



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

April 26, 2023



School News



Public Invited to JSRHS Expo May 11

The public is invited to an evening at John Stark Regional High School for the General Exposition, "A Return to Tradition," on Thursday, May 11 from 5-8 p.m. In addition to featuring senior Capstone projects, the evening will include community chess and cornhole competitions, student music and theatre performances, displays of artwork, welding and robotics demonstrations and a student vs. staff quiz bowl tournament. John Stark students are also planning a scavenger hunt with prizes as participants find the various items throughout the building.

"We'd like to take this evening back to its 1988 roots and welcome the greater John Stark community into the school and celebrate all of our students," said Tiffany Smith, John Stark's Director of Student Pathways, in a school release. She has been working with Assistant Principal Brian Emery on this year's General Exposition. "We are so proud of our students, faculty and staff. We'd like to celebrate everyone and give members of the Henniker and Weare communities a chance to learn more about the school, who we are, and what we do," she said.

Admission is free. Four food trucks from Tola-Rose Italian Eats, Taco Beyondo, The Gravy Train and Kona Ice will have items for purchase. The John Stark School Store will also be open and selling apparel and other items, including vintage JSR memorabilia.

John Stark would also like to invite community members to sign up to help evaluate senior Capstone projects. Evaluations will occur from 3-5 p.m. on May 11 before the opening of the General Exposition. No experience is necessary. Perhaps you are a John Stark alumnus or simply have an interest as a community member. Your involvement would be greatly appreciated. Please email JSRHS.Capstone@SAU24.org if you are interested in evaluating Capstone Projects this year.

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This conceptual image of an expanded Weare Public Library as viewed from East Road was unveiled by SMP architect Jason LaCombe at a meeting in the library on April 13 (SMP courtesy photo).

Latest Designs for Library Shown; Townwide Meeting Slated for June

By Tom Clow

On Thursday, April 13, Jason LaCombe of SMP Architecture again met with a small group in the Weare Public Library to discuss conceptual plans for an expansion of that facility. LaCombe reviewed the layout design of the upper and lower levels of the library that had been discussed at earlier meetings and were also pictured in the February 22 issue of *Weare in the World*, then presented his latest design for the exterior. This latest design incorporated feedback from the participants at earlier meetings, particularly the need for bricks to match the existing building.

The main entrance to the building would still be off Paige Memorial Lane, but more toward Route 114. Visitors would enter a foyer with the reception desk to their left and the entrance to a community room to their right.

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"Talk" To Us

Wildflowers

Stories, poems, photos


Deadline – May 5th


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The foyer would be part of a through passage that connects to a second entrance off East Road to accommodate traffic from the middle school and for visitors who park on that side of the building. The present entrance would be used primarily by library staff. Lacombe’s presentation included a video that showed multiple views of the exterior of the expanded building.

Library Director Clay Kriese said he is hoping for a larger turnout at a town-wide meeting to be held in the Weare Middle School Cafetorium on Tuesday, June 13 at 7 p.m.






**WEARE MIDDLE SCHOOL
8TH ANNUAL 5K FUN RUN/WALK**

FRIDAY, MAY 12 @ 4 PM

**MUST BE 8 YEARS OLD TO PARTICPATE
NO STROLLERS OR DOGS ALLOWED**



Scan this code to register for race

WMS 5K Fun Run/Walk
rsvp@gnp.com

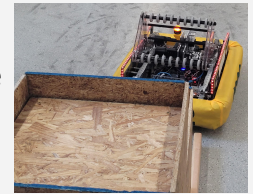
The Hopkinton / John Stark High School Robotics Team



left for Houston, Texas, on April 18 to join over 620 teams from around the world for a week of competition, learning and fun at the FIRST World Robotics

Championships. The team designed and programmed a robot (“Tin Man 1922”) and scored well enough in two regional competitions to be invited to compete in Texas, according to a school release. The team’s robot may be small but it is a mighty robot that is programmed to run an autonomous routine, as well as be able to score

game pieces (tossing cubes into goals). Throughout the competition season, game announcers commented on its small size and zippy speed. While in Houston, the team will have access to a high-tech trade show, college recruiters and classes to help enhance their team management skills. John Stark's students on the team are Bourne Spooner, Logan Grant, Liam Bean and Brad Dickinson. Hopkinton High team members are Teddy Ehrmantraut, Vaughn Dixon, Eli Sarasin, Owen Horne, Judah Vendt, Sara Vargas, Julian Zanetti and Tyler Baroodly.



Photos: Some of the Hopkinton/John Stark Robotics Team members with their robot, “Tin Man 1922,” also shown above.

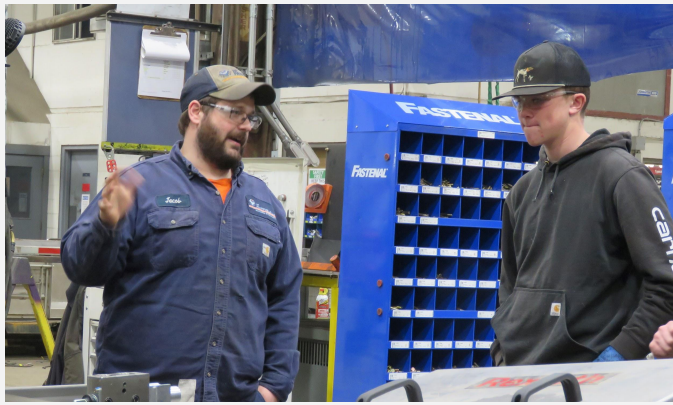


Two members of the **John Stark Art Club**, Arik Linstad and Percy Carson, attended the April meeting of the John Stark School Board to talk about the murals and other art projects the club has completed or are in progress throughout the school. They also explained to the board that they have received numerous requests from community members for art projects to be created by the Art Club students in Henniker and Weare.

Photos: The JSRHS art club recently painted both the John Stark and SAU 24 logos on the wall of the room used for school board meetings. Shown are members Deb Urbaitis and Zach Lawson. To the right: Arik Linstad with Percy Carson during the meeting where they talked about the work the Art Club was involved in, including the painting logos in the meeting room.



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Students in Joab Owen's **welding classes** at JSRHS visited HP Fairfield, "The Snow Plow People," in Contoocook, to get an up-close look at the many phases and trades involved in building a highway snow plow. The students were able to see several vehicles in various phases of their build and also learned about the career opportunities available at HP Fairfield after high school in welding, electrical and hydraulic systems, as well as Fairfield's robust "learn as you work" program.



Fairfield is the leading provider of public works and private sector trucks and maintenance products, parts and services in New England.

Photos: Above, HP Fairfield Team Leader Jacob Carl talks with JSRHS student Braydon Porth about the many phases involved

in building a custom truck for a municipality. Left: Senior Megan Rousseau climbed into the cab. Below: Students who visited HP Fairfield in Contoocook, L to R: Lucas Houle, Damion Beaulieu, Kadin Wayland, Megan Rousseau, Alex Nevins, Braydon Porth, Kaleb Hardy and Michael Gardner.




Author of books about kids and teenagers **Justin Sonnenblick** visited Weare Middle School on April 17 and shared some stories of his own youth and tales from his books. His books include "Zen and the Art of Faking It," "Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie," "Falling Over Sideways," and "The Boy Who Failed Show and Tell." WMS Library Media Specialist Jodie Antoine said the author's visit had been made possible from the support of the book fairs held in recent years.





JOHN STARK FOOTBALL BOOSTERS






 PRESENTS
LIVE COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY • MAY 9 • 7PM
CHUNKY'S CINEMA PUB MANCHESTER


JODY SLOANE


MARK SCALIA


MATT BARRY

TICKETS ARE \$20 EACH. DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

Tickets are \$20 per person (Venmo payment only, **due by May 1**) with no refunds. Money will go towards the team for camp. Please put your name and the number of people in your party in the Venmo "What's it for" note. A booster club member will greet you at the theater room's door with logged Venmo receipts for entry. Teens and adults welcome. There are no assigned seats. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. The show ends around 8:30 - 9 p.m. Hope to see you there!



News from Weare Parks and Rec

By JaNeen Lentsch

BOAT RAMP. The boat ramp at Chase Park has a very large hole (the size of a small car), where

the concrete and asphalt have worn away in the water. We have state approval and permits for replacement and are now scheduled for repairs this fall, as the water from the dam is already rising too high. Jason Fiske – acting director for the Weare Department of Public Works - presented a proposal explaining how the repairs will proceed and what is involved in doing so. This is a \$3,000 project, which will come from the budget of either Parks and Rec or DPW.

CHASE PARK SCHEDULE. Our 2023 early- to mid-summer schedule was approved by the Weare Board of Selectmen. We will revisit this in August to see if we need to cut hours to stay on budget. Fall hours will be posted in August.(See table at end of article.)

PUBLIC HEARING ON FEES. Selectmen supported our fee recommendation for Chase Park; it will go to a public hearing on Monday, May 15. [All interested parties are encouraged to attend.](#)

HOLIDAY FEES. Police Chief Moore recommended an increased holiday fee for non-resident visitors at Chase Park in order to help with some overcrowding, particularly on July 4th.

BOLTON FIELD. There was some discussion of putting rocks/boulders at the ends of the football and soccer fields to create a continued fence line. It was also mentioned that the road needs material added to make a crown. Fiske stated that a site visit confirmed these findings. Sun shades are up at the playground, and repairs to the tube slide and bubble climbing structure have begun.

POWER LOADING. It has been suggested that we install a “power loading prohibited” sign, which will be strictly enforced by our staff. It was further recommended, by Selectman Sherry Burdick, that fines be clearly noted on the sign.

EAST ROAD RECREATION FIELDS. There are 20 acres of land on East Road that have been earmarked for ball fields and recreation. The parcel is still currently being used by the town one and a half weeks a year to get sand needed for the year. It is also being used by the police department as a shooting range at a minimum of two to four times a year for training of new hires. It was recommended by the conservation commission that an engineer be assigned to do a site plan. A subject of concern is being certain the removal of soil material does not necessitate using fill later to create recreation fields.

TENNIS COURT LOCKS. The tennis courts will open this

Saturday with a new lock system; more info will be posted on a sign at that location.

WOOD CHIPS. Parks and Rec is looking for quotes on playground wood chips for Bolton Park.

Chase Park Hours 2023 **OPENING DAY: MAY 27**		
May 27 - May 29	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.	9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
June 3 - June 4	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.	9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
June 10 - 11	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.	9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
June 17 - June 18	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.	9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
June 24 - Aug. 27	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.	9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Weare Ethics Committee Convenes

By Wendy Curry

Following voter approval for its re-formation, the Weare Ethics Committee held its organizational meeting on April 19 at the Weare town offices. Wendy Curry was elected chair; Eileen Meaney was elected secretary.

This committee will continue the work of the prior committee (disbanded in 2013). The original committee created the Code of Ethics and implementation document (approved by voters in 2006). A link to the Code of Ethics can be found on the town of Weare website.

The committee identified the following as topics for future agendas:

*Transparency with confidentiality. How can the committee be transparent, yet protect citizen's right to privacy?

*Right to Know. What are the limits when it comes to ethics complaints?

*Disclosure. How does the committee ensure both employees/elected officials understand what to disclose when? and how?

*Timelines. What is a reasonable response time?

*Hearing. The committee has the power to hold a hearing. What would that look like and who has access?

*Subpoena. The board has the power to require employees/elected officials to appear. What are the repercussions when people choose not to appear?

*Communication. How to communicate with other committees? The community at large?

*Inquiries. Do citizens need to fill out a written inquiry form to ask a simple question? Or can they do so at a meeting?

In order to expedite this work, the committee will meet on the first, third and fourth Wednesdays of the month (6 - 8 p.m. at the town office). The public is welcome to come and observe. Meetings will be streamed on YouTube.



The Weare Democrats will be participating in the Weare Historical Society Townwide Yard Sale on June 3. Needed: volunteers and “stuff” to sell. Please consider donating items and/or volunteering to take a shift or two and enjoy spending time with friends.

VOLUNTEERS: Shifts start at 7 a.m. to set up, last throughout the day to man our area from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and end with packing up after 2 p.m.

We take everything except:

BOOKS: Please donate those to the library; they will have a spot there.

ELECTRONICS: No way to test them and ensure they work at the event.

CLOTHING: Please take to the collection bin at Holy Cross Church on Center Road.

Please drop your items by our spot on the Historical Society Lawn by **7 a.m. on June 3** **OR** to arrange an earlier drop off, send an email to bevcoott@gmail.com

Unsold items need to be picked up by 2:15 p.m. that day or we will donate to Goodwill, the Hand in Hand Senior Center or they will be disposed of.

For more information about the Weare Democrats:

E-mail: WeareDemCom@comcast.net

Website: <https://wearehndemocrats.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wearehndemocrats>

It's Not Too Late!

By Connie Evans

Did you know around 60 families lived in East Weare before the Army Corps of Engineers removed all trace of their existence? How could this happen to such a prosperous village? Come find out by

participating in the play *The Lost Village*. Take part on stage or behind it.

Every Thursday at 6 p.m., we have informal meetings upstairs at Generals Sports Bar and Grill. Be part of a fun group eager to share our town's rich history in preparation for Weare's Old Home Day in August. For any questions, join Weare Community Theater on Facebook or call 347-325-2000.



Weare Historical Society 29th Annual Townwide Yard Sale



SAT JUNE 3 2023
8AM - 2PM

COME SHOP or SIGN UP TO SELL

Get On The Map!

WWW.WeareHistoricalSociety.ORG

There are two ways to participate:

1. Book your yard as a site and be placed on the yard sale map. To get on the map, visit www.WeareHistoricalSociety.org

2. Buy a yard sale map from the Weare Historical Society and visit booked yards around town. Maps will be on sale beginning at 8 a.m. on the day of the sale at the Stone Memorial Building.

Items can also be donated to the Weare Historical Society, which will be sold to benefit the organization. If you are unable to store something until the sale on June 3, please contact either Sherry Burdick at wearesherry@hotmail.com or Tom Flaherty at thflahertynh@gmail.com regarding arrangements.



Rabies Clinic for Dogs and Cats

THIS WEEK!
Thursday, April 27
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Old Town Hall

The cost is \$10 per animal. It would be helpful to know your pet's age and weight.

Weare Public Library News

UPCOMING EVENTS

Seedbrary: Get your flower and vegetable seeds and start planting! (*While supplies last. Funding from Ben Halle of Boy Scout Troop 24.*)

Pinochle & Cribbage: Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Meet and play with other card game enthusiasts.

Friends of the Library Meeting: Tuesday, May 23, 6:30 p.m. Get involved! You, too, can volunteer and help raise funds for programs and events. Stop by to see what they're about. Learn more at: wearepubliclibrary.com/friends.

Book Group: "All Quiet on the Western Front," by Erich Maria Remarque. Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. Call the library at 603-529-2044 to reserve your copy.

Growing up in Communist China with Lily Tang Williams: Thursday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m. In a riveting presentation, Lily Tang Williams shares her personal story of survival during Mao Zedong's brutal cultural revolution.

Library Expansion Townwide Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, Weare Middle School, 7 p.m. We want to hear from you! Learn the latest on our exciting expansion and renovation of our library. Jason LaCombe of SMP Architecture will be on hand to hear your input as we take this next step towards a greater community center!

FOR KIDS & TEENS

Robotics with Sphero Indi: Wednesday, April 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m.: Learn about tech and try our brand new Sphero Indi! This fun little car is a great way to introduce coding and robotics to ages 5+.

Kids Crafternoon: Thursday, April 27, 4 - 6 p.m. Drop in and get creative with a variety of art and craft supplies.

Slime Time: Thursday, May 11, 4 p.m. Who loves slime? We do! Come and make a batch of your own at the library. We'll provide the materials. Grades 4+.

Pre-K Storytime: Saturday, May 13, 10:30 a.m. Join Ms. Karen for stories and songs.

Lego Club: Thursday, May 18, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Stop by to see what you can create and display with our huge pile of Legos.

PokeMondays: Mondays, 2 - 5: p.m. Stop by to meet, play, and trade with other Pokemon card game enthusiasts and win a prize.

Baby & Toddler Playgroup: Tuesdays, 10:30-Noon. An informal gathering for caregivers and young children. Get out

of the house; meet new friends! Books, puzzles, early literacy toys and music.

Tuesday After School Gaming: Tuesdays 2- 5 p.m. Challenge your friends with Smash Bros., Minecraft, Arms, or other video games OR bring your own. You can also check out many of our games and take them home! Recommended for ages 7+. In the Sawyer Room.

Scholastic Chess: Tuesdays, 2 - 4 p.m. All kids are invited to jump in, learn logic and planning skills while they play "The Royal Game." Local USCF player, 'Gambit' Greg will be on hand to coach beginners and accept challenges. Upstairs, in the Paige Room.

Read with the Ruff Readers: Wednesday timeslots at 5, 5:15 and 5:30 p.m. Read with friendly dogs! Call Ms. Karen at 603-529-2044 to sign-up.

...and **Summer Reading 2023** beginning June 15!

We offer **Free and Discounted Passes** to several attractions. Call us (603-529-2044) or stop by to make your reservation. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for making these available! **Children's Museum of NH * Currier Museum of Art * McAuliffe/Shepard Discovery Center * New England Aquarium * N.H. state parks * See Science Center**



Friends of the Weare Public Library

By Dianne Hathaway

The friends of the Weare Public Library met on March 28 at the library. Items of discussion:

TELESCOPE. The Friends are considering buying a telescope from the N.H. Astronomical Society for \$400 that could circulate to community members through the library. Steve Rand, a member of the society, will join us at our May 23 meeting to discuss the telescope. Many public libraries in the state already circulate these telescopes with great success. For more information: <http://www.nhastro.com/ltp.php>.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM. The Library Director has a wish list of other items he would like the Friends to fund, including performers and programs for the annual summer reading program. The Friends approved \$504 this month and will hear requests for adult programs at the May meeting.

FUNDRAISING. The Friends are exploring many ways to raise money, including a 50/50 raffle on Old Home Day, a possible casino-style fundraiser and our annual silent auction on July 8 during the Weare Patriotic Celebration.

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ABOVE and BEYOND. The Friends are pleased to have received \$1,320 already through our Above and Beyond initiative. This initiative is meant for gifts above annual membership and gifts can be restricted by the giver to something specific, like programming, museum passes, etc. Above and Beyond forms are available at the library and at www.wearepubliclibrary.com/friends.

2023 OFFICERS: Nancy Zienkiewicz, president; Debbie Farr, secretary; Helen Dutton, treasurer; Suzanne Belanger, vice president; Lea Anderson-Smith, member-at-Large.

JOIN. Interested in joining us? We meet the fourth Tuesday evening of January, March, May, July, September and November at 6:30 p.m. at the library and through Zoom. **Our next business meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23.** If you would like more information, please email us at friendsofwearepl@gmail.com.

Pack 24 Cub Scout News



By Alyssa Small

On Saturday, April 15, Pack 24 Cub Scouts arrived at Camp Carpenter in Manchester at 7 a.m. to participate in the Massabesic District Chuckwagon Derby. The Scouts were very eager and their enthusiasm continued all day, as they pulled their wagons along trails to stations that tested their knowledge and skills in areas such as fire safety, knots, map and compass, citizenship and first aid. At 5 p.m. there was an award ceremony to end the day's event. Our Pack 24 Scouts earned plaques for their successes in the obstacle course and call of the wild challenges. We are proud of the endurance, competence and teamwork shown by our Scouts. Thanks to the Den leaders and the Scouts from Troop 529 for helping



to make the event a success.

The Cub Scout program is open to all boys and girls in grades K-5, and the Pack welcomes new members year-round. Regular den meetings take place every other week. 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 usaairforceed@yahoo.com.



Weare Garden Club

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m.

Weare Senior Center, 33 N. Stark Highway

Topic: Getting reading for our annual plant sale, including how to successfully divide overgrown perennials. *We meet on the first Tuesday of the month. New members/guests always welcome.*

Plant Sale

Saturday, May 20 * 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

American Legion parking lot

Traditionally, our plant sale features plants, berry bushes and other shrubs that have flourished in our own gardens and now need to be divided and shared.

The former owners are on hand to point out the tips and tricks to nurture these plants and to suggest what might do well in the purchasers' yards. If you have a question and we don't know the answer, we will find it out for you and let you know. It's what we do!

All proceeds go to our scholarship fund for John Stark graduating seniors who are seeking careers in plant-related fields, as well as Weare adults who wish to attend gardening seminars and other events.

Weare Garden Club Scholarship

Deadline: April 30

The Weare Garden Club encourages and fosters amateur and recreational gardening. Members seek to promote interest in the community's beautification.

The Weare Garden Club offers a scholarship to an individual from John Stark Regional High School or a resident or teacher from Weare attending college or a continuing education program. The individual must have an interest in a field related to gardening and plants and be registered for a course or be accepted at a college. Applications are available upon request in the JSRHS guidance office. This award is based on character and commitment to the field of endeavor and is not need-based. The Weare Garden Club may interview finalists. Not sure if you qualify? Ask the JSRHS guidance office.



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HAND IN HAND SENIOR CENTER



The Hand in Hand Senior Center is a gathering place for seniors to socialize and get involved in group activities.

33 North Stark Highway, Weare, NH 03281

Wednesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Fridays until 4 p.m.)

603-529-4263

Friendships old and new are happening at the Hand in Hand Senior Center. Wednesdays provide interested seniors with a delicious meal, with lots of camaraderie and laughter.

The Center has become a place to share interests and skills. Beautiful handiwork is shared and worked on by talented people helping others to quilt, knit, braid and crochet. Pick-up card games are the choice of some other people.

Sometimes it's hard to enter a new place where you don't know people, but Kathy, our greeter, will welcome you and make you feel at home.

On April 19, Weare resident and gem and mineral collector, Bob Whitmore, showed items from his collection and talked about NH minerals and gems. He once owned a mine and has written a book about his world travels (*see photos*).



Here is a beautiful example of quartz in its natural state, and what it looks like cut and polished.

Looking ahead, sign up to join JSRHS junior, Melody, on Saturday, May 13 at noon. She will show us techniques for painting flowers. Space is limited for this session, so please call 603-529-4263 and leave your name and phone number.



What's for Lunch?

Dine in, take out, or free delivery

April 26 - Chicken stew over biscuits; cranberry, almond, broccoli salad

May 3 - Burgers with potato salad

May 10 - Spinach beef soup; sweet potato cornbread; fresh fruit salad

Coffee, tea, and various desserts are also available.



What's in the Shop?

Come in and see all our beautiful spring clothing and décor items. Starting April 26, all **blankets** and throw **pillows** are just two for \$1! Also, lots of **movies**, all two for \$1!



Donations may be placed in the orange bin by the main door out front, or dropped off during business hours. We accept gently used clothing, kitchen and housewares, games, books and movies. Unsure? Just ask us.



Tips for Caregivers

Caregiver Connection is an opportunity for family caregivers to support one another and connect with our professional staff. Granite Visiting Nurse Association looks forward to providing a safe space to connect with other caregivers facing similar challenges. Join Thursday, April 27 from 10 - 11 a.m. Registration is required. To register, call (603) 224-4093 ext. 85815 or click [here](#).

Weare Flags Fly

By Sharon Czarnecki

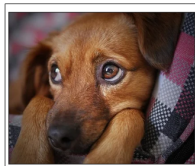
Why did I see so many flags up around Weare recently? It was Pine Tree Riot Day on April 14. That's why. The South Weare Improvement Society operates the Weare Flags Fly program and, if you are a member, the flags just magically appear and then are taken down and respectfully stored until the next event.



The flags fly on seven important occasions throughout the year: Pine Tree Riot Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Purple Heart Day, 9/11 and Veterans Day. If you have signed up for the service, your property is always "dressed for the occasion."

If you are not part of this patriotic group, don't miss out! Please call 529-7282 or email csindh@gmail.com. The fee for the entire year is \$50 for businesses and individuals up to age 60, and \$35 for seniors. You can also mail a check to South Weare Improvement Society, P.O. Box 392, Weare, NH 03281

To rent Osborne Hall for your event, please contact the telephone number above.



Looking |
For
Something
to do?
By Sharon
Czarnecki

St. Paul's School

By Nicholas White
*Director of chapel music
and organist*

Composer William Byrd died exactly 400 years ago. Bill Barclay, creator and director of "Secret Byrd," an upcoming performance at St. Paul's School in Concord, said, "For Byrd's anniversary I wanted to highlight a part of his personality that is little understood: his courageous activism. Part art installation, part concert and part immersive theatre, "Secret Byrd" will tour Byrd's essential story, to highlight religious persecution still afflicting the world today, and perhaps most importantly – to encourage us all to let people believe what they wish. I fervently believe that once we stop trying to convince people they're wrong, we can move to the next stage of our evolution – working together to protect a world where we each get to choose our fate."

Singers are staged to manage the house, light the candles and gather to worship. They sing the Ordinary movements of the Mass for Five Voices that Byrd set, while the strings play the Proper movements (the sections that change in the liturgy week to week). At one moment, a rude interruption crashes into the serenity of the evening, and a sacrifice must be made. Bread is broken by the audience where communion occurs in the mass. What was a solemn reenactment turns to a celebration of life and the searing power of music.

Concert Theatre Works uses imaginative production techniques to bring music to life. Soup and bread cooked on site are passed to foster a sense of ritual and inclusivity. Candlelight is important to the performance. Audiences



rove freely among the costumed artists feeling the original hand-made part-books and sacred objects. A gallery of the history of Catholic recusancy is included for audiences to learn about Byrd's incredible faith and advocacy. Audiences leave with a packet of information on the acute threats of religious persecution persisting today.

PERFORMANCE DETAILS

Thursday, May 11, 7 p.m.

The Old Chapel, next door to the big chapel
46 Rectory Road, Concord

Capital Quilters Guild Presents "Quilted Illusions"

Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29

Pembroke Academy
209 Academy Road, Pembroke
Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Entry fee: \$10

More than 150 quilts on display
Multiple vendors

Guild raffle quilt (see image)

Raffles: Baskets and Janome sewing machine donated
by Bittersweet Fabrics of Boscawen

For more information go to our website at
<http://www.capitalquiltersguild.com/>



*Award-winning quilt by
Ellen Reed
of the Capital Quilters Guild*



Asked and Answered:

April Is National Poetry Month

Woodbury Bridge

A river runs beneath the one lane bridge.
To the west the water white with froth
tumbles over rocks and roots.
To the east it gently hugs the rocks
forming pools for fish to feed.

I stop as I approach the bridge
to let a neighbor drive across.
He waves, smiles, nods in thanks;
friends at the one lane bridge.

-Tom Clow

For more poetry, see pages 10 - 11.

Who Wrote This?

Write me a poem, I said to "him."
Talk of new trends to which we give in.
Explain how seductive and easy it is,
To put together - cause you're such a whiz.

In only a matter of a second or two,
"he" came up with this that I'm sharing with you:

In the digital world, where circuits reign,
Where information flows along a river plain,
There lives a force that's new and bold,
An entity that's revolutionizing the old.

It's AI, the Artificial Intelligence, A product of human intelligence,
It's a tool, a friend, a guide, A marvel that can no longer be denied.
It learns, it adapts, it evolves, It's a treasure trove that solves,
Problems that seem impossible, It's a wonder that's incredible.

From Siri to Alexa, it's everywhere, In cars, in phones,
it's always there,
It's changing the way we live and work, a game-changer,
and that's no quirk.
But, as we delve deeper into the realm, we realize, it's
more than at the helm,
It's also a reflection of us, Our biases, our flaws, it's a
must.

So, let's use it with care and caution, Let's not rely on it
without proportion,
For, it's a tool, not a replacement, It's our creation, not
an enslavement.
Let's use AI to make the world better, Let's make it a
force for the greater,
Let's use it for good, not for ill, For, that's the promise, it
can fulfill.

By the way, if truth is what you're seeking
From here on down, you have a human speaking.
Everything above is seriously suspect as lies.
It's all propaganda by none other than A.I.

- ChatGPT and Douglas Gilbert

Artificial intelligence, known as A.I., is a disruptive technology sweeping our society, and like many technologies, it is a double-edged sword. Many experts believe it holds immense potential for vast improvements to human lives. Others suggest that if we don't immediately pause the development of A.I., everyone on Earth could perish. Oh, by the way, both things could be true. I have chosen to introduce the concept for consideration in the form of this poem.



Tapestry

My fabric of life has become a beautiful tapestry. It is filled with vivid colors in geometric designs and wavering patterns that have been woven in by the love of all those who have shared my life.

Though a thread may break from the loss of a loved one, I must not let it unravel the tapestry of my life.

I shall maintain its special, colored threads and cherish the pleasant memories of life that we have shared.

I will open my heart to others so that my tapestry will continue to grow while giving warmth of love to those I know and those I have yet to meet.

-AI Weatherbee

Growing Season

Spring is here at long long last.
Maybe the cold is finally past.

Of course that means blackflies, mosquitoes & pests
But also small birds poking out of their nests.

I like the long days and the flowers that bloom
I dig in the dirt, plant the seeds and make room

For veggies to harvest and put on my fall plate
But honest, for real, I clearly must state
That those veggies don't save money, make no mistake

With soil & mulch & water & minerals & time
Maybe my produce in a store I should find.

But, I'm empowered, It's fresh, & it's pure
One bite and it's worth all I had to endure.

Wishing you all a long growing season, no drought, few bugs, and a bountiful harvest. 😊

-Sharon Czarnecki
Weare Area Writers Guild

Killing Time

I am a child. I run through fields
and hide among the rocks and trees.
My day is endless; sunrise,
playtime, mealtime, bedtime.
Time is endless. I spend it freely.

I am a teen. I have time to kill.
I joke – pass me another cancer-stick.
Another nail in my coffin - I say.
I am fearless. I drive fast. I am bored.
I have so much time to kill.

I am a father. I work and I build,
and I work some more.
Life is so full, but I fill it more.
My love is full - My love is fast -
I fill up time - until it bursts away.

I am an old man. I cherish time -
which moves so fast.
I grasp it with still-strong hands,
but still it keeps slipping away.
I have no time to waste.

-T. Clow

Art of the Catch

Dog races off with abandon
eyes on the frisbee aloft,
leaps at just the right moment,
opens its mouth then thunk
jaws clap down on the frisbee,
it's an art to catch the arc,
baseball outfielder hears the crack,
fly ball comes his way, he runs, leaps,
arm raised high, then thunk, ball hits glove,
it's an art to catch the arc.

-Marge Burke

**A haiku is a traditional poetic form originating in Japan as far back as the 15th century, consisting of 17 syllables often written in one line. More often though, English haikus are written in three lines.*

Haiku

Word economy,
just seventeen syllables
creates a haiku.

-Marge Burke

Burst of Color

Riot of yellow
Page's Corner's daffodils
Spread beauty and joy.

-Marge Burke

White Sky

Sky looks troubled today,
not angry with storm clouds,
menacing dark grey ones,
just white like curdled milk
or a lumpy mattress,
or furrowed brow, waiting
for the sun to break through,
banishing gloom and doom.

-Marge Burke

White Mountains

"Auf dem Bergen

da sind Mann frei."

T. S. Eliot, The Wasteland

The presence of these mountains
slows the breath
calm drifts from their broad shoulders
evening light
turns the pines to silhouettes
clouds a blue backdrop
stillness descends.

Today bees swarmed on lacy-petaled
apple trees
sunlight warmed the pond
a white-throated sparrow called at dusk.

You are far away, immersed in the mundane
still, part of you is here as one by one
the evening stars emerge.

Where some see nothing
we see richness beyond words;
willingly we wander off the path.
Our hearts are at their best together
when the unknown takes us
into tangled wild places.

-Chris Hague



Wildflowers

By Marge Burke

Strangely enough, a wildflower is defined as a flower that grows in the wild. In other words, a flower that just appears, not intentionally seeded or planted. However, today, wildflower seed packets are readily available for planting to adorn your own landscape. They contain a mixture of cornflower, coreopsis, foxglove, mallow, to name just a few.

Wildflowers, like many other things, have a special celebratory week, May 1 -7, just about the right time for violets to appear in unexpected places. Perhaps it is time to consider creating your own wildflower garden. They are usually low maintenance, drought tolerant and welcoming to birds and butterflies. Median strips on our highways are often ablaze with colorful wildflowers: think Black-Eyed Susans, lupines, heather or fields of Queen Anne's Lace, mauve asters in fall.

Some wildflowers are protected or endangered, like the Lady Slipper, a member of the orchid family. I zealously protect one scrubby undergrowth section of my yard where three of these plants return each spring to delight me. They remind me of ballet dancers' toe shoes in shades of delicate pink. I also have a shaded spot where the mystical Jack-in-Plant mysteriously took up residence many years ago. What delight they bring with their hooded blooms in spring followed by red berries in fall.

Please share with our readers stories and/or pictures of your wildflower gardens. See the "Talk to Us" Box on Page 1.



Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, April 27

7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Monday, May 1

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

Tuesday, May 2

7 p.m. – Garden Club meeting

7:30 p.m. Zoning Board meeting

Wednesday, May 3

6 p.m. – Mildred Hall Advisory Committee meeting

Thursday, May 4

7 p.m. – Public Library Trustees meeting

Friday, May 5

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

Monday, May 8

6 p.m. – Board of Fire Wards meeting

6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen work session

Tuesday, May 9

7 P.m. – Cable Committee meeting

7 p.m. – Parks and Recreation Committee meeting

Wednesday, May 10

3:45 Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting

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

7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting

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