and supports state and national societies and world friendship programs.

The usual social events such as theater outings and luncheons had to be canceled last year, but members have remained supportive of one another during the pandemic. Anyone wishing more information about the Guild and its

work or about membership may email: headvoicew@gmail.com



Team Oz-Ram Has a Spot for You

By Lorrie Piper

Are you interested in programming, CADing, marketing, graphic design, making videos and animations, or creating business plans? Members of the John Stark Oz-Ram robotics team do all of this and more! We also have a LOT of fun along the way.

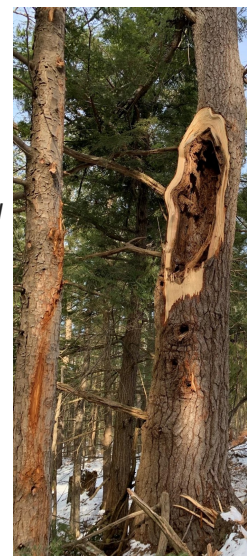
Everyone is welcome to our virtual meetings on Sundays at 1 p.m. to learn about the recently released competition challenges that we are working on and what it means to be a part of Team Oz-Ram. Send us an email at frcozram1922@gmail.com to learn more.

And check us out on the web! www.ozram1922.org

John
Stark's
Winning
Robot -
TINMAN



*This hollowed-out tree was found on a walk in the woods of Weare.
(Joe Czarnecki photo)*

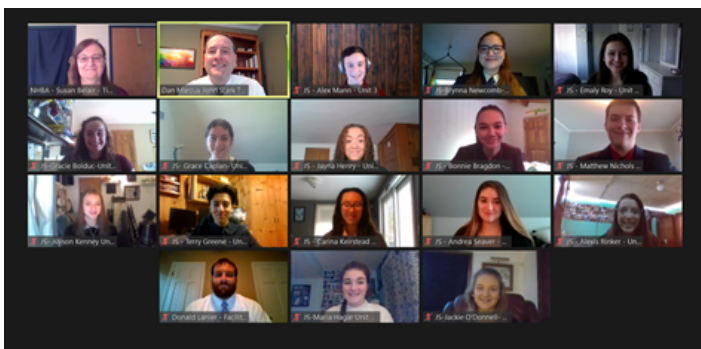


Stark Students Participate in Virtual Civics Competition

The "We the People" event sponsored by the NH Bar Association since 1987 took place this year virtually and students from John Stark Regional High School accepted the challenge.

Each year, JSRHS students taking the We the People class with Mr. Marcus look forward to the "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" competition that traditionally takes place at the Legislative Office Building in Concord in January. During the competition, students testify before panels of judges to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy. It is a program of the National Center for Civic Education and is a premier Law-Related Education program of the New Hampshire Bar Association.

Students from John Stark competing this year were Gracie Bolduc, Bonnie Bragdon, Grace Caplan, Terry Greene, Maria Hagar, Jayna Henry, Carina Keirstead, Alyson Kenney, Alexander Mann, Brynna Newcomb, Matthew Nichols, Jacqueline O'Donnell, Alexis Rinker, Emaly Roy, and Andrea Seaver.



Zoom screenshot from the "We the People" competition with the John Stark participants. This event is sponsored by the New Hampshire Bar Association (courtesy photo).

Stark Students Make Art at Home

While John Stark Regional High School was in a fully remote schedule earlier this year, art teacher Bess French had to create a new curriculum for her classes. "I focused on contemporary artists who work with media like cardboard, organic, and found objects. Basic supplies students would have at home," art teacher Bess French said..

Students made relief sculptures and houses/buildings out of cardboard. Students learned about conceptual art and made non-traditional books after learning about an artist who made a "meat book" (an actual book made

from deli meat). 3D Art students ended class making an Andrew Goldsworthy inspired environmental sculpture outside. Painting classes worked on "tiny accordion books" while studying contemporary illustrators and watercolor artists. Students also had assignments on Zentangle, Digital Sketchbooks, and Knolling.



John Stark art student Sophia Lundeen poses with the "nature sculpture" that she created.



These photos show the "bark book" created by JSR art student Eli Lemire.



SAU 24 Has Fun in the Snow

On Feb. 2, SAU 24 schools in Henniker, Weare, and Stoddard enjoyed a traditional snow day. Superintendent Coe invited students and staff to share a photo while they were engaged in an outdoor or non-tech activity.



Addison Natti from Center Woods Upper Elementary School (4th grade) tries out her snowboard in the backyard.



Xavier D'Arcy (4th grade) from James Faulkner Elementary in Stoddard is all smiles while sledding.



Savanah McManus, a 5th-grade student at the Henniker Community School, enjoys a tropical snow day.



Madison Lamouth from John Stark Regional High School (9th grade) works on her bicycle kick for soccer.



Jaela Braver, a first-grade student at Center Woods Elementary School, poses with her snow day snowman.



WMS/CWUES traffic controllers extraordinaire, Lisa Barnes and Kristen Lundeen, had a little fun in the snow after getting everyone across the street safely (courtesy photo).

-All school news submitted by Patti Osgood

Jack's Little Free Library

(We even keep it shoveled for you.)

By Heleen Kurk



What's a better way to spend a snowy winter day than to read a good book? Jack's Little Free Library is open 24/7 and located on the north side of East Road in front of the original part of the Weare Public Library. There's always a variety of books because people stop and take one and then often leave a book they want to share. Right now for preschoolers,

there's "Rihanna and Seahorse Fairy", "Three Snow Sheep", "Follow the Polar Bears", and several more winter-themed books. For school-age readers, among others, you'll find the Newberry Medal book, "Johnny Tremain", two NY Times bestseller books by Lauren Tarshis and Laura Ingalls Wilder's "The First Four Years".

And if you're an adult, Robert Kirkman's "The Walking Dead" or books by Karen Coulters or Linda Lael Miller might interest you. Take a look, there's a variety to choose from, and the options are always changing. For more information about the Friends of the Weare Public Library, visit us online at <https://wearepl.wordpress.com/friends/>

Holy Cross Happenings

By Marge Burke

Worship continues regularly every Sunday at 10:00 am via Zoom. On Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021, there will be two opportunities to gather for worship. Bishop Hirschfeld will preside at noon. The service is available on the diocesan website. The parish will hold a zoom service at 7:00 pm. The Bishop will make his annual visitation to Holy Cross (Zoom) on Sunday, February 21, 2021.

During Lent, members of the parish will expand the anti-racism study that began during the summer. In Advent, we took part in a four-week study called "Becoming the Beloved Community." The new study,

"Make Me An Instrument", will begin on February 24. It is a five-part online program designed to help equip participants to engage in tough conversations with those who hold ideas different from ours.

Kids Korner




Avery Czarnecki says, "Sometimes you just want a quiet place to hide and peek at the snow."

Feb. 11 Is 'Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk' Day

By Marge Burke

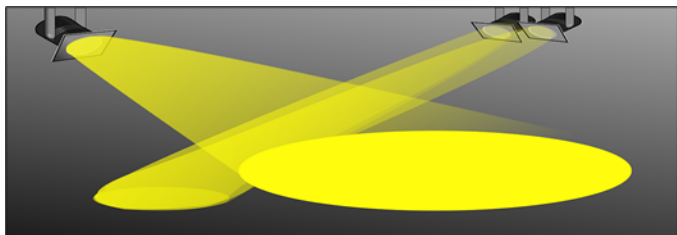
Many years ago, I was a staff pharmacist at a large hospital in Boston. My boss had a bad habit of not screwing caps tightly on bottles after use. I learned that the hard way one day when I picked up a bottle of very sticky, viscous, dark red syrup, shook it as indicated by the directions...and you can guess what happened. The bottle cap flew off into space and the liquid proceeded to fly toward me. Before I could properly react, I was covered in dark red, looking as if I had been stabbed and was bleeding profusely. My white uniform was splattered from my neck to my knees. Now, I was not in the habit of keeping an extra uniform in my locker, so I had to spend the rest of the day explaining that I was fine, no dreadful accident had occurred, but that I had just spilled something. How I wish the bottle had contained milk. From that day on, I double-checked bottle tops to be sure they were safe and secure.



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Business Spotlight: H2O Waste Disposal

By Sharon Czarnecki

Marty O'Brien owns the company and tells me their motto is to always "go the extra mile". He is proud of the fact that this is a family-owned business - currently two generations with a third on the way. (*Marty is hoping to have his granddaughter join him in a few years.*)

The business involves waste disposal, and it turns out there is a lot to learn about this field. Marty and his marketing manager, George Hoyt, are both pleased to be able to say they are actively working to help save the environment. For instance, in the year 2020, the business recycled 37 tons of paper, which saved 631 trees. They recycled 2.5 tons of aluminum which saved enough energy to run 200,000 TVs for an hour. For scrap metal, it was 17.3 tons which led to energy savings equivalent to removing 18 cars from the road. Overall, the company's efforts had the effect of taking 48 cars off the road. That's a serious 'feel-good' aspect of this line of work.

The other part of the job that both men speak of continuously is their relationship with their customers. Both explain that they have had the occasion to talk to many of them over the phone and learn about particular challenges faced by some of the households they service. Every effort is made to accommodate special needs, and Covid-19 protocols are observed. Marty is particularly happy to get thank you notes, and even art like a picture of their truck and the men loading it, drawn by one of their younger customers.

They have received chamber of commerce awards and have 7 trucks and drivers offering a wide range of services including curbside trash and recycling pickup, roll-off dumpster rentals, junk removal and cleanout services, and demolition. Currently, they serve hundreds of homes in Weare and businesses all over southern New Hampshire. They have 12 employees, but they will be opening a sister company – Granite State Recycling – in May of 2021 and expect to be hiring 3 to 5 new employees. The new business will be a commercial operation only and is located at 33 B&B Lane in Weare. H2O Waste Disposal formed in 2007 in Milford but moved to Weare in 2017.

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 Brody! This gorgeous boy loves to go for walks, and he's good on a leash. He is young, active, and friendly! And when the day is done, you can count on lots of snuggles from this sweet guy. He has a beautiful, shiny silver/grey coat, with markings of reddish gold. And that face - oh so handsome! Brody is 1 year old, weighs 48 lbs, has all of his required vaccines, and is neutered and microchipped. He loves other dogs, and he's happy to spend time with humans of all ages. Because of his activity level, we believe he'd do best in a home with older children or no children. Adoption fee \$500



Meet Bella! Just look at that beautiful golden/red coat! She knows some of her commands such as sit, down, and come. And you will be happy to know that she is calm and gentle. Bella is intelligent, active, and affectionate. She loves to go for walks, and she's good on a leash. She LOVES all people and gets along well with other dogs. Bella is about 1 year old, and she weighs 45 lbs. She is spayed, has all her required vaccines, and is microchipped. Adoption Fee \$500

For more information on these and other dogs visit <https://www.heartsandtails.org/petfinder-list/>

Local Author: “Valor Under Fire”

By Connie Evans, Weare Area Writers Guild

The Battle of Bunker Hill was the first major confrontation in the American Revolution, and ten Weare men were there in the thick of it. Unfortunately, many stories and articles about the battle did not include the heroics of the New Hampshire regiment that day. My hope

is that after reading “Valor Under Fire”, you will be as proud of them as I am. Below is an excerpt from the book:

“Hovering behind the rail fence, Ebenezer took off his hat and wiped his forehead with the crook of his arm. His black curls were matted to his skull like a helmet. Next to him, Reuben mouthed a hasty prayer and kissed the images of Priscilla and William on his powder horn. He tucked a loose blonde lock behind his ear and inhaled a deep breath.

He gritted his teeth, frowned, and trained his eyes on the red figures in multiple long rows that would soon march in his direction.

Behind the stone wall on the beach, a few yards from Sam Caldwell and Moses Follensby, Ephraim Hadley clenched his jaw, gripped his musket tighter than usual and rested the barrel on the granite rock in front of him. His quick prayer beseeched Ruth to wait for him. *I shall be coming home.* Every muscle in his body tensed; heat radiated from his wide back and shoulders. He was barely breathing, as if his respiration would betray his position. He had every intention of obeying Stark’s orders to wait, but his impatience was making his body twitch and his heart raced with anticipation. He eagerly awaited when he could finally release this energy on the red figures now in formation.”



Book Review: “Valor Under Fire”

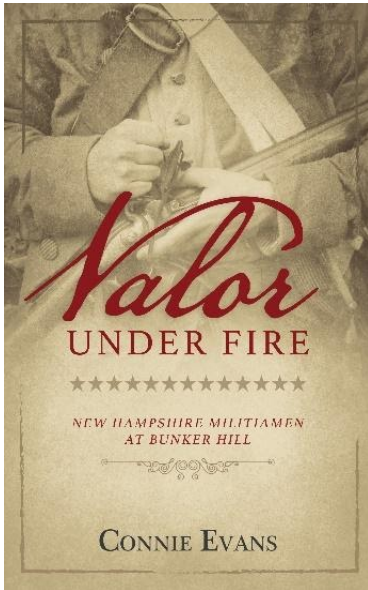
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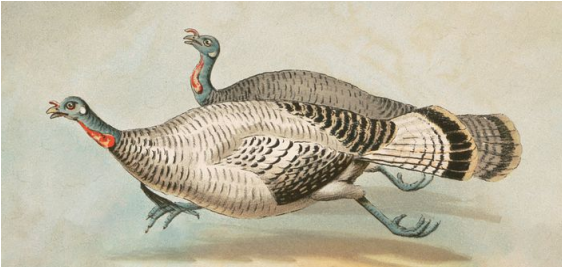
How well do you know your Weare history? For those dedicated historians, “History of Weare, New Hampshire 1735 – 1888” is a good place to begin. For those more interested in specific events of the history of our town and some of its residents, “Valor Under Fire – New Hampshire Militiamen At The Siege of Boston”, by local author, Connie Evans is highly recommended.

Brave men of Weare had already played a pivotal role in events like the Pine Tree Riot of 1772, that lead to the Revolutionary War, several years before the Battle of Lexington and Concord and the Battle of Bunker Hill. Like her first highly acclaimed book, “Ebenezer Mudgett and the Pine Tree Riot”, Evans meticulously researched the historical facts for *Valor*, about our local patriots who left home and family, traveled to Massachusetts and fought bravely at Chelsea Creek and Bunker Hill in 1775.

Readers will get to know our local unsung heroes, like Sam, Ebenezer, Ephraim, Jonathan, Stockman, Reuben, Sam, Moy, John, Jacob, and Moses, along with Colonel (later General) John Stark as they faced fear, hunger, illness, and courage as they confronted the disciplined British soldiers in their woolen red coats, in spite of the heat and humidity. Our men dressed more like the farmers or woodsmen that they were at home, well suited to clearing fields and cutting hay rather than fighting a war. Those skills served them well as they built breastworks and redoubts that protected them and fooled the British at the Bunker Hill battle. Evans produced accurately drawn maps of this area, so it is easy to follow the movements of the British as well as the local militia during the Battles of Chelsea Creek, Bunker Hill, and the Evacuation. Battle descriptions are so realistic you can almost hear the cannonballs explode, smell the aftermath, watch a burning lighthouse topple into the ocean, and feel like you are right there in the middle of it all.

This is good reading and will make you proud of our early Weare settlers.





Cabin Fever

By Jeannine Phillibotte, Weare Area Writers Guild

"Hi God, it's me, Jeannine. I'm the one looking out my kitchen window." I have to confess; I have a bad case of cabin fever blues. Everything looks so bleak. I know, I know - Spring is just around the corner. What did you say? Just go for a walk? Well, the very definition of cabin fever means I don't have the will or the desire to do anything. Go anyway, you say? Okay, I'll go.

First, I have to get my coat, my hat, two pairs of wool socks, my mittens, a scarf, and a change of clothes. What do you mean I don't need to bring a change of clothes? What if I end up in a blinding blizzard? Which reminds me, I also need to wear my ski goggles.

I'm all set, but I might as well bring my ski poles. After all, we could have a severe ice storm, and I will need them to break up the ice. I hear a patient voice ask me, "Are you ready now?"

I answer, "Yup! I'm good to go. Oh! Wait, I forgot to bring a snack. I'll run to the kitchen and pack a banana, an apple, a granola bar, a bag of chips, a ham sandwich, some peanuts, and a Bic lighter." God asks, "Why a Bic lighter?" "To boil water so I can make some hot cocoa in case I go missing and have to wait for a posse to find me."

I walk to the door, turn the knob and my dog Kelly wakes up. She runs to my side and whimpers, "Are you going somewhere without me?" I take off my backpack and click on her leash.

I make a mental note - backpack: *check*, coat, hat, mittens, two pairs of wool socks: *check*, scarf: *check*, banana, apple, granola bar, a bag of chips, a ham sandwich: *check*. I slip the can of peanuts into my backpack: *check*, ski poles and goggles: *check*. I walk out of the house and the sun is blinding. I lay my backpack down and fish through my overstuffed purse that is attached to my backpack and retrieve my sunglasses.

Kelly and I get to the park and I sit on the block of ice called a bleacher. I unhook Kelly's leash and tell her to go play.

I sit and talk to God, "What's next?" I ask Him. I wait for an answer, but it does not come. Everything is silent - so quiet. Of course, it is! I'm at the baseball field sitting on

a melting block of ice that has accumulated on the bleacher. It gets my ski pants wet. Well, at least I have a good seat to view the winter quiet. "Not that I want to rush You, God, but I just want to remind you - I am here - being still. But, by all means, please go at your own pace. I'll be here sitting. Yup! Just sitting and waiting."

Across the baseball field, I see Kelly chasing something. It's a gang of wild turkeys and the race is on. Turkeys are flying all over the place with Kelly in hot pursuit. One of them lands on Kelly's back and holds on for dear life. I laugh so hard tears fall down my face. I jump up and run over to where Kelly is and help her herd the turkeys into a patch of woods. I am having so much fun! Finally, out of breath, I sit back down on the bleacher and I hear God's voice saying, "See, all good things come to those who wait."

I thank God for getting me out of that winter blues slump that I was in. "I just needed a good laugh", I tell Him. "After all, Spring is just around the corner."

The Heinous Crime: Slavery in Weare

By Connie Evans

I have to admit that for a long time I was pretty naive about slavery in New England. In school I learned that the South had slaves and the North was opposed to slavery, therefore, in my ingenuous mind, the North kept no slaves.

One only has to go to Portsmouth to learn about the poor souls in bondage in New Hampshire. Still, until I read *The History of Weare* by William Little, it never occurred to me that Weare had slaves. After all, the Weare residents in the 17th and 18th centuries were mostly humble farmers, struggling to feed their families; buying a slave was expensive. However, in our Weare history, a few citizens were able to make ends meet and were guilty of slavery.

William Dustin, a French and Indian War survivor and one of the Pine Tree rioters, with his wife Rhoda (the great witch of Weare), owned Rose. Little describes Dustin as a thrifty farmer who had acquired a lot of property, but it is not known how he got Rose. She apparently was quite the horsewoman: *She leaped on and off a horse as spry as a circus man*. She seemed to have had some freedom because he goes on to say she jumped all the fences and bars. It makes me wonder why she didn't just keep on going. The last mention of her is that she went to live in Boston where she ended her days—I am hoping it was as a free woman.

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Lt. Samuel Caldwell was a businessman and a man of means. He was elected in 1772 to serve on the Grand Jury in Amherst. He later became a selectman in Weare. His son, Sam, fought at Bunker Hill and other notable revolutionary battles. Their female slave (name unknown) lived with them her whole life.

Two slaves was not a huge number but most would agree that it was two too many, no matter how well they lived. The census in 1773 shows one female slave and in 1775 one slave, sex not listed. Both Dustin and Caldwell were residents at the same time. Either 'Old Rose', as Dustin's children called her, left for Boston before 1773 or there was a mistake in the record-keeping. The next census was not until 1790 and Weare was cleared of the heinous crime forever.



Creative Romance

By Husband of the Month

Hire a babysitter. Choose a warm day in June, preferably NOT a special occasion. Get permission to use your friend's lookout spot at the top of the trail on his property. Purchase a dozen of her favorite flowers, grab a vase and a bottle of water. Hike to the top. Sprinkle extra flower petals on the trail as you near the swing. Leave a card – or better yet, a note you write yourself. The stage is set.

Go get the love of your life and hike back up the trail just before sunset. The memory will live on forever – for you, for her, maybe even for children and grandchildren.

The Scavenger Hunt of a Lifetime

By Karen Coulters, Weare Area Writers Guild

I will treasure this once-in-a-lifetime gift given to me by my incredible husband forever. It was the most unexpected gift.

He asked me to meet him in Manchester in our church parking lot. Upon my arrival, I was to learn that I was going

on a scavenger hunt, and I was completely confused by this turn of events. He handed me a manila envelope and told me to open it once he'd left, then further instructed me to only open the enclosed numbered envelopes in order, and only after I'd completed each prior envelope's task.



As I watched him leave, I opened the envelope and pulled out the one labeled #1. Inside was a riddle and money! The riddle instructed me to purchase a pretty dress. My excitement soared as I drove to a dress shop of my choosing, with cash in hand. It had also stated that if I didn't use it all, I could apply to envelope #2, and so on.

Riddle #2 also included cash, and I was to purchase a pair of shoes to go with my now newly purchased dress. Even the store clerks shared in my excitement and stood with me as I opened Riddle #3. I blushed at this one, as I was to buy new lingerie. Riddle #4 provided me with additional cash and clued me in that there was a timeline to my adventure.

This time, I could purchase new makeup, perfume, or anything else that would make me feel pretty. Then envelope #5 was to be opened. This one took me off my feet. I was to check-in at the Hilton Garden under my name. Upon my entry to the room, I was to discover flowers, chocolate-covered strawberries, and chilled champagne; in addition, envelope #5 said I was to take some time to relax and enjoy my treats, then use all of my new purchases, and head to the lounge at a precise time. Oh, how I enjoyed this one and the anticipation of what was to come. As I sat in the lounge, the greatest gift of all walked into the room. My adoring husband seemed to have done some shopping of his own. He wore a new suit, was freshly shaven, smelled of cologne, then invited his beloved to a Valentine's Day dinner for two. To my delight, we stayed the night and enjoyed the remaining strawberries and champagne together.

Have I told you how much I love this man?

What Is This Day of Valentines?

By Margie Arwine, Weare Area Writers Guild

February is a month that celebrates romantic, friendship, and thoughtful types of love. Valentine's Day shares commercialism dedicated to greeting cards; flowers at premium prices; beautiful heart-shaped candy boxes lined up on store shelves; restaurant specials for parties of two and of course maybe purchasing jewelry. After all, diamonds are a girl's best friend. **See VALENTINE, page 12**

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I asked my grandson Carson what Valentine's Day meant to him. Without hesitation, he replied, "A day for the people you love". Wow, that's pretty simplistic and genuine.

When I was in grade school, approximately 60 years ago, I took a shoebox to school, cut a mail slot on the top, and decorated it with construction paper in hopes of finding it filled with Valentines from my classmates. Well, apparently not too many of my classmates wanted to be my Valentine; luckily for me, my teacher did.

I believe this may have been the start of my awareness of possibly being unlikeable which could have become a concern throughout life. Even after all these years, I am reminded an empty Valentine box is not good for a person's self-esteem. Today, teachers send home a list with ALL classmates' names to ensure everyone receives a Valentine in their shoebox. No box goes home empty.

After contemplating my grandson's delightful reason for Valentine's Day, I wondered what others thought about it.? Posing the same question to a few friends and family, this is what I learned.

My niece, Debbie, felt it was a day for the people you love, especially for those who had no one in their lives to express love to them. Her daughter Lydia experienced sadness when the day arrived because she didn't have a sweetheart to share it with.

Julie, my lifelong friend said she didn't think much about it but did send Valentine cards to her grandkids and always went out to eat with her husband.

Another friend, Sue, was married very close to Valentine's Day so thoughts of her wedding and her husband provided her own special day of love.

My daughter, Larissa, immediately answered, "I don't like it, never have. I would rather give a gift to someone on 28 July to totally surprise them and tell them I love them. No commercialism and no sadness if you don't actually have a Valentine on that day!"

Of course, last but not least, I asked my husband what he thought of Valentine's Day? His response, "It's a day that our Nation celebrates the love between two people; however, overdone by the greeting card industry as an opportunity to make money. But ultimately a day for two people to celebrate their relationship which really they should do on a daily basis throughout the year." So my guy sees every day as Valentine's Day. Am I lucky or what!

I believe Valentine's Day is a very special day set aside for you and your sweetheart. If that means purchasing cards, flowers, candy, jewelry, restaurant reservations, or utilizing any type of commercialism you choose, then do it to help you accomplish your goal in expressing your love

to your beloved. Of course, if you are a frugal person you can always make a card, prepare a candlelight meal, bake a favorite treat, or just spend special time together doing what you enjoy. As Carson said, Valentine's Day is "A Day for the people you love".

Creative Romance

By Cupid

There are always flowers, chocolates, and candlelit dinners, of course. But Covid makes some of these a bit difficult this year.



How about making a heart pattern with initials in the snow where it is easy to see? It doesn't show up well, you say. Purchase some fake flower petals from a craft store or Amazon and sprinkle them in the design. Speaking of snow,

how about a snowman with a bouquet of fake flowers or a heart made of cardboard?

Getaway vacations are tough this year too. But you can Google travel videos and select from hundreds. Order one, share it with your sweetheart, popcorn, and your favorite drink, and save a bundle on hotel fees.

Tickets to see a group or comedian can be handled the same way. Get the DVD and spend the night enjoying it together.

Offering your time to someone else is always a definite win. Be sure you have hors d'oeuvres and your favorite beverage on hand, and then think about what he or she likes to do for a hobby that you don't normally do too? Doing "their thing" with them for a change is truly thoughtful. You may be surprised at how much "Stamping Up" or scrapbooking material you own. Offer to help with a woodworking project and you may also be amazed how many tools are needed on any given project. Take up painting for the evening. The point is not to be good at it, but to laugh, have fun, & make a memory.

Know Someone with a Broken Heart?



By Sharon Czarnecki

Babies and kids are easy – but don't tell that to a Mom with preschoolers at the end of the day! Maybe I'd better explain myself. I guess I should say most of their problems are easy compared to what parents are in for with teens and young adults.

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We all have so much on our plates these days and February adds overt demonstrations of “Love” to the list. If your teens are in mostly happy relationships (*and I know that is a spectrum, for sure*) February should not bring more than the ordinary set of problems. BUT, if they have recently been hurt by an ended relationship, you can help. And it’s easy.

I can’t take credit for this idea. It comes from my husband, Andy. When our daughter was suddenly “alone” for the first time on Valentine’s day, her Dad got her a single rose in a vase with a note saying what a valuable person she was in his eyes. After that, on one or two other such occasions, he did the same.

So, maybe we can all look around for anyone with a broken heart this year and bring cookies, send a card, or have flowers delivered.

Snapshot: Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming

Editor Rachel Cisto has spent a few weeks on “temporary duty” in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, working at the Jackson Hole Airport. These are some snapshots from her days off. (*all photos by Rachel Cisto*)

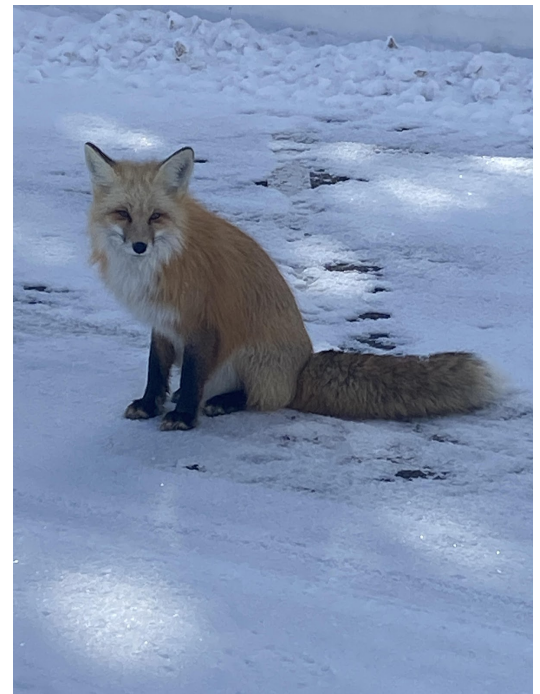


This shot from Grand Teton National Park shows the Grand Teton mountain range framed by a five-foot-tall snowbank.



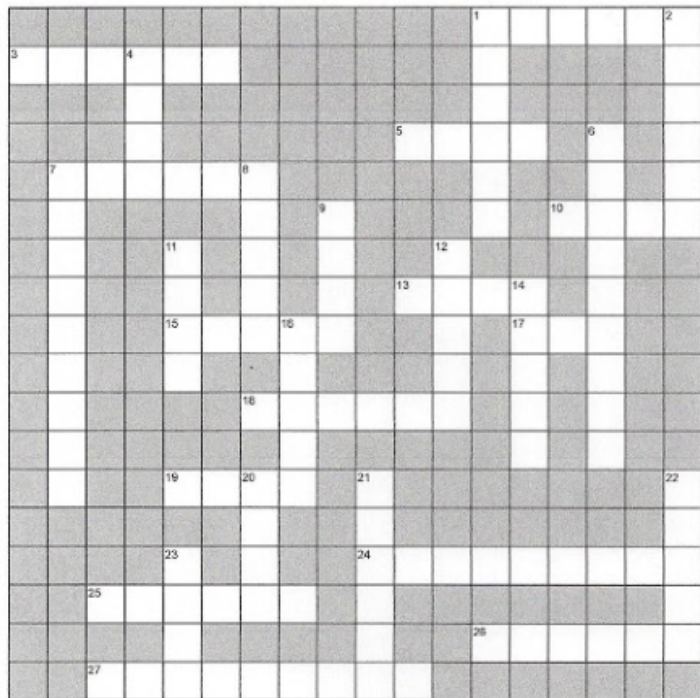
The town of Jackson Hole is home to the National Elk Reserve, and these lighted arches in the town square are made from shed antlers!

This little fox popped up to say hello to the visitors who stopped for a snack break at one of the Grand Teton National Park Visitor Centers.



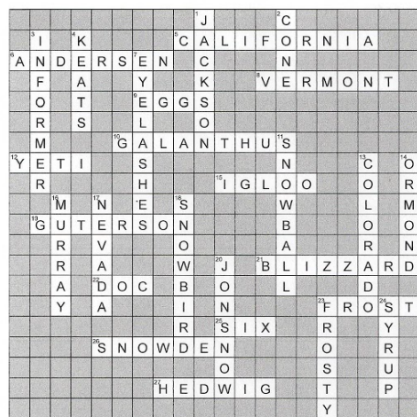
Crossword by Alyssa Small and Karen Lovett

Just a Couple



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Across

1. Mr. Darcy & Miss ____
3. Queen Elizabeth II & Prince ____
5. Frog & ____
7. Crimson & ____
10. 90s hip hop trio: Salt & ____
13. Rock & ____
15. Bert & ____
17. Adam & ____
18. June Carter & ____
19. Desi & ____
24. Simon & ____
25. Barnum & ____
26. Ren & ____
27. ____ & Roy

Down

1. Bogart & ____
2. ____ & Louise
4. ____ & Stitch
6. ____ & ham (2 words)
7. Antony & ____
8. Batman & ____
9. ____ & Ike
11. Sonny & ____
12. ____ & Buzz
14. ____ & Clark
16. Ebony & ____
20. Rum & ____
21. Elephant & ____
22. Peanut butter & ____
23. ____ & drum

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