Charlie McLain
Hometown Hero

Charles A. McLain, a lifelong resident of Weare, was given the 15th Annual Hometown Hero Award at Granite State Communications’ 27th Annual Open House Cookout on September 14 before 225 attendees.

McLain served four years in the Army starting in 1969 and, upon returning to Weare in the 70’s, started his community dedication. McLain spent twelve years driving school buses for the Weare School District, transporting students to school and after school sporting events. In 1989, McLain joined the Weare Highway Department where he drove trucks, plowed, and was the chief mechanic until he retired in September of 2011. He volunteered for twenty-three years on the Weare Fire Department. In 2018 McLain was presented his forty-year membership pin to the American Legion, where he has held several command positions. McLain has been heavily involved with the Sunday Legion Breakfast for thirty-five years.

In his spare time, McLain spends time with his wife of thirty-seven years, Wanda; three grown boys, Chuck, Matt and John; and two grandchildren, Olivia and Spencer. The Weare Board of Selectmen wrote, “He does so much and expects nothing back. Weare is proud to have Charlie as one of its ‘sons’.”

GSC’s annual award recognizes individuals with outstanding contributions to the community. The nominated individual may be someone who does hands-on volunteer work or serves on local councils or civic organizations.

“This is one of our favorite annual events because it gives us the opportunity to thank our customers in person and celebrate the communities that we serve,” explains Susan Rand King, GSC President.

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A free weekly production of the Weare Public Library

The South Weare Improvement Society
Osborne Hall Yard & Bake Sale
Saturday, Sept. 28, 9am-2pm
16 Deering Ctr. Rd. (Rte. 149)
All proceeds benefit maintenance and renovation of Osborne Memorial Hall. To Rent for Your Event, Call S.W.I.S. at 529-7282.

Weare Food Pantry Needs Donations
By Connie Evans
What was supposed to be an afternoon community service project to share with her twins has transitioned into a bigger commitment for Melissa Boudreau. At first it was putting together Thanksgiving baskets, but Melissa saw the need was greater than that. At present, she serves twenty-seven families with as many as nine in a family.

In addition to having a family, Melissa works full time and is a member of the Weare Winter Wanderers Snowmobile Club, the Weare Friends PTO, and the Weare Athletic Club. Melissa does not have time to open more than one day a week, Wednesdays, 4:30-7pm.

As the holidays approach, people begin to think of making donations to the pantry, but the demand is year-round. There is always a need for non-expired canned goods, spaghetti sauce, baked beans, oatmeal packets, cereal, quick bread baking mixes, and boxed mashed potatoes as well as paper goods. Melissa’s biggest fear is that there will not be enough donations to keep the pantry open.

On days when the pantry is closed, donations can be dropped off on a table at the bottom of the stairs as you walk into the Town Office building. You can slide gift cards and checks under the door. The table is routinely checked and items brought inside the pantry.

If you are aware of an elderly or handicapped person in need, arrangements can be made to deliver food. So far, Melissa is not aware of any in that category.
What & When in Weare:

Wednesday, September 25
10:30am – Baby & Toddler Playgroup, Weare Library

Thursday, September 26
8:30am – Senioricize, Town Hall
7pm - Planning Board
7pm - John Stark High School Open House

Friday, September 27
5pm – Wine & Beer Tasting, Country3Corners

Saturday, September 28
9am - Osborne Hall Yard & Bake Sale, 16 Deering Ctr. Rd.

Sunday, September 29
8-11am – Breakfast, American Legion Post 65

Monday, September 30
11am – Stories & Play, Weare Library

Tuesday, October 1
8:30am – Senioricize, Town Hall
8:30am – CIP - Police Department and Cemetery, Selectmen’s Conference Room
12pm - Town Wide Senior Luncheon, Dimitri's Pizza
1pm – Beginner Sign Language, Weare Library
7pm – Garden Club, Weare Library
7:30pm - Zoning Board of Adjustment

Wednesday, October 2
6pm – Mildred Hall Advisory Committee, Library Sawyer Room
7pm – Finance Committee, Town Offices

Thursday, October 3
8:30am – Senioricize, Town Hall
10am – Community Coffee, Weare Library
6pm –Upper Elementary/Weare Middle School Open House

Chase Park Hours
Chase Park will be open September 28-29, 10am–4pm, with the boat ramp closing at 4pm. Hours are weather permitting and subject to change without advance notice at the discretion of PARC.

Wine & Beer Tasting
Friday, September 27, 5-7pm
Country 3 Corners, 833 S. Stark Hwy
Join Derek from Perfecta Wines and James from Moat Mt. Brewing Company. All items tasted during the evening are specially priced.

The Advocates: A Support Group for Parents of Special Needs Children
First Meeting: Mon., Sept. 30, 7-8pm
Weare Library Sawyer Room
The goal of the support group is for parents to exchange experiences, provide advice and gain information in a trusting and confidential atmosphere to become better advocates for our special needs children while nurturing our own needs. Light refreshments will be served. Subsequent meetings on the 4th Monday of every month, 7-8pm. Jhosie Bennett jmo1853@yahoo.com, (603) 325-1906.

Senior Town-Wide Luncheon
Tuesday, October 1, 12pm
Dimitri’s Pizza
Reservations required; seating is limited. Call Pat, 529-2259 for more info and to make a reservation.

Beginner Sign Language Class
Tuesday, October 1, 1pm
Weare Public Library
Tuesdays in October, five sessions. No experience necessary. No charge. Spots are limited. Please register at the library, by phone at 529-2044, or by email at wearepl@comcast.net.

Invasive Plants in NH
(Weare Garden Club)
Tuesday October 1, 7pm
Sawyer Room, Weare Public Library
Master Gardener Sandra Rock of Wilmot, NH will provide basic information on invasive plants in New Hampshire, including defining invasives, ecology, control methods, and available resources. Refreshments served. To be followed by The Weare Garden Club meeting.

ZONING BOARD
Tuesday, October 1, 7:30pm
Town Office Building
Case # 0919 Variance Appeal: Application for a variance for TMS Diesel LLC from Article 28 (section) 28.9; Wetland Buffer of the Weare Zoning Ordinance. The applicant is requesting adequate access to the property site within the Wetland Buffer. The property lot is on Rockland Road & Route 77, Tax Map 201, Lot 94.2 in the Commercial Zone.

Case #1019 Variance Appeal: Application for a variance for Peacock Hill Road LLC from Article (section) 28.9; Wetland Buffer of the Weare Zoning Ordinance. The applicant is requesting to construct a driveway for a new proposed lot crossing through the wetland buffer for property on Chuck Street, Tax Map 409, Lot 154-2 in the Rural Agricultural Zone.

Community Coffee:
Meet Weare’s New Police Chief
Thursday, October 3, 10am
Weare Public Library
Coffee, snacks, and good local talk.

Pasta Dinner
Boy Scout Troop 24
Saturday, October 5, 5-7pm
American Legion Post 65
12 N. Stark Highway
Spaghetti, and lasagna while it lasts. Everyone is welcome; bring your family and friends. $8 per person, includes pasta, salad, bread, drinks, and dessert. $30 max per family of four. Thank you for supporting our Boy Scouts.

Household Hazardous Waste Day
Saturday, October 12, 8am–2pm
Weare Transfer Station
225 Merrill Road
The Weare Transfer Station will be holding another Household Hazardous Waste Day. For further details, please call (603)529-2469.
National Parks of the Eastern US

Monday, Oct. 7, 6:30pm, Weare Public Library
Not all visits to National Parks require New Englanders to make extensive travel plans – in this edition of our National Parks Series, our adventure guide Steve Farrar will take us on a pictorial tour to visit eight parks east of the Mississippi stretching from Maine to Florida. Whether arranging for a day trip or planning a long weekend, you will learn how exciting and accessible these parks are – from the most-visited to some relatively unknown destinations.

Steve Farrar, grew up in Medfield, MA and experienced his first National Parks as an impressionable 14-year-old on the way to the 1969 National Boy Scout Jamboree in Idaho. The 5-day bus trip, with stops in Grand Teton, Yellowstone, and Glacier National Parks, sparked a fascination with natural beauty that has evolved into his life-long passion for visiting our National Parks, include hiking to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, scuba diving the coral reefs of the Virgin Islands, camping among the wolves on Isle Royale, scaling rock faces in Yosemite, and climbing to the summits of Mount Rainier and Denali.

Participants Needed:
Community Tailgate Trick or Treat
Thursday, Oct. 31, 5:30-7:30pm, 1387 S Stark Hwy
Tina Connor is looking for people to come park their car in the lot (arrive by 5:15 please), decorating your vehicle/trunk is optional, but always adds to the fun. Bring candy/treats to hand out. We usually see on average 200 children or more. If you are interested in participating, call 244-9743; leave your name and number and request to be added to the tailgate list. You will receive a reminder call as the date gets closer. There will be free refreshments; music provided by the Weare Lions Club.

CIP Committee Begins 2020 Hearings  By Tom Clow
The CIP (Capital Improvements Program) Committee held its first meeting for 2020 budgeting on September 17. This committee reviews all requests for capital expenditures of $15,000 or greater and prepares a report that is forwarded to the Planning Board for approval and then on to the Board of Selectmen, which reviews the requests and decides which will appear on the 2020 Town Warrant and how. Department of Public Works Director, Benjamin Knapp, presented the following four requests from that department:

Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund Appropriation - $105,000: This fund was established to put money aside for the town’s 20% share of the cost to replace bridges that are red listed by the State. The State pays 80%, but the Town must have its share available when the funds become available at the state level. Weare presently has three red listed bridges. They include large culverts on Lull Road and Old Francelstown Road, both which cross Peacock Brook, and a major bridge on the north end of River Road, which crosses the Piscataquog River.

Road Reconstruction - $500,000: This is an annual warrant article for the rebuilding and resurfacing of the town roads. A NHDOT Block Grant will pay an estimated $291,503 with the remaining $208,503 to be raised through taxes.

10 Wheel Plow Truck - $220,000: The existing Fleet needs continued upgrading to maintain consistency of service and to keep repair costs reasonable. Repair costs become extensive after 10,000 hours of use, according to Knapp. The new truck will replace a 2006 Volvo.

International CV Series Truck or Equivalent - $86,500: This truck will replace a 2006 Chevrolet 4500 - considered a one-ton truck. The Town currently has the plow, toolbox, and sander that will fit on the requested truck. Vehicle maintenance costs on the 2006 Chevrolet 4500 for 2019 have been over $5,000 to date.

Additional CIP meetings are scheduled for September 24 and October 1 and 8 at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room at the Town Office Building.

Local Business Notes:
Design Advice  by Liz Balestrero
Welcome to my introductory column. Let me first start by introducing myself; I am an Interior Designer. I graduated in 2017 from the Boston Architectural College (BAC, Boston MA.), where I was awarded a Master’s of Interior Architecture degree. I have worked for the past seven years in both the Residential and Commercial sectors of interior design; with Residential interiors being where I am now. I thought this column would be a great way to reach out to my fellow residents by providing some basic design principles as well as some of my own personal design insights. My ultimate goal is to hopefully answer some of the questions you, the reader, may have. So, whether you call 1 or 10,000 square feet home, I will help you make it both beautiful and inviting.

Next Up: Design Principles. It is important to understand how these principles help build a solid foundation for your design ideas. Until next time…. where you live. #LizKnowsInteriors
Across
3. Donnie Dunagan, who voiced this mammalian hero in 1942, went on to earn a Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts in Vietnam.
5. Disney property originally meant to be a model community, home to 20,000 people.
6. Flotsam and Jetsam are her two sidekicks.
8. “I only hope we don’t lose sight of one thing – that it was all started _____ _____.”- Walt Disney.
9. Peter Cullen voiced both Optimus Prime and this Disney character, who might be considered Pessimist Prime.
12. A researcher who studied these animals sued Disney for “defamation of character” for its portrayal of the animals in The Lion King.
14. In 2001, Disney animators had to draw all 2,320,413 of his blue hairs by hand.
16. Disney character whose pants were based on MC Hammer’s.
17. City the Disney movie Ratatouille is based in.
18. This Disney character is part wolf, bear, buffalo, gorilla, boar, and lion.
19. The only mute dwarf in the 1937 Disney film Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.
20. He was set to be on the cover of Time Magazine as “Mammal of the Year”, until Pearl Harbor bumped him.

Down
1. He voiced two characters for Chinese versions of Disney movies, Beast and Captain Li Shang.
2. The song Elsa sing as she builds the castle in Frozen.
3. Who said, “Authority should derive from the consent of the governed, not from threat of force!” in Toy Story 3?
4. The only Disney princess who is not actually royalty.
7. Disney character that was originally a ventriloquist dummy with a mean streak.
8. Disney tried to get them to voice the four vultures in the original Jungle Book, but they said Nah Nah Nah.
10. The Disney movie that features the song “You Can Fly”.
11. What Cinderella’s fairy godmother turns into a carriage.
13. At age 21, she’s the only Disney princess that isn’t a teenager.
15. The name of the whale that swallowed Pinocchio and his father.
16. This Disney Princess is first cousin to another Disney character, Hercules.

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Live Music
at the Stark House Tavern
487 S Stark Hway, 529-0901
Thur. Sept. 26: Chad Verbeck
Fri. Sept. 27: Tim Kierstead
Sat. Sept. 28: April Cushman