First responders in Weare, like their counterparts in other towns, are working to find a balance between serving the public and protecting their personnel and the community from exposure to the COVID-19 virus. Fire Chief Robert Vezina said that when an emergency call comes in to 911, the operator now asks a series of questions to determine if the call is related to the virus. That information is relayed to his department so they know in advance if there might be a virus risk.

If a risk exists, they limit contact to just one primary service provider. He said this reduces potential exposure and helps conserve resources. Vezina said they are still responding to all calls while doing the best they can to protect themselves. At the moment, he said, they have adequate medical supplies, but thus far there has been no surge or uptick in local cases.

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The police department is also doing everything possible to protect their limited staff from exposure to the virus while continuing their service to the public. Police Chief Christopher Moore said that he has eight people covering shifts. They are divided into four teams of two each with one team covering days and one covering nights, working on a seven-days-on, seven-days-off schedule. No one is allowed in the building except essential personnel. The department is also doing its own cleaning to limit exposure from outside. Moore said that they are looking for a biohazard company to clean the gear and the cars. He said that they have also suspended animal control services for fear of spreading the virus. Other details of the temporary changes at the department can be found on the Weare Police Department Facebook page.

The Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator have released a list of changes for the town government and its various departments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This list can be found on the town website at www.weare.nh.gov. Much of the information that follows is taken directly from that list.

The Highway Department, like police and fire, will still be providing services but restricting public access. All employees with symptoms related to the Coronavirus are mandated to stay home. The administrative staff will continue to have office hours; however, all other employees are being asked to stay home, except for the following events: snowstorms, when all employees who are symptom free are required to maintain the roads; and other emergencies such as road washouts, culvert blockages, downed trees or other impediments to public safety. There will always be a three-man crew on call to deal with these or other emergencies with crews changed from day to day.

The Transfer Station will remain open during its normal hours; however, all cardboard and plastic is to be thrown in the municipal trash hauler. The swap shop is closed.

The Town Office Building will be open for business but closed for public visitation until further notice. The staff is still at work and will respond to calls and emails as quickly as possible. Many services are already provided online through the town website. The document from the Selectmen and Town Administrator cited above included a complete list of contact information, phone numbers and email addresses, for all departments.

The Weare Library is also closed, since its schedule coincides with emergency school closures. Weare in the World will still be available on the library website, and possibly on other community sites, but will not appear in a print format until the library reopens.

Weare Police Issues “Facebook Challenge”

The Weare Police Department is sponsoring a challenge for local kids and families during the quarantine. Each week, rules and details will be posted on the department’s Facebook page.

After reading the week’s challenge, competitors should send an email with their photo entry to emily.dauphinais@wearepolice.com. Winners will be announced on the Facebook page on Tuesdays.

After each challenge, winners will receive gift cards from local businesses, including Blackbird’s, Country 3 Corners, Dimitri’s Pizza, Dunkin, Just Like Mom’s and the Stark House Tavern.

This week’s challenge is to build a Rube Goldberg Machine with at least 15 steps to put a ball in a hoop. Next week’s challenge will feature paper airplanes. --Alyssa Small

We Want Your Submissions!

April is National Poetry Month!

If you wrote a poem you’re particularly proud of, submit it to weareintheworldnews@gmail.com and we may publish it in our next issue!

Celebrate Earth Day (April 22) with Weare in the World!

Grab your bikes and decorate them in any style you wish. Before you take your newly spruced wheels for a safe and local spin, snap a picture and send it to us at weareintheworldnews@gmail.com. Please include your name and age. We will publish your cool bicycle pictures in our next issue on April 22!
Governor Issues Emergency Orders

By Rachel Cisto

To keep Granite Staters safe during the pandemic, Gov. Chris Sununu has issued a number of emergency orders.

The first, issued on March 13, declared a state of emergency as New Hampshire battles the novel coronavirus. Emergency Order No. 1 mandated that schools must begin remote instruction by March 23, while Order No. 19 extends it until May 4.

Emergency Order No. 2 restricted food and drink sales to take-out, delivery, curbside pick-up and drive through only.

Emergency Order No. 3 prevents utility services such as electricity, heating oil, cable and water from shutting off customers because of overdue bills during the state of emergency. The order also requires companies to work with residents to create a payment plan after the emergency is over to repay any debt that they may have accrued during the pandemic.

Emergency Order No. 4 prevents landlords from evicting tenants during the state of emergency. It also blocks mortgage companies from beginning foreclosure proceedings, though it does not mean that tenants don’t owe rent or mortgage payments.

Emergency Order No. 5 changes the requirements for unemployment insurance, eliminating the waiting period for benefits and expanding benefits to those not traditionally covered by unemployment insurance, including those who are self-employed.

Emergency Order No. 6 allows establishments with both a food service license and a liquor license to offer beer and wine for delivery.

Emergency Order No. 7 allows local school districts to use “software applications, digital tools and extensions” approved by the state Department of Education without checking them against local data and privacy governance plans, ensuring that districts would be able to begin remote instruction by the deadline.

Emergency Order No. 8 allows all health providers in the state to use “telehealth” - virtual or telephone appointments with a qualified medical professional - and requires insurance companies to allow them.

Emergency Order No. 9 creates an “Emergency Healthcare Relief Fund” for the state's hospitals, ensuring the hospitals have everything they need to continue treating patients.

Emergency Order No. 10 requires all stores that sell groceries - including convenience stores and pharmacies - use single-use plastic bags to reduce potential virus exposure.

Emergency Order No. 11 allows notaries public to notarize documents virtually in some situations.

Emergency Order No. 12 allows state and local government bodies to modify how meetings are conducted, to prevent large gatherings.

Emergency Order No. 13 allows pharmacies to compound and sell hand sanitizer over-the-counter. It also allows qualified pharmacy technicians to perform non-dispensing tasks remotely.

Emergency Order No. 14 allows out-of-state pharmacies to act temporarily as a mail-order pharmacy and creates a procedure to grant an emergency license to them for free.

Emergency Order No. 15 allows out-of-state medical providers to offer services to NH residents via telehealth.

Emergency Order No. 16 limits gatherings to less than 10 people.

Emergency Order No. 17 requires all “non-essential” businesses to close and residents to stay at home.

Emergency Order No. 18 defers fingerprinting for FBI background checks and provides for “conditional” licensing for certain occupations until after the emergency has passed.

Emergency Order No. 20 grants temporary wage increases to employees in the state liquor stores.

Emergency Order No. 21 establishes the COVID-19 Emergency Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Relief Fund.

Emergency Order No. 22 gives additional funds to the Department of Children, Youth and Families for the duration of the emergency.

Emergency Order No. 23 temporarily modifies the municipal and local government statutes so they can continue operating as close to normally as possible.
Order No. 27 blocks hotels, motels and short term rentals from accepting out-of-state guests. Campgrounds remain open.

School News Briefs

Wrestling Win: The John Stark wrestling team has won a second-place medal in the Division 3 State Championships. Thomas Johnston – weighing in at 182 pounds - took second place in his weight class.

Equestrian Season Cancelled: The John Stark Equestrian Team has cancelled its 2020-2021 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The team formed 11 years ago by former Weare teacher Susan Russell. The team accepts riders from grades 7 through 12 and uses two practice barns - Twin Bridge Stables and Periwinkle Farm.

The team has won two District 2 championships since its founding. The 2020 season was slated to begin in May and would have pitted the Stark team against 7 other schools for the championship. The team would like to recognize graduating senior Haylie Johnson and wish her well in the future. Haylie plans to continue riding as she looks to begin college in the fall.

For more information on the team, contact Coach Russell at 759-4192 or at smrussell582@gmail.com.

Drama Students Qualify for State Championship: The John Stark Players were able to take their one act play, “The Other Room” to the State Regional Competition at Concord High School on March 7.

The students’ efforts in lighting, set design, and acting qualified them to continue to the state competition. Unfortunately, it has been cancelled. The play was directed by high school senior Jillian LaBrecque as part of her senior project.

“Sweethearts & Heroes” Pilots New Program With 8th Graders: The Sweethearts & Heroes B.R.A.V.E. program continued remotely for an eighth-grade advisory at Weare Middle School this week. Tom Murphy, Rick Yarosh and the rest of Sweethearts & Heroes joined in and checked on the students. Earlier this year, the organization had such a positive experience with Weare students, teachers, and administrators during their program about bullying, they contacted the school about piloting their new program B.R.A.V.E.S. and have been working with eighth-grade advisories since January.

John Stark Football Association: Fall football sign ups are now open for the 2020 season. Girls and boys grades 1-8 from Weare, Henniker, Hopkinton, and Hillsboro can sign up by going to www.jsgfca.org. Students in grades 1-3 play flag football, while grades 3-8 play tackle football. For more information, e-mail jsgenerals@yahoo.com.

Boy Scouts Troop 24: The troop recently held a Court of Honor where Scouts achieved rank. Scouts were also awarded merit badges like Pioneering and Movie Making. The troop also won an award for the scouts’ achievements at the Klondike Derby. The derby has 10 stations where scouts must test their Scoutcraft skills and leadership abilities, earning points towards a total score. They must transport their gear on a homemade sled pulled by the Scouts.

Weare Boy Scouts Troop 24 held a Court of Honor to grant scouts new merit badges and ranks. (courtesy photo)

Community News Briefs

Lions Club Announcements: As the Weare Lions president for just under a year, Michael Sullivan’s leadership breathed new life into the club with his energy and enthusiasm for community involvement. He organized several activities the Lions participated in including the Lawn party, and several eye screenings at the Weare middle and elementary schools. He was also instrumental in setting the Lions up to benefit from the state’s new gambling law on the books. In Michael’s absence the Lions appointed Tina Connor as the new club president.

Rotary Club: The Goffstown Rotary Club would like to thank all those who donated to its recent food drive. It is estimated that $2,000 in non-perishables and cash was
collected. Donations were divided between the Weare Food Pantry, the New Boston Food Pantry, The Network in Goffstown, and the ARK Food Pantry, also in Goffstown.

The Goffstown Rotary Club plans to have a canned goods collection bin at their upcoming car show. In addition, $1 of each show participant's registration fee will also be donated. Admission to the car show is free to the general public. The club is also looking for sponsors for the show. The show will take place June 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All profits raised will go back to the community. The Goffstown Rotary Club services the communities of Weare, New Boston, Goffstown and Dunbarton. More information can be found at https://goffstownrotary.org, by calling 603-606-8758, or find us on Facebook!

Friends of the Library: The Friends of the Weare Public Library are looking to renew old friendships and establish some new ones, as they announce the beginning of their annual membership drive.

Members help the group to provide financial and volunteer support for our Library over and beyond the usual channels.

Past support has included funding a variety of local museum passes, children’s programs, adult programs, equipment purchases, and the ever-popular Books for Babies and Summer Reading Programs. All of these events require not only financial support, but also eager volunteers to make them a success. The group needs YOUR help!

Friends of the Weare Public Library is a 501C-3 non-profit organization, so all donations are tax-deductible.

Breaking Bread Senior Center: Due to the pandemic, Breaking Bread is closed until further notice. The decision was made to ensure the safety of both our seniors and our volunteers. Keep an eye on the “Hand In Hand Ministries” page on Facebook for future updates.

New Facebook Group: WeARE@heretohelp has been started to assist our community during the COVID-19 crisis. Neighbors can post requests for help (i.e. locating toilet paper and eggs) and offers of goods and services (dog walking, errands, cat food to share, etc.). Find the group at facebook.com/groups/208349360226131

Dog Licenses Due: Dog licenses are still due by April 30, even though the Town Offices are closed. To purchase a dog license, go to weare.nh.gov/town-clerk and click the purple button with a picture of a dog.

Rabies Clinic Cancelled: The clinic at Old Town Hall has been cancelled. If your dog is due for a rabies shot, visit your local vet. Please note that the cost will be somewhat higher than at the clinic because state law requires a well-pet exam as part of a vaccination visit.

State Warns Of Unemployment Scams: A press release from the NH Attorney General’s Office reminds residents to be vigilant against potential scammers. Though there have been no reports of unemployment scams in the state, the Attorney General’s Office would like to remind residents that New Hampshire Employment Security will never send text messages asking for information. NHES will also never ask for credit card information.

Any residents who are concerned they may not be speaking with the official state department should hang up the phone or close the web page and call the NHES hotline at 603-271-7700.

Weare Hikers: For those of you who have been hiking with Charlie, do not give up hope. There are plans afoot (pun intended) to get something together for May and we will keep you posted.

Weare Democrats: Virtual meeting, April 8 at 7 p.m. Contact wearedemcom@comcast.net for details.

A Bright Spot

From the vase of branches cut days ago, yellow blossoms burst forth, bringing joy, and brightness to my surroundings, forsythia sure sign of spring.

Marge Burke (Marge Burke Photo)
SAU 24 Schools Transition to Remote Learning

WITW staff members Alyssa Small and Karen Lovett are each parents to two Center Woods Elementary School students: two second-graders, one kindergartner and one preschooler. They have been engaged in remote learning since March 18th, and were asked to share their impressions. This conversation, held by ZOOM meeting on March 29th, has been edited and condensed for space and clarity.

A: It’s two full weeks now that our children have not been in school. Overall, how are you feeling?

K: I’m feeling a little bit drained, but not in huge despair. (laughs) And I think that’s probably more a result of the overall situation than just remote learning.

A: I feel that too. When I first heard that this is what we’re going to be doing, I was feeling daunted, but also a little bit excited. It’s still an evolving process, but now I have a handle on what it is and what we need to do. Also having the teachers as a constant presence is helpful and reassuring…They really want to be a support to the students and to the parents.

K: What are some of the things that have made remote learning more doable since starting a couple weeks ago?

A: I think having a reasonable expectation of myself and the children, not being too strict and leaving some space for where we are personally - emotionally, energy-wise, mentally, on any given day. Some days, they’re all excited to see their teachers and their friends online, and other days, they’re kind of grumpy and want to be in their own little safe world, just us. I have found a better balance as time has gone on.

K: I think flexibility has been one of the things that’s helped us in the second week. I make a daily plan and try to mix up the activities that we’re given so more of the labor-intensive ones are mixed in with, you know, an exercise activity. And I think having a plan, but being willing to move and be flexible within that plan, has been important.

A: It’s like a holistic approach: taking the whole picture and seeing what can you handle at that moment.

K: Right. What do you think has been the biggest challenge?

A: The first week, I was really sick (with a stomach bug). That was when I got thrown into it...That was the biggest challenge for sure: being new to that and feeling badly.

K: But that’s a reality and probably something a lot of people have had to deal with themselves. Then there are still further concerns that families in our community are dealing with. They might have to be taking care of somebody who’s sick or taking care of loved ones who are at risk, or trying to make the grocery shopping work or they’ve recently been laid off and now they have all of these financial struggles, so, our experiences with teaching may be sort of universal, but some of those outside factors are going to influence people’s abilities to pull off remote learning, too.

A: A lot of people are still working full-time every day, and having to do their kids’ schooling on evenings and weekends. And there are the teachers, who teach our kids remotely and have their own kids to teach too.

K: I think the big idea behind remote learning is that the school is very understanding of where everybody is. This is a highly stressful, unprecedented type of time, so if not every single (assignment) is being met, I think there’s a great level of understanding in that. Has there anything pleasantly surprising about remote learning?

A: Well, overall my kids are pretty eager to do the work, so it’s been nice to see them take that on. It’s also been kind of heartwarming to be involved more with their education and see more of their relationship with their teachers and their classmates.

K: And it’s also interesting to see your child struggle and try and figure out how to help them, and have empathy for them because they’re also going through a huge change. I sometimes prioritize my own feelings about what’s going on, and that’s ok, but their whole world, all their routines have been turned upside down, so, trying to create a little routine at home I think has been helpful, a little bit of structure.

A: Yeah, we’ve been pretty good about that. We get up, eat, chill a little bit, but it’s about business by about 9 o’clock. We have also been taking outside breaks and calling it ‘recess,’ even though we always play outside every day anyway.
K: Emulating some elements of what school provided them every day is a good idea. Any closing thoughts?
A: It’s going well. We appreciate what the teachers are doing. They're going all out to be supportive and helpful at this time and really care about our kids.

Remote learning is a new reality for many Weare families and millions across the country. If you have experiences, insights, or helpful tips to share for your “students,” in any age group or grade, we want to hear them! Please share at weareintheworld@gmail.com with the subject “REMOTE LEARNING.”

John Stark National Honor Society Holds Mask Drive

JSR National Honor Society students have undertaken a project collecting fabric covers for N95 masks for healthcare workers. Due to a mask shortage, many healthcare workers are reusing “single-use” masks. Because there is not currently a way to disinfect these masks, the fabric covers will make reusing the N95’s safer for medical professionals.

Beginning Monday, March 30, a large plastic bin will be placed in front of the main entrance of John Stark and marked “Mask Donations.” Any finished masks can be placed into this bin and a member of the JSR National Honor Society will collect them and deliver them to a local hospital in need.

If you have any of the symptoms outlined on the CDC website, please avoid any kind of donations. The virus can live on fabric for up to 2 days and the goal is to minimize the chance of exposure-via-donation as much as possible.

You do not need to go shopping for cotton cloth to make your mask. A Cambridge University study shows that dish towels, t-shirts, and pillowcases are all effective materials to make masks from. Another possibility is old (large, at least 10in x 7in square) scraps of fabric.

Guidelines recommend using a sewing machine to stitch the masks, as stitches must be durable enough for high wear and tear situations.

There are a variety of different mask types that are easy to make. Please remember to use credible sources and hospital approved sites, such as the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center’s homemade mask instructions, https://bit.ly/39hLLOS.

Before drop off, make sure to wash your masks. These will be washed many times a day and this is a good test of their durability as well as minimizing transmission of germs or viruses.

Donations of cloth and/or cut squares of cloth (9in x 6.5in) are also accepted if you are unable to sew. Anything is appreciated. For more information or to arrange pick-up or drop-off, you may email jake.morrill@sau24.org or denise.getman@sau24.org.

Prisms and Cotton Balls

On the sixth day of spring it snowed, blanketing the world in white, by morning it was like make-believe lilac bush, still void of leaves, resembled cotton balls, hundreds of them, trees sparkled like crystal chandeliers with dozens of prisms, within hours the magic was gone as warm spring sun brought melting.

Marge Burke

“We All Have Our Ways Of Dealing With A Crisis”

I’m not making light of the serious situation we’re in because I’m in my seventies and I’m a male, but I have to pass this on.

This is an actual observation of mine when Darlene and I went to Market Basket in Bedford. The place was packed with people running about to get the last of the many food items they needed.

Darlene and I usually take separate lists to speed the process. When I finished my list, I started the arduous task of finding my less-than-five-foot-tall wife behind racks and displays which usually hide her. On my second time around the store, I cut through the wine and beer aisles. As I emerged, I saw a man about forty with a cart containing one gallon of milk and one quart of orange juice. The rest of the cart was filled with booze. I laughed, and he looked at me and smiled. I thought he’d say something about getting through this pandemic drunk, but he stared at his cart, looked at me, and as calmly as one could speak, said “I have kids.”

Those words conjured up a lot of visuals in my mind.

I will say about my fellow shoppers, everyone was very polite.

There may be hope for us yet. -- Ron Jarvis
Planting For Spring
By Dave Trumble, Good Earth Farm

As so many of us are staying at home this year, one of the bright spots is watching nature turn from winter to spring. Many people are spending time working in their yard and getting ready to put in a family vegetable and herb garden this year. This is a good time to clean up garden beds of old weeds, spruce up your raised beds, get your garden hoses ready, and till in some aged compost or (organic) fertilizer.

Soon it will be planting time. The first crops that are usually planted are snap and shell peas. Pea seeds can be planted in mid to late April (or when your tulips are blooming). Then in the first half of May, (when there are leaves on the trees) gardeners can plant spinach, carrots, beets, lettuce, cabbage, and broccoli. In late May (when your irises are in full bloom) it is safe to plant your tomato, squash and pepper plants. Wait another week and then put in your cucumber and melon plants (those plants really love warm soil).

Flowers are a great joy in the home garden and can attract natural pollinators and butterflies. They provide us beauty to lighten our spirits, which we can all use in a year like this. Flowers like impatiens, alyssum, cosmos, petunias, tithonia (aka Mexican sunflower), stocks, zinnias, sunflowers, and marigolds are beautiful to look at in the garden. Many garden flowers also make great cut flowers to bring into your kitchen table and brighten your home.

If you are planting by seed, the general rule of thumb is to plant a seed at a depth in the soil about 2 to 4 times the diameter of the seed itself. If you plant them too deeply, they may struggle to germinate and if you plant them too shallowly, they may dry out and not germinate. When planting transplants in the garden, the general rule is to put the plant in the garden soil at the soil level of the transplant. The major exception is tomato plants, which can be planted a little deeper as the stem will send out roots and help keep that tomato plant anchored in the soil.

When it comes to watering, the first week or two it is good to use some warm water from your kitchen tap. The plants will appreciate the warm water while waiting for the soil to warm up. Once you get to summer, remember to water in the morning so that the plants will dry out during the day. That will help your plants stay healthier.

If you are interested in buying certified organic plants from our greenhouses, we ask that you please go to our website (www.goodearthfarmnh.com) and print out an order form. We have about 300 different varieties of flowers, herbs, and vegetables. Please send your completed order form to us by US mail. Due to the coronavirus, our greenhouses will not be open to the public to walk through this year. We will be selling all our plants on a pre-order basis with scheduled pickup times.

This year has been a challenge for everyone, but there have been many positives as well. We are all becoming more appreciative of all the people whom we depend upon in our everyday life. It also seems that people are spending more time cooking at home. This may be a good year to plant a garden or to go to the local farmer’s market or join a local CSA. We wish everyone the best of health this spring!

Spotlight On: Weare Garden Club

The Weare Garden Club was formed in 1990 when a group of ladies met together at the home of Grace Gregg, who was instrumental in starting this club. The group met at various members’ homes initially, but now meets in the Sawyer Room at the Weare Public Library when circumstances permit.

Some of the founding members were Nan Bryant, Jean Cavanaugh, Kathy Conroy, June Eaton, Mary Fraser, Dot Ineson, Helen Rice, Shirley James, Dot Schmidt, Kathryn Traver, Barbara Wentworth Ware, Margo McLeod, Thelma Warren, Irene Rudolf, Beverly Bilodeau, Edith Hunt, Andie Hines, and of course Grace Gregg.

The group went on garden trips, did garden crafts, and hosted speakers about gardening. They decorated the town gazebo for Christmas and planted a garden in that area and in barrels along East Road by the Historical Society and the Library. They also planted flowers in the triangle where East Rd joins 114, which now is a memory from the past.

The group got a grant from the NH Federation of Garden Clubs to plant in front of the Town Hall. Plant sales are held twice a year in spring and fall. The profits from the sales go to scholarships to college students from Weare studying horticulture. The club also sold wreaths at Christmas, donating the money to the Weare Food Pantry. Bulbs were provided for Weare schools for all the students to plant around the schools. The Club was also instrumental in the establishment of the Butterfly Garden at Center Woods.

Field trips have included a visit to Ferrin Pond with Gordon Russell, a visit to the Fells in Newbury, and the Fuller Rose garden near the seacoast. A display at the New Boston Fair and a float in the Weare 4th of July parade, and a display at the Weare Post Office were annual projects.
Members have learned to make place mats with pressed flowers, and elegant flower arrangements. Other programs included worm gardening, composting, and using cold frames.

Master Gardeners Alice Morris, Jeanne Campbell and John McCausland joined the club. The club helped John with his garden project at the Hillsborough County Nursing Home.

The plant sale is a spring fixture in Weare, with the profits still supporting students and teachers studying horticulture subjects. This year, it will be on May 16th in the American Legion parking lot. Craft projects and speakers are featured at most of the meetings, which are also open to non-members who find the topic of interest. The May meeting will feature Master Gardener and Club President Anne Wirkkala, with backup from Selectwoman and lifelong gardener Sherry Burdick, with hints and tips for growing great vegetables.

Another late spring project is the plantings around the Weare Public Library. A section of these gardens were planted in memory of Dot O’Neil, a long-time and beloved member.

Plants are added to this garden every year. As they mature, the garden fills in and provides a peaceful backdrop to the site.

Members are often seen in full garden regalia (black fly nets, gloves and often boots) weeding and pruning throughout the year.

The Weare Garden Club encourages and fosters all avenues of amateur and recreational gardening. Members seek to promote interest in the community’s beautification and education through gardening activities and programs.

Membership is open, upon payment of dues, to any individual with an interest in any aspect of gardening or plants.

**The Gazette & Weare In The World**

By Connie Evans

The New Hampshire Gazette, first published in Portsmouth in 1756 was more about commentary than current events, but our Weare men provided the paper with both. The topics generally centered around grievances, outstanding debts, or fines.

In 1772, the Weare log-cutters who had defied King George’s Pine Tree Law, were named in the New Hampshire Gazette and made famous. People followed the Gazette to see if they would pay their fines or risk imprisonment. When the N.H. citizens read in the Gazette that the Weare men didn’t pay their fines, the court case was followed closely in the paper.

Weare In The World and the New Hampshire Gazette are centuries apart, yet both have a few things in common. One such similarity, as published in the Gazette’s introductory issue, stated that the paper will print “Speculations as may have a Tendency to improve the Mind, afford any Help to Trade, Manufactures, Husbandry, and other useful Arts, and promote the public Welfare in any Respect.” So, if you have anything to share along those lines, let us know!

Like the Gazette, it may take a while to get our news, but you do not have to wait two weeks for the post rider or a traveler bringing information!

**Weare Public Library is going VIRTUAL!**

As the news of the Coronavirus has evolved, we have made the decision to close the library for the safety of our patrons, our staff, and the community. Though the building is closed, we are still here to provide you with library materials online.

If you need a card, please contact us at wearepl@comcast.net and we will register you and provide the information that you need for access to all of our downloadable offerings.

All materials that you have at home will not be due until we reopen. Please do not leave them at the library. We have been monitoring information about how to clean and sanitize our materials and will do so when we reopen. We are not offering ILL’s at this time. The state van service is not running.

You can download EBOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS, and MAGAZINES right from home from NH Overdrive with a link at our weare.biblionix.com catalog page. On our Facebook page there is a how-to video on how to download using the Libby App.

On the weare.biblionix.com page you will also find links including Ebsco for your school work and Tumble books, which has granted free access to their children’s, teens, and adult materials, including audio books.

Ancestry has also opened its databases for you to use from home. To use Ancestry, sign in with your 14 digit library card number and password at weare.biblionix.com.
The staff is working hard to provide online programs and presentations that correspond to our usual library offerings. There are story times and crafts by Ms. Karen. Coffee hours and genealogy sessions with Thelma, Dena is offering her cookbook club, knitting group and book group programs. Roberta, Aroostine, Patricia, and Paulette are providing their help and ideas as we plan our virtual programming in virtual staff meetings. Our interactive programs use Zoom and are easy to join. All these offerings are in varying formats for you to enjoy or take part in on Facebook. These programs may be expanded as we see what need arises from our patrons for online offerings. Feel free to contact any of us with your thoughts and suggestions. Be sure to like us on Facebook to get notification of all our events.

Online Facebook Schedule
- Mondays 11am Children's Story time (Facebook Live)
- Tuesdays 10am Coffee & Conversation
- Tuesdays 6pm Knitting
- Wednesdays 10am Children’s Crafts & Fun
- Thursdays 10am Genealogy Path Finders
- Thursdays 12:30 Everything cooking
- Fridays 2pm Teen and Adult read along (Facebook Live)

Email or message us on Facebook with any ideas that you would like to see implemented and we will do our best to provide them.

We miss you all and cannot wait until our doors reopen and we get to see all your familiar faces (and maybe some new ones) again.

**JSR Photography Students Continue Work Remotely**

*Destiny Vickers  
Daniel Ciarla  
Lauren Zervos  
Hayden Nunley*
Across
5. Humorous, bawdy, AABBA form.
7. His ‘To a Skylark’ inspiration was on a walk with his wife.
8. Chilean poet who wrote 100 love sonnets.
10. Whitman’s collection: “Leaves of ______”.
12. “The Art of Poetry” was written by this Argentinian.
16. Stevenson’s “A Child’s Garden of ______”.
18. “Letters to a Young Poet”.
20. Poetry led to his exile by Tsar Alexander I.
22. She won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1945.
23. Baudelaire’s “Flowers of _____.
24. Frost’s two roads diverged in a ______ wood.
25. Shakespeare: “A _____ by any other name would smell as sweet”.
26. Silverstein’s selfless tree.

Down
1. Beat poet Allen ______.
2. “Hope is the thing with ______.” - Dickenson
4. “If it’s darkness we’re having, let it be extravagant” - Jane ______.
7. Lyrical poet of Lesbos.
11. Poet best known for “Ulysses”.
13. 14 lines, 10 syllables per line.
14. 5-7-5.
17. Nobel Prize-winning poet who became a Brit.
19. Whitman’s lilacs bloomed for this US President.
21. “Nevermore”.

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