



Weare in the World

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Front row: Ian Lavertu, Brooke Blackburn. Back row: Rebecca Carson, Nathaniel Peters. Photo credit all: Nicole Richardson.

Weare Middle School took several awards at New Hampshire's first virtual coding competition on Dec. 19 at Pinkerton Academy. For participation in coding events leading up to the final competition, Weare Middle School took two second place awards---the Diversity Award for highest percentage of girls participating based on school population and the Faculty Award for the number of faculty and staff who participated.

Additionally, the seventh-grade Weare Middle School team of Nathaniel Peters and Rebecca Carson took second place Best Performance Award for middle schools. Weare Middle School sent four finalists to NH's first virtual coding competition: Eighth graders Ian Lavertu and Brooke Blackburn (Jayna Henry, alternate) and seventh graders Nathaniel Peters and Rebecca Carson.

New Year's Breakfast

American Legion Post 65

Monday, January 1, 9am-Noon

Please join us. Open to the public.

John Stark Winter Concert

Wednesday, January 3, 6:30pm

John Stark High School Café

Storm date January 9, 6:30pm. Suggested donation: \$5.00 for adults and \$3 for students/seniors and will benefit the Spring Band/Choral trip to NYC. The Tri-M Honor Society will provide refreshments.

Community Coffee:

Reading Help for the Blind & Disabled

Thursday, January 4, 9:30am, Weare Public Library

Everyone should be able to enjoy reading, even those who are visually impaired, or have some other condition that makes reading text, or even holding a book, more difficult. Marilyn Stevenson, coordinator for the Talking Books Services Section of the New Hampshire State Library, will present at the Weare Public Library's monthly Community Coffee on Thursday, January 4, at 9:30am.

The Talking Books Program exists to meet the reading needs and interests of New Hampshire residents who are physically unable to see, handle or process printed material comfortably. Talking Book Services provides library materials to over 2,000 New Hampshire residents and lends over 70,000 audio and braille books each year. It lends a wide variety of books and magazines, recorded by professional actors. Most of these are produced by the Library of Congress

Anyone with a vision problem, a grasping problem, or an information-processing problem that does not affect intelligence is eligible for the Talking Books Program. Examples of physical problems that may be eligible include: arthritis of hands & wrists, blindness, cataracts not ready for surgery, dyslexia, epilepsy not fully controlled, full body cast, head injuries, macular degeneration, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, stroke aftermath, and Stryker frame.

Institutions and agencies whose clientele may include those who are blind, low vision, or physically disabled are eligible for an institutional account. An institutional account allows an agency to check out materials and keep equipment for demonstrations and group activities, or to loan to clients who may be out of books or would like to try it before applying for services.

Coffee and refreshments will be served at the presentation. Community Coffee is a chance for area residents to meet and learn about topics of local interest in an informal setting. No registration required. The library is located at 10 Paige Memorial Lane in the center of Weare, right beside the American Legion.

For more information on this and other programs at the Library, email wearepl@comcast.net, call 529-2044, or visit online at wearepl.wordpress.com. For more information on Talking Books, please visit www.nh.gov/nhsl/talking_books.

**Concord Regional VNA
Visiting Nurse Clinic**

Tuesday, January 2, 10am–2 pm
Holy Cross Episcopal Church
118 Center Road, North Weare
1st Tuesday of each month. Contact
Trish O’Loughlin, RN, 224-4093.

Baby & Toddler Playgroup
Wednesday, Jan. 3, 10:15am-Noon
Weare Public Library

This is an informal gathering for caregivers and their young children. Get out of the house and meet some new friends! Books, puzzles, early literacy toys and music provided.

The Writers Guild

Friday, Jan 5th at 10:30am
Weare Library Sawyer Room

We met on December 15th. I know, it's all about Christmas right now. But... it is going to be 2018 pretty soon. Maybe this should be the year you get that book put together, get that memoir assembled, write that poem that's been nagging you. That's what we are here for. Come join us and we'll help you. Can't make a daytime meeting? Not a problem - we will help you set up an evening group. Just ask for help. Bring your writing problems (and joys) to our January meeting and we can tackle them together. For more information, contact Sharon at czar5@comcast.net.

Town Meetings:

Thursday, December 28

7pm – Planning Board

Wednesday, January 10

6pm – Weare School District
Public Budget Hearing

Friday, January 12

6pm – John Stark School District
Public Budget Hearing

Wednesday, February 7

6pm – Weare School District
Deliberative Session

Friday, February 9

6pm – John Stark School District
Deliberative Session

**Georgia O'Keeffe Paints
Paradise**

Sunday, January 7, 3 pm
Holy Cross Church, 118 Center Rd.

Holy Cross Church and Event Center of Weare and Alchemists’ workshop present this award-winning musical by Will Ogmundson and Tom Dunn, starring Mary Armstrong and Weare’s own Rose Kosciuszek.

Mid-Kid Makers: Slime Science
Monday, January 8, 4pm

Weare Public Library
Create your own slime to take home! We'll try two or three different recipes to see which works best.

Beginner Guitar Group

Monday, January 8, 5-6pm
Weare Public Library

Learn the basics of rhythm and melody, learn and share some simple songs. Bring an acoustic guitar and a tuner if you have one. No charge. Ages 8 and up, please.

Caregivers Support Group

Tuesday, January 9, 1:30-3pm
Holy Cross Episcopal Church
118 Center Road, North Weare
2nd and 4th Tuesday each month.
Contact Marge Burke, 529-7792.

Lawline: (800) 868-1212

Wednesday, January 10, 6–8 pm
Volunteer attorneys are available to answer your legal questions through Lawline, the Bar's free telephone legal advice service. Lawline is held on the SECOND Wednesday of each month from 6–8p.m. To reach Lawline, call the NH Bar Association (toll free) at 800-868-1212. Lawline is a public service, anyone can call.

Family Movie:

Despicable Me 3 (PG)

Thursday, January 11, 4pm
Weare Public Library

Enjoy popcorn and a movie on the library’s big screen, thanks to the Friends of the Weare Public Library.

Piece Makers Quilters Guild

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6:30-9 pm
Holy Cross Episcopal Church
118 Center Road, North Weare

Piece Makers Quilt Guild located in Weare, NH works to bring together people who appreciate quilts, quilting, fabric, friendship and community service. On these pages, you will learn about our guild and its many activities, some educational, some philanthropic, and others just plain fun.

Our mission as a quilt guild is to advance the appreciation of quilting through education, application, service and fellowship.

Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in fabric arts, quilts and quilting. An important activity of the Piece Makers Quilt Guild is our service to the community. As a group we make quilts for people in need and charitable organizations, because we believe that a quilt is a great comfort when there is a hardship or illness in people’s lives. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month from 6:30 pm to approximately 9 pm at the Holy Cross Church. Contact: Celeste Manning, 547-5903.

Ruff Readers

Wednesday, January 17, 5-6pm
Weare Public Library

Reading motivation program for children of any age! Children pick a book to read to trained therapy dogs, who provide uncritical audiences. Reading is self-paced. 15 minute reading sessions available. Registration required; space is limited. Call 529-2044 or stop by the Children's Desk to register.

Knit Night

Wednesday, January 17, 7pm
Weare Public Library

Attention all knitters, Knitters Club meets 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm.



L-R: Marisa Dobbins, Skylar Bergeron, Eve Caplan. Photo Credit: Stephanie Payeur/Henniker Rotary.

JSRHS Amnesty International at Henniker Rotary

Three members of the John Stark Regional High School Amnesty International group spoke at the December 7 meeting of the Henniker Rotary. Amnesty International is a worldwide organization with more than 7 million members and supporters dedicated to protecting human rights. The John Stark Student Chapter is active in hosting community awareness for the organization (a booth at Music on Main Street in Henniker and Activity Day at school for example), attends conferences, and hosted the movie screening of *SOLD* at New England College and will present *8 Borders, 8 Days* at John Stark later this year.

Additional projects undertaken by the JSRHS Chapter include "Write for Rights," the annual December project where members across the globe encourage people to write letters, emails, social media, etc. to leaders about specific human rights cases. Again this year, the JSRHS Chapter will be set up in the school atrium with all the materials and information students, faculty, and staff will need to participate.

Active Shooter Response Instructor Course February 26-27, John Stark Regional High School Hosted by Weare Police Department

Be prepared for active shooter or violent events! The Weare Police Department is hosting ALICE Instructor (active shooter) training February 26 & 27, 2018 at John Stark Regional High School. To learn more about ALICE, and to register for the training, go to: <https://www.alicetraining.com/>

GRATITUDE

I remember years ago, my mother would require my sister, brother and I sit down and write thank you cards for the gifts we would receive at Christmas. And, following suit, I required the same of our three sons. I'm the first to admit it wasn't necessarily fun and my boys would always give me a groan or two. But little did I know showing gratitude actually has a number of benefits.

Gratitude, the sense of being appreciative for someone or something, leads to well-being. When we feel grateful, no matter how small the "gift," it raises our self-esteem, adds to our happiness, and can even physically make us feel good. When we are the giver, we feel good too. Giving gifts at the holidays or just practicing random acts of kindness can add to our happiness and feeling happy can actually make us healthier!

In this season of giving and getting, having a sense of gratitude is important, but acting on that gratitude is too. If you have children, encourage them to write thank-you cards or make thank-you phone calls. Explain to them that showing gratitude is a kind, thoughtful thing to do to show appreciation. If they are younger, let them dictate what they want you to write or let them make a phone call. If they are old enough to write, don't be too picky on what or how they write, otherwise it becomes too much like homework or a chore. And for older children, or even adults, a quick email, phone call, or even a text, can be a great way to show gratitude. Regardless of your style, just do it. And by the way, this can be done for favors someone does for you too. It can also be for someone's presence. For example, "thank you Uncle Jack for coming to our house for New Year's Eve!" I'm guessing Uncle Jack would love getting that text on New Year's Day.

There are always times when we don't feel grateful or feel as though our thanks might fall on deaf ears. Try it anyway. Being grateful, even when it's difficult, can often lift your spirits, leading to more positive feelings. Being grateful for sunshine on a cold day, hot coffee in the morning, a car that started, or even rush hour traffic because it gave you time to yourself – these are all things we can be grateful for along with the holiday gifts we may get. Having & showing gratitude for both big & small not only models for our children but helps us and others feel good. And we can all use a little "feel good" now and then.

So, in that spirit – thank you so much! I am grateful to you for reading my segment. If I can be of service to you or your family, let me know!

Happy Holidays! Dr. Debbie

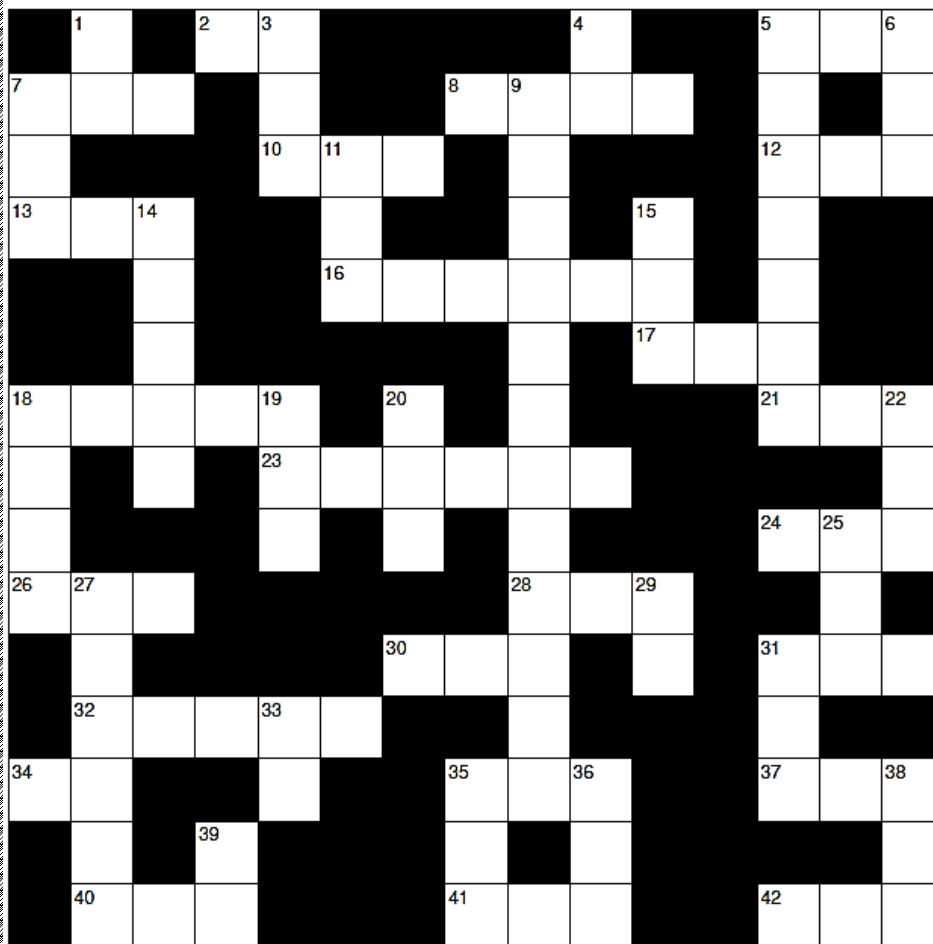
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So Sayeth Robert Burns

Michael Sullivan



Across

2. Newspaper blurb selling something.
5. Exclamation of suprise.
7. Scary sound.
8. Home away from home.
10. Driving help from a comp.
12. Annoy.
13. Zero, in soccer.
16. April 15, or soon thereafter.
17. The night before.
18. Notes played together.
21. Hot car.
23. No really, it's okay.
24. Cow-speak.
26. European tree.
28. Solar disk.
30. WEatery cheese remains.
31. In the back, nautically.
32. Planetary home.
34. Located there.
35. One stretch of a relay race.
37. Large deer.
40. Go bad.
41. Peter the ever-young.
42. In good shape.

Down

1. Land-___.
3. Move earth.
4. Personal state opf being.
5. Great statesman of the Granite State.
6. Move a tail.
7. Bread for one.
9. Robert Burns seasonal lyrics; hard to understand, harder to spell!
11. Four-legged member of the family.
14. Hard work.
15. Look at warily.
18. Hot child location.
19. Lose one's life.
20. 50-50 choice.
22. Two-person musical group.
25. Big clumsy guy.
27. Private New Hampshire academy.
29. Short, negative, answer.
31. Pitching star.
33. In the direction of.
35. Cut off.
36. Rev an engine.
38. Collection of objects for a purpose.
39. NH's next door neighbor.

Book Group: The Curious Incident of the Dog In the Night-Time

by Mark Haddon

Wednesday, January 24, 6:30pm

Weare Public Library

Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. And he detests the color yellow. This improbable story of Christopher's quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog makes for one of the most captivating, unusual, and widely heralded novels in recent years. Books available at the library.

Cook Book Club:

Soup, Stew, Chili, & Chowder

Saturday, January 20, 11:30am

Weare Public Library

Choose one from your favorite cook book, then bring the dish and the book or the recipe with you. Let Dena at the library know what you are bringing!

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Quoting the Jolly Old Elf

Michael Sullivan

