Drabble Earns Respect, Scholar Athlete Award, from National Guard

Cordell (CJ) Drabble, a senior on the John Stark Football team, was presented a Scholar Athlete award by Staff Sergeant Kirlis of the NH Army National Guard last weekend at the NH Tackles Hunger game. The award was signed by Lieutenant Colonel Strevig and Command Sergeant Major Kulakowski.

Drabble is an outstanding student as well as a leader on and off the field. He was integral in starting up the Best Buddy Program at John Stark High School to connect students with disabilities with peers, which was featured on WMUR TV earlier this year. He attended Capital Area Student Leadership, a program of the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, which encourages students to become active, effective participants and leaders in their schools and community. He is also a member of the John Stark Peer Leaders program.

This July, Drabble enlisted in the NH Army National Guard. Following basic training, he will complete advanced training as a CBRNE Specialist, specializing in the handling of chemical, biological, and radioactive nuclear materials.

The NH Tackles Hunger Drive is a joint effort between WMUR and the NH Food Bank to collect donations for local food pantries. Fans were asked to bring non-perishable donations to John Stark Football games on September 21 and 27, and they did to the tune of 619 pounds of food, which was divided up between the Weare and Henniker Food Pantries.

Register Now!

4th Annual Blood Drive in Honor of Abby

Friday, November 22, 2:15-7:15pm, Middle School Cafe

Go to: www.redcrossblood.org or Call 1(800)Red-Cross to schedule your life saving donation today! We’re also looking for refreshment donations, please contact Kim Mucci at kmucci1129@gmail.com if you’re able to help!

Pumpkin Hunting

Saturday, October 26, 11am-1pm

Find a pumpkin with the PARC tag at one of these outside locations: Library, Weare Middle School, Town Offices, Town Gazebo, and Center Woods; and return just the tag to Chase Park before 1pm for Halloween goodies and smores. You keep the pumpkin! Brought to ou by the Weare Parc and Rec Committee.

Saving Our Roads by Tom Clow

A person doesn’t have to drive very far in the Town of Weare to find newly paved roads thanks to a $2.5 million bond approved by voters in 2019. The purpose of the bond, as explained to voters, was road preservation. According to DPW Director Benji Knapp, it costs as much as $225,000 per mile to totally rebuild a road. That includes grinding up the old pavement, preparing the roadbed with fill and gravel as needed, and laying down a base coat of pavement. It also includes adding a topcoat of pavement the following year. At this high a cost, it made sense to voters to invest in preserving the roads that are salvageable.

According to Knapp, ten roads had some preservation work done to them this summer through the traditional shim and overlay process. In addition, a process known as chip sealing was used on Quaker Street, East Road, and Carding Mill Road. This involves crushed rock being applied to a liquid asphalt product. Knapp said that chip sealing is the number one method used in the United States for road preservation and is expected to add five to eight years to the life of a road surface. Money is still available from the bond to continue preservation work in 2020.

There was also a total rebuild of about 2.5 miles of road this summer, Knapp said. This included Lull Road, Maplewood Road, Orchard Path, Wallingford Terrace, and a portion of Walker Hill Road. Money for this work came from a separate 2019 warrant article for road reconstruction.
**What & When in Weare:**

**Wednesday, October 23**
10:30am – Baby & Toddler Playgroup, Weare Library
5pm – Ruff Readers, Weare Library
7pm – Book Group, Weare Library

**Thursday, October 24**
1pm – Computer 101, Weare Library
6:30pm – Retirement Planning for Today’s Workforce, Sawyer Room, Weare Library
7pm - Planning Board

**Friday, October 25**
5pm – Wine & Beer Tasting, Country3Corners
5:30pm - Chili Night (and Cobbler!)
Old Town Hall

**Saturday, October 26**
10am – Prescription Takeback, Police Department

**Sunday, October 27**
8-11am – Breakfast, American Legion Post 65

**Monday, October 28**
11am – Stories & Play, Weare Library
5pm – Board of Fire Wards
6:30pm – Board of Selectmen
7pm – The Advocates, Sawyer Room, Weare Library

**Tuesday, October 29**
1pm – Beginner Sign Language, Weare Library

**Wednesday, October 30**
10:30am – Baby & Toddler Playgroup, Weare Library
5pm – Ruff Readers, Weare Library

**Thursday, October 31**
5:30pm - Community Tailgate Trick or Treat
Treat, 1387 S Stark Hwy
6:30-8:30pm – Trick or Treating

**Baby & Toddler Playgroup**
**Wednesday, October 23, 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.

**Live Music**
at the Stark House Tavern
487 S Stark Hwy, 529-0901
Thur. Oct. 24: Chad Verbeck
Fri. Oct. 25: Eric Lindberg
Sat. Oct. 26: April Cushman

**Planning Board**
**Thursday, October 24, 7pm**
Weare Town Office Building
Continuation of the Hearing for TMS Diesel For a Site Design Review at the property on Concord Stage Road and Rockland Road, Map 202 Lot 94.2 in the Commercial Zone. The applicant proposes to construct vehicle maintenance and repair facility.

**Wine & Beer Tasting**
**Friday, October 25, 5-7pm**
Country 3 Corners, 833 S. Stark Hwy
Wine Tasting with Derek from Perfecta and Beer Tasting with Elizabeth from Smuttynose. All items tasted are specially priced.

**Holy Cross Episcopal Church Annual Meeting**
**Sunday, Oct. 27, after 10am Service**
New members of the Bishop’s Committee will be elected at this meeting. The Rt. Rev. Robert Hirschfeld, Episcopal Bishop of New Hampshire will make his annual visitation to the parish and join us for worship, the meeting, and a light brunch.

**The Advocates:**
**A Support Group for Parents of Special Needs Children**
**Monday, October 28, 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. Meetings on the 4th Monday of every month, 7-8pm. Contact Johsie Bennett jmo1853@yahoo.com, (603) 325-1906.

**Senior Weare-ites Meeting**
**Tuesday, November 5, 12pm**
American Legion Hall
For more info, call Pat at 529-2259.

**Prescription Takeback**
**Saturday, October 26, 10am-2pm**
Weare Police Department Lobby
Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse. Please join us in partnering with the DEA to dispose of prescription medications which are no longer needed. There is a Medication Disposal Box with instructions provided by CVS pharmacy in the Weare Police Department Lobby.

**One-Act Plays at JSRHS**
The John Stark Regional High School Stage Company presents two student-directed one-act plays, The Other Room and Governing Alice, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 25-27, at 7pm. Tickets are $5 for students and seniors, $7 for adults, available at the door or reserved by calling Geri at 529-1601. The one-acts are produced by seniors Jillian LaBrecque and Abigail Sahlin as part of their Capstone Project.

**The Other Room**
Oliver Flynn & Lydia Richman, Governing Alice.

The Other Room tells the story of Austin, a brilliant astronomer who has autism and Lily, a popular girl in his class who likes astronomy. Austin struggles to connect with the world while Lily does her best to better understand him.

**Governing Alice**
The character Alice, a rebellious high school student, as she responds to her brother's sudden death. As everyone watches, Alice must find her own way through this personal tragedy. The play is a modern adaptation of the tragedy Antigone.
**A Grand Day at Center Woods Elementary**

Invite a grandparent or grand friend to school is always a grand day at Center Woods Elementary School. This year was no exception. Students invited grandparents and special friends to come to school for a visit and lunch. Some students used scavenger hunts to help them tour guests to various spots in their classroom, while others conducted interviews with their guests for future writing projects, and others showed off the many things they’d learned so far this school year. Lunch in the cafe was “bring your own” or buy the school’s pizza lunch. The Weare PTO is a great sponsor of this event providing coffee and snacks for visitors while they wait to meet up with their students and dessert for all.

**Help Wanted**

**Parks & Recreation Director, Part-Time**

The Town of Weare is seeking a passionate and qualified individual to serve as its next Parks and Recreation Director. Working under the general direction of the Parks and Recreation Commission and Board of Selectmen, the Director oversees and manages the Town’s programs, largely Chase Park as well as the properties for usage of facilities. The Town is looking for an energetic and passionate leader to expand existing programs and possibly develop new ones.

The ideal candidate will be creative, well organized, passionate about recreation, and enjoy working with people of all ages. Living locally and having a flexible schedule is ideal. This position is part-time with no set shifts as the schedule changes with the seasonal nature of the job. Additional job responsibilities include but are not limited to: trash pick-up/collection at parks; attends monthly park and recreation meeting; point of contact for citizen inquiries; sets up and takes down tennis courts net; solicits bids for parks and recreation projects; works with outside contractors or vendors for park related tasks (i.e. lawn irrigation contractor); reviews and approves monthly invoices; assist the board in planning, preparing and executing on park related events.

The position pays a stipend of $5,000 per year. Interested candidates should submit a Town Application, cover letter, resume and three (3) references to: Town of Weare Selectmen’s Office, Attn: Part Time Parks & Recreation Director Position, 15 Flanders Memorial Road, Weare, NH 03281. Application deadline is: October 23, 2019 at 4 PM. Ideally the new Director will be ready to start December 1, 2019. The Town of Weare is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

**How Real Estate in Weare Has Changed**

**By Connie Evans**

When Tami Pelletier first became a real estate agent in the 90’s, her clients were usually young, first-time buyers. Today’s buyers are savvier, she says, most already own a home and are not so willing to give up on their preferences. They come ready with a list of features they expect to find. The buyers are generally older with grown children or have teenagers and are eager to enjoy the quality of life with their families that Weare can provide. Many have come from subdivisions or an out-of-state town and are looking for acreage and privacy to experience nature: two acres is fine, five to ten is great, but more than that is usually too much. Of course, there is a mixture of buyers. She also sees retirees who want to downsize in Weare, stay for the warm months and head south for the winter.

When Tami began, sellers did not stage their homes but pretty much opened their doors and let prospective buyers view them in all their lived-in glory. Now the buyer has become more discriminating and will be discouraged if they see clutter or lack of cleanliness. The layout tends to be more important than the size and new generally eclipses old, unless there are renovations or updates.

For three decades, Tami has heard the same question: “How close is the nearest supermarket?” We all have had to accept that the trade-off for rural living is lack of near-by services; however, for the city-dweller it takes some adjustment!

What has not changed too much is the ebb and flow of interest: there is a surge in October that lasts until Thanksgiving and then business may pick up again as early as January. By June the lookers have thinned out and inventory as well.

Tami was sure to point out that other agents may have different perspectives, but these are the trends she is seeing in Weare based on the homes in her inventory.

**Retirement Planning for Today’s Workforce**

**Thursday, October 24, 6:30pm, Weare Library**

With the unemployment rate so low, transitions between jobs have been at an all-time high. Join Liz from Cayena Capital Management for an engaging discussion on ways to plan for the long term, while navigating short term shifts.
Over the past weeks, Weare in the World has challenged you with single-topic puzzles. This week, we bring you clues that did not make the puzzles for animals, classic first lines of books and movies, Disney films, the New England Patriots, and state facts.

Across
1. Largest living cat, a male liger, was named for this Greek hero.
4. The wizard in the Disney film “The Sword in the Stone”.
6. MVP of Super Bowl XLIX.
8. This animal has 5 eyes, one on the end of each leg.
13. He played 21 snaps on special teams, the most of anyone, for the Super Bowl LIII champion New England Patriots.
16. All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.
17. Americans eat 1 billion pounds of this crustacean each year.
18. Home to Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks.
19. Home of chef Paul Prudhomme and his famous turducken.

Down
2. The United States Air Force Academy is in this state.
3. State that was once a county of Virginia.
5. State named for England’s Queen Elizabeth I.
7. These animals give birth hanging upside down.
8. Home of four larger-than-life US Presidents.
10. The state with more glaciers than the other 47 contiguous states combined.
11. Its “horn” is actually a tooth.
12. Linebacker Mike _____ who caught a touchdown pass for the Patriots in Super Bowl XXXIX.
14. The heaviest snake is the Giant one of these.
15. Safety Rodney _____ who had 8 solo tackles for the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XXXVIII.

Computer 101:
The Internet for Book Lovers
Thursday, October 24, 1pm
Weare Public Library
Join us for a quick class for the very beginner, a practical look at a single topic, with a computer for each participant. Bring your basic computer questions. Seats are very limited; registration is required. Call the library at 529-2044 or stop by the desk.