Boston Post Cane by Tom Clow

Estermary Hadley, age 96, was presented the Boston Post Cane at the Weare Selectmen’s meeting on November 18. Shown making the presentation is Selectman Sherry Burdick, who is Hadley’s daughter. Seated to the right is Howard Towne, (age 100) who is Hadley’s brother and holder of the Boston Post Cane for the Town of New Boston. The cane is presented to the oldest living resident in each participating community.

The Boston Post Cane tradition started in 1909 when the now defunct Boston Post newspaper gave specially designed canes to 700 New England towns. The canes were to be given to the oldest living male resident in each town as a sign of respect. Women were added to the list of recipients in 1930. (wickedlocal.com) Many towns, including Weare and New Boston, have continued the tradition with the cane being handed down to the next oldest survivor in the town.

You’re invited!

Historical Society Christmas Party

Sunday, December 1, 2-4pm
Old Town Hall, 16 North Stark Highway

Kick off your holiday season with us! We’ll have Christmas crafts and animal encounters for the kids, a penny sale/raffle of gift baskets for adults and children, carol sing-alongs, outdoor tree lighting, and free food and beverages. Santa Claus will be there, too, making his lists and checking them twice!

So whether you’re “naughty”, “nice” or a little bit of both, the Weare Historical Society welcomes you and your family, and wishes you the peace and joy of the season.

Breaking Bread Cafe/Center Opens Dec. 3

Thank you to all who braved the weather to attend our Open House at the New Breaking Bread Cafe/Center in Weare. We officially open on Tuesday, December 3rd. Our schedule will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 am to 1pm. Our FREE lunch for 60+ will be held on Wednesday’s from 11 to 1. Lunch menu for Wednesday, December 4 will be Italian minestrone soup, French dip sandwich au jus, pickle, and chips.

Big thank you to ALL who volunteered to get this project up and running!! You’re all awesome. Our Volunteers are committed and joyfully volunteer! They together bring much talent to Ya Never Know Thrift Shoppe and now Breaking Bread! Special thanks to Granite State Plumbing and Heating, Christopher Oltsch, Brian & Christine Ivanjack, Counter Pro, BSR Building Services and Dividers Plus Inc.

Used Book Collecting Starts December 2

The Friends of the Weare Public Library Winter Book and Bake sale is right around the corner. You can bring your like new book donations to the library starting December 2nd during normal business hours. The donation period for books ends on December 5th. Donated baked goods can be dropped off at the library on December 6 from 10-12.

Thanksgiving Closures

The Transfer Station will be closed on Friday, Nov. 29 and Saturday, Nov. 30 for the Thanksgiving Break. We will reopen on Tuesday, December 3.

The Weare Public Library will close at 2pm on Wednesday, Nov. 26 and will be closed on Thursday, November 27. We will be open on Saturday, November 30.

Community Coffee: Update on the Census

Thursday, December 5, 10am, Weare Public Library

Learn a little history of the Census, what it does, and why it is important, and get an update on preparations for the 2020 Census. And if you are interested in working for the Census, a recruiter will be on hand to walk you through the application process.
What & When in Weare:
Wednesday, November 27
10:30am – Baby & Toddler Playgroup, Weare Library

Thursday, November 28
Thanksgiving – Town Offices and Library Closed

Monday, December 2
6:30pm - How to ENRICH Your Relationship With Your Child, Weare Library

Tuesday, December 3
Noon - Senior Weare-ites, American Legion Hall
7:30pm - Zoning Board of Adjustment

Wednesday, December 4
6pm – Mildred Hall Advisory Committee, Library Sawyer Room
7pm – Book Group, Weare Library

Thursday, December 5
10am – Community Coffee, Weare Library
7pm – Trustees of the Library

Friday, December 6
10:30am – Weare Writer’s Group, Weare Library
5pm – Wine Tasting, Country3Corners

Saturday, December 7
9am – Friends of the Library Book Sale Opens, Weare Library

Monday, December 9
6:30pm - How to ENRICH Your Relationship With Your Child, Weare Library

Tuesday, November 10
- Origami Gift Boxes, Weare Library

Wednesday, December 11
6:30pm – John Stark School Board, JSRHS Library
7pm – Weare Democrats, Weare Library

Baby & Toddler Playgroup
Wednesday, November 27, 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.

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

April Cushman, Live!
Saturday, November 30, 8pm
Live Music at the Stark House Tavern
487 S Stark Highway, 529-0901

How to ENRICH Your Relationship with Your Child
Mondays, December 2 & 9, 6:30pm
Weare Public Library
Debbie Farr, of Flourishing Families, is writing a book and needs expert insight from local parents. The book is titled Simple Strategies: How to E.N.R.I.C.H. Your Relationship With Your Child. It covers a variety of topics including encouragement, consequences, emotions, respect, and even humor in an easy-to-read format. Parents of toddlers, children, adolescents, and teens are invited. If you can only make one Monday night, no problem. Follow-up sessions may occur online. What’s in it for you? Learn useful strategies for developing a great relationship with your child, receive a PDF of the book chapters, and receive a free copy of the book once it’s published! And there will be snacks at the session. Interested? Please register by sending an email to Debbie at dskf@mygsc.com no later than Sunday, Dec. 1.

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 info, contact Valerie White, 529-4975.

Senior Weare-ites Meeting
Tuesday, December 3, 12pm
American Legion Hall
Please bring a sandwich. Coffee and tea provided. For more information, call Pat at 529-2259.

Zoning Board of Adjustment
Tuesday, December 3, 7:30pm
Weare Town Office Building
Case# 12-19: Application for a variance for Frank Bolton from Article 4, definition of driveway; to construct an access to the property on the Private Road part of the frontage. The property lot is on Carding Mill Road. Tax Map 203, Lot 98.2 in the Rural Agricultural Zone.

Book Group: Etta & Otto & Russell & James, by Emma Hooper
Wednesday, December 4, 7pm
Weare Library
Books available at the library. New members always welcome.

Weare Area Writers Guild
Friday, December 6, 10:30am-Noon
Weare Library Sawyer Room
Our group consists of writers from many genres, some published, some never planning to be. Work includes poetry, fiction, humorous pieces, memoirs, young adult, romance, science fiction and more. Stop by and see what we have to offer. For more information, contact Sharon Czarnecki czar5@comcast.net.

Wine Tasting
Friday, December 6, 5-7pm
Country 3 Corners, 833 S. Stark Hwy
Wine Tasting With Gallo. All items tasted are specially priced.

Caregivers Support Group
Tuesday, December 10, 1:30-3pm
Holy Cross Episcopal Church
118 Center Road, North Weare
Contact Marge Burke, 529-7792.

Origami: Gift Boxes
Tuesday, December 10, 4:30-6pm
Weare Public Library
Get ready for the holidays with our annual gift box origami! Make a couple of different size and shape boxes; all materials provided. Projects from beginner to intermediate. Best for ages 8-108. Parents welcome to stay and join in with children.
Patnode Signs Letter of Intent

John Stark Regional High School student Brett Patnode, of Weare, signed his letter of intent to play Division II Baseball at the American International College in Springfield, MA. Brett was joined by his family, friends, teachers, and JSRHS Baseball Coach Dennis Pelletier at the ceremony at the school on November 21.

Sugar n' Spice Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, December 7, 9am-3pm
Weare Old Town Hall, 16 N Stark Hwy
Come shop for your loved ones from a variety of local crafters and vendors. There will also be kids friendly activities throughout the day as well as a bake sale and raffle items to help support Sugar n' Spice as a Non-Profit organization.

Holy Cross Happenings

This week we focus on gratitude, thankful hearts and Thanksgiving. In keeping with a long-standing tradition, members of Holy Cross are invited to participate in the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Day worship service at St. John’s the Evangelist Church in Dunbarton. Members of the Congregational Church in Dunbarton also participate in this service. The Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld, the Episcopal Bishop of NH will join clergy and lay leaders from the Dunbarton churches in leading the service. The service begins at 9:30am on Thursday, November 28, at St. John’s located on Route 13 in Dunbarton. What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?

Six Properties Sold at Auction

by Tom Clow
On Saturday, November 16, six tax deeded properties in Weare were sold at public auction for a total of $290,500. The major piece of property in the sale was a former auto repair facility and fire-damaged apartment building at the corner of North Stark Highway and Reservoir Drive, which was purchased by the Weare Christian Church for $130,000. Other properties included a ranch style home on River Road that sold for $80,000, a camp on 10.78 acres on Dustin Tavern Road that went for $56,000, and three pieces of undeveloped property that made up the rest of the total.

In order to bid on the properties, the bidders were required to submit a deposit ranging from $1,000 to $5,000, depending on the estimated value of the property. The winning bidders now have 30 days from the date of the sale to complete the purchase or they forfeit their deposits. Ten percent of the total sale will go to James R. St. Jean Auctioneers for their services.

According to Town Administrator Naomi Bolton, property can be deeded to the town after three years of unpaid taxes. There is then a three-year waiting period during which the original owner can reclaim the property by paying all the overdue taxes as well as penalties and fees. If this does not occur, the property can then be auctioned off.

Finance Administrator Beth Rouse said that proceeds from the tax sale will first go to offset the liability owed the town through back taxes, penalties, and fees on the properties involved and will be recorded as a 2019 revenue. Anything beyond what was owed is recorded as a 2019 revenue from the sale of town property.

Gordon Inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

Nicole Gordon of Weare, New Hampshire, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Gordon was initiated at MCPHS University.

Gordon is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Vendors Welcome! Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, December 14, 9-11am at Center Woods Elementary School
Presented by the Weare Lions Club
A limited number of vendor tables are available for this event, which annually draws approximately 200 attendees. Fees are $20 per table, and go to helping provide services in the community. Reserve your spot by December 1 by emailing Mike at mike@talesoldfall.com. No electricity is provided. Bring your own table, or use a cafeteria table on site. Set-up at 8am.
Across
1. Turkeys have 5000 to 6000 of these.
4. The menu for the first Thanksgiving mentioned these, not turkeys by name.
5. Turkeys can do this just as fast as elephants.
6. Only these turkeys gobble.
12. What baby turkeys are called.
13. When a male turkey gets excited, his head turns this color.
14. Other presidents may have spared turkeys, but George H.W. Bush was the first one to officially grant a turkey one of these, in 1989.
16. "____ ____ is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day." - Irv Kupcinet.
20. A turkey's ____ covers 270 degrees.
22. Number of stomachs a turkey has.
23. Juvenile male turkeys.
25. A group of turkeys may be called a rafter, but more commonly this.

Down
1. Wild turkeys can do this, up to 55 mph.
2. Where wild turkeys sleep.
3. Oddly, it is National Turkey Lovers' Month, not November.
4. Founding father who respected turkeys, but didn’t really propose them as the national bird.
7. The fleshy flap of skin that hangs over a male turkey's beak.
8. A turkey's two collarbones fuse to make this.
10. While wild and domestic turkeys look very different, they still belong to the same one of these.
11. The wild turkey is the official game bird of Massachusetts, South Carolina, and this state.
14. The Spanish brought wild turkeys to Europe, then these people brought some back.
15. When a male turkey is ready to fight, his head turns this color.
17. "It took me three weeks to stuff the turkey. I stuffed it through ____ ____ ____ ____." - Phyllis Diller.
18. Turkeys don't have teeth, so they swallow these to help in digestion.
19. A male turkey.
21. Turkeys see color well, but they don't see well in this.

Yeah, But Still...
Michael Sullivan
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