



Weare in the World

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For Weare Residents, by Weare Residents

WMS Receives a "Grand" Donation



WMS/CWUES music teacher Serena Gorham plays the recently donated baby grand piano for the first class of choir (courtesy photo).

On Nov. 19, the rich sounds of a Henry Miller baby grand piano filled the room at the Weare Middle/Center Woods Upper Elementary Schools, the new home for a piano graciously donated to the school by the family of Jeanne Vint.

How did this piano make its way from Salem to the Weare Middle School?

"The family of Ms. Vint knew Suzanne

Carmichael, an English teacher at John Stark," said WMS/CWUES music teacher Serena Gorham. "When Ms.

Carmichael told them that the high school already had a piano, but that the middle school did not, they graciously offered this beautiful piano to us."

Principal Shawne Hilliard said that the cost of moving and tuning the piano was a consideration in accepting the gift, but that anonymous cash donations combined with a discount from the moving company (Trend Moving and Storage) covered nearly all of those costs.

"In this season of giving thanks and showing gratitude for others, these gifts are the ultimate demonstration of a giving community, and we are so grateful for this donation," Hilliard said.

The gift of this piano comes at a time when the music program at WMS is exploding. "This is my third year here," said Gorham. "And we now have 130 students involved in music outside of the classroom in the choir, band, and beginning band." Due to the size of the groups and the new baby grand, music concerts have moved into the gym.

"Being involved in music is like being on a sports team," commented Ms. Gorham. "We have fewer games..."

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You Should Be Dancin' dancers headed to Disney World (courtesy photo).

Disney, Here They Come!

By Sharon Czarnecki

A group of local dancers has been selected to perform at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Following their holiday performance on Dec. 4 at the Derryfield School in Manchester, the You Should Be Dancin' dancers are off to Disney World to perform with the mouse himself in Mickey's Very Magical Christmas Parade at the Magic Kingdom with dancers from all over the country. In addition, they auditioned and have been selected by Disney's Performing Arts to perform their very own Christmas production of "Christmas is Starting Now" on the Downtown Disney Waterside Stage in Disney Springs.

"I am so very proud of them!," said Missy Fredericks, studio owner/director. "They have all worked so hard not only individually, but also as a team to make this 15-minute stage production flawless!"

Many hours, days and weeks of practice have gone into perfecting their parade and stage

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performances. YSBD dancers and their families have waited over 2 ½ years for this performance, which has been postponed three times due to COVID cancellations, but nothing will stop them now; it's happening and they can't wait to show Mickey and the Disney crew what dancers from Weare, New Hampshire are made of!

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(concerts), but we have a lot of practices that allow students to learn, help each other grow, and celebrate that growth."

Jeanne Vint attended the New School of Music in Philadelphia in 1949, training to become a concert pianist and spending time performing chamber music accompanied by



Choir singers Davien Wooten, Zane Talbot, Elena Hernandez, McKenzie Williams and Miley Houle (courtesy photo).

violin and cello. She enjoyed playing classical music throughout her life and recorded a '78 phonograph record. The family hopes that the gifting of this piano to Weare Middle School will in some small way allow her legacy to live on.

October to benefit the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD). Antoine was one of the many volunteer designers who brought to life a favorite fall or Halloween-themed book into elaborately decorated tabletops.

Antoine, who has participated in this event since 2018, selected the book, "There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat" because the book speaks to her as a school librarian.

"I've read this book to my students for many years and it's always a hit," she said in a school release. "They like the repetition and they enjoy seeing what will come next. It's a classic story."

Antoine became involved with the fundraiser because she loves to read and she wanted to give back to Dartmouth-Hitchcock. She suffered a stroke in 2010 and credits the hospital and staff for the life-saving surgery she received in their care. According to the DHMC website, this year's event raised \$108,635.

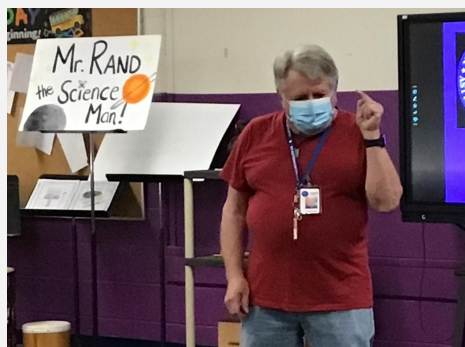


L-R: Caylin Worthen, Katelyn Lorenz, Jenna Sinclair and Kayla Barriere show Kristen Lundeen the various card choices for their notes (courtesy photo).

School News

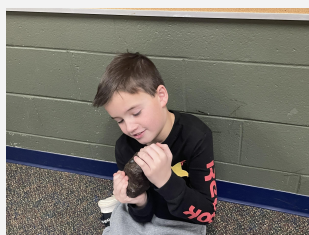
Weare Middle/Center Woods Upper Elementary School Librarian Jodie Antoine participated in the Storybook Tablescape Tour held at the Bedford Event Center in

The Dean's Advisory at Weare Middle School, a group of about 30 eighth-grade students, was the brainchild of Assistant Dean Jake Morrill to provide students with an opportunity to have a voice at WMS and to make a positive impact on the school community. The Dean's Advisory meets every other week during flex blocks. In last week's activity, the advisory group gathered to write thank you cards for all Weare Middle/Center Woods Upper Elementary School teachers and staff. It was an opportunity for students to show their gratitude for the adults who work so hard to create a caring learning community every day. Paraeducator and Registered Behavior Technician Kristen Lundeen helped plan this activity with Morrill.

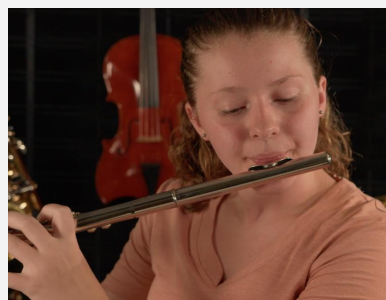


Steve Rand from the N.H. Astronomical Society and husband of Christine Rand recently visited

CWES's third-grade classes. The students had just finished a unit on the Earth's relationship with the sun, what causes seasons and what causes day and night. In addition to his presentation and fielding many thoughtful questions, Mr. Rand brought in and shared a meteorite with the students.



L-R: Quinn Hodges, Tyler McQueeney, Lilah Chezick and Oliver Lloyd explore the meteorite (courtesy photos).



Congratulations to sophomore band student Kayleigh Megowen, who will represent John Stark at the NHMEA All-State Music Festival in April. She competed against 29 other high school flutists from across

New Hampshire to become one of just 14 selected to play with the All-State Band and Orchestra in Concord on April 19 at The Capitol Center for the Arts.

-School articles submitted by Patti Osgood

Upcoming School Meetings

Superintendent December Zoom Office Hours

Join SAU 24 Superintendent Jacqueline Coe on Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. for her monthly Zoom Superintendent Office Hours. Ask a question, say hello or just listen via Zoom @ <https://bit.ly/2Yx51YJOfficeHours>. Meeting ID: 821 4229 1994 Passcode: 225191 or Join by phone @ (US) +1 240-623-0475 PIN: 538 949 965#.

John Stark District Board Meeting

Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m., school cafeteria. Default budget to be presented. Meetings are available via live stream at <https://bit.ly/SAU24LiveStream>.

Weare School District Board Meeting

Dec. 21, 6 p.m., WMS cafeteria. Default budget to be presented. Meetings are available via live stream at <https://bit.ly/SAU24LiveStream>.

January 2022 Board Meetings

The following are the January school district board meeting dates. Please note that each school board meeting in January will recess at 7 p.m. for the public hearing of that district's proposed 2022-2023 budget.

Weare School District Board Meeting

Jan 12

John Stark District Board Meeting

Jan. 14

Please note: All school board meeting information, including meeting dates, minutes, agendas, budget info, policies, board members and officials is available at www.sau24.org.



Wendy Rice is pictured here at a retirement luncheon held in her honor. Rice recently retired from her position as assessing assistant after 15 years of service to the town of Weare (courtesy photo).

Weare Public Library News



Weare's Very First Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

This Saturday, Dec. 11, starting at 1 p.m., kids and teens can compete to become the greatest Super Smash Bros. fighter in town at the Weare Public Library.

"We now have our very own Nintendo Switch system," explains Director Clay Kriese, "...much thanks to the Friends of the Library. We've noticed that Super Smash Bros. Ultimate is the one game that most of our patrons want to play. Since attendees at our Game Night and Monday Game Afternoon events so much enjoy facing-off against each other, again and again (for hours on end), it only follows that we incorporate it into a more formal competition."

Ultimate is one of the best-selling titles in video game history. It is the cumulation of the popular crossover Super Smash Bros. series, where you can fight with characters from Nintendo's most popular franchises. This latest entry is not only the most technically advanced (with the greatest variety of settings and special moves), but you can select from 89 unique characters including: Mario, Donkey Kong, Link, Samus, Kirby, Mega Man and Pikachu.

Players aged 18 and below can sign-up for this double-elimination tournament. "When seeing the bracket," Kriese explains, "I'll try my best to group the younger and older competitors, but there's no guarantee. If asked, we will allow, say, a 6-year-old to enter, but he or she is advised that, in later rounds, they could very well face-off against highly experienced players."

The Weare Library provides Joy-Con and Power A controllers, but competitors are also welcome to bring

and use controllers of their own. Official rules will be provided at the start of the tournament.

"So far, some of the players I've seen are quite skilled," says Kriese. "They've got 'The Touch!' I've seen 'The Eye of the Tiger!' This Saturday, I'm really curious to see who comes out on top!" Go to the sign-up page at wearepubliclibrary.com/smash, call the Weare Library (603-529-2044) or email wearepl@comcast.net. The event's held in the Sawyer Room. The deadline to sign-up is one hour before the event. After that, it's GAME OVER.

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

Selectman	One position	3-year term
Town Clerk	One position	3-year term
Town Moderator	One position	2-year term
Town Treasurer	One position	3-year term
Supervisor of Checklist	One position	6-year term
Library Trustee	One position	3-year term
Cemetery Trustee	One position	3-year term
Trustee of Trust Funds	One position One position	2-year term 3-year term
Board of Firewards	Non-member One position	3-year term
	Member One position	3-year term



Wine Tasting at Country 3 Corners

Friday, Dec. 17, 5-7 p.m.

(In the hardware store)

833 S. Stark Highway 603-529-7539 X 4

lfiala@country3corners.com



LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Macdaddy Guitars

By Sharon Czarnecki

Christian MacDonald has had a love for guitars ever since he was in high school. In his sophomore year, he had an acoustic guitar, but he and his friends had recently formed their own band and wanted an electric. Since they were pretty expensive, he decided to build his own using a Woodcraft guitar kit. That definitely improved the sound for the band - called Odern Gebra - and you may have heard them play back in the 80's if you were in The Woodcraft Guitar

Fairfield, Connecticut. The name of the band, by the way, was inspired by the fact that MacDonald's Modern Algebra book had a torn cover that removed the first letter or two of each word.



New England College continued to foster his artistic talents and he graduated with a degree in fine arts and communications. Shortly after college, a lifelong love for crafting beautiful instruments was born. The prototype for what later became Macdaddy Guitars is shown at the left.

Asked if there have been guitars throughout history that he's really liked and modeled his guitars after, he said indeed: the Fender Stratocaster, designed by Leo Fender in 1952.

MacDonald was also attracted by the particular sound of the Ventures music produced by their Fender guitars and solid body electronics. (Research shows this is a guitar made of solid wood, without resonating airspaces within.) It gives them a really cool and distinctive sound. Gibson Guitars (made by Les Paul) also inspired him to always strive for less feedback.

As most guitarists will tell you, the type of wood used in an instrument can definitely affect not only its weight and appearance, but the sound as well. MacDonald finds his wood in a variety of local locations – wood stored in a neighbor's barn, a piece of firewood meant for art - not combustion, and even cherry wood from his own tree that died. For retail sources, he uses Stuart



Macdonald Luthier Supply or Chichester Goosebay Lumber.

Some folks have a preference for acoustic or electric, but Macdaddy Guitars is happy to create or repair either one. In fact, they have their own design specialty that incorporates both features simultaneously. They are proud to produce acoustic electrics with thin bodies that are less prone to feedback.

In addition to producing new instruments, Macdonald explains that he loves reconditioning guitars owners have brought to him that were "headed for the dumpster." One of his favorites was a Takamine guitar with a broken neck and missing pieces. He was able to restore not only its physical beauty, but full resonant sound as well.

In speaking with MacDonald, it really became apparent that he loves everything about guitars. He gives lessons (see contact information below), encourages people to bring him any technical problems they are having with guitars for professional diagnostics and set up, builds them from scratch and reconditions instruments that are past their prime.

When asked what drives all of that, he responds it is his passion for sound and art coming together to form a work of art that can then move on to yet another artist to create more.

Text or call 603-494-5632 or find on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Macdaddy-Guitars-105671821885966>



Current model
255 Florentine
Slimline



Macdaddy Guitars at a recent show at NEC in Henniker (courtesy photo).

SENIOR NEWS



News From Senior Café

By Peggy Bailey

Below is our menu for December. The Breaking Bread cafe is open 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Wednesday. We serve affordable lunch for all (for a donation of your choice). Lunch is FREE for any local area seniors at 33 North Stark Highway in Weare.

12/8: Lasagna, green salad, garlic bread

12/15: Spiral cut ham, sweet potato soufflé, waldorf salad

12/22: Vegetable chowder, grilled ham and cheese sandwiches

12/29: All-American bean bake, fruit salad and cornbread. (Fruit may be added. Dessert is always included. Available drinks are hot coffee or tea, iced tea, hot chocolate and water.)

Please call 603-529-4263 to reserve your meal. Guests may dine in - we have room for 35 guests - or take out. Leave your name, telephone number and how many plates. It is first come, first served. When it is all gone, we are finished serving 😊.

The Senior Center is also available for your pleasure whenever the Thrift Shoppe is open. Hours are Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We have complimentary drinks and Wi-Fi. There are board games, cribbage boards and cards for games, plenty of poker chips, puzzles, etc.

Visit our Facebook page for the latest news:

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

Ya Never Know Thrift Shoppe

By Melody Beauregard

We are feeling the holiday spirit with the addition of our Christmas room. It's been a hit! We add to our unique collection of beautiful decor regularly!

On sale this month: BOGO – buy one, get one free! Pants and children's clothing! (Excludes winter snow gear.) Happy Holidays!

Our hours are Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a friend and stop at the senior center to visit as well. The Thrift Shoppe proceeds benefit the Breaking Bread Senior Café/Center, Senior Food Bank and any overhead for Hand In Hand Ministries, Inc.

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



Lisa Ilsley of Ilsley's Ice Cream in Weare (left) and representatives from Andia's Homemade Ice Cream of North Carolina and Outside the Cone of Virginia (courtesy photo).

Grand Master Ice Cream Award

By Heidi Ilsley

In all of North America, there were only three Grand Master Ice Cream Awards given out at The North America Ice Cream Association Banquet in Orlando, Florida on Nov. 9, 2021. Weare's own Lisa Ilsley was one of the recipients and is pictured on the left above. (To qualify for this special award, one must receive (3) blue ribbons in vanilla, chocolate, or strawberry categories within a five-year term.)

Lisa Ilsley is the owner and founder of Ilsley's Ice Cream, located at 33 South Sugar Hill Road, and has been in business for seven years. She and her staff look forward to serving their customers again from Mother's Day until just before Columbus Day in the 2022 season. Ilsley's is known for their unique flavors and delicious pints. Follow them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IlsleysIceCream>.



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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 Calvin! Lab/Shepherd mix; male; friendly, affectionate, gentle, playful, smart and quiet; short coat; house trained; vaccinations up to date; neutered; microchipped; seven months old; weighs 21 pounds; good with other dogs, cats and children. Adoption fee \$550.



Meet Pancho! Lab mix; male; friendly, affectionate, loyal, gentle, playful, smart and athletic; short coat; house trained; vaccinations up to date; neutered; microchipped; one year old; weighs 42

pounds; good with other dogs and children. Adoption fee: \$550.



Meet Brandon! Yellow Lab/Shiba Inu mix; male; friendly, gentle, smart, quiet, affectionate and loyal; short coat; house trained; crate trained; vaccinations up to date; neutered; microchipped; five years old; weighs 27 pounds; good with other dogs, children and other

animals. (His lifelong best friend was a pig.) Adoption Fee \$550.

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



Looking For Actors

By Sharon Czarnecki

There are definitely available actors in the town of Weare and this notice is for you.

Milford Area Players will be conducting auditions for their spring show, "The Philadelphia Story." Auditions Sunday, Dec 12, 4 to 7 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Amato Center in Milford, NH. Please plan to arrive early.

Preparation: No monologue needed. Auditions will consist of readings from the script. Callbacks, if needed, will be on Tuesday, Dec. 14.

The Play: The Lord family is transformed during the upheaval of their upcoming second wedding plans for Tracy Lord, as family values and love relationships are circumspect in this 1930s classic. The play retrospectively highlights Philadelphia's high-class society and norms of the early 1900s.

Questions? Please email director Roger Hurd at: hurdroger@gmail.com or call him at 617-501-4007. Find the players at <http://www.milfordareaplayers.org/> or on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/milfordareaplayers.org/>



A Christmas tree is back in the gazebo this year thanks to the donations of time and materials made by Kenny and Rhonda Gregg, Wanda McLain, Country 3 Corners, Weare Park & Rec, and others in the community (Alyssa Small photo.)



Asked and Answered: Christmas memories



The Christmas Tree Expedition

By Sharon Czarnecki

A few years ago, my son's family included me on a "cut your own" field trip. This adventure included Mammie (that's me), two parents and four children from 18 months to 10 years.

When we arrived, there was a very prominent sign that read "All trees \$50," but to be honest, this farm had a view that was worth \$200 all by itself. It was a beautiful sunny day with "seasonal temperatures." Herb, the owner, proudly showed us around, leading us to his spacious deck, where we could see almost every tree available for selection on the acres of gentle downward slopes laid out below. However, Herb apologized that there had been over-cutting and "good" sized trees were scarce, so he pointed out an area laid out like a U shaped soccer end zone full of six- to eight-foot pre-cut trees he "just brought down from Claremont, NH this morning."

Now at 67, I am happily just along for the ride. So, I wait to see what the parents will decide. Remember the word "almost" in the previous paragraph? Well these two ambitious parents decide that it's possible there might be an appropriate tree on the very edges, around a corner that we cannot quite see.

Herb applauds our ambition and presents us with a "tree wagon." This is a red, wrought iron device on six thick wheels, about six feet long, that looks like the rescue basket from a helicopter put into service for our needs. Young Taylor has volunteered to haul the wagon and has great strength and perseverance for a five year old with such a burden. We traipse over hill and dale thru acres of trees with even our little 18 month old gamely keeping up. It is tough, slow going and when we get as far from the building as possible and as far downhill as possible, we establish that – in fact – there

are no adequate trees in any portion of this beautiful snow-covered landscape.

Ah well, back to the soccer end zone. Since we are now going uphill, Mae has taken over the cart and is doing just fine until she doesn't notice a small boulder in her path; the cart jams on it with such force it swings her arm all the way back with a horrible jolt. There is an intermission while we recover our injured player.

Next, we arrive at the pre-cut tree choices. We are trying to assess the trees and get five people to agree on only one tree. The most strong-willed person in the group is the three year old, Eve. By now, she is pretty tired – aren't we all? She stomps over to the first tree in line and says, "This one." Mom, who still has energy, smiles at her and patiently says, "Well let's look at some others too, honey." Meanwhile there is a chorus of, "What about this one? How about the one over there? This one is fatter. That's way too tall. I don't think I like this one." In the midst of this banter and tree moving, then Eve keeps saying, "This one!" and looking at it determinedly with an ever increasing scowl. There is – of course – no consensus amongst all the others. Finally, there is a major foot stomp and a great screech from Eve, "THIS ONE !!!". Dad looks at Mom. Mom looks at Dad, and she says, "I think it might be lopsided." Dad says, "If it's branches are on right side up, it's fine with me."

Finally, back at the parking lot, Mom and Dad are loading the trees on car tops. Herb has been watching Taylor gamely haul this tree cart all over the place and he calls cheerfully to him, "Hey, big guy. Wanna help me put this cart away?" Taylor's face lights up, and he sprints full tilt towards Herb with a huge grin. His knee hits the car trailer hitch. A truly devastating blow! It brings everything to a halt. Herb, the owner, kindly offers several times to help Taylor pull the wagon; each time, Taylor says no, he can't. Herb asks again, "I can help you pull it. Are you ready now?" To everyone's surprise, little Nicole turns and looks at Herb, scowls, and hollers, "NO – CAN'T!!!" Her expression clearly says, "What part of 'no' don't you understand, mister? Leave my brother alone!" We all get a much needed laugh out of that and poor Herb resignedly moves the tree cart.

Time to load up the family. Did I mention the cars are on a very mild incline? Suddenly, a loud thump and much wailing; Eve and her car seat are on the ground next to my car. Mom and Dad jump down from the top of the car and rescue the very indignant Eve and restore order.

At last the trees – which turned out to be beautiful – were secured to the tops of the cars. We rode down through the picturesque hills, happy to be together and once again ready to welcome a live tree into our home...No children were hurt (well, not very much anyway) in the making of this cherished memory.

Oak

By Michael Collins

I have a beautiful, magnificent oak tree on my lawn. I considered climbing it some years ago. I placed my 28-foot ladder against the trunk, and at the top of the ladder, I was 20 feet from the nearest branch. I did not climb the tree. The oak is probably 200 feet tall and has no local competition for full sun. I mention the tree because I view it often from the porch at the front of the house. Last year, and again this year, a phenomenon occurred that I had not seen before. It was September both years. The air was still, hardly a breeze at all, but some of the branches of the oak were waving wildly and suddenly became airborne, crashing to the ground. Soon, the ground was littered with the ends of small branches. On inspection, the branches had multiple twigs with leaves and acorns, both green. The severed ends had a cut appearance. I soon saw the culprits. Two young squirrels raced down the tree trunk and began harvesting acorns. Some local chipmunks joined the fun and beat the squirrels to many of the acorns. This continued for a couple of weeks until the squirrels left the area. I was left with cleanup of the branches: about five garden carts full. It is now November, the oak has brown leaves beginning to fall, and I can enjoy watching the bare branches catch the winter snows.

Fighting the Great "NO"

By Diane T. Padilla

Preface: Some years ago, I worked in a healthcare call center. Health insurers hired our company to make outreach calls to their members to see what their health care concerns and needs were. What I found over time was that some members weren't getting the help they needed, that their medical questions were either never fully answered or just ignored. Those calls I routed to management, per protocol. I could hear the anger, fear, frustration in their voices, and I had to conceal my feelings of sadness. At the end of the day, I felt powerless to do anything to help them, save listening. Thus, this poem, borne out of my weary helplessness. (Written in 2009 and recently revised.)

Every day I meet them, each with outstretched arms,
Pleading eyes, souls stuffed with pain.
Drowning in a sea of uncertainty, unheard,
No markers or compass to guide them.

Looking for answers, relief, comfort,

Something to staunch the bleeding, to stop
The freefall through a system that long ago
Abandoned them, cutting away the net.

Broken limbs, collapsed lungs, jobless and homeless;
Baby blankets of wires and tubes, a child far from home.
A husband cares for his wife, overwhelmed by the depth
of her suffering.
A single mother watches her daughter dying before her,
helpless to save her.

They live in a land of little hope and less power, cast
aside by smiles and shrugs;
Swimming against a tide of paper, their fates decided in
a distant place of
Slammed doors, denied access to what can heal them,
Barely existing in a sunless land, spirits spent, fighting
the great "NO."

Every day I meet them, do my best to serve their needs,
As a guide to one more place, one more person, who
might have the answer.
A connector of a bridge with an unknown destination,
whose outcome is uncertain.
Then, with a click, I file them away, sending them off
with a prayer and no wings.

Breaking and Entering

It was with permission
from a friend to retrieve
a package from her
open door shed, all
went well until the
rooster sounded the
alarm, no one came,
probably normal
neighborhood noise, when
I started my car
to leave, accidentally
I pushed the panic
button, still no one came,
I decided then and
there I was not cut
out for a life of crime.

-Marge Burke

What Is It?

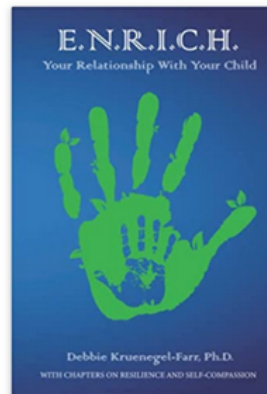
I wake to see water
dripping from the eaves,
and at the same time
snow forming on the
rhododendron bush
leaves, along with a
dusting of white on
the ground, a strange
combination for sure,
I check the temperature
thirty two, just right
for this vista
I call pretty.

- Marge Burke

Local Author Book Review

By Debbie Farr

DESCRIPTION: This newly released book shows parents how to encourage and positively respond to their child, adolescent, or teen. Using the acronym E.N.R.I.C.H., parents can easily remember the various research-based techniques that have been proven to create a positive relationship between parent and child. A special chapter on helping families navigate crises, combined with a section on self-compassion, offer the reader a wealth of information. Humorous stories, personal experiences, examples, and opportunities for practice make this book user-friendly and easy to read. The book is available in paperback on Amazon, <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09M57DRXD>, with the Kindle version being released early December.



REVIEW: by Margaret Machara, Tennessee "Dr. Debbie has a warm, personal style that makes you feel like you are swapping stories with a friend, while gathering parenting tools to use with your own kids. The E.N.R.I.C.H. research-based strategies are outlined, explained, and demonstrated in a format that is helpful to both parents and anyone who works with children or families. The cherry on top is the built-in activities at the end of each chapter that are just the thing to help the reader apply the concepts to their own situations!" Being a child is all about learning. They need assistance, guidance..."

EXCERPT - "Being a child is all about learning they need assistance, guidance, and many 'second chances'. Encouragement does exactly that. It increases the likelihood the child will try again. if we jump on them for getting something wrong, they are less likely to try again. When we focus on their mistakes or failures, we actually discourage them, or remove courage (dis-courage = without courage). It's helpful to follow the 5 to 1 Rule - we need 5 positives to each negative. Focus on the good for at least 20 seconds. If you say something encouraging to your child, give them a minute to let it sink in and don't launch into the next thing. How we talk to our child becomes their inner voice. As a famous psychologist once said, 'children need encouragement like plants need water.'"



Volunteers Needed (Unpaid positions)

Hand in Hand Ministry

Board Members

Enthusiasm for helping others required.

Grant Writer

PT/ experience required.

Chef – Senior Center

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

Game Facilitator - Senior Center

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

Staff Person – Ya Never Know Thrift Shop

PT, one or two days per week.

For any of the above, contact Bob Boucher, president at boucherrobert@comcast.net or Peggy Bailey, director, at handinhandministriesinc@gmail.com or call 529-4263.

Reporter: Weare in the World

Weare in the World is seeking someone to report news on seniors in our town, including the activities and menus of our senior center. This person would work under our community relations reporter. Please respond to weareintheworldnews@gmail.com if interested.

Job Listings

A free public service for the Town of Weare.

C.J. Bolton, Inc.

CDL Driver / Equipment Operator / Mechanic / Welder General Laborer

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

Country 3 Corners

Retail Associate, hardware

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

Various positions, convenience store

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

Student Transportation of America

School Bus Driver

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

TMS Diesel

Shop Assistant

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

Weare Market & Deli

Retail Associate, Grocery Store

PT/FT / All shifts available / Experience not needed but must work well with others / Prefer 18 years or older / Schedule varies / Salary – Will discuss / Apply at 421 S. Stark Highway.

Weare School District

Paraeducators, WMS and CWUES

Weare Middle School and Upper Elementary are in need of paraeducators to help support our students. This is an opportunity to make a difference in our community and have a positive impact on the lives of students. Please visit [SAU 24 Job Opportunities](#) to see and apply for openings.



Weare in the World has launched its own website! Check out the history, past issues or subscribe. Go to weareintheworldnews.com.

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, Dec. 8

4:15 p.m. - Trustees of the Trust Funds Meeting
6:30 p.m. – John Stark School Board Meeting
7 p.m. – Conservation Commission Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 9

7 p.m. – Planning Board Meeting

Monday, Dec. 13

6 p.m. – Board of Firewards Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 14

5 p.m. – Cemetery Trustees Meeting
7 p.m. – Parks & Recreation Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 15

7 p.m. – Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 16

7 p.m. – Planning Board Meeting

Friday, Dec. 17

10:30 a.m. - Weare Area Writers Guild Meeting

Monday, Dec. 20

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

Tuesday, Dec. 21

6 p.m. – Weare School Board Meeting
7 p.m. – Cable Committee Meeting

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