



Weare in the World

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For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents



Members of American Legion Post 65 march in a Memorial Day parade in Weare (courtesy photo)

Veterans Day Spotlight: American Legion Post 65

By Paul Hague

Veterans Day is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on Nov. 11 for honoring military veterans, persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I.

The American Legion was chartered by Congress after World War I as a patriotic veterans' organization. Focusing on service to veterans, servicemembers and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to over one million, and local posts sprang up across the country. Today, membership stands at nearly two million in more than 13,000 posts worldwide.

Weare's Philbrick-Clement Post 65 of the American Legion was founded Nov. 17, 1919 and named after Pvt. George A. Philbrick, 40th Co. 151st Depot Brigade, who died in service Sept. 21, 1918; and PFC Richard D. Clement, 3rd Army, 5th Div., 3rd Batt. Co. K, who was killed in action March 23, 1945 in Wallertheim, Germany.

Weare's Post 65 has historically focused on service, offering community breakfasts on Sunday Mornings, 8-11
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Weare Teacher Linda Bissonnette Celebrates 40 Years in Education

Linda Bissonnette has been teaching music to students in Weare for 40 years, beginning when there was one school for all students from Readiness through grade 12.

"I was the only music teacher in that old white building, so I taught every grade level," said Bissonnette. "A lot has changed over the years, but one thing remains constant: I love being around students and sharing with them my love of music. This job is my dream and joy. I guess that's why I've stayed so long."

Bissonnette does have favorite days at school.

"I love the night before a musical program and getting everything ready for our students to perform," she said. "Our new Family Fun night is fantastic because we get to share with families what we do with students every day."

There is one more favorite day for Mrs. Bissonnette, and that is the talent show on the last day of school.

"The kids bring in their favorite music and we discover what their musical tastes are, and they are often very diverse. It's another way we learn so much from our students." Bissonnette's passion for music doesn't end after school. She's been the organist and choir director at her church for the past 35 years. "I'm involved in music whatever I do. I love it!" she said.

When asked what advice she might have for others, she shared with us her favorite quote by Marsha Wieder: "Every single day do something that makes your heart sing."

-Submitted by Patti Osgood



Linda Bissonnette

"Talk" To Us



Send Pictures, Short Poems, or Recipes:
Nov 14 – Nurses tell us about a nurse you appreciate and why
weareintheworldnews@gmail.com
Deadline – November 20

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a.m., from May to November. All the cooks and servers are volunteers, and all the money raised goes to support our post and community needs. This year, however, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were ordered by the state commander to cancel all post operations.

Post 65 also provides scholarships for select graduating John Stark Regional High School students, assisting them in their post-high school education.

Your local Legion charts Weare Troop 24, Boy Scouts of America, and many of the troop's activities are held at the Post. We also support our Junior A American Legion baseball team. Besides many other activities, Weare Post 65 officiates at the annual Memorial Day services each year.

The Sons of the American Legion are affiliated with our Post. S.A.L. members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership. Members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion comprise the Legion Family, which has a combined membership of nearly three million.

While originally organized to assist The American Legion, the Auxiliary has achieved its own unique identity working side-by-side with the veterans who belong to The American Legion. Like the Legion, the Auxiliary's interests have broadened to encompass the entire community. It is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. Through its nearly 10,500 units located in every state and some foreign countries, the Auxiliary embodies the spirit of America that has prevailed through war and peace.

On July 30, 2019 President Trump signed the "Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service" – the LEGION Act – which extends recognized wartime service to cover previously unrecognized periods of U.S. military conflict, back to World War II. More than 1,600 Americans were killed or wounded in armed hostilities during periods not previously recognized as wartime. Some of those conflicts were: Iraq, Afghanistan, the Gulf war, Grenada, etc. The act allows veterans who served outside of the previously designated war eras to join The American Legion. If you are a veteran and want to continue to serve your community and country, consider joining us at Post 65. Email: Alpost65@gmail.com



The Weare Real Food Market pumpkin decorating contest was won by the Weare Area Writers Guild. Congratulations to our local bards.



SWIS President Rad Betts installs a flag at a local residence (Photo by Sheila Lindh)

Weare Flags Fly for Historic Events

By Sylvia Beaupré

Have you wondered where they come from? Those flags flying from ten-foot poles in people's yards, next to mailboxes and in public places throughout town during significant dates that honor America's past?

Here's how it began. Last year, the South Weare Improvement Society (SWIS) launched "Weare Flags Fly" to commemorate the following important historical events: The Pine Tree Riot, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Purple Heart Day, 9/11 and Veterans Day. SWIS currently posts 65 flags throughout Weare, including three donated by the organization to display on town property in Weare Center.

If you would like to join these proud flag flyers, here's how it works: you supply the location and SWIS supplies the flag. A volunteer will come out and install a temporary, stainless-steel ground stake at your Weare location. Then, two days prior to each of the commemorative dates listed above, SWIS will come and place your 3'X5' flag on a 10-foot pole in the holder. Two days after the event, the flag and pole will be removed and stored by SWIS until the next time.



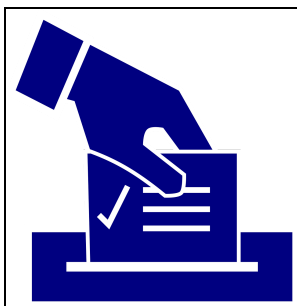
A SWIS-donated flag flies at Weare Center (Photo by Sheila Lindh)

Proudly display your American spirit by calling 529-7282 or emailing csindh@gmail.com. The fee for the entire year is \$50 for businesses and individuals up to age 60, and \$35 for seniors. Proceeds benefit the continuing maintenance and restoration of Osborne Memorial Hall, the historic Grange and function hall in South Weare that is 100 years old this year. (To rent for your event, please contact the telephone number above.)

Record Voter Turnout Locally on “Smooth” Election Day

By Bev Cotton

The election in Weare went very smoothly; however, it was an extremely busy day. There were 5,564 ballots cast in Weare; that’s quite remarkable. In 2016, there were 5,159. This year, there were 1,383 ballots cast by the absentee process -- nearly 25% -- and 4,181 in person.



There were 400+ same-day registrations: folks registering to vote at the polls on Election Day. This certainly boosts the demands on the Supervisor of the Checklist folks and the Town Clerk, as they are the only ones who can register voters.

The absentee pre-processing was uneventful and was attended by several public witnesses. There were six ballots that did not pass the process; most of them were either missing the signature on the inner affidavit envelope or the inner envelope was missing entirely. Three of these folks were able to come in and ‘cure’ their error. The other three were in Florida. There was one absentee ballot rejected at the polls as it was delivered at 5:45 p.m., well past the 5 p.m. deadline set by the voting rules of the state. Another absentee ballot was rejected as it was received in the mail on the day after the election.

Four residents were served by the Town Clerk in their cars. These people were not able to get into the polls, so the Town Clerk went out to them and the police assisted by standing guard at their vehicles while they completed their ballots. The police also assisted a person who had some mobility challenges to get into the school to vote.

All in all, the entire election cycle was hectic for sure, but was handled properly and smoothly here in our town. Now, all of the new rules put in place due to COVID -- with expanded absentee voting, extended time frames to drop off completed absentee ballots and the pre-processing -- all goes back to the old rules, unless there is new legislation before our next election cycle.

It has been a pleasure writing these columns for you regarding the new rules for this election year. It has been a great service for *Weare In The World* to allow me to bring this information to you for the last several months. Thank you for reading and hopefully you found it helpful.

Be well.

2020 Election Results in Weare

Offices	Other Candidates	Democratic Candidates	Republican Candidates
President and Vice President	Jo Jorgensen Jeremy Cohen 97	Joseph R. Biden Kamala D. Harris 2,211	Donald J. Trump Michael R. Pence 3,213
Governor	Darryl W. Perry 72	Dan Feltes 1,248	Chris Sununu 4,174
United States Senator	Justin O'Donnell 142	Jeanne Shaheen 2,461	Corky Messner 2,866
Representative in Congress	Andrew Olding 134	Ann McLane Kuster 2,352	Steven Negron 3,032
Executive Councilor		Debora B. Pignatelli 1,928	Dave Wheeler 3,273
State Senator		Jenn Alford-Teaster 1,892	Ruth Ward 3,360
State Representative Hillsborough Dist. 2		Robert Girard 1,522 Jennifer Pavaglio 2,056 Rachel K. Cisto 1,481	Keith Erf 2,860 Gary S. Hopper 2,716 Leah Cushman 2,831
State Representative Hillsborough Dist. 39		Gary Evans 1,992	John Burt 3,199
Sheriff		Bill Barry 1,749	Christopher Connelly 3,350
County Attorney	Nicholas Sarwark 246	Michael Conlon 1,691	John J. Coughlin 3,131
County Treasurer	Richard Manzo 272	William Bryk 1,621	David G. Fredette 3,126
Register of Deeds		Mary Ann Crowell 1,881	Jack Flanagan 3,177



Winners of Weare Police Dept. Halloween Decoration Competition

Grand Champion: Mrs. Phyllis Fredette

Spookiest Display: Mrs. Anderson

Most Creative: Mr. Hammond. He offered treats in monster eyeballs (*courtesy photo above*)

Best Socially Distanced Display: The Cardwells

Local Educators Recognized for Years of Service

SAU 24, which includes the Henniker, Weare, John Stark and Stoddard School Districts, announced their service awards for the 2020-2021 school year.

10 Years of Service

Henniker: Elizabeth Bartolotti and Michele McMurphy

John Stark: Alyssa Armstrong, Hana Braga and Hanna Scofield

Weare Middle School: Wilhelmina Bodine and Matthew Hammond

Center Woods Elementary: Judith Kahn

15 Years of Service

Henniker: Leanne Chauvette and Carrie Flaherty

John Stark: Rose Gilman, Jacob Morill and Tammy Zielinski

Weare Middle School: Russell Smith

Center Woods Elementary: Mary Dowst and Linda Gosselin

Stoddard: Donna Marshall

20 Years of Service

Henniker: Anne Morrisette

John Stark: Sara Bougher, Greg Paglia, Tiffany Smith and Tammy Whitcomb

Weare Middle School: Donna Caggiano and Phil Matzke

Center Woods Elementary: Jess Potter

Stoddard: Martha LeMahieu

25 Years of Service

Henniker: Kathrine Campono

John Stark: Jill Zaffers

Center Woods Elementary: Sean Ward

35 Years of Service

Henniker: Shelagh Mannix

40 Years of Service

Center Woods Elementary: Linda Bissonnette



CWUES students enjoying a warm fall day (courtesy photo)



Timothy Lorenz, Norah Redman and Camron Mackey in Tech Ed class (courtesy photo)

WMS Tech Ed Classes Teach Design, Manufacturing and Assembly

The first six-week session of technology education classes for some eighth graders at the Weare Middle school just concluded. As is the case with most things in this time of COVID-19, it took a bit of extra creativity and flexibility on the part of both teachers and students to conduct the class. The goal? A completed pine caddy designed, manufactured and assembled by students.

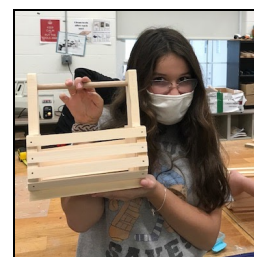
"We began the term pushing into classrooms with carts. We didn't have access to the shop," said teacher Mark Boucher.

Each student started their pine caddy project by learning to draw a blueprint using a computer or hand drawing, with most students choosing hand drawing, picking up drafting and industrial drawing skills along the way.

"We made modifications since we didn't have drafting tables in the classroom, but we always had our eyes on the prize: getting back into the shop," said Boucher.

About halfway through the session, the dream of getting into the shop came true. "The timing was perfect and we incorporated shop safety with COVID-19 safety, things like adding sanitizing all tools to shop clean up," continued Boucher.

Once students had access to the shop equipment, they
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Isabella Mann with her finished pine caddy

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were able to manufacture the side pieces of their caddy using the band saw and gained an understanding of assembly by learning about different fasteners, using a drill and countersinking holes.

"Actually, everyone wearing a mask for COVID worked in our favor when using the band saw because of the dust particles created by the saw," Boucher said. "Masks added another measure to shop safety."

Every student completed their pine caddy, some with the help of classmates who jumped in at the last minute and helped as the deadline for the session ending approached. "The smiles on student's faces and the morale of the shop, that's my favorite part," Boucher said.

Boucher will teach five more sessions of eighth grade students about manufacturing and assembly this year using the pine caddy project. Additional TechEd classes taught by him include model bridge construction and assembly (fifth grade); decorative cutting boards (sixth grade); and Co2 cars (seventh grade).

-Submitted by Patti Osgood

Students Celebrate Halloween



Teyton Dunn, gr. 2



Arianna Anderson, gr. 4



Maura Osgood, gr. 4



Myla Small, gr. 3

DPW Director Tells Board Paving Projects Completed

By Tom Clow

Speaking at the Weare Selectmen's meeting on Nov. 2, Public Works Director Benjamin Knapp said that paving projects should be done for the season. R&D Paving had spent that day completing driveways, he said. He added that he also made a last-minute decision to pave Depot Street while they were in the area. Depot Street is a short, dead-end street off the south end of River Road where it connects to Riverdale Road. He said that the shoulders are completed and that they were going to shim down the hill on Merrill Road toward the transfer station to complete the paving work.

Knapp was asked how much of the money from the bond approved by voters in 2019 would be left at the end of the season. He said he believed the balance would be about \$300,000 after all the bills were paid. The department spent \$20,000 for materials to do the shoulders and another \$17,000 to rent a machine for the shoulders. Over the two-year period, he said, they have overlaid approximately 48 roads and completely reconstructed all, or a portion of, eight roads. In addition, they have chip coated four or five roads, two of which, Flanders Memorial and Reservoir Drive, were very long. Chip coating is expected to add five to eight years to the life of a road. Money left from the bond will be used for paving projects in 2021.

In other business related to the Department of Public Works, the Select Board approved a two-year contract with Sizemore Trucking for hauling solid waste from the transfer station. The contract was put out to bid, but Sizemore, who is the present hauler, was the only company to respond.

Board Meets New Library Director

Library Trustee Chairman Benda Cannon attended the Nov. 2 meeting to introduce the new library Director, Clay Kriese. Speaking briefly, Kriese thanked the trustees for giving him the opportunity and said that he is really looking forward to serving at the library. He said that it was his first day on the job and that he had long conversations with the staff. He added that he and his wife wanted to move to New Hampshire and that they had achieved a dream.

Cannon went on to thank the Board for its support during the time the library was without a director. She especially praised Town Administrator Naomi Bolton and Finance Administrator Beth Rouse for helping her through

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the budgeting process and the Deliberative Session.

2021 Default Budget and Revenues

Finance Administrator Beth Rouse presented the Board with copies of the 2021 Default Budget as well as the 2021 Estimated Revenues as a first step in preparing the 2021 Town Budget. The 2021 Default Budget is equal to the approved budget for 2020 (which was itself a default budget) plus contract obligations and other items previously approved by voters.

Rouse explained that the 2021 Default Budget is 2.49% higher than the voter-approved 2020 Budget. She listed the items approved in 2020 that are reflected in that increase. They include a collective bargaining agreement with the police union, raises for non-union employees, an additional full-time employee for DPW, two additional full-time employees for the Fire Department and one additional full-time employee plus additional part-time hours at the library. There is also an increase of \$49,000 in contributions to the New Hampshire Retirement System and a projected increase in health insurance costs of 4%.

The Board of Selectmen is now meeting weekly and will hear budget presentations from department heads at each meeting throughout the month.

2020 Census Period Ends Weare Response Rate at 75%

By Tom Clow

The response period for the 2020 Census has come to an end, and according to the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission's online Media Blast publication, all 14 communities in the commission improved their response rates over the 2010 Census. In the Town of Weare, there was a 75.1% response rate compared to 67.7% in 2010. The highest 2020 response rate in the region was in Bedford at 84.4% and the lowest in Manchester at 69.7%. This was the 230th U.S. Census, and a lot has changed since 1790. Here are some interesting comparisons from the 2020 Census Website.

In 1790, the Census was headed by Thomas Jefferson, who was then serving as Secretary of State. In 2020, there is a U.S. Census Bureau headed by Director Steven Dillingham.

In 1790, the census was done on horseback and on foot. There were 650 U.S. Marshals and assistants who recorded answers on parchment and animal skins. In 2020, people could respond online, by mail or by phone. Hundreds of thousands of census takers used

smartphones to follow-up with those who did not respond.

In 1790, the combined population of the country's five largest cities -- New York City, Philadelphia, Boston, Charleston, SC, and Baltimore -- was 109,826. In 2020, the nation's largest college football stadium -- Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, Michigan -- has a capacity of 107,601.

The next U.S. Census will take place in 2030. A decade of changes awaits us.



Homemade Firestarters

By Steve Arwine

Here in Weare, we call this time of the year "woodstove season." This is the time when we gather up the split, dry wood in preparation for those cold, dark winter nights. Kindling is collected, warm cider is shared and those homemade fire starters you had the kids make last summer now come in handy. Wait, what? Homemade firestarters you ask?

Firestarter: A noun, and not the 1980 novel by Stephen King but a piece of flammable material used to help start a fire. Ok, but homemade? There are umpteen materials and methods to turn recycled items into fun and functional ways to start the woodstove. Some folks like to use the dryer lint, egg carton and wax method and others like to make sawdust cupcakes. I subscribe to the recycle vibe so I use the toilet paper/paper towel/dryer lint method. It is cheap, fast and I bet every house in town has these items taking up space in their garbage can.

So ok, how do I make these purveyors of the flame, these marvels of recycling magic? Quite simple really, just pack the cardboard toilet roll with the dryer lint you have been saving all summer. The paper towel rolls are a bit more technologically involved; I cut them in half, gaining a "twofer."

During these pandemic times when kids are bottled up and parents are going crazy, simple fun projects that yield useful, environmentally friendly fire starters are a welcome diversion. It also keeps the kids busy.



Cyber Security

By Madison Costa, Summit Computer Services

To counter the threat of targeted cyber-attacks, we are implementing "Dark Web" monitoring for our managed customers. The Dark Web is like the Wild West; there are no rules! The Dark Web is used to sell stolen Personally Identifiable Information (PII) data, such as passwords, usernames, addresses, credit card and social security numbers. By monitoring the Dark Web, we can detect when our customer's PII has been exposed in a breach and is available for sale. This allows us to take the appropriate action to counter a cyber-attack.

To help our clients better understand cyber-attacks and how they affect them, we implement training sessions. To help educate our customers on cyber-attacks, we send phishing emails to them to see if they "bite." Phishing emails are emails that look like legitimate emails, but if sent from a hacker, they would contain scams or malware to get the recipient's personal data. When we send the email and the recipient clicks, we don't steal their data; instead, we call this a training moment. Since the recipient failed to recognize the fake email, they will be sent to either a small quiz or a three- to six-minute video to educate them on the types of cyberattacks they will encounter.

At Summit Computer Services, we know it is important to help our customers learn safe practices while using technology and to maintain the integrity of their PII. If you have questions, contact us at:

<https://www.summitcomp.net/about-us/contact-us/>

Breaking Bread Senior Café

By Karl Messner

Greetings and salutations to all our neighbors and friends. We have all risen from the smoldering aftermath of this week's political arena to find ourselves back at our Café Center, enjoying each other's company and a hot plate of food. This week I served homemade beef stew, cornbread and an arugula salad -- all topped off with homemade pumpkin pie bars made by our own Peggy

Bailey. For those willing to try their hand at baking up some yummy delights, we are always looking for volunteers. Maybe you have a family recipe you would love to share. Just reach out to us.

Last weekend, we not only changed back our clocks but we also enjoyed one of my favorite holidays: Halloween. On Saturday morning, I set out to Devriendt Farm in Goffstown in search of the



Happy "ghouls"

ugliest pumpkins I could get my hands on. Success! I found three of the scariest gourds with little effort. Back at the shop, I met up with Doreen and Reba (two of our dedicated volunteers) and we carved out a few scary looking jack-o-lanterns. At 5 p.m. sharp, our doors were open awaiting the little munchkins expected to arrive and collect their bags of goodies. Okay, so we didn't get as many munchkins as I had hoped, but a few little ones and some older ones came in to fulfill the holiday spirit.

As we close in on the holidays this year, we will be hosting more events and activities. But for those interested, here is the menu for the month of November:

Nov. 11: Roast pork loin, whipped potatoes with homemade gravy, salad and veg.

Nov. 18: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with homemade gravy, salad and veg.

Nov 25: BLT on toast with homemade onion soup (my own recipe)

Although we love comfort food, I am always open to suggestions. Just be reasonable. I recall one of the cooks on a patrol boat I served on back in the old days asked the crew to make suggestions. As the Operations Officer, I thought it was a great idea -- until the entire young crew all wanted tacos and sloppy joes. That's not something that works well on a rolling ship at sea. Thankfully, I wasn't in charge of clean-up. Visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Hand.in.Hand03281/>

Hope to see you at the Café on Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Until then remember...the soup is on; come on in.

Lookin' For Love

By Peggy 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>



"Cassie"

Just look at that kindness in her eyes; it's as if she knows that she's on the verge of meeting her forever family, and she can barely contain her happiness! This gentle girl is as affectionate as can be.

She's just an all-around sweetheart! She loves other dogs, and she's happy to spend time with humans of all ages.

Cassie is about two years old, weighs 46 lbs., has all her required vaccines and is neutered and microchipped. Adoption fee: \$500.



"Tyler"

This dapper, gentle boy loves to go for walks and he's good on a leash. And when the day is done, you can count on lots of snuggles from this sweet guy. He has a shiny dark brindle and white coat, with glittering gold stripes that interweave through the black. His fur is slightly longer than it looks in the photos, adding to his style. And that face: oh so handsome!

Tyler is 10 months old, weighs 52 lbs, has all of his required vaccines and is neutered and

microchipped. Adoption fee: \$550

"Devon"

Devon is one handsome guy; his photos do NOT do him justice! He is a young, intelligent boy who loves nothing more than going for walks, playing with toys and spending time with his friends!

Devon is waiting, wishing and hoping for his forever family to come for him. Devon is nervous when he meets a new person, but it literally



takes him less than a minute to get past his initial hesitation - and THEN, he turns into MR. WONDERFUL!

Devon needs a person who understands dog behavior and how to introduce him to others. He would LOVE to find someone who enjoys running and/or hiking; oh, what a fantastic outdoor partner he'd make! We know that person is out there. Let's get him or her connected with Devon so that he doesn't have to spend any more long, lonely days here at the shelter!

Devon is about two years old and weighs 56 lbs. He is neutered, has all his required vaccines and is microchipped. His records indicate that he is a Boxer/Terrier mix. Adoption fee: \$500

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

Museum Passes Available at Weare Public Library

Did you know that the library has museum passes that are available to library card holders? These passes are purchased by the Weare Friends of the Library. Passes are available for the Currier Museum located in Manchester (50% discount for two adults) and for the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center located in Concord (free admission for up to four people). If you would like to obtain these passes please contact the Weare Public Library at 529-2044. Library staff can provide additional information and give you instructions on how to pick up your passes.

Pie and Penny Raffle

2nd Annual Pie & Penny Raffle!
 Sat., Nov. 21, 2020, 10 am – 2 pm
 @ Moody Pond Marketplace
 across from post office & bank

\$1 per ticket to bid on gift cards, gift baskets, and more!
 Purchase pies & baked goods for Thanksgiving!

You do not need to be present to win. Winners will be contacted Saturday evening.

✓ Masks will be required
 ✓ Social distancing honored
 ✓ Sanitizer will be available

Due to COVID concerns, no eating or drinking will be allowed on-site but food items may be purchased to take home.

This is a bipartisan community link with pies for Thanksgiving and great gifts for Christmas.

To see the raffle items, go to:

<https://wearenhdemocrats.org/upcoming-events/>

For Your Table

Thanksgiving is around the corner, and even if you're celebrating a little differently this year, one thing remains the same: delicious food is a must. Here are a couple of tried-and-true holiday recipes from our staff. Enjoy!



Cauliflower Soup

(Serves 4 to 6)

- 1 stock of celery, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 medium onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 medium head of cauliflower, cut into florets
- ½ tsp. salt (skip if using commercial broth)
- ½ tsp. white pepper
- 1 qt. chicken broth
- 1 cup half and half
- ½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tbs. butter
- Bacon bits as desired for garnish

- Chop, celery and onion and sauté in the bottom of a Dutch oven. Vegetables will just start to turn brown on the edges
- Add cauliflower, broth, salt and pepper; bring to a boil.
- Cook on low heat until done (about 45 minutes)
- Puree in blender
- Return to pot; add butter, bacon bits and half and half
- NOTE: If freezing, do not add half and half at this time.***
- Heat through, but do not boil
- Garnish with bacon bits
- Serve sparingly – very filling, but awesome

FREEZING

If you double the recipe, it fits into four marshmallow Fluff containers (at four cups each). To serve: reheat (DO NOT BOIL) and add half and half before serving

-Sharon Czarnecki

Cranberry Chutney

Try this with your Thanksgiving turkey this year instead of the usual cranberry sauce.

- In a medium pot, combine:
- 1 package fresh cranberries
 - 1 cup seedless raisins
 - 1 ½ cup sugar
 - 1 TBSP cinnamon
 - ¼ tsp ground cloves
 - 1 cup water

- In a small bowl, combine:
- ½ cup chopped onion
 - 1 cup chopped tart apples
 - ½ cup sliced celery

Add to the cranberry mixture and simmer for 15 more minutes or until thick. Cool and refrigerate.

-Marge Burke

Buttermilk Biscuits

(Serves approximately 11)

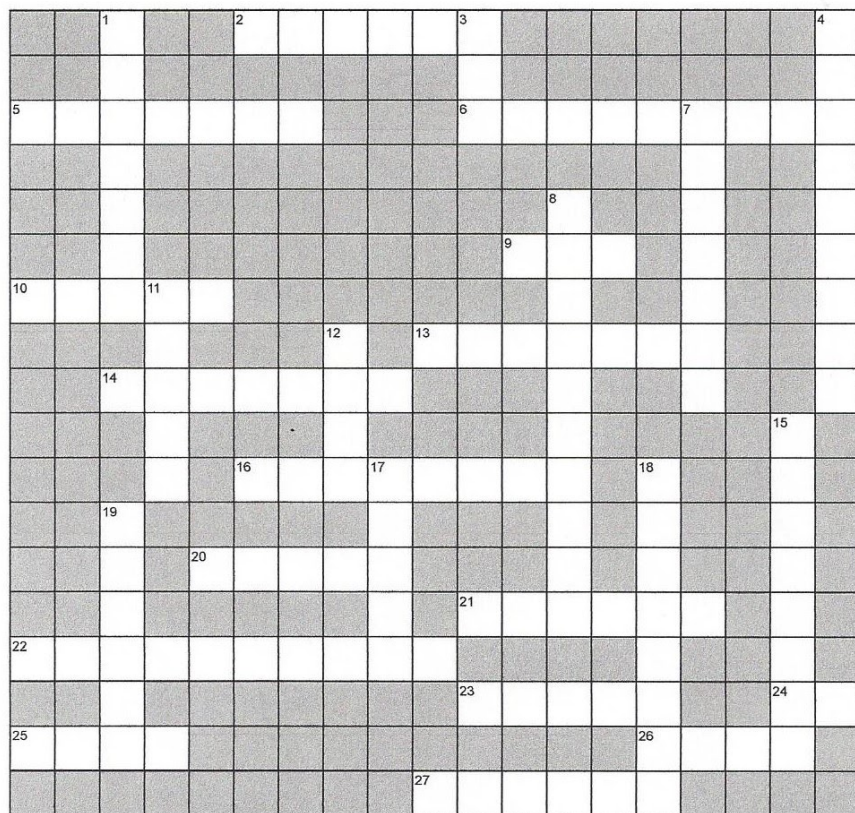
- ¾ cup frozen butter
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 ½ cups self-rising flour

- Preheat oven to 475.
- Put butter in the freezer for 10 minutes.
- Spoon and level 2 ½ cups of self-rising flour into a bowl.
- Grate butter using the largest holes of a box grater.
- Hand mix butter into flour.
- Put flour mix back into the freezer for 10 minutes.
- Make a well in the center of the flour.
- Pour in 1 cup buttermilk.
- Stir backward and forward 15 times. (Be sure to count the stirs!)
- Turn dough out onto floured surface. Shape into a 9x5 rectangle. Fold in half. Repeat three more times.
- Pat into final rectangle, about 1 inch thick.
- Cut into circles with a 2 ½ inch circle biscuit cutter.
- Bake at 475 for 15 minutes.
- Take out and brush tops with melted butter.

-Rachel Cisto

Crossword by Alyssa Small and Karen Lovett

In Honor of Games & Puzzles



EclipseCrossword.com

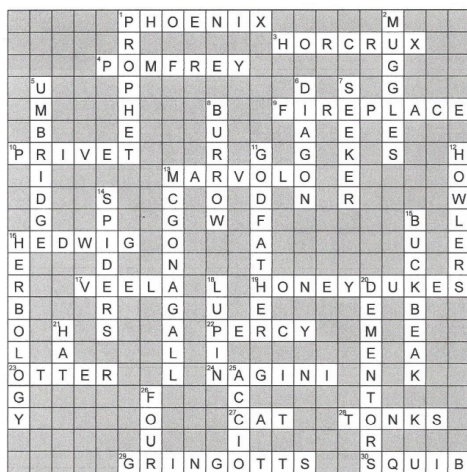
Across

2. Fill a 9x9 grid with numbers
5. Earn pie pieces for knowledge in this Pursuit
6. Early editions of this game used an "electro probe"
9. A card game of battle
10. Checkmate
13. Roll all five dice the same number and you've got one
14. Press the pop-o-matic and get your pieces around quickly
16. King me
20. Remove a block; place it on top; don't let the tower fall.
21. These animals are hungry for marbles
22. Draw clues to help your team guess the word
23. O-65
24. Get \$200 when you pass this square
25. Don't have the card you want? "Go ____"
26. Fill your car with spouse and kids
27. Match pairs by flipping over squares

Down

1. Colorful combo of Scrabble and dominoes
3. Spanish one
4. A game for the sweettooth
7. Right hand, red. Left foot, blue.
8. Strategize your pegs to sink opponents
11. Say this if you make someone go back to Star
12. House in Peterborough was inspiration for this game
15. Reaching 15 and 30 are profitable in this gam
17. Sit here when the music stops
18. You can "get out of jail free"
19. A steady hand is required for pickup ____

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