National Parks of the Eastern United States
Monday, October 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 the Boston suburb of Medfield 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 from Salt Lake City included stops in Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park, and Glacier National Park, which sparked a fascination with natural beauty that has evolved into his life-long passion for visiting our National Parks. His adventures exploring 59 of the 61 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. Steve’s pictures and stories of his travels are sure to stoke your personal wanderlust, so come prepared to be inspired!

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.

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.

What Students Need for their Future?
The world is changing and fast. The way we get and use information has evolved dramatically. There has been a shift in the skills and attributes that employers are looking for in employees. SAU 24 schools invite all to join a Portrait of a Graduate Community Conversation at any one of four opportunities between October 1 and October 16. Our goal is to prepare students of SAU 24 for their futures. To achieve this objective, we need a clear vision of what a well-prepared graduate looks like. Please come and share your workforce needs, explore how we can best prepare our students, and be a part of making our community schools the best they can be.

“Portrait of a Graduate” sessions will be held at John Stark Regional High School on October 8, 6:30-8pm, and at Weare Middle School, October 16, 6:30-8pm. Please RSVP at http://bit.ly/2lQHu1S or with any school principal, for John Stark High School, Gary.Dempsey@sau24.org, for Center Woods Elementary, Jess.Potter@sau24.org; and for Center Woods Upper Elementary and Weare Middle School, Shawne.Hilliard@sau24.org.

Each session of the Community Conversations will be facilitated by students. Recently, students from John Stark, Weare Middle School, and Henniker Community School were trained to be facilitators for the events at their school. Principals from each district will host the event at their school with Assistant Superintendent Jacqueline Coe. Discussion facilitated by students.
What & When in Weare:

Wednesday, October 2
6pm - Presidential candidate
Admiral Joe Sestak, Town Hall
6pm – Mildred Hall Advisory
Committee, Library Sawyer Room
7pm – Finance Committee, Town Offices

Thursday, October 3
10am – Community Coffee, Weare Library
1pm – Trustees of the Library
6pm – Center Woods Upper Elementary/Weare Middle School
Open House

Friday, October 4
5pm – Wine & Beer Tasting, Country3Corners

Sunday, October 6
8-11am – Breakfast, American Legion Post 65

Monday, October 7
6:30pm – National Parks of the Eastern States, Weare Library
6:30pm – Board of Selectmen

Tuesday, October 8
8:30am – CIP, Selectmen’s Conference Room
1pm – Beginner Sign Language, Weare Library
1:30pm - Caregivers Support Group, Holy Cross Episcopal Church
5pm – Cemetery Trustees
7pm - PARC

Wednesday, October 9
4:15pm – Trustees of the Trust Funds, Town Offices
7pm – Conservation Commission
7pm – Weare Democrats, Weare Library

Thursday, October 10
7pm - Planning Board Work Session

Friday, October 11
5pm – Wine & Beer Tasting, Country3Corners

Sunday, October 13
8-11am – Breakfast, American Legion Post 65

Weare Food Pantry Hours
Wednesdays, 4:30-7:00pm at the Town Office Building.

Chase Park Hours
Chase Park will be open October 5-6, 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.

Baby & Toddler Playgroup
Wednesday, September 25, 10:30am
Weare Public Library
An informal gathering for caregivers and young children. Get out of the house; meet new friends! Books, puzzles, early literacy toys, music.

SeniorCize
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30am
Weare Town Hall
For a very nominal pay-as-you go fee, get the convenience of a local group and individualized support for beginners. An attractive alternative to a trip to the gym. For more information, contact Valerie White, 529-4975.

Planning Board Site Walk
October 2, 4:30pm
The Planning Board will be conducting a site walk at 400 South Stark Highway for the Site Plan (Change of Use) application for All-Clear Waste Removal.

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

Wine & Beer Tasting
Friday, October 4, 5-7pm
Country 3 Corners, 833 S. Stark Hwy
Join Julie from Pine State Beverage. All items tasted during the evening are specially priced.

Capital Improvement Committee
October 8, 8:30am, Town Offices
Meeting with CIP committee to finalize.

Caregivers Support Group
Tuesday, October 8, 1:30-3pm
Holy Cross Episcopal Church
118 Center Road, North Weare
2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.
Contact Marge Burke, 529-7792.

Planning Board
October 10, 7pm, Town Offices
Gary Remillard and Mike Dahlberg would like to speak to the Board regarding the approved building (site plan) for Whitetail Development on Oil Mill Road.

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.

Did You Know? The Piscataquog River is one of two that flow through our town. Three streams feed it: the North, Middle, and South Branches. According to The History of Weare, New Hampshire 1735-1888, the Indian name means place of many deer; however, a woman of Abenaki decent and fluent in the language told the Weare Historical Society that the name actually means river of many branches. – Connie Evans.
CIP Committee Update  
by Tom Clow

At its second meeting on September 24, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee heard presentations by Parks and Recreation Director Karyn Stogner and Fire Chief Robert Vezina. All capital expenditures of $15,000 or more must first be presented to this committee before going through the steps necessary to be placed on the Town Warrant.

For 2020 the Parks and Recreation Department will be asking for $19,000 to fund an engineering assessment of two sites to determine the feasibility of developing or expanding recreational/athletic fields on those sites. The areas under consideration include land at Ineson Field on Quaker Street, where there is already one field used for multiple youth sports, and land on East Road, where the Weare Highway Department is presently mining gravel. A master plan for the development of athletic fields will be drafted for one of the two sites after the feasibility study is complete. According to documents submitted by Director Stogner, the town’s athletic programs are expanding beyond what the current field space can accommodate.

Chief Vezina indicated that the Fire Rescue Department is not requesting any capital expenditures on the 2020 warrant; however, he laid out a plan for the department from 2020 through 2029. In his request documents, he said that this was a “planned systematic replacement of first line fire, medical, and support vehicles to provide public safety and minimize operational costs for vehicle maintenance and repairs.”

Over the ten-year period, the department will be requesting the replacement of a utility pickup truck; cardiac monitor/defibrillators, which are presently 10 years old; a fire engine; an ambulance; and a fire tanker. Money for these purchases will come from the Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Fund. This special revenue fund is replenished through ambulance billing fees. Voter approval is required to spend from the fund.

John Stark Bass Fishing Team

Four student anglers represented the ten-member John Stark team at the NHIAA State Qualifier on Lake Winnipesaukee, then finished third in the NHIAA Finals on Spofford Lake. The team was only one of three teams catching an eight fish limit on what was a tough fishing day. Eleven high school teams competed in the finals.

Bass Fishing became an NHIAA recognized sport in 2013. John Stark took the State Championship in 2014.

Cook Book Club

The Better Than Takeout Thai Cookbook  
Saturday, October 12, 11:30am

Create the exciting flavors of your favorite Thai meals in your own kitchen—no delivery necessary. The Better-than-Takeout Thai Cookbook reveals the secrets to making iconic dishes and introduces a menu of new options to discover. Comejoinus on. We will have a copy at the desk to look at.

Washington Area Artisans

Showcase of Art in the Village  
Sat. & Sun., Oct. 5, 6, 12, & 13

E. Washington & Washington Village

Join the Washington Area Artisans for their annual two weekend Showcase of Art in the Village. Enjoy the fall foliage and support local artisans selling their work. A mix of historic landmarks and private home studios will be open to the public the first two weekends in October. Follow the signs!

Business Notes:

Teaching Your Dog Basic Manners

By Tanja Nicolo ABCDT, Mind Your Manners

With the beginning of a new season, one filled with pumpkins, changing leaves, and trick-or-treating, it’s a great time to mention that this is THE BEST time of year to walk your dog! Let’s face it, summer in New England is hot. Nobody wants to be on a walk, including your dog. Temperatures on the pavement can exceed 120 degrees and the poor air quality we experience leads to exacerbation of respiratory diseases; dogs included. Take time this fall season and walk your dog every day. Teaching your dog basic manners and providing them with enough mental and physical exercise will prevent behaviors like destructive chewing, inappropriate barking, and/or aggressive display.

One of the best ways to build a healthier relationship with your dog is to understand how your dog learns. Use the principles of positive training to make learning as successful and rewarding as possible. Training your dog builds a method of communication between you and your pet that promotes security and comfort. The more time you invest teaching your dog to live successfully in a human world, the more you will avoid problematic behaviors stemming from a lack of understanding.

If you’re interested in professional and certified training, please email tanjanicolo@gmail.com for more information. Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/mindyour.manners.12.
Across
1. Most successful and plentiful life form on earth.
3. The largest living organism is one of these.
6. Fastest land animal.
7. Only the males are called peacocks. Females are called this.
12. Almost half the pigs in the world are kept by farmers in this country.
13. The oldest living creature is a Madagascar Radiated one of these.
17. Bird that lays the biggest eggs.
19. If you lift this animal's tail off the ground, it can't hop.
20. Taurophobia is the fear of these animals.

Down
2. The only animal that can't jump.
4. The first animal to be used for milk by humans.
5. Ichthyophobia is the fear of these.
7. In 2014, an elephant and one of these fought off prides of more than 13 lions. That is a prickly creature.
8. They hold hands when they sleep so they don't drift apart.
9. The largest spider is named for this Old Testament figure.
10. Bird that imitates the call of a hawk to scare away other birds.
11. Longest animal jumper, at more than 49 feet, is this cat.
15. The longest snake is the Reticulated one of these.
16. The females of these animals do more than 90% of the hunting.
17. A group of these animals is called a parliament.
18. For every human in the world, there are one million of these insects.

Legion Breakfast
Sundays, 8-11am
American Legion Post 65 welcomes the community to breakfast every Sunday, May 5 – Nov. 3, 8–11am The best breakfast at the lowest prices!

Oh, Walt!
Michael Sullivan

Chili Night (and Cobbler!)
Sponsor: The Weare Democrats
Friday, October 25, 5:30-7:30pm
Old Town Hall
Enter a crockpot of chili or a tasty cobbler and get in free! Sample and vote! The chili with the most votes wins a prize. Let us know by Oct. 19 if you want to donate chili or cobbler. Contact Debbie at dskf@mygsc.com.

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