



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

September 23, 2026

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inheritance patterns and compare their hypotheses with molecular evidence, transforming genetics from memorization into scientific investigation. Birds provide an ideal model because traits such as feather color and egg color are easily observed.

Lorenz hopes students will build deeper conceptual understanding while developing confidence in their ability to think like scientists. The Voya grant of \$2,000.00 will be used to purchase DNA investigation equipment, tests, and workbooks.

Weare Middle School Teacher Recipient of *Unsung Heroes* Award

Voya Financial, Inc. recently announced that Weare Middle School teacher, Jill Lorenz, was one of fifty teachers from across the country to receive an *Unsung Heroes* award for her innovative teaching idea, "Feathers to Frameworks." She was the only winner in the State of New Hampshire. Her program reflects the extraordinary impact happening in classrooms every day, creating opportunities

for students to see possibilities they might not have imagined for themselves.

Lorenz's innovative teaching idea allows students to investigate heredity by examining feather traits and interpreting DNA data. Working in small teams, students will predict



Jill Lorenz

Weare Parks and Recreation

Pumpkin Hunt 2026

Saturday 10/24 at 10am

Specially tagged pumpkins will be hidden outside of the following locations:

- Weare Public Library
- Town Office
- Center Woods Elementary School
- Gazebo

If you don't find one of the tagged pumpkins, please still look for us with treats at the Trunk or Treat event at Weare Middle School from 3-5 pm on 10/24.

The pumpkin hunt is for participants age 14 and under, one pumpkin per person please.



- Find a Pumpkin at one of the locations
- Bring it to us at Weare Middle School
- Collect your special prize



The Legion Has a Lot Going On

By Ellie Chapman, member
American Legion Auxiliary
Post 65, Weare NH

GROWTH - This month the American Legion held their National Convention. One of the new changes that came from this meeting has brought more opportunity to grow our (ALA) American Legion Auxiliary. The American Legion adopted new guidelines to expand our membership eligibility to the Auxiliary.

*More family members are now eligible to join the ALA.

*Members in the Sons of the American Legion can now also have membership to ALA at the same time.

*When does it become effective? At the end of the Convention – therefore, immediately

*For more information check [the ALA blog:](#)

[#ALAforVeterans#Membership#ExpandingEligibility](#)



Pictured - Rose Gilman, with a little help from Maryann Greene (who makes and donates her quilt for our raffle each year!)

QUILTS & BAKE SALES - Our next bake sale is **Sunday September 27th** during the Legion Sunday Breakfast.

Our last sale was a great success, generating funds for use towards Auxiliary projects. We also sold multiple tickets for our quilt raffle. The winner will be chosen at our Holiday Bazaar on **December 5th**.

CARDS - **Your cards usually need to go out by early November.** While we are mentioning the holidays, we would like to share an opportunity to support our deployed service members and veterans during the holiday season. It's easy, doesn't require a lot of time or money, and can remind service members how much we appreciate their service and commitment. There are multiple organizations that will accept your holiday cards and send them along to service members- deployed, wounded veterans and those serving in any capacity at home or abroad. Here are just a few websites that will explain their process and give you suggestions of what to

write in your Holiday messages. Check the sites below for details.

<https://militaryholidaycardchallenge> or see them on FB: Holiday Card Challenge

<https://www.woundedwarriorsproject.org> has multiple options/organizations to send cards to.

For more information about the Legion Auxiliary or how to become a member, join us at a meeting. We meet the first Wednesday of the month - 6:30 p.m. at the Philbrick-Clement Post 65 N. Stark Hwy (Next to the Old Town Hall) or go to www.ALAforVeterans.org.



Annual Book Sale

Saturday, October 3

10 am until 2 pm

Deering Library

(762 Deering Center Rd.)

Adult fiction and non-fiction, cookbooks, young adult fiction, some children's books.

Door prize

Refreshments!



Hearts and Tails
Animal Alliance

By Sharon Czarnecki

Have you got extra cleaning supplies? Generally speaking, Second Hand & Thrift Stores cannot take them. So, do they just get wasted?

Not necessarily. I learned that places caring for all of the pets waiting to be re-homed never seem to have enough of these items. After all, any cat, dog, kitten or puppy can have accidents in a new environment. And most of the places I have been privileged to get to know work very hard to keep these areas clean.

We have one such facility right here in Weare. They are a 501(c)(3) non-profit, meaning they take care of these many animals out of love and not for any profit. So, anything we can do to help goes a long way.

In addition to cleaning supplies, they have some other fun items that can be delivered directly from Amazon. Just go to their website. www.heartsandtails.org/donate/

AND, if you are looking for a pet who has been loved and cared for while waiting for a new home – this is a wonderful choice.



New England Ghosts
Monday, October 12 at 6:30 PM
Deering Town Hall
 (762 Deering Center Rd.)

Are you brave? Storyteller Jonah Knight will present a true ghost story from each New England state. This show is interactive, gripping, and gives addresses to visit the real-life locations. PG 13 recommended for spookiness and descriptions of demise. This program is **free** and open to everyone.



Photo by Pixabay

New Hampshire's First Fire Walk

By Frank Oehlschlaeger

It was a long time ago, probably in the late 1980s, when I was pursuing "New Age" adventures. I discovered that Caroline Parrot, who lived nearby, was sponsoring New Hampshire's first fire walk with Peggy Burkan -- the acclaimed firewalker from California. I was curious because of native stories about walking on hot coals. Ouch!

The gathering -- about twenty-five of us -- heard a brief talk by Peggy. Nothing spiritual, everything practical. "You can do it if you believe you can do it, but you can get

burned if you are hesitant and fearful." We lit up a large stack of dried firewood, and half an hour later, raked the hot glowing embers into a rectangular field about eight feet wide by fifteen feet long. This made for a substantial bed of burning coals. Then we held hands and created a wide circle that surrounded the fire.

Peggy immediately shuffled barefoot, back and forth, through the glowing bed; I was astounded! "If she can do it, then I can do it," I thought. I raised my hand to be first and walked to the starting place. Then I took four or five wide strides over the hot bed. Others followed. Afterwards, the grass around the fire felt cool between my toes.

My brain was in disbelief. Had I missed the hot stuff? "Can I do it again?" I asked. This time I guided my feet directly onto orange burning coals. It felt like I was stepping on hot, crunchy popcorn. A little hot spot developed under one toe. Otherwise, the feeling, on leaving the fire, was one of "cool grass."

Later, at home, my wife said that the soles of my feet felt cool. I quit wearing shoes for a week because my sensitized feet felt like a new pair of hands. My dermatologist suggested that these coals couldn't have been that hot, but I knew that they were the same hot (over eight hundred degrees) coals that can barbecue chicken on an outdoor grill.

A few weeks later, I gave a talk to a New Hampshire psychic group. All I could do was tell them the story, but I couldn't answer why it had worked for eighteen people. By the way... the other "no-go" seven were all the teenagers in attendance. They had decided, at one time or another, to watch rather than walk. They were leaving us older folks to endure the fiery fate of this first New Hampshire fire walk...DISCLAIMER: **Don't try this at home!**

SNHU Announces Summer 2026 President's List

It is with great pleasure that [Southern New Hampshire University](https://www.snhu.edu/) (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2026 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

- Hannah Conant of Weare
- Shawn Diggins of Weare
- Landon Gilbert of Weare
- John Duke of Weare

For more information contact: Siobhan Lopez, s.lopez@snhu.edu



Sing Your Heart Song

By Diane Padilla

When writing the draft of my article, “Sing Out Silver Belle” (published in the early September newsletter of Weare In The World), one of the male members of the Weare Writers Guild wondered why there were only women singing in the Songweavers. I replied that was how the group was originally created, to give a singing voice to women who were too shy or afraid to sing in a formal or public setting. I added that there are local singing groups that are open to men and women, and some groups have no auditioning requirements.

I can’t help but wonder if heaven heard that as a request, because I very recently found out that the Concord Community Music School, home to the Songweavers, is now home to the Voices for Joy Choir. This group was formerly known as The Canterbury Singers, and their music runs the gamut from Shaker to classics, Broadway to Beatles. Everyone is welcome, so ladies and gentlemen, please check it out!

I have long felt that singing is a very powerful and cleansing force. Singing can elevate a low mood or calm down an anxious one. It lights up my spirit and takes me to many places. And all without any formal training or the ability to read music. For years, I’ve been able to pick up certain songs after hearing them a few times. I don’t know where this comes from, I just have it.

I remember clearly the time my mother’s older brother introduced me to the joys of Broadway songs and classical music. Uncle John was a truck driver, and a veteran of World War II, and he was an avid fan of the old Hollywood movies, especially musicals. Whenever he babysat or we had a family holiday visit, he’d turn on the TV, find the right local movie channel and we’d spend time together watching the movie stars. He especially liked the singing and dancing movies, such as Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. He’d take the time to explain the movie plot and point out the names of various actors and actresses in the film, regardless of their roles. One day, he surprised me when he gave me about half a dozen records. This was my informal introduction to the world of opera; the records included a selection from *Madama Butterfly* and *La Boheme*, both written by Giacomo Puccini, *The Nutcracker*

Suite, by Pyotor Ilyich Tchaikovsky, and music by British conductor Leopold Stokowski. I played those records for years, until they were worn out. That’s how much I enjoyed them.

As I stated in the previous article, work and other commitments kept me from singing with any group or chorale for several years. I always sing to the radio, tapes, and now music channels. Sometimes I would sing along with music on TV shows, much to the annoyance of others who were with me. I only do that from time to time now. Still, I have been wondering if there was someplace that I could fit into, where I could channel my musical energies and choices. After years of deferral, I finally joined the Songweavers.

I have enjoyed my first season with them, especially the April concert. It took me getting through the first two songs before I finally relaxed enough to appreciate the experience. I was in the first row looking out at the audience; this position put me directly in front of Carolyn Parrot, the founder and first musical director of Songweavers, next to her successor, Peggo Horstmann Hodes, currently the director of Northern Lights Vocal Ensemble and Sing-along Jam. The current director is Jennifer O’Brien.

I wrote this article in the hope that perhaps someone out there has some kind of joy and passion for music and singing, but just doesn’t know where to go. There are several singing groups and chorales in the area, and several churches and other organizations for singers. I hope this inspires someone to stop deferring their hidden voice and learn how to sing their own heart song. We all have it and it’s worth sharing.

Songweavers meets on Tuesdays, in two sessions: 9:30-11am and 6:30-8:00pm. Voices for Joy meets on Tuesday evening, 7:00-8:15pm. For more information on these and other ensembles and classes, go to: www.ccmusicschool.org.

Free Energy Audits for NH Businesses

Clean Energy NH is helping eligible agricultural producers, small businesses, and co-ops in rural NH gain free Level II energy audits this month. You’ll get an on-site visit and a full report on energy use, upgrade recommendations, savings, and payback. [Click here to learn more about this opportunity.](#)

This is a limited-time opportunity and requires audits to be **completed and finalized before September 30th**. Spots are limited, so reach out and contact Gabe Chelius (gabriel@cleanenergynh.org) today to get started as soon as possible.

5th Annual Scarecrow Contest!

Set Up: October 1st-23rd



Create a scarecrow to sit on a bench in one of Henniker's beautiful public spaces!

Azalea Park Henniker Community Park
Tucker Free Library Woodman Park/Town Hall
Henniker Pharmacy Proctor Square/Fountain
NEC Admin Building Ramsdell Road Triangle

1. Register at Henniker House Bed & Breakfast Inn front porch October 1st – 21st.
2. Scarecrows should be constructed to sit on a bench and be installed by 10/23 for judging. Secure your scarecrow using zip ties or string to not damage bench.
3. Attach Registration Number and your name/organization on the scarecrow.
4. Winners announced at the Gazebo on Sunday October 25th at 2 pm during a concert with Henniker's own Chasing Ghosts Band and cider & donuts from Dunkin' Henniker! Please remove scarecrows by November 1st.

4 Town Gift Card Prizes will be awarded:

- Scariest Scarecrow Display
- Most Creative Scarecrow Display
- Funniest Scarecrow Display
- Best in Show Scarecrow



Please contact Susan Adams 774-644-1239 for more information.

Thank you for your participation!



With music by



Judging provided by the Henniker Beautification Alliance

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Osborne Memorial Hall

16 Deering Ctr. Rd. (Rte. 149), Weare



Saturday, October 24

8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Rain or Shine (lower floor)



There Will Be A Bake Sale
With Homemade Goodies, Candy Bars
Chips, Coffee, Sodas & Water



Donations Are Much Appreciated

They may be left on the front steps as the Hall is closely monitored and they will be relocated promptly or call 603-529-7282 with questions.

Sponsored by the nonprofit South Weare Improvement Society. Proceeds to benefit the maintenance & restoration of Osborne Memorial Hall. To rent the hall for your event or to participate in Weare Flags Fly: 529-7282

LINEC: A Lively Lineup

By Sharon Czarnecki

Registration Extended to October 5.

Shakespeare / Yosemite Park / Mill Girl Confidential / Memoir Writing / Proteins, Fiber and Fat, Oh My! / Symmetry in Nature / Ernest Hemingway Novels / Science & Technology Discussion Group / Two Great Floods / The Math-Art of Paper Folding / & Poetry Writing. What an impressive in person line up of courses! All are at very little expense and have the added bonus of a peer group student body and a chance to expand your horizons with no pressure.

If in-person classes don't work for you, there is still a way to enjoy all that classroom interaction and learn at the same time. Milton's Paradise Lost & Women in Philosophy are meeting electronically. There is also an online presentation by the Smithsonian American Art Museum, "William H. Johnson: Fighter for Freedom."

Browse online at www.linec.org to learn more and to register. LINEC classes are anything but pedantic. Whether it's science, literature, history or a combination of topics, the subject matter brings people together with lively sharing of similar interests. Courses are open to retirees and anyone else available during class times. LINEC's fall session begins October 5.

Granite State Modelers Club Presents Our 33rd Annual Static Model Display & Contest

**Sunday, October 18, 2026
9 AM to 4 PM**

Weare Middle School Gymnasium,
16 East Road (off Route 114) Weare, NH

Children's Free Make & Take Display Area!

Contests! Raffle & Prizes!

Entry Fees: Adults \$5 for 1st 4 entries
Juniors FREE

General Admission \$5.00
(12 & under free with an adult)

www.GraniteStateModelersClub.ORG

Contest Registration Closes at Noon

The Weare Area Writers Guild

By Sharon Czarnecki

Mary Karr – “As with everything I have ever written, I start out paralyzed by fear of failure.”

Now Mary Karr is a critically acclaimed author especially well known for her 3 memoirs and her book explaining the art of the same. You may have heard of “The Liar’s Club” which was on the NY Times best seller list for 60 weeks. Sooo, if you are afraid of writing a memoir, you are in good company.

But if you would like to push past the fear and maybe get a start on it, join me on October 5th for the memoir writing course I will be teaching. We will meet on Mondays for 2 hours each class over 6 weeks. The first hour of each class will address our fears about taking on such a daunting task. The second hour will be tailored to the needs of our specific student group.

I am certain you will be less afraid after those 6 weeks and you will have met some truly supportive people. My goal is to make sure we all get a start on some aspect of

the task, but more importantly, that we are proud of our work and confident we can continue on our own.

Here is the link and I would love to have you join us. In my opinion, everyone has a story to tell that will help someone else. www.linec.org/courses

For more information on the Writers Guild, you can join us on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month at the senior center, 33 North Stark Highway, or visit our website.

www.bit.ly/weareareawriters or

Facebook – weareareawritersgroup

Or email at czar5@comcast.net



Sneaker Soirée
Girls on the Run

October 1, 2026

Location
The Venues at the Factory
252 Willow Street, Manchester, NH

Time
5:30 - 8:30 PM



Our Sneaker Soirée will be a celebration of all things Girls on the Run New Hampshire! We are excited to celebrate 25 years with our amazing community. Join us for a night full of inspiration, food, fun, drinks, and donations.

Festive attire is encouraged, and sneakers are not only welcome, they are part of the celebration!

BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

girlsontherunnh.org/sneaker-soiree



For those of you who are unaware of this organization, here is a bit of background. Girls on the Run formed its first team in Weare in 2015, and now – Spring 2026 – there are 20 girls with 2 coaches. For more information about the group: www.girlsontherunnh.org



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Sign up to receive inserts at the Concord Community Build!

Serving the following towns: Bow, Concord, Contoocook, Henniker, Hillsboro, Hopkinton, Penacook, Weare

Scan to sign up for inserts!



Concord Community Build

Oct.22 - 28,2026

Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord
274 Pleasant St, Concord NH

Warming Homes - Saving Energy - Building Community

To Learn More: Contact NH Lions Green Team
207-596-3073 or NHLionsGreenTeam@gmail.com
www.windowdressers.org

First come/first served – cut off 225 inserts. Beyond that, there will be a wait list for next year. To keep our costs low and build community, all participants will also volunteer; training will be provided, and all abilities are welcome. This project helps people stay warmer, save money, build community, and protect the environment by reducing fuel usage! We are taking orders now!!

- Tuesday, October 6th
- Tuesday, October 27th
- Tuesday, November 10th
- Tuesday, November 17th

The Weare Public Library is so thankful for our volunteers who have agreed to come in with their dogs. These volunteers include Ann Dew and her dog, Willow, Jean Fiske and her dog, Malcolm, Leanne Hassett and her dog, Joey, Alison Lewandowski, and her dog, Dakota, Leslie Ring and her dog, Arwen, Gale Vvirak and her dog, Isi-Ria. All dogs and handlers are certified by prominent therapy dog organizations.

For more information, feel free to contact Head of Children's Services, Will Leathers at childrenspl@comcast.net or via phone at (603) 529-2044.

The Giant Pumpkins Are Coming October 17th and 18th!

The Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off & Regatta

Centered in the Village of
Goffstown along Main Street



Pumpkin Weigh-Off



Pumpkin Boat Race



Pumpkin Carving

STAY UPDATED



Watch the
Goffstown Main
Street Program
Facebook, Instagram
& website for
exciting
developments as the
date draws closer!

Ruff Readers Returns!

The Weare Public Library will be relaunching its Ruff Readers Therapy Dog Reading Program during its fall 2026 programming season. This program can help children to gain confidence when reading and provides an opportunity for them to practice their reading skills in the comfort of a judgment-free zone provided by a certified therapy dog. Research has found these kinds of reading programs to be very beneficial to children on both academic and emotional levels. The program is best suited for children aged six to eleven.

The first day of the program will be Tuesday, October 6th from 3:30PM to approximately 6:00PM. This time period will be broken up into 20 minute reading sessions in which children will practice reading with a certified therapy dog. Families can register their children for their preferred time-slot. Registration can be done either over the phone at (603) 529-2044 or via an online sign-up page accessible through the library's Facebook page and on the website. Upcoming dates for the program are as follows:

Paquette Shaw
Financial Group, LLC

PRESENTS

13TH ANNUAL
GOLF CLASSIC

FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

BENEFITING

WEARE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Stonebridge Country Club
161 Gorham Pond Rd,
Goffstown, NH 03045

REGISTRATION START 7:30AM
SHOTGUN START 9:00AM

\$135 ONE PLAYER | \$550 TOURSOME

*Weare Public Library is not responsible for lost or stolen golf equipment.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION | BECOME A SPONSOR | GOLF REGISTRATION

Scan 

Registration Closes on September 11

Family Story Time

Hosted by Ms. Patricia
Weare Public Library



Featuring Water Color Painting

Saturdays at 10:30 Starting 9/19
Call to Register: (603) 529-2044



A LIBRARY CARD HITS ALL THE RIGHT NOTES!

September is LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH



SIGN UP FOR A WEARE LIBRARY CARD (OR REFER A FRIEND) → ENTERED TO WIN A GIFT CARD!



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Weare Public Library

WEEKLY EVENTS

TUESDAYS

- 10:30 a.m. Mother Goose Storytime. It's never too early for your child to hear good stories! Join Mr. Will for books, activities, and songs that will lay the foundations of literacy for your child.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

- 2-4 p.m.: Cards! (adults). Meet and play pinocle or cribbage with other card game enthusiasts.

WEARE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ruff Readers:
10/6
3:30-6:00

Read to a Certified Therapy Dog



Registration Required
Scan the Code to Register

(603) 529-2044



WEDNESDAYS

- 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Preschool Storytime. Stories, songs, and fun activities on the lawn with Ms. Sandy! (If it rains, we'll be in the Sawyer Room): *9/23 The Magic World of Fairies *9/30 Outside Play *10/7 Pumpkin Slime
- 2:30-5:00 p.m. Afterschool Gaming (ages 6+) Drop in to challenge your friends on the Nintendo Switch and other systems. Featuring collaborative games like Smash Bros, Mario Kart, and Minecraft.

FRIDAYS

- 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: Baby Playgroup (ages 0-3). An informal gathering of young children and moms with early literacy toys. Get out of the house; meet new friends!

SATURDAYS

- 10:30 a.m. Family Storytimes & Painting (family.) Join Ms. Patricia for great stories followed by a fun watercolor painting activity based on the book. Supplies limited. Register by calling the library.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Sept 23 at 3:30 p.m. (ages 6-18). Mario Kart 8 Tournament: Race for prizes and glory! There's no pre-registration, but you must be on time.
- Oct 5, 3:30-5:00 p.m. (kids). Pokemonday. Drop in to meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card enthusiasts.
- Oct 6 at 4:00 p.m. (ages 5-11). Ruff Readers. Read to a certified therapy dog for 20 minute sessions. Get practice reading and make a new furry friend! Call the library to register.
- Oct 8 at 3:30 p.m. (ages 6-11). Crafts Class: I-Spy Jars & Rock Painting. Join Ms. Amanda for craft classes each month! For our first session, you'll create I-Spy jars and paint rocks! Call the library to register.
- Stuffie Sleepover: Drop off your favorite stuffie on Friday, October 16 (between 10:00 and 4:00) for an overnight adventure. Your cuddly friend will have a blast staying the night, and we'll track their name (and yours). Then look for their adorable pictures on Facebook!
- Oct 18, 3:30-5:00 p.m. (ages 6+). Happy Animal & Character Drawing. Love to doodle—or want to learn? Stop by the Sawyer Room after school for easy, step-by-step lessons in drawing fun, happy animals and characters packed with personality and emotion. You'll be drawn in!
- Oct 24, 12:30 p.m. (all ages). Cookbook Club: Pizza! Join us for a pizza-tastic lunch and devour tasty samples from King Arthur Baking Company's Book of Pizza. Space

is limited. Stop by the library to pick out the recipe that you want to bake.

- Oct 28 at 7:00 p.m. (all ages). Weare: Beyond Belief IV. Beware: Creepy tales of the paranormal are back! Hear from local storytellers. Can you separate fact from fiction? It's at the East Weare Cemetery (24 Buzzell Hill Rd). If it's raining, we'll gather at the library. Have a story (true or false) that you'd like to share? Call Cryptid Clay at the library.
- Oct 30, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Kids Halloween Party. Spooky oodles of games, activities, and treats – concluding with Dr. Joshua's magic show!
- Nov 5 at 6:30 p.m. (all ages). Granite State Bigfoot. Discover the mystery of Sasquatch. He may be in your backyard! Join filmmaker and adventurer Aleksandar Petakov as he shares his decade of investigations into strange encounters across the Granite State. Folklore, hoaxes & credible sightings—you decide!

For programs that require registration, call
603-529-2044.

HAND IN
HAND



SENIOR CENTER
& THRIFT SHOP

The Hand in Hand Senior Center is a gathering place for seniors to socialize and get involved in group activities.

33 North Stark Highway, Weare, NH 03281

Thrift Shop - Wed, Fri, Sat, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

603-529-4263/ www.facebook.com/hihsc.org

Combining lunch and shopping can happen for you at Hand in Hand Senior Center and Thrift Shop. After serving lunch, Amanda and Diana went on a shopping spree.



Two quotes come to mind as good captions for this picture:

"Nothing you wear is more important than your smile." (Connie Stevens) and "People seldom notice old clothes if you wear a big smile." (Lee Mildon) We'll bring out a smile in you when you shop at our Thrift Shop, or join whatever activity Hand in Hand is offering.

Mike Pelletier and his crew of volunteers are busily using their carpentry skills. We are waiting for the installation of a fire alarm system before closing walls, resuming painting, and laying floors. Then we will need more volunteers. Right now, we still need help to build the handicapped ramps.

Feedback has been positive for our monthly cribbage tournaments. Organizer Sharon LaBlanc sets the stage for a relaxing and enjoyable late afternoon experience. Join us on the third Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. You can sign up at the Center or leave a message at 603-529-4263.



Cribbage players Doug LaBlanc, Nancy Christian, Patty Vaharios, Sue Messner, Sharon LaBlanc, Suzanne Pellerin

Thanks to a donation of mums from the Goffstown Rotary Club (which serves Weare and New Boston as well as Goffstown), the front of our new home will look much nicer. Rotarian Cheryl Elliot brought the plants

over and helped plant them in eight barrels in front of the building. The Goffstown Rotary Club is a good friend and supporter of the



Hand in Hand Senior Center. "Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful: they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul" (Luther Burbank). *All photos by Heleen Kurk*



All are welcome to lunch every Wednesday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Dine in, take out, or free delivery (call 603-529-4263)

September 23: Baked ziti, garlic bread

September 30: Breakfast casserole

Coffee, tea, and various desserts are also available. Donations are graciously accepted.

All are welcome to stay and socialize, play games, and work on crafts.

Hand in Hand Calendar

CHAIR YOGA	Mon & Thu	10:30 AM
YOGA 2	Mon & Thu	11:00 AM
BYO LUNCH/ CRAFTS	Mon	Noon
TAI CHI	Tue & Thu	8:45 AM
SENIOR LUNCH	Wed	11:00 – 1:00
9-24 BEECH WALK	Thu	10:00 AM



Church Corner



Weare Bible Baptist Church

82 N. Stark Hwy. Weare, NH

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10 a.m.

WORSHIP: SUNDAYS 11 a.m.

Changing lives one verse at a time.

(Services live streamed)

www.youtube.com/@wearebiblebaptist

FELLOWSHIP SERVICE: 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

FAMILY: Saturday, October 17 Join us for a family corn maze activity.

TEEN PARTY: The next Teen outing will be a corn maze in October stay tuned for details as it gets closer!

YOUNG ADULT: **Saturday, October 3** They are going to the Deerfield Fair. And don't forget game night on **October 2**. Recently, they have done activities such as an escape room and overnight camping. It is a great way to meet others. If you are interested, let us know!

For more information contact us: (603) 212-1600

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Obituary for Steven Michael Lacharite



Steven Michael Lacharite, born March 11, 1962, of Weare, New Hampshire, passed away peacefully on September 18, 2026, surrounded by his loving wife, children, and grandchildren at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, Steve grew up in Nashua, NH before building a deeply rooted life and raising his family in Weare, NH, the small town he loved and served for decades.

Steve was the devoted husband of Terri and a proud father to his son Bill and wife Nikki, daughter Sara and partner Jon, and daughter Stef. He was a cherished grandfather "Papa" to Timmy, Mikayla, Brayden, Brody, Kolson, Davin, Jaylin, and Savannah, each of whom brought him so much joy. Steve was predeceased by his father, Bill, and is survived by his mother, Rita. He leaves behind his siblings: sister Karen; sister Sue and husband Patrick; brother Scott and wife Natalie; mother-in-law

Patricia; brother-in-law Brian and wife Dawn; sister-in-law Tammy and husband Brian; and sister-in-law Donna, as well as aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

From a young age, Steve found his calling under the hood of a car. He spent his entire life as a mechanic, reliable, trustworthy, and always ready to help anyone who needed it. He achieved one of his greatest dreams when he opened his own business in 1997 with his good friend Gordon, later sharing it with his son Bill. Together, they built not just a respected shop, but a trusted cornerstone of the small community they served.

Steve also dedicated many years as a firefighter in Weare, proudly serving and protecting the town he loved. His service was marked by courage, commitment, and genuine care for his community. Beyond his work and service, Steve was part of a brotherhood within his motorcycle club. The friendships and connections he made meant the world to him, and after years of riding and dedication to his club, he retired with deep pride and lifelong bonds.

Family was Steve's north star. His greatest pride was caring for the people he loved. He built a camp up north where countless memories were made. A place of laughter, riding, boating, peacefulness and a place he cherished. He was the one who made sure every car in the family was safe, every need was met, and every person knew they mattered to him. Steve lived by values that defined him: family first, friends close behind, putting others before himself, working hard for everything he had, and never taking handouts. He believed in starting from the ground up and passed those values proudly on to his children and grandchildren.

Steve's legacy is one of generosity, devotion, and quiet strength. He leaves behind a family who adored him, a community that respected him, and a lifetime of acts of kindness that will never be forgotten. In one final act of giving, Steve became an organ donor and gave two people a second chance at life. Even at the end of his own journey, he continued to help others as a final reflection of the selfless and giving man he was.

A celebration of Steve's life will be held early next year, just the way he would have wanted it: a joyful gathering filled with people he loved most. In March, Aweare Auto & Truck will mark its 30th anniversary, a milestone made possible by Steve's vision, dedication, and hard work. Honoring him during this anniversary is the perfect way to celebrate not only the man who built it from the ground up, but the impact he made on his family, his community, and everyone who walked through the doors of the business he poured his heart into.

Steven will be deeply missed, but his love, his lessons, and his unwavering devotion to his family will continue to guide them every day. His legacy lives on in the countless lives he touched.



POETRY CORNER

Clouds

Pewter grey
 silver grey
 gun metal grey
 white
 they are all there
 in the celestial blue
 that splashes through
 little holes in the clouds,
 low lying clouds along
 the horizon float like
 blimps protecting land
 from disappearing as
 storm clouds threaten.

- Marge Burke

Fall's Favorite Fruit

From scented orchards in spring
 when blossoms appear
 to early fall days when they are
 ready for picking, we wait
 with anticipation for the
 ubiquitous apple,
 first crunchy bite of one
 freshly picked, polished, ahhh,
 pure rapture no matter their
 color, red, yellow, green,
 heirloom variety from
 days of Johnny Appleseed,
 or newly developed ones,
 or in pie, or cider, or
 cider donuts, or bobbing
 for them, or in a salad,
 they have many uses,
 they have many names,
 McIntosh, Macoun, Empire,
 Gala, Golden Delicious,
 Red Delicious, Granny Smith,
 Gravenstein, Pink Lady,
 Fuji, Cortland, Winesap,
 apples, fall's favorite fruit.

- Marge Burke

Cats We Love

By Sharon Czarnecki



*This is my cat- Dewey- watching the news
 Photo by Bev Cotton*



*What? I almost fit! Our cat, Arya
 Photo by Sharon Czarnecki*

Dogs We Love

By Sharon Czarnecki



Hazel
Age 10
Relaxing



Shane
Age 1
Relaxing

Photos by Kathy Lorenz

Job Opportunities

Make a Difference – Run a Girl Scout Program After School

Paid positions are open in New Hampshire and Vermont

BEDFORD, NH – If you love kids and mentoring the next generation of female leaders, consider becoming an after-school program facilitator for Girl Scouts.

We are looking for adults to be part-time paid facilitators at school or community sites. You would deliver age-appropriate activities aligned with Girl Scouts, foster a positive troop culture, and go on one field trip or weekend program. The council will provide training.

Facilitators are sought in Weare, as well as other towns in NH & VT. Typical hours are two or three per week with weekly after-school meetings. You may take on more than one troop.

You can make a big difference in a child's life. To apply or learn more, send your resume and town you're interested in to customercare@girlscoutsgwm.org or call 888-474-9686. You can also complete an online application here: <https://form.jotform.com/260264608328054>

Weare Business News

Legion Christmas Fair VENDORS NEEDED!

By Ellie Chapman

Is it too early to talk about the Christmas holiday? Not for vendors! Even though we want to keep our focus on the beautiful fall weather I'm sure local crafters/vendors are gearing up for the holidays already. We want to let you know how much we appreciate you and be sure you leave some time to join us. Hopefully some of you still have the December 5th date open for the Post 65 Holiday Bazaar. For more information and to reserve a table or two to display your products you can email Linda Holbrook @ lindaholbrook.lh@gmail.com



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For more information or to book a meet & greet, call or text

Kathy at 603-660-2206

VENDORS WANTED

Saturday October 24
2pm- 6pm

**SIGN UP
BY 10-20**

16 East Rd Weare NH 03281

Vendors contact:

KRISTEN.LUNDEEN@SAU24.ORG

Mark Your Calendar

Wed., Sept. 23

8:30 a.m. – CIP Committee meeting
10 a.m. – Hazard Mitigation meeting (via Zoom)
6:30 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting

Thurs., Sept. 24

7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Mon., Sept. 28

6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen meeting

Wed., Sept. 30

8:30 a.m. – CIP Committee meeting

Thurs., Oct. 1

6:30 p.m. – Cemetery Advisory Committee meeting
7 p.m. – Public Library Trustees meeting

Fri., Oct. 2

11 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

Mon., Oct. 5

6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen meeting

Tues., Oct. 6

7 p.m. – Zoning Board meeting

Wed., Oct. 7

6:30 p.m. – Legion Auxiliary meeting

Thurs., Oct. 8

7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Mon., Oct. 12

6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen meeting

Wed., Oct. 14

7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting
6 p.m. – John Stark School Board meeting
7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting

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