Friends of the Library Book Sale
Saturday, December 7-Saturday, 14
Weare Public Library Sawyer Room
It’s here, the Friends winter book/bake sale. Please stop by the library during normal business hours to look at the books for sale or to purchase some wonderful baked goods. Books make wonderful Christmas gifts or big stocking stuffers. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Library to help fund programs and events that take place at the library. Thank you for your patronage.

The library is open Mondays 10-8, Tuesdays 10-6, Wednesdays 10-6. Thursdays 10-8, and Saturdays 9-2.

Used Book Collecting Through December 5
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 during normal business hours. The donation period for books ends on December 5. Donated baked goods can be dropped off at the library on December 6 from 10am-12noon.

Tax Rate Comparison
by Tom Clow
It is probably the rare individual who gets excited about receiving his or her property tax bill. That said, Weare residents can take some relief in knowing that their tax rate is the lowest in the area. On October 28 the Weare Board of Selectmen set the 2019 tax rate at $23.71. Since that time the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration has posted a complete list of public tax rates for 2019. That information is available on the DRA website.

The DRA data shows that Weare’s tax rate is lower than that of any community that borders the town. When the circle is expanded to include Concord, Bow, Manchester, Milford, Hillsborough, Bradford and Warner, the same holds true. The three area towns with the highest tax rates are Henniker - $35.34, Hillsborough - $31.56, and Deering - $30.62. The three with the lowest tax rate, other than Weare, are New Boston - $25.05, Goffstown - $24.58, and Manchester – $24.32. The tax rate is made up of four parts – Municipal, County, Schools, and State Education Tax. The municipal portion of Weare’s tax rate of $4.43, which pays for all local services not related to schools, is also the lowest of all area towns.

Food Pantry Open at John Stark Regional High School
Just before Thanksgiving a new food pantry opened at John Stark Regional High School, one that is open to students in Henniker and Weare and their families before and after school and during the day for students in flex block. The pantry was the idea of students in the Life Skills program who will handle the pantry’s inventory work, weighing food and checking dates, as well as filling bags. Of course, the Life Skills student’s Best Buddies jumped at the chance to help out and lugged in the initial 640 pounds of food for the pantry and stocked the new shelves.

The food pantry at the high school is an expansion of the Food for Friends program headed by Deb Dow at the Congregational Church of Henniker. Food for Friends has been providing weekend backpacks of food for food-insecure students at the Henniker Community School for several years. The high school pantry program is also being assisted by Lucy Cote, a retiree of JSRHS, and Deb Conley, a teacher at John Stark. Monetary gifts for the Food for Friends program may be made to the Congregational Church of Henniker with "Food for Friends" in the memo. Food for Friends is able to access food from the Food Bank in Manchester with the purchasing power of $1 dollar of goods for every 9 cents spent. If you would like to make donations directly to the JSRHS food pantry, please email Deborah Conley (Deborah.Conley@sau24.org) for more information.
What & When in Weare:

Wednesday, December 4
6pm – Mildred Hall Advisory Committee, Library Sawyer Room
7pm – Finance Committee
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 Booksale Opens, Weare Library

Monday, December 9
6pm – Board of Fire Wards
6:30pm – Board of Selectmen
6:30pm - How to ENRICH Your Relationship With Your Child, Weare Library

Tuesday, December 10
4:30pm - Origami Gift Boxes, Weare Library
5pm – Cemetery Trustees
7pm - PARC

Wednesday, December 11
6pm – Dangers of Vaping, John Stark High School
7pm – John Stark School Board, JSRHS Library
7pm – Conservation Commission
7pm – Weare Democrats, Weare Library

Thursday, December 12
1pm – Social Security, Weare Library
6:30pm – Winter Concert, John Stark High School Cafe
7pm - Planning Board Work Session

Friday, December 13
5pm – Wine & Beer Tasting, Country3Corners

Breaking Bread Café
33 North Stark Highway
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9am-1pm. FREE lunch for 60+, Wednesdays, 11am-1pm.

Book Group:
Etta & Otto & Russell & James by Emma Hooper
Wednesday, December 4, 7pm

Weare Public Library
Books available at the library. New members always welcome.

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.

Community Coffee:
Update on the 2020 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.

Weare Area Writers Guild
Friday, December 6, 10:30 to 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.

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

Caregivers Support Group
Tuesday, December 10, 1:30-3pm
Holy Cross Episcopal Church
118 Center Road, North Weare
2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. 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.

The Dangers of Vaping
Wednesday, December 11, 6pm
John Stark Regional High School
A presentation from NH Poison Control. Open to the public.

JSRHS District Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 7pm
John Stark High School Library
Please note the time change due to The Dangers of Vaping presentation. Default Budget will be presented.

Social Security
With Elizabeth Evans
Thursday, December 12, 1pm
Weare Public Library
Please join Elizabeth Salas Evans, from Cayena Capital Management for an upcoming seminar on Social Security. She will be covering the basics of Social Security, discussing main points such as how to estimate your benefits, how to combine benefits with your partner/spouse, how to ensure accurate earnings records.

Weare School District Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 17, 6pm
Weare Middle School Library
The Default Budget will be presented.
Influenza Activity Increasing in NH
NH Division of Public Health Services
Influenza has been circulating in New Hampshire with low activity over the last several weeks, but activity is increasing and risk for influenza is expected to continue to increase over the coming weeks. Nationally, influenza A(H1N1), A(H3N2), and B/Victoria virus strains are co-circulating. This year’s influenza vaccines contain updated A(H1N1) and A(H3N2) strains of the virus, which have been the predominant circulating influenza A virus strains for the last decade.

Healthcare providers should recommend influenza vaccination for anyone six months of age or older who has not yet received the updated 2019-2020 influenza vaccine and who does not have a medical contraindication. Pregnant and postpartum women are at higher risk of severe illness and complications from influenza infection. Therefore, all pregnant women without a medical contraindication should receive an influenza vaccine during any trimester of their pregnancy to protect themselves and their babies (note: LAIV should not be used during pregnancy).

Parents’ Help Wanted Online
Debbie Farr, of Flourishing Families, is writing a book and needs expert insight from local parents. The book includes using encouragement, consequences, emotions, respect, humor, and other topics. A two-part workshop had been scheduled for Dec. 2 and Dec. 9 at the library but given inclement weather, has now been moved online. If you are interested in participating, please email Debbie at dskf@mygsc.com as soon as possible so you can be included in setting the online dates and times. Thank you!

The US Navy Is Offering Career Opportunities!
Get all your ASNT NDT certifications and have the Navy pay for them! Hull maintenance technicians plan, supervise, and perform tasks necessary for fabrication, installation, maintenance, and repair of shipboard structures, plumbing, and piping systems, and much more.

We pay for certifications: Certified Associate Welding Inspector, Certified Radiographic Interpreter, Certified Welder, Certified Welding Inspector, and Star Plumbing Mastery. And much more. For More Information, Please Contact Your Local Navy Recruiter, Petty Officer Breuder, (603) 318-6014.

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 kid 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.

Lions Club Breakfast With Santa
And Wreaths for Weare Penny Sale
Saturday, December 14, 9-11am
Center Woods Elementary School
Breakfast sandwich or pancakes and sausage or bacon, plus drinks, $5 per person, maximum $20 for an immediate family. Proceeds benefit the Weare Lions Club activities, supporting vision, hearing, and other community efforts. Many thanks to the John Strk Regional High School Leos Club for supporting this effort.

Senior Weare-ites Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 17, 12noon
For more information, call Pat at 529-2259.

Weare. Where? Ha ha.
By Connie Evans
We all have heard the response when we tell someone where we live. The first exchange may even have been mildly humorous. To get the last laugh, you may have answered, “Nowhere” if you live in the northern part of town or “Underwear” if you’re from the southern section. But our town underwent several names before settling on Weare.

The township’s first petitioner was Colonel Robert Hale. He laid out the town with two other men in 1735 and the area was called Halestown. Since most of the earliest grantees came from Beverly, the area was also named Beverly in the surveys between 1740-1750.

Ichabod Robie’s grandfather who lived in Hampton Falls but was a town proprietor, willed him two 100-acre lots in Halestown, but it was his grandson, Samuel Robie, came to live here. By that time, there were 80 proprietors and for then fifteen years they referred to the area as the land granted to Ichabod Robie, never calling it Halestown.

Meshech Weare was born at Hampton Falls in 1713, graduated from Harvard in 1735, and held many civil offices. He was an active magistrate, represented the town for many years in the General Court, serving first as a justice then chief justice of the superior court where the famous Pine Tree Rioters were tried. He obtained a colonelcy from the royal government. By the beginning of the American Revolution, he had abandoned his loyalty to the crown and served on the Committee of Safety in Exeter as chairman. In 1784, when a constitution and form of government was established he was elected chief executive magistrate. Sometime after 1750, our town selected to honor Meshech Weare by naming the town after him.

Across
3. A term first used by the British in the 18th Century to describe a common foot soldier.
5. A collection of units and formations under the control of a single officer.
7. Heisman Trophy winner at the Naval Academy, he fulfilled his service requirement during Vietnam, then went on to be MVP of Super Bowl VI.
12. Number of stars the General of the Army wears.
13. Hit the ____, meaning ejecting from an aircraft using a parachute.
15. “You can have peace. Or you can have _____. Don’t ever count on having both at once.” – Robert A. Heinlein
16. Two star General.
17. The lowest class of Petty Officer in the Navy.
18. Full-bird officer.
21. Practice of wearing the insignia of a higher grade before the official date of promotion.
23. Airforce equivalent of a Private.
24. Number of Sergeants Major of the Army at any one time.
26. A small military unit consisting of ten to eleven soldiers, normally led by a staff sergeant.

Down
1. A Lieutenant Colonel is sometimes referred to as this kind of Colonel.
2. “We should honor our soldiers, but we should never honor _____.“ - Dean Hughes.
4. “I don’t measure a man’s success by how high he climbs but by ____ ____ ____ ____ when he hits bottom.” – General George S. Patton
6. “Any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: ‘I served in the United States ____.” - John F. Kennedy
7. “The reason we call ____ ‘she’ is that it costs so much to keep one in paint and powder.” – Chester W. Nimitz.
8. “The soldier is the ____.” - George F. Patton.
9. This kind of Lieutenant wears a gold bar.
10. Officer of the ____ – Any officer charged with the operation of a ship.
11. General in charge of US forces in Europe during WWII.
14. “There is no ____ in sending men to die for something you won’t even fight for yourself.” - Mark Owen.
19. Gold or silver insignia that a Major or a Lieutenant Colonel would wear.
20. US Navy special forces.
21. The largest formation inside any navy, usually organized and commanded by an admiral.
25. In military term, a mortar or artillery piece, not a pistol or rifle.