



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

November 23, 2022



Happy Thanksgiving!

Weare in the World will publish its final issue of 2022 on Wednesday, Dec. 14. There will be no issue published on Dec. 28. A healthy and happy holiday season to all!

Board Approves Interim Plan for DPW; Three Share Workload

By Tom Clow

With winter fast approaching, and the Weare Department of Public Works director having resigned to accept a job in a neighboring town, the Weare Board of Selectmen have agreed on an interim plan to run the department. According to the minutes of its Oct. 26 meeting, the board met in a nonpublic session with candidates interested in being interim DPW director, after which it decided to break up the duties among three current staff members, thinking it best to share the workload and minimize burnout. Each will receive a stipend in addition to his regular wages for taking on the added responsibilities.

Jason Fiske was appointed interim DPW Supervisor. He will take possession of the town cell phone and will take care of all callouts, complaints and day-to-day operations, for a stipend of \$350 per week.

Lee Wetherbee will receive a stipend of \$160 per week to do administrative services. Matt McLain will receive a stipend of \$160 per week for oversight of the Weare Transfer Station, and to share administrative services in Wetherbee's absence. Fiske will also receive a monthly payment of \$250 to lease his tools until such time as the town can supply its own. All three men assumed their new responsibilities on Oct. 28.

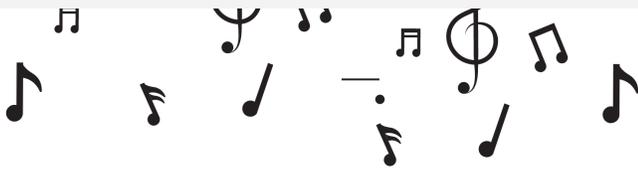
The department still has a full-time truck driver position posted on the town website.



Benjamin Dickie, Annabelle Bieler, Sargent Lisa Bieler and Camryn Lamarche celebrate Veterans Day outside Center Woods Elementary School on Wednesday, Nov. 9. For more on how local schools observed the holiday, see page 2 (courtesy photo).



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WMS Cafe

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

DECEMBER 10, 2022, 12-3 PM

Gift Wrapping, Crafts, Food and Drinks
and Live Music from Weare Musicians!

Have Crafts to sell? Fill out the Google
Form!

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SAU 24 **schools will be closed** Wednesday, Nov. 23, Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



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Center Woods Elementary School students thanked Weare veterans with a reverse **Veterans Day** parade on Nov. 9, during which students and their teachers took turns waving and expressing their thankfulness to veterans as they drove past the school.

The following day, students at the Weare Middle School held an assembly where veterans came to the school to be honored. Weare veterans in attendance were Sage Ladieu, Jim Barry, John Hutchinson, Shayne Mahoney and Brittany Philibert. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the WMS Jazz Band playing the “Star Spangled Banner” and “America the Beautiful,” remarks by Principal Jon Barry and the seventh-grade girls’ chorus singing “Proud to Be an American.” A recording of the Armed Forces Medley played while the veterans stood for their particular military branch’s song.

At the end of the assembly, the veterans stood in the hallway as the 614 students, teachers and staff of WMS shared many messages of thanks and handshakes.

“It was such a moving day at our school,” Barry said in a school release. “The veterans were excited to see our students, and the students were in awe of the veterans. It is fitting that such a momentous event marked our first gathering as a whole school since the beginning of the pandemic. It was a truly remarkable day.”

Photo above: Veteran John Hutchinson shaking hands at the end of the Veterans Day assembly at WMS.

Photo below: WMS students Ryan Hickey, Andrew Osborne, Alex Westfahl. Back row: Briley Dial, Isaiah Shappard, Chase Couchon. Courtesy photos.



The prints below were made by John Stark Regional High School students enrolled in Tracy Travers's **Creative Arts** classes. Creative Arts is an introductory course focusing on artmaking, creative risk-taking and self-expression. The project shown in these images uses the reduction printmaking technique, where the artist creates a multi-colored, layered print using a single print block. Students created landscapes illustrating a background, middle ground and foreground to show depth and space. The materials used were easy-cut linoleum blocks and block printing ink. While learning the basics of the reduction printmaking process, the students also had the opportunity to learn with visiting local printmaker Monica Rico.



"Purple Night" by Zoeyleigh Jaden



"The Pennywise Set Free" by Yulianna Chavez



"Mountain Landscape" by Charlotte Furness



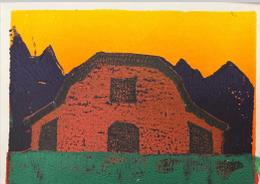
"Meteor Shower" by McKenna Whittier



"Winter Road" by Garrett Werner



"Mesa" by Sarah Shetler



"The Barn" by Parker Greenhalge



Twenty-five new members were inducted into the John Stark Regional High School Chapter of the **National Honor Society** on Nov. 7.

The evening's program included NHS member Rose Kosciuszek singing the "Star Spangled Banner" and NHS Chapter President Ruby Dykstra giving the welcoming remarks. NHS Chapter student speakers included Meghan Mefford (scholarship), Rose Kosciuszek (service), Katelyn Pinter (leadership) and Samatha Veilleux (character). They were joined by the other members Jacqueline O'Donnell, Natalie Smith, Sarah Guillemette, Aubrey Fisher, Emma Dobbins, Kadie Forrestall, Percy Carson, Sophia McGinty and Jackson Davis.

Above are the 25 new members who were inducted. Front row L-R: Ella Smith, Rebecca Mussey, Izabel Korbet, Elizabeth Hatfield, Melody Couturier, Ava Martin, Makayla Pellerin. Back row: Avery Reynolds, Audrianna Przybyla, Emma Davis, Brody Jones, Merisa Nock, Hailey Brisson, Madelyn Morette, Hailee Moore, Natalie Jensen, Kaitlyn Gosselin, Nathaniel Peters, Kayleigh Megowen, Madison Lafleur, Eva Grolljahn, Olivia Nock, Lucas Gagnon, Edie Fischer, Connor Williams. *Meghan Mefford photo.*



Congratulations to John Stark Regional High School girls volleyball team members Emma Dobbins (first team), Alexis Mandrino (second Team) and Alisha Flanagan, the Division II Coach of the Year! *Courtesy photo.*



The John Stark Music Department is fundraising with **“Rock Your Socks”** from Nov. 7-28. Socks will be sold, with proceeds going to help fund the music department, as well as sock donations being made to the Weare and Henniker food pantries. Socks can be purchased at <https://johnstark22.fundsnow.org/>. They are shipped anywhere in the country – a perfect gift for friends and family.



Sixth grade students at Weare Middle School enjoyed a visit and presentation by Egyptologist Paulette Morin as an introduction to **Ancient Egypt**, a part of their social studies curriculum. Morin, who has traveled to Egypt extensively, entertained and taught the students with her artifacts, including Egyptian jewelry and headdresses. She also presented a slideshow with the story of ancient pharaohs, the mummification process and the myths of Ancient Egypt. Her program concluded with her teaching Egyptian dance. Above: *Brendan Burke lifts up his hood so Morin can clasp the Egyptian necklace he is trying on (courtesy photo).*

Pats Peak’s **“Learn to Ski and Ride”** program is being offered for the first time to JSRHS students ages 17 and under. The program will be offered with discounted passes on Fridays at 4:30 p.m. starting on Feb. 17. To get early pricing offers, registration must be paid in full on or before Dec. 16. Contact Tracy.Travers@sau24.org. Register at www.patspeak.com/LTSR and use the code “johnstark2023.”



Student Transportation of America, Weare Terminal – SAU 24’s transportation company for John Stark, Henniker and Weare School Districts – was recently selected as the winner of the **Regional Safety Challenge**. An award ceremony was held on Nov. 2 in conjunction with STA Weare Terminal’s monthly safety meeting. The goal of the program is to recognize STA terminals that dedicate themselves to continuing to improve safety practices.

“We are thrilled to be recognized by Student Transportation of America for our safety achievements over this past year,” said Kate Rhodenizer, Weare Terminal Manager. “Winning the company’s Regional Safety Challenge is a testament to the hard work each employee puts in daily to ensure our students are transported to and from school safely. In these challenging times, it is more important than ever to be steadfast in our dedication to operating at the highest level of safety, and we look forward to another safe and successful year ahead.”

The criteria STA Weare Terminal met were meeting or exceeding AFR/IFR goals, improving by 10% or maintaining a score over 90% with the iAuditor on-site scores, and compliance with safety campaign training throughout the 2021/2022 program year.

Photo: L-R: Matt Jezierski (trainer), Virginia Duhamel (driver), Sandy Rowe (Area Safety Manager), Krysten Jensen (driver), Lenny Cuhna (mechanic), Mandy Frost (driver), Shelly Hall (V.P. of Safety), Jess Johnson (monitor), Pat Johnson (monitor), Kate Rhodenizer (Terminal Manager), Margaret Lougee (driver), Elizabeth Dalphond (driver), Becky Myers (driver), Jeff Filleul (driver), Tracy Myers (dispatcher), Rick Villemaire (driver), Moriah Fuller (trainee), Nichole Houlne (driver), Alex Gesecki (National Interstate).



On the Friday before Thanksgiving, the **Weare PTO** delivered a thank you of coffee, drinks, treats and snacks for teachers and staff at both Weare Middle and Center Woods schools.



Teachers and paraeducators from all SAU 24 schools--John Stark, Henniker, Weare Middle, Center Woods, and James Faulkner-- participated in the day-long **Common Day Workshop** held at John Stark Regional High School on November 8, 2022. Over 50 different course offerings were presented during the day that was planned by the 10-member SAU 24 Professional Growth Committee. The presenters for the day included SAU 24 teachers, coaches, and outside facilitators. Above: WMS teacher Clare Delay works with teachers in the class she offered with SAU 24 Instructional Coach Phil Matzke. The class "Phenomenon-Based Teaching," showed participants how tapping into the power of curiosity, phenomena can energize and excite students while developing stronger thinking skills. Below: The SAU 24 Professional Growth Committee who planned the Common Day Workshop from L to R: Daniell Younie, administrative assistant to the Assistant Superintendent; Leighanna Dumais, Henniker teacher; SAU 24 Assistant Superintendent Natasha Kolehmainen; Heather Fisher, Weare paraeducator; Katie Gadwah, JSRHS librarian; Kim Tucker, CWES teacher, and Bronda Crosby, WMS unified arts teacher. (Missing from photo were members Matt Colby, Henniker principal; John Helfrich, Henniker teacher; and Dawn Kovarik, James Faulkner teacher.



Professional **bassoonist** Justin Wright, manager of Music and Arts in Manchester, visited music classes at Weare Middle School on Nov. 16. He also brought along professional-level instruments for WMS band members to try. "It was amazing to listen to and watch the band experience instruments that really allowed them to show their musicianship," said WMS music teacher Serena Gorham. Above: Wright is playing for Ms.Gorham's fourth grade class (courtesy photo).

JSRHS Football Seeking Help for Shriner's Kids



JSRHS FOOTBALL

FESTIVAL OF TREES

We are collecting games, coloring books, puzzles, reading materials, and books! Anything to keep the kids busy while they are staying at Shriner's Hospital.

All donations can be dropped off at JSRHS in Mr. Brown's office.



LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

The Motor Pool

By Diane T. Padilla

This December will mark the first-year anniversary of the opening of The Motor Pool, a veteran owned and operated business in town. The owner, JT Eriksen, a Weare resident who grew up and went to school in the town, served in the U.S. Army as an infantryman for four years. He was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, with the 1st Infantry Division, deployed to Iraq in July 2008 and September 2010.



When Eriksen started The Motor Pool last Dec. 1, he did so without any idea how to run his company.

"I have absolutely no business experience other than selling records with my dad at the Derry flea market as a kid," Eriksen said.

But Eriksen didn't let his lack of business experience deter him.

"I've wanted to run my own repair shop for many years, and the opportunity came up last year when I found out the location was going up for rent," he said.

Eriksen got his mechanical education when, as a teenager, he started working on vehicles.

"I used to sweep the floors at BC Auto (Repairs), so I could buy diapers for my daughter, Lydia," Eriksen said. "I started showing up every day on school vacations, so Bob (the owner) said that I had to do some real work. He gave me a set of sockets and a small tool box and told me to pull an engine out of a 1992 (Honda) Acura Integra. It took me two weeks to do it, but that was how I got my start in the automotive industry."

Eriksen started working full time as a mechanic after graduating in 2003, and except for his Army service, continues. He named his business "The Motor Pool" based on the many hours spent fixing and rebuilding many military vehicles in Iraq. He continued working in motor pools when his unit returned from overseas.

Being a veteran helped Eriksen in setting up his business.

"You are used to nothing going as planned, equipment failing, chaos, but you work with what you got, and get it done," he said.

Right now, Eriksen is the sole employee of his business, but hopes to get another veteran to work with him in his shop. His long-term plans also include owning his shop, instead of renting. For now, his goal is to "get

honest, good work done for people, in a timely manner, at a fair price."

The Motor Pool is located at 411 North Stark Highway in Weare. It's open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 603-529-9222.



Review

John Stark Stage Company

By Sharon Czarnecki

Naturally, it is hoped that you or some member of your family were able to see the John Stark Stage Company's recent dynamic performance of the musical "Little Women" right in our local midst. But if you did not, let this be a warning that you do **NOT** want to miss anything else the John Stark thespians choose to do for the rest of the year and beyond.

Every one of these performers had a very pleasant singing voice, but the leads, in particular, had volume, range, timing and emotion. The entire production was so smooth, one never got that annoying feeling that, "Oh, here comes another song." Rather, it was so seamless that there was only an excellent story unfolding with lyrical delight.

Speaking of sound, another seldom recognized aspect of such a performance is that the musical track is mixed with live vocals, and this too was flawless and accomplished by John Stark students.

The set – the set changes! The entire cast and crew must be exceptionally commended for a part of the show that is designed not to be noticed. In this performance, there were at least 27 scene changes that were all accomplished in merely a couple of minutes. Not once did it detract from the performance in any way. Credit for this aspect of the show goes to Assistant Stage Manager Ellah Adler (a ninth grader!) and her run crew: Rachael Reph, Juel Ferriera, Lauren Meade, Mariah Walton and Maddie Walton (with assistance from the cast).

The bottom line is.. these students are talented, they deserve your support, but more importantly, *you owe it to yourself to see this talent while it is at your doorstep!*

Wine Tasting at Country 3 Corners

Friday, Nov. 25, 5 - 7 p.m.

and

Friday, Dec. 16 from 5 - 7 p.m.

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or check out our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Country3Corners>



Library Explores Possibilities for Future Facility Expansion

By Tom Clow

Could library expansion be in the town's future?

On Nov. 1, 2022, Weare Public Library trustees and a group of other interested townspeople met in the library to hear a presentation by Jason LaCombe, an architect for Sheerr McCrystal Palson Architecture (SMP). LaCombe shared three conceptual designs that could fit on the present site and would include many ideas gathered from a survey conducted in 2022, as well as a 2016 assessment, while respecting the design of the original Paige building. He said that all of the drawings were preliminary, and that a final plan could include features from each.

A sampling of some of the priorities that came from the two surveys included adult seating, adult small-group study and meeting rooms, a large group meeting room, a children's play area, more shelving for children, teens and adults; staff bathrooms, a breakroom and workstations; and storage areas.

In July 2022, the Weare Library Foundation approved a grant of \$18,600 to finance the work done by SMP. The library foundation was founded in 2012 and registered as a New Hampshire Nonprofit Corporation in January 2013. The Articles of Agreement for the corporation include the following statements:

The purpose of the Weare Library Foundation is to provide funds to develop and enhance library facilities and services for the Town of Weare, to support the library as a focal point for educational and recreational community activities for the furtherance of social capital and to engage in advocacy on behalf of the library.

It is intended that the foundation shall raise funds and develop resources, which shall be separate from and in addition to those raised by the Weare Public Library through normal budgeting processes. It is further intended that the foundation serve as a vehicle for the solicitation and maintenance of funds from potential donors who may not be reached through the library's regular funding programs.

At the meeting with library trustees in July, the foundation's board of directors agreed that the request to fund the work of SMP was in line with the stated purpose of the foundation.

According to Library Director Clay Kriese, the architectural drawings done by SMP are in his office and available to be seen by the public.

Weare Public Library News

LEGO Club



Monday Nov 28, 2:30pm - 4:30pm
Ages 5 and up

Upcoming Events

LEGO Club: Monday, Nov. 28 at 2:30 p.m. Show us what you can create with our big buckets of Legos. Choose your favorite creation, and add it to the library's display.

Children's Christmas Party: Sunday, Dec. 4 from 2-4 p.m. in the Weare Middle School Cafetorium. Sing-alongs, animal encounters, auction, Santa and his elves, Tree lighting, caroling, refreshments and holiday cheer!

Coffee & Conversation: "Threats from Electromagnetic Pulse." Thursday, Dec. 8 at 9:30 a.m. Who's afraid of the big bad pulse? Even if blockbuster films have sometimes overdramatized the EMP attack, Terry Murch of TSS makes the case that our vulnerability is real. He will discuss ways that we can prevent widespread blackouts and prepare for the possibility of rapid infrastructure collapse. And, while society may soon come to a tragic end, in the meantime, you can enjoy coffee and doughnuts!

Gaming: Tuesdays at 2 p.m. and Fridays at 5 p.m. (Closed Nov. 25). Challenge your friends with *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate*, *Fall Guys*, *Among Us*, or other classic video games OR play one of our board games OR you can bring one of your own. You can also check-out many of our games and take them home.

Thanksgiving Hours:

Wednesday, Nov. 23: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25: closed
Saturday, Nov. 26: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Friends of the Weare Public Library

By Dianne Hathaway

Support the Friends of the Weare Public Library every time you shop with Amazon, by using Amazon Smile.

What is Amazon Smile and how does it work? Amazon Smile is a way to support the Friends every time you shop, at no cost to you. We have received more than \$300 so far by those selecting the Friends! Amazon Smile is available at smile.amazon.com.

<https://smile.amazon.com/charity/smile/about>. Once you've selected "Friends of the Weare Public Library" as your charitable organization on this page, you will then log into smile.amazon.com to support Friends of the Weare Public Library.

The Friends of the Weare Public Library met on Oct. 25 at the Weare Public Library. Here are the highlights:

Goffstown Rotary Club grant: The Rotary Club, which includes Weare in its service area, has granted the Friends funding for a one-year membership to the New England Aquarium. This membership provides discount passes to the aquarium through the Weare Public Library. Many thanks to the Goffstown Rotary Club!

Treasurer's report: Helen Dutton, Treasurer, reported the Friends have \$3,109 in our account.

Bulletin board: The library has provided space for the Friends to have a dedicated bulletin board for announcements and flyers. Please check it out when you visit the library and keep up with our news.

Bylaws: The bylaws were approved after dedicated work, many meetings, and suggested revisions.

Annual meeting: Per the new bylaws, the annual meeting of the Friends of the Weare Public Library will be held on **Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m.** at the Weare Public Library. There will be no other December meeting.

Election slate for Dec. 6: The following members have volunteered for board positions: Nancy Zienkiewicz, president; Suzanne Belanger, vice president; Debbie Farr, secretary; Helen Dutton, treasurer. Lea Anderson-Smith volunteered to be member-at-large.

How to join: We meet the fourth Tuesday evening of every month at 6 p.m. at the Weare Public Library. Our next business meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023. If you would like more information, please email us at friendsofwearepl@gmail.com.

Scout News

By Alyssa Small

On Saturday, Nov. 12, Scouts in Weare donated 1,202 food items to the Weare Food Pantry. Thank you to all who donated and participated in "Scouting for Food!"

Also on Nov. 12, Pack 24 Cub Scouts showed creativity and competitiveness at the Raingutter Regatta. The Scouts had so much fun making sailboats out of water bottles and straws and decorating them with glue guns, felt, corks

and more. Once all the boats were complete, the races were on! The boats were propelled as Scouts blew them with straws down water-filled rain gutters. Prizes were awarded in various categories (such as best boat name) and, of course, to the fastest ship and captain.

Our next Pack activity will be a potluck with cookie decorating on Dec. 11. Scout Dens meet twice a month.

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, please reach out to Pack 24 Cubmaster Bill Theriault at usaairforceod@yahoo.com.



Photos by Alyssa Small, Marsha Lanier and Bailey Theriault.

SENIOR NEWS

From the Senior Café

By Sue Canella and Tiffany Bowers

Menu:

Nov 23: Chicken broccoli divan, rice pilaf.

Nov 30: Fish chowder, tomato basil soup, grilled cheese, salad

Dec. 7: Baked Texas chicken spaghetti and fresh pear romaine salad

Dec. 14: Chicken parm with spaghetti, salad, garlic bread

Dec. 21: Cheese ravioli with creamy squash sauce and peas with ham

Dec. 28: Turkey orzo soup, chicken lemon rice soup, sandwich, salad to be determined

Affordable lunch for all (donation of your choice) FREE for any local area seniors age 60+.

Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday.

Dine in (there is room for 35 guests - masks currently NOT required) or take out. Delivery is free for any senior who has no transportation. **Call ahead** to 603-529-4263 and leave your name, telephone number and how many plates. It is first come, first served.

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

The Senior Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by and visit; check out the facility! We have had so many wonderful compliments and much support! Available for group meetings; we have wifi, heat, handicap access and lots of space. Thank you everyone for your continued support! We are so grateful!

Taking a Chance for a Cause

By Chris Hague

On a bright November Wednesday, the sound of friends greeting friends and the aroma of lunch cooking filled the Senior Center on John Stark Highway in Weare. I was perched in a sunny corner amidst merchandise displayed by the adjacent Ya Never Know Thrift Shoppe, which helps fund the senior luncheons. The directors of Hand in Hand Ministries, the parent of the thrift store and senior food programs, had kindly given permission to the Women's Guild of the Deering Community Church to offer tickets to their fundraising raffle during the senior lunch.

This raffle, along with a presence at the St. Mary's Fair in Hillsborough on Dec. 10, will help fund the Guild's outreach. Tickets and Rada cutlery will be for sale that day.

Hand in Hand Ministries and the Weare Food Pantry are two of the nine community organizations in Weare, Deering and Hillsborough to which the Guild donates

annually. The Women's Guild uses the funds raised, in part, to donate to Heifer International, and the organization One Great Hour of Sharing. The former provides livestock to families in need worldwide and the latter provides short-term and long-term disaster relief worldwide.

There will be three winners this year. The lucky first place prize will be two season passes to Pat's Peak in Henniker. Second prize is a \$150 Shaw's gift card. Third prize is four tickets to Red River Theatre in Concord. The winners will be notified on Dec. 10. The Women's Guild thanks Hand in Hand Ministries, Pat's Peak and everyone who takes a chance in the raffle. For more information, email woodentent@gmail.com.

The Women's Guild is open to all interested women and promotes friendship and support as well as benevolent outreach.



Ya Never Know Thrift Shoppe



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News from Weare Parks and Rec

By Denise Purington

Closed for the season, Both Chase Park and the Weare tennis courts. This was another successful summer, which saw both facilities used by many.

Town Christmas tree. We are also happy to announce that thanks to the generous donation of a tree from Mr. and Mrs. Gregg, the Weare Center gazebo will be decorated for the holidays again this year. Decorating is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26. Anyone who would like to join in is welcome to show up at the gazebo and give us a hand. 😊

Donations: It would be very helpful if we had a few donations of outdoor lights and garland. Sadly, we do not have storage space to keep very much from year to year.



“Giving Tuesday” is held on **Nov. 29** and is always the day after Cyber Monday. Many of your favorite charities will have matching funds options for this event. All you need to do is go to the website of one or more of them and donate.

Traditionally, Black Friday and Cyber Monday have been days of holiday shopping. Of course, those two days bring lots of excitement and plenty of deals, but they can seem focused on the consumerism aspect of the holiday. In an attempt to bring attention to the giving aspect of the holiday, New York's 92nd Street Y partnered with the United Nations Foundation to form Giving Tuesday.

The first Giving Tuesday took place in 2012 to encourage people to help make a difference and impact their communities. There are now over 240 locally-led communities with around 33.1 million nonprofit participants across the United States. Over the past decade, the selfless generosity and community support during the holiday season has changed lives around the world!

U.S. Postal Service

By Sharon Czarnecki

It's that time! Time to start thinking about making life easier for your U.S. Postal workers and for all of those other delivery persons who may be less familiar with your address. Don't forget it is now getting dark earlier, and delivery drivers may be looking for your house in the dark. Our local post mistress recommends that all Weare citizens use reflective numbers on their mailboxes. Ace Hardware, Country 3 Corners and Amazon have them available for purchase.



Now for the big holiday question: “When do I have to send it to get it there by Christmas?” The dates below are for First Class packages. For more information, see: <https://www.usps.com/holiday/holiday-shipping-dates.htm>
Lower 48 States, Alaska and Hawaii – Saturday, Dec. 17
Military mail – Friday, Dec. 16
Africa and South America – Tuesday, Nov. 29
All other countries – Tuesday, Dec. 6
(These dates are not a guarantee but rather for estimated delivery.)

The Weare Area Writers Guild

By Sharon Czarnecki

Have you ever thought about writing your memoirs? How about writing just one memory? After all, any book starts with chapters, no - pages, no -actually paragraphs. How about just a few words? The important thing is to start. You have so very much to offer, and nothing will ever be of more value to those you leave behind than the stories – some favorites and some they have never heard. After all, your history is also their history. Let's get started, or perhaps continue...For more information, email czar5@comcast.net.

Also, we could use a boost of energy when we are at the local fairs selling the books we have created. Plan to stop by our booth and see what we have accomplished in the last five years. We would love to have the company of fellow writers, poets, word lovers. Plan to buy a book for someone for Christmas. You can find us at: Brookside Congregational Church, 2013 Elm Street, Manchester for their Festival of Lights on Dec. 10 and 17 from 4 - 8 p.m.



Asked and Answered: You choose!

November Is National Novel Writing Month!

By Ellen Reed, Weare Area Writers Guild

Have you ever dreamed of writing a novel, but had no idea where to start? Have you often wished there was a supportive community of aspiring writers from across the globe cheering on your efforts to write the Great American Novel? Or has it simply been your goal in life to someday write a 50,000-word novel in a month? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you need to join NaNoWriMo!

NaNoWriMo (i.e. National Novel Writing Month) is a free online site to assist aspiring authors find their voice. The challenge is to write a 50,000-word novel within the 30 days of November. No editing—just get those words down! Too often, writers get bogged down trying to edit their first draft as they write it and become frustrated at their lack of progress. In this challenge, participants are specifically told *not* to edit their work until the challenge is over. It makes a huge difference!

In 2009, a friend told me about this program, and I was intrigued. I checked it out, signed up for that November's challenge and wrote the rough draft of my first kids' book, "The Gangster's Gold." I'd always dreamed of writing a book and NaNoWriMo gave me the structure and support to motivate me into action. Since then, I have completed the challenge 11 times and published six of those books! I'm not sure any of those would have been written without NaNoWriMo to spur me on.

So, if you or your children (they also have a young writers program) are interested in writing your own book, head on over to www.nanowrimo.org and check it out!

Famous Diabetics

By Sharon Czarnecki

November is National Diabetes Awareness month. I thought it might be comforting to know that many famous people have also found it necessary to adapt to life with this condition. Here is a partial list (Type 2 unless otherwise specified).

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor – Type 1

Actor - Tom Hanks

Talk show host – Larry King – (who lived to be 87)

Singer - Patti LaBelle
Baseball player - David Wells
Filmmaker – George Lucas
Singer - Nick Jonas
Actress – Mary Tyler Moore
Boxer – Muhammad Ali
Prime Minister – Theresa May
Singer - Adele

Peanut Butter Fudge Recipe

By Sharon Czarnecki

November is peanut butter lovers month! Here's my favorite easy peasy fudge recipe:



- 2 Tablespoons of corn syrup (Karo syrup)
- 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ Cups of white sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup of milk
- 1 Cup of peanut butter and
- 1 Cup of marshmallow fluff - heaping

-Butter an oblong casserole dish approx. 6.5" X 10.5"

-Use a three-quart sauce pot. Put the first three ingredients into the pot. Stir them together in the pot.

-Heat over medium high setting, stirring occasionally.

-While that is coming to a boil, measure out the peanut butter and the fluff. Set aside.

-Bring the mixture to a rolling boil for **3 minutes**.

-Remove from heat.

-Add the peanut butter and fluff. Stir thoroughly.

-Pour into your casserole dish.

If you are a little less than your desired weight – have some. ☺ Or have some anyway and I sure won't tell. 😊

Real Jewelry Month

By Sharon Czarneck, Weare Area Writers Guild

November is "real jewelry month." Now, there's a learned concept if ever I heard one.

I can remember when I was five years old, I could easily envision princesses who wore pretty pieces of glass on their wrists and necks. The sequins on their dresses sparkled too, and at the time, that was one of my major requirements for "jewelry." When I went for walks in the woods with my parents, I knew of a path that was positively littered with pieces of super shiny mica. There were places in the brook where shafts of sunlight pierced through trees and placed a spotlight on gems in the silt that were already tumbled and smooth.

Clearly, if I wanted to go to a ball, I would have all the

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jewels I needed.

Of course, somewhere along the way, I was taught that “real jewelry” meant diamonds, rubies, pearls, jade and more. I hope I never forget that often, the social rules are just an on-lay for reality and that “real” jewels are probably best displayed in nature’s own settings.

**The Orionid Hunt**

By David Erikson, Weare Area Writers Guild

There have been many nights when my wife and I would get out our reclining chairs facing toward Cassiopeia on a night in August to count the Perseids. We got over 400 once. We were married under the trees on Aug. 11, so this was an anniversary tradition. We are now separated, but we share that. We had driven up to a frozen lake in Stoddard on a clear night to escape the glow from Manchester to look for the Orionids one year, when shallow lakes froze early, only to have no more than a peephole in the cloud cover up there. I’m willing to wait for the streaks across the sky.

This year seemed a good one for the Orionids. The moon was a waning crescent, which wouldn’t rise ‘til four a.m. I woke up with the call to pee, which wakes many men my age once or twice a night. I pulled on a stocking cap, climbed out my bedroom window onto the porch roof, pulled a foam pad and pillow behind me and, finally, a good sleeping bag. The sky was clear, and despite the hazy glow obliterating the stars to the southeast, I could make out five of the seven sisters, and clearly recognize Orion, looking as much like a dipper as either bear. To my left, but above the treetops was Cassiopeia, and in between, Taurus’ head with his nose aiming right at the peak of my roof. Taurus was the sign of the mother of my two boys, so he always brings her to mind. I resolved to remain until that nose touched that peak.

I was cozy and comfortable once I pulled the cap down and the sleeping bag up. I reached out with a hand and scratched the metal of the roof. Yes, there was frost under my nails. My lids kept closing. I wondered if the only shooting comet dust paths were happening when I blinked. Taurus was just one- and one-half lengths of his head from the roof trim. Once I might have seen a faint streak near Orion’s belt, but I had been focusing on Cassiopeia’s incomparable beauty and so couldn’t be sure.

When I woke from a dream about sighting in some kind of big gun and then my cousin appearing from behind a brush pile behind the house I grew up in, the

crescent moon was well above the maples beyond the upper field and Taurus had jumped over the roof line.

Perhaps tonight will be clear again, but perhaps sleep is more important, and waiting for shooting stars would be more fun with a companion.

**POETRY CORNER****Waiting for the White Blanket**

Shiver

A sniff of the chill air brings that distinctive aroma

Frost pricks the face

First frozen water forms balls floating and fretting down

From the gray white sky

If you look away, you’ve missed this first snow

Leaves had already let go

Knowing the white blanket will descend soon

Ground still warm, melts this first gentle warning

Frozen puddles speak of the black ice coming

The sun moves away

and grassy meadows are the last to brown in response

First snow doesn’t stay

but lets its threads be seen

and the animals who marathon sleep, feed their last frenzy

before all is quieted

when earth is blanketed

in layers of white

Not all at once, but it now has begun

Soon more threads will be laid and more,

And the white blanket will erase all it covers

-Connie Sullivan

Vision Ahead

I make the slow descent
down the shallow slope
into the city,
horizon blanketed
by clouds, puffy, white,
tall peaks, many peaks,
vista memory of the
Grand Tetons.

-Marge Burke

First Snow Fall

A white world greeted me when I woke,
wasn't much, just enough, to cover
the ground and trees, a pretty picture
for a few hours, 'til it melted.

-Marge Burke



Victoria Keane photo



**Why We Love Living in
New Hampshire**

*An occasional column featuring readers'
reverent observations of our natural*

surroundings



"Morning Contrast" (Joe Czarnecki photo).



These milkweed seeds are Christmas magic. When placed on a tree by the lights, they make the halos we used to get from fiberglass filaments – now outlawed (Sharon Czarnecki photo).



Knit Wits Craft Fair

WHERE: White Birch Center, 51 Hall Ave., Henniker

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 26, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Church

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GOFFSTOWN, NH
(DOWNSTAIRS HALL -
REAR ENTRANCE)

Christmas
FAIR

SANTA
COMING
11 AM - 1PM

SATURDAY,
DEC. 10TH

9 TO 2 PM

Vendors & Crafters, Bake Sale
Door Prize by Jacques Flowers
Raffles: 50/50, Gift Card,
Scratch Ticket Tree, Penny Sale.
Silent Auction, Kids Craft & Face Painting
Church Treasurers Yard Sale
Concession(Breakfast & Lunch)

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

We Democratic candidates for state representative offer a heartfelt, "Thank you." Thank you to the people and entities who contributed to our campaigns. Thank you to all the people who worked tirelessly on our behalf. Thank you to the public-spirited organizations who honored us with their endorsements. Thank you to the Weare and Goffstown Democratic Committees who provided us with every manner of support. Thank you to our families and friends who stood by us through three stressful months. And above all, thank you to the more than 1,500 voters in Weare and over 3,300 in Goffstown who came out on a cold election day to cast their votes for a brighter future. We ran a civil, respectful, fact-based campaign we can all be proud of; and we trust we have laid a foundation for forward-thinking candidates to build on starting in 2024.

Thank you.

-David Erikson, William Politt, David Trumble and Judith Johnson

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, Nov. 26

9:30 a.m. – Weare Republicans meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 29

7 p.m. – Stone Fund Committee meeting

Thursday, Dec. 1

7 p.m. – Library Trustees meeting

Friday, Dec. 2

10:30 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

Monday, Dec. 5

6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 6

7:30 p.m. – Zoning Board meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 7

6 p.m. - Mildred Hall Advisory Committee meeting

Thursday, Dec. 8

7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Monday, Dec. 12

6 p.m. - Board of Firewards meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 13

7 p.m. – Park & Recreation meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 14

4:15 pm. – Trustees of the Trust Fund meeting

6:30 p.m. – John Stark School Board meeting

7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting

7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting

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