In the wake of protests around the country, the Weare Police Department wants to ensure the public is aware of the department’s use of force policies. (Rachel Cisto photo)

Weare Police Chief Shares Local Use of Force Policies
by Tom Clow

In response to recent questions posted on the Weare Police Department Facebook page Chief Christopher Moore explained some of the department’s policies on the use of force, a topic that has been on the minds of Americans from coast to coast in recent weeks.

Moore said that he could not post all the information contained in the WPD use of force policies due to space available, but focused on one involving de-escalation entitled **SOP-014-007 Use of Force: When Force Must Cease**.

According to the manual, “any force used by members of the Weare Police Department under examples found elsewhere in this manual must be both reasonable and necessary; and as soon as resistance has ceased and the person is in secure custody, the use of force must cease.”

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Voting Safely In The Pandemic
by Bev Cotton

The current legislative session wrapped up on June 30, and lawmakers definitively passed legislation regarding absentee voting for the 2020 primary and general elections. The major point in that legislation was to create a more user-friendly form in the ballot application requiring a single form for both the primary and general elections. It would allow a checkbox for you to indicate whether you would want a Republican or Democratic ballot for the September election.

It also simplified the ‘reason’ you are requesting to vote absentee. Currently, you need to know to check the disability box if you are requesting based on COVID-19 concerns. In this revised application, the COVID reason would be a clear line item of its own. The bill now awaits the Governor’s signature before the Secretary of State implements these changes. For now, you will receive an instruction sheet if you request an absentee ballot before these changes are made.

Our Town Clerk, Maureen Billodeau, has been doing a wonderful job updating our town website under the Town Clerk’s section. You can also find a good deal of information on the Secretary of State’s website at sos.nh.gov.

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- Force shall never be used to “punish” a prisoner for resisting, or as a response to verbal insults, and may only be used to accomplish lawful objectives.
- Once a person has been safely taken into custody for an offense or protection and has been secured in the back seat of a police vehicle for transport, no force shall be used against them. Once a person is in custody, if they commit criminal mischief or another similar offense by damaging or attempting to damage the car or other police owned property, they shall not be sprayed with OC, have a TASER applied, or struck with a baton or empty hand officer striking tactics. Exceptions to this section include: 1. If the person in custody has slipped from their restraints and force must be used to regain control and/or retain custody; 2. If the person in custody has gotten loose in the booking room; or, 3. If the person in custody has attained control of a weapon or an implement of escape.
- Any person in custody that commits criminal mischief, or another similar offense, will be charged with that offense.

Chief Moore went on to explain that there were 27 different policies involving the different components of use of force. He said they are within CALEA standards of compliance meaning they met the policy standard of best practices in law enforcement. However, he said that over the next several years he would be rewriting most WPD policies, so they are easier to read and structurally organized better.

Moore added that the department is already in the process of updating their website, which will allow them to provide much more information to the public. “Part of the information we can provide are our policies so you can access them and review them anytime you wish,” he said.

Your Completed 2020 Census Will Impact Next Ten Years
By Tom Clow

Have you completed your 2020 Census form? According to the July 1 Media Blast, an online publication of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission, Weare has a 69.6% completion rate thus far. That ranks the town tenth out of the fourteen commission member communities. U.S. Census Partnership Specialist James Spotts spoke to the Commission at its meeting on June 23 to provide background information on the 2020 Census and to discuss how current operations are being affected by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Spotts reminded commissioners that the national census is required by the Constitution to occur every ten years and is critical to determining political representation and to allocating the distribution of hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding. For example, U.S. Census Bureau statistics directed the allocation of over $3.7 billion in New Hampshire in 2016. The information derived from the Census is also crucial to local planning and functions, he added.

People can respond to the Census online or by phone, in addition to the mail-in option. It only takes about 10 minutes to complete, and the data collected will impact our country, our state, and our local community for the next ten years. For more detailed information, go to https://2020census.gov.

The SNHPC newsletter reminds citizens that responding now will minimize the need for the Census Bureau to send census takers out into the community to follow up with households during the COVID-19 pandemic.

New Fee Set for Chase Park Fields Closed to Outside Use
By Tom Clow

Following a public hearing on June 29, the Weare Board of Selectmen approved a fee of $2.00 per person for walk-ins at Chase Park. Parks and Recreation Commission Chair JaNeen Lentsch presented the commission’s recommendations to the board and explained that the fee would not apply to Weare residents whose families had already purchased a season parking sticker for the lake. In past years there has been a problem with large groups being dropped off and walking in free. At present only ten walk-ins are allowed per day because the park is operating at 50 percent capacity due to the COVID-19 virus.

PARC also recommended an increase in daily parking access and boat ramp fees for non-residents. Board members discussed the proposal but could not take any action because the increase had not been listed for the public hearing. A public hearing will be posted for July 20 at which time the board will hear testimony on increasing the daily parking fees for non-residents to $40.00 and the daily boat ramp fee for non-residents to $50.00.

The second purpose of last Monday’s public hearing was to consider a facility use fee for out of town groups to use Weare recreational fields. The Parks and Recreation
Commission recommended a fee of $150.00 for a full day and a fee of $150.00 per team for one season. Selectmen rejected both proposals and voted to keep local fields closed to out-of-town groups, reasoning that there was so much demand from local athletic programs that outside use could impede the scheduling for local teams.

**Goffstown Rotary Awards Scholarships**

By Robin Morrell

The Goffstown Rotary Club would like to give a big shout out and congratulations to this year’s scholarship recipients - Kelsey Gregorio of Goffstown High School, and Naomi Prevo of John Stark Regional High School.

Community Service is at the top of the list when we are screening our scholarship applicants, and these two young ladies have impressive resumes, for sure!

Naomi’s high school activities included Hosting Young Philosophy Enthusiasts, Peer Leadership, Leo Club, Math Team, and the Spanish Honor Society. She also spent a year as captain of the swim team.

Her volunteer efforts included working with disabled men and women at UpReach Therapeutic Riding Center. As a Leo Club member, she helped with blood drives, food pantry service, and more.

Naomi interned as a groomer and subsequently worked at the Weare Animal Hospital as a Kennel Associate & Vet Assistant. She also worked as a Lifeguard and Swim Instructor for children and young teens at the Allard Center YMCA. In addition, she was also a Market Basket employee working in produce and customer service.

Naomi will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute this fall and is majoring in biochemistry, with aspirations of veterinary school as a postgraduate.

Kelsey Gregorio’s high school activities included the Newspaper Club, volleyball, basketball, and track and field. She received sportsmanship awards for all three athletic activities and plans to continue track & field in college.

Her volunteer activities began two years ago, with Special Olympics NH’s Team Uncanoonuc. Her brother was her inspiration because she saw how much he enjoyed being part of their bowling team.

Kelsey also volunteers with Special Olympics, in bowling, basketball, and track & field.

In addition, Kelsey volunteered at the front desk of YMCA of Greater Nashua, until she was offered and accepted a part-time job there. She now teaches swim lessons to children and young teens.

In her personal life, Kelsey plays a big role in caring for her twin brother, Darcy, who despite his many challenges, is an inspiration to her every day. Darcy is the main reason she loves working with others who have special needs, and why she has chosen her career path in special education. Kelsey will attend Franklin Pierce University in the fall.

Best of luck to you both, and congratulations from all of us at the Goffstown Rotary Club!

**Meisser Named to Dean’s List**

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Julia Meisser of Weare, a member of the class of 2022 majoring in mechanical engineering and robotics engineering, was named to the university’s Dean’s List for academic excellence for the spring 2020 semester.

**Spoonser Named to Honors List**

Glen D. Spooner, has been named to Husson University’s Honors List for the Spring 2020 semester. Mr. Spooner is a first-year student who is currently enrolled in Husson’s Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science/Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Students who make the Honors List must carry at least 12 graded credit hours during the semester and earn a grade point average of 3.4 to 3.59.

**Zarrella Named To Dean's List**

Bella-Rose Zarrella of Weare, NH, was named to the University of Rhode Island’s Spring 2020 Dean’s List. To be included on the Dean’s List, students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average.

**Palchevskiy Named to Dean’s List**

Amy Palchevskiy of Weare was named to the Dean’s List by Dr. Troy Shoemaker, president of Pensacola Christian College, for academic achievement during the 2020 spring semester. This was a result of earning a semester grade point average of 3.00 or higher.

**Michael Wilkins Receives Degree**

Michael Wilkins of Weare, N.H., was awarded a master of science degree in power systems management from Worcester Polytechnic Institute as a member of the Class of 2020.
University of New Hampshire Spring 2020 Dean’s List

The following students have been named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire for the spring 2020 semester.

Highest Honors: Campbell Johnson, majoring in Homeland Security; Lucas Guerrette, majoring in Computer Science; Brittney Spooner, majoring in Biomedical Science - Medical Lab Science; Keara Welch, majoring in Human Development and Family Studies; Ryan Gordon, majoring in Business Administration and Finance.

High Honors: Megan Newhall, majoring in Communication Science and Disorders; Nicole Yelle, majoring in Business Administration and Finance; Eric Gage, majoring in Analytical Economics.

Honors: Mia Paveglio, majoring in Linguistics; Anna Ishak, majoring in Health Management and Policy.

Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

For Gardeners Everywhere
By Val Bartholomew & Sharon Czarnecki

My grandmother loved plants. My 91-year-old dad loves plants. I love plants and my sister Val loves plants. But sometimes the work gets overwhelming, doesn’t it? My poor dad, working mostly alone these days, had three tables full of plants like the one above to get into the ground. Val and I were both worried he would overdo it. My sister sent him a text message I will always treasure, and she said I could share it with all of you.

“Dad, when you go out to work today - stop. I know you have a huge ‘to do’ list, but don’t approach your day’s effort based on how much you get done. Slow it all down. Then, as you work, you get to actually feel the dirt your fingers are in - its coolness, dampness or dryness.

“Watch and enjoy the transformation in each plant you handle as you clean away dead leaves and spent blossoms - give the plant a chance to thank you. Less is more. Enjoy your work. Cramming in more only makes the day pass faster, and at days end there will have been no joy in the doing. This way, at night, you go to bed happy with your day’s accomplishments. Better to go to bed thinking about the one plant you actually had a relationship with, and how you both enriched each other.”

The day should be a poem, not an accounting.

Holy Cross Happenings
By Marge Burke

Holy Cross Church worship continues through summer via Zoom with services beginning at 9 a.m. The building will be open for some groups, such as the VNA Senior Health Clinic, to meet following public health guidelines. During our Thursday evening all parish check-in zoom meetings we will be discussing several highly acclaimed books dealing with racism, White Fragility, by Robin Diangelo, and How To Be An Anti-Racist by Ibram X. Kendi.

Our July split open plate offering will be shared with Family Promise, a non-profit organization primarily serving families with children at risk of becoming homeless or are already homeless. Their mission is to help homeless and low-income families gain sustainable independence through community-based responses. Many churches in the greater Concord area offer overnight accommodations for a week at a time where families receive safe lodging, dinner, and breakfast before they leave to receive other community support.

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August 22, 2020

Be on the map. Fill out a form.
Available online: wearehistoricalsociety.org
- or at the Weare Public Library, Town Office, Post Office
Breaking Bread
Senior Café Reopens
By Peggy Bailey
Our Board at Hand In Hand Ministries has decided to reopen the Cafe beginning Wednesday, June 24th.
Lunch is free for seniors aged 60+ every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until we run out. The Breaking Bread Senior Cafe is located at 33 North Stark Highway in Weare. At the moment, we are offering “take out” or curbside only.
There will be tables and tents for shade set up outside for those who wish to sit and socialize. Only 6 people to a table. Tables will be sanitized after each use. Masks are optional outdoors, but are required inside to use facilities.
You may call ahead at 529-4263 and leave your name and the number of lunches you need if you wish.
The Senior Food Bank will remain open. There are no specific hours. Please call 529-4263, and leave your name and telephone number. Your call will be returned in a timely manner. You may pick up your food at the Cafe or have it delivered.
Please follow us on Facebook for hours and updates or write to handinhandministriesinc@gmail.com

Lesser-Known July Holidays
By Sharon Czarnecki
Titles for July you may not have known about:
Blueberry Month, Anti-Boredom Month, Hot Dog Month, Ice Cream Month, Picnic Month
Week 3 is Capture the Sunset Week
The Dog Days of Summer are July 3 - August 11
July 1 is Canada Day, Chicken Wing Day, and Postal Worker Day.
July 2 is World UFO Day.
July 3 is Eat Beans Day and Stay Out of The Sun Day.
July 4 is Independence Day, of course, but it’s also Cherry Pit Spitting Day and Country Music Day.
July 5 is Build a Scarecrow Day, Apple Turnover Day, Bikini Day, and Workaholics Day.
July 6 is Kissing Day and Fried Chicken Day.
July 7 is Chocolate Day and Strawberry Sundae Day.
July 8 is Body Painting Day, Blueberry Day, and Video Games Day.
July 9 is Sugar Cookie Day. (I figured that would be in December.)
July 10 is Teddy Bear Picnic Day.
July 11 is Blueberry Muffin Day and Cheer Up Someone Lonely Day.
July 12 is Pecan Pie Day.
July 14 is Bastille Day, Pandemonium Day, and Shark Awareness Day.
July 15 is Give a Cow a Hug Day and Tapioca Pudding Day.
July 16 is Fresh Spinach Day and World Snake Day.
July 17 is Peach Ice Cream Day and World Emoji Day.
July 18 is Caviar Day.
July 19 is Daiquiri Day and Raspberry Cake Day.
July 20 is Ice Cream Soda Day, Lollipop Day, Moon Day, and Ugly Truck Day.
July 21 is Junk Food Day.
July 22 is Hammock Day.
July 23 is Vanilla Ice Cream Day.
July 25 is Chili Dog Day and Day of the Cowboy.
July 26 is All or Nothing Day, Aunts and Uncles Day and Parents Day.
July 27 is Take Your Houseplants for a Walk Day.
July 28 is Milk Chocolate Day.
July 29 is Tiger Day and Lasagna Day.
July 31 is Mutt’s Day and System Administrator Appreciation Day.

The Small family celebrates summer by picking local blueberries. (Alyssa Small photo)
WEARE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Curbside Pickup

Begins June 29th

To reserve materials: Call 529-2044 or go to https://weare.biblionix.com/catalog/

You will receive notification by email, text, or phone call when your materials are ready for pick-up. They will be bagged with your first name and last initial and waiting for you on our pickup table outside the building or, in inclement weather, in the lobby. They will already be checked out to you so feel free to grab and go.

The library is operating on reduced hours:

Mon-Thurs 10-3 / Saturday 9-2
10-11am is reserved for seniors and high-risk patrons

Please DO NOT leave returns on the table. Deposit them in the blue tubs in the lobby. We will quarantine and sanitize all materials.

And PLEASE NO DONATIONS or book sale items at this time!!!

Thrift Shop Now Open

Wednesdays & Thursdays

By Peggy Bailey

The Ya Never Know Thrift Shoppe will be opening on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Starting July 1st and 2nd.
(Once we get all the kinks worked out with this COVID-19 virus thing, we will open more!)

We also have a Plant Swap going on at Breaking Bread Cafe (outdoors). Bring One, Take One and it’s FREE!!

Absence Voting In The Time of COVID-19

By Rachel Cisto

Voters who are concerned about COVID-19 may vote absentee if they are sick with COVID or caring for someone who is. Voters may also vote absentee if they are concerned that they or others will be exposed to the virus if they vote in person.

At this time, to register or vote absentee for COVID, you must check the box stating you want an absentee ballot due to disability.

You must request a registration form from the town clerk’s office before requesting an absentee ballot. The Supervisors of the Checklist must approve your application first. If you plan to vote absentee, you must contact the clerk as soon as possible.

If you are not registered to vote when you request the ballot, you will receive both the ballot and the registration forms and instructions in the mail.

If you are returning your absentee ballot by mail, the town clerk must receive it by 5 p.m. on Election Day.

To increase the likelihood it will arrive by the deadline, the state recommends mailing it at least two weeks before the election.

After five days, you may check the Voter Information link on the Secretary of State’s website at sos.nh.gov.

You may also deliver your ballot to the Town Clerk in-person or by a delivery agent until 5 p.m. on the day before the election. A delivery agent - including family members, nursing home and elder care facility administrators and a person assisting a voter with a disability - may deliver ballots to the polling place no later than 5 p.m. on Election Day.

Residents gathered at Weare Middle School to watch the fireworks in this 2019 file photo. 2020’s celebration was cancelled in part due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Rachel Cisto photo)
Across

1. 50 stars for 50 _____.
2. Study of stars.
6. Polaris, the _____ star.
7. Jack and Meg are “stripes” of this color.
11. Star light, star _____.
12. “Starry” word for excellence.
14. “Star Trek” ship name.
15. Rockfish, AKA the striped _____.
22. “Starman” singer.
23. Fruit Stripe gum’s animal mascot.
24. “Stars and Stripes” newspaper reports for this group.
25. Painter of “The Starry Night” (2 words).
26. Author of children’s book “A Bad Case of Stripes”.

Down

4. 13 stripes for 13 _______.
5. Disney film featuring “When You Wish Upon A Star”.
9. Star Island is part of the Isles of ______.
11. Song: “When The Stars Go ______”.
13. “Dancing With The Stars” judges - Bruno, Carrie Ann and _______.
16. Composer of “Stars And Stripes Forever”.
17. Superhero with a star shield - Captain _______.
18. “Kansas City Star...that’s what I _______”.