



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

October 11, 2023

Board Approves Posting Positions; Reviews and Updates Board Policies

By Tom Clow

At its Oct. 2 work session, the Weare Board of Selectmen approved the posting of two part-time positions and



reviewed multiple board policies. Job postings for a cemetery sexton and a general services maintenance person/handyman can now be found on the town website

www.weare.nh.gov.

The board also approved a request for proposals (RFP) for mapping cemetery gravesites and an invitation to bid on electrical and plumbing needs in town buildings in 2024.

The two new positions recently posted add to a growing list of job opportunities with the Town of Weare. The list already included a part-time building inspector, a head mechanic at the Department of Public Works and both full-time and part-time truck drivers. The town is also advertising for private contractors to take over some of the winter plow routes if enough DPW drivers are not hired.

The board is reviewing a number of its policies before including them in an updated policy manual. On Oct. 2, the board reviewed a policy for unsealing minutes of non-public sessions, a policy for seeking legal opinions and contacting town counsel, a policy for processing right-to-know requests, a policy for the use of the town seal, and the town purchasing policy.



"Talk" To Us
Halloween
Deadline – Oct. 20
Weareintheworldnews
@gmail.com

2ND ANNUAL
Fall Festival at Weare Middle School
MUSIC-FOOD-GAMES- PENNY SALE
28 October, 2023
12-5 pm | All proceeds go towards the 8th grade DC trip for WMS & HCS students
TRUNK OR TREAT 3-5!

WEARE PTO, CWES & WMS IS HOSTING A
TRUNK OR TREAT

COME AND HAVE SOME SPOOKY FUN!
OCTOBER 28TH
3:00-5:00 PM
WEARE MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARKING LOT
COME EARLY FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL
ANY QUESTION CALL HENDRIK AT 505-921-5641 OR EMAIL WEAREPTO2023@GMAIL.COM
GAMES - FOOD - FUN - PRIZES - 50/50 RAFFLE!



To register for the Trunk or Treat, scan the above QR code. For more info about the festival, see the Weare Friends PTO Facebook page.



School News



CENTER WOODS ELEMENTARY

UA Family Night

Thursday, October 19th
5:00 - 7:30

Join our Unified Arts Team for an evening of engaging and exciting activities!
Experience our wide array of classes that your students know and love

- Art with Mr. Young
- Computers with Mrs. Rand
- Library with Mrs. Mechachonis
- Music with Mr. Curry
- P.E. with Mr. Van Ham

5:00-5:10 Welcome in MPR
5:15-6:50 Students and families will follow a schedule and participate in 15 minute mini classes, getting a taste of what their students experience in their Unified Arts education.
6:50-7:30 Families can follow-up with individual UA teachers.
7:30 Evening ends.



Center Woods Elementary's **summer reading bingo challenge** was a huge hit! Students entering grades 1-3 spent many minutes reading this summer and received an ice cream certificate from Ilesley's Ice Cream. Thanks to them for donating these certificates to congratulate our students. All participating students were also entered into a grand prize raffle for a reading stuffy. This summer's winners are pictured above. *Photo L to R: Brynn Hamel, grade 2; CWES Librarian, Mrs. Mechachonis; Owen Rice, grade 1; and Charlotte Jacobsen, grade 3 (courtesy photo).*



On Oct, 1, the **JSRHS girls soccer team** held a skills competition. Weare Police Sergeant Brandon Montplaisir came out to clock the speed of their shots. Lexi Boudreau had the hardest: 52 miles per hour!



John Stark Drama Club members earned community service credit by volunteering to check windshield stickers at the Weare Transfer Station on Saturday, Oct. 7. Pictured above left to right are Rachael Reph, Berkley Newcomb and Anna Gardner, who had the early morning shift. Residents without a sticker were given an informational flier on how to get one. Everyone must have a sticker on their vehicle to show proof of residency by Oct. 30 in order to use the transfer station (Tom Clow photo).



Weare in the World Needs Your Help!

Do you enjoy the town and business features in our paper? Do you have professional writing and/or journalism experience? We are looking for an additional **Town Reporter** to attend and write about town meetings and happenings AND a **Business Spotlight Reporter** to interview local businesspeople and write features about their businesses. Both volunteer positions would support our current staff of 5 and would be unpaid (but enriching!). If you are interested in learning more about either role, please email weareintheworldnews@gmail.com.

Scout News



Pack 24 Cub Scouts

By Alyssa Small

On Oct. 1, the Webelos from Pack 24 Cub Scouts hiked North Pack Monadnock in Greenfield. It was a three-mile round trip hike and the weather was perfect! Our Scouts maneuvered around some rocky ledges, kept a good pace and learned about flora and fauna found along the way. We had a quick lunch at the top and only wished the view wasn't quite so hazy.

Our next Pack activity will be the Cub Car event on Oct. 22. The Scouts always look forward to racing the soapbox cars. It's fun to watch too!

The Cub Scout program is open to all boys and girls in grades K-5, and the Pack welcomes new members year-round. Regular den meetings take place every other week. If anyone is interested in joining, learning more about the program, or checking out an upcoming event, please reach out to Pack 24 Cubmaster, Matt Bieler, at matthew.bieler.bsa@gmail.com.




Weare Pink Ladies Group October Luncheon

Thursday, Oct. 19, 12 - 2 p.m.

Country Spirit Restaurant, 262 Maple St. Henniker

Please RSVP to Lily Tang Williams at lily4liberty@comcast.net





GRANTECON 30

Sunday, October 15, 2023 9AM to 4PM
Granite State Modelers Club Presents Our 30th
Annual Static Model Display and Contest
Weare Middle School, Rt. 114 Weare, New Hampshire

Contest Entry Fees

Adult: \$5.00 for the first four entries
\$1.00 for each additional entry
Juniors: Unlimited entries, Free
General Show Admission \$5.00
Children 12 and under free with adult

"In light of the current pandemic situation please be aware that neither IPMS/USA nor its chapters are liable for any potential transmission of illnesses. Those planning to attend this event should:
(a) follow existing safe social distancing recommendations; (b) abide by any local or state regulations regarding gatherings"

Contest Rules:

- The contest is open to all registrants. Registration starts at 9:00 AM, and promptly closes at 12 noon.
- Models will be judged on overall workmanship (assembly, painting, decals/markings, weathering), representation, and affordable accuracy as outlined in the IPMS handbook.
- Each registrant will be eligible for one place award per category (no sweeps within a category). It is possible to win one place award and Best out of Box award for the same category when it is deemed applicable.
- To be eligible for the Discretionary award Best Out of Box, the entry must be built only using the contents supplied with the kit by the manufacturer. The only modifications permitted are tape or paper seat belts (not photo etched), antennas made from sprue, wire or other materials, changing decals, markings, or color scheme and drilling out barrels.
- Each entry must have been built by the registrant named on the entry form. Entrants in the junior categories may have received some assistance in the building their entries, but must have substantially completed the models on their own. No absentee registration, adult themes, subjects of a prurient nature, or advanced registrations will be accepted.
- No model entry which has won any prize at this local or regional contest, convention or has won any prize at any national, international contest, convention is eligible for an award.
- IPMS/Granite State Modelers reserve the right to delete, alter, split, combine or otherwise change the categories as the club determines to be appropriate based on the actual entries.
- The decision of the IPMS/Granite State Modelers head judge will be final interpretation or application of these rules.
- GSNM is not liable for any lost, missing or damaged items brought to the contest from states, vendors and contestants.

Schedule

10AM - Hourly Raffle begins
12PM - Contest judging begins
3PM - (approximately) Awards are presented

Contacts:

Show information and to sponsor an award category (\$25.00): Rodney Carrier nickmatt@roadrunner.com or 603-726-3876
Vendor table (\$35.00): John Ranscher JV@rpsnet.net or 603-529-5644

Special Awards:

Theme Award: "Media Stars" Representing Any subject From A Movie, TV Series, Book, etc.
Kevin Campagna Award: Best Super Detailed Armor Piece
Best Chevy Vehicle
Best Ford Vehicle
Best Mopar Vehicle
The Judges Award: Best of Show
Best Aircraft Overall
Jack Sutcliffe Award: Best 1/48 Scale Prop Aircraft
Best Small Air Force
Best Out of Box Award: If the box is checked in OOB column it is eligible for this category.
List of categories are on the next page.

General Directions:

From I-93 or Everett Turnpike to I-293 North to exit for 101 West. At Junction with NH Rt 114 continue straight to Junction of 114A. Turn left staying on Rt 114 North, through Goffstown Village another 10 miles to Weare. The Middle School is on the right in the center of the village.
See website for more specific directions.

NH ENERGY EXPO

Saturday, Oct 14th, 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Dunbarton Elementary School Gym
20 Robert Rogers Rd, Dunbarton
Just off Dunbarton Town Center & Rt. 13

Open to All NH homeowners, FREE Admission
Rain or Shine, Plenty of Parking, Great Door Prizes

Come learn how to save on energy costs and improve the comfort of your home or business.

Learn how to:

- **Generate your Own Energy** -> Add Solar to Your Home
- **Heat and Cool with Electric Heat Pumps** -> For a More Comfortable and Healthier Home
- **Find Other Electric Options** -> Electric cars, E-bikes, Yard Tools
- **Lower Energy Costs** -> With Conservation and Efficiency

Talk with Home Efficiency and Alternative Energy Vendors.
Attend free educational Workshops and Demonstrations.
See website below for details.



Typical Energy Losses



dunbarton-energy.org/energy-expo/

Sponsored by the
Bow, Dunbarton, & Weare
Energy Committees



Weare Public Library News



KIDS & TEENS

PokeMondays: Mondays, 2 - 5 p.m. Meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card game enthusiasts and win prizes.

Scholastic Chess: Tuesdays, 2 - 4 p.m. All kids are invited to jump in, learn logic and planning skills while they play. In the Sawyer Room.

Video Gaming: Wednesdays 2 - 4:30 p.m. Challenge your friends with Smash Bros., Minecraft, or other games. You can even check out many of our games and take them home! Recommended for ages 6+. In the Sawyer Room.

Read with the Ruff Readers: Wednesdays 5 - 6 p.m. The friendly reading dogs are bark... we mean... back! Call to register.

Baby & Toddler Playgroup: Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. An informal gathering for caregivers and young children. Get out of the house; meet new friends! Books, puzzles, early literacy toys and music.

Pre-K Storytimes: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Join Ms. Karen for stories and songs.

Kids' Graphic Novel Book Club. "Dog Man," Oct. 12 at 3:30 p.m. It's a new monthly book club for kids in grades 2-4. We're reading Dog Man (#1) by Dav Pilkey. Discuss the book and take part in fun activities. Call to register.

Spooky Toons: Oct. 19 at 3:30 p.m. Cryptid Clay is your curator for classic Halloween cartoon specials. Join us for Charlie Brown, Garfield, Bugs Bunny, and more – with popcorn and prizes.

Lego Club: Nov. 2, 3- 5 p.m. Stop by to see what you can create and display with our huge pile of Legos.

ADULTS & ALL AGES

Pinochle & Cribbage: Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Meet and play with other card game enthusiasts in the Paige Room.

Craft Group: Thursdays at 1 p.m. Learn a new craft. Space is limited. Call to register.

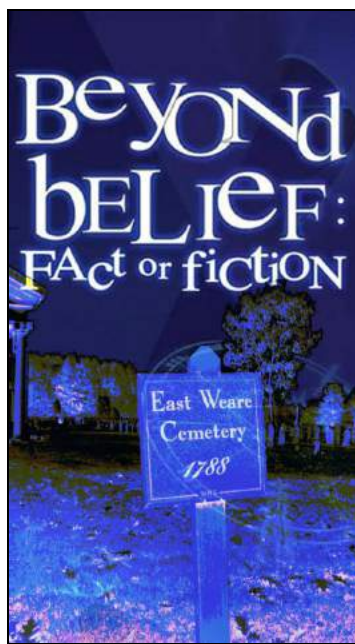
Book Group: Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. We're reading the short-story collection "The View from Castle Rock" by Alice Monroe. Call to reserve your copy.

Weare: Beyond Belief. Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the East Weare Cemetery. See story below.

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

New Friday hours: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Portal to the Beyond Scheduled to Open in Weare Cemetery



If you visit the East Weare Cemetery on Thursday, Oct. 26, after the sun sets (at 6:30 p.m.), you will be transported to the realm of truth and deception. Local storytellers will gather and tell amazing stories of the supernatural. Your challenge is to uncover which of these tales are fact and which are fiction.

The event is inspired by the television anthology series, *Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction*, which aired in the late-90s and was hosted by Jonathan Frakes (better known as *Star Trek's* Will Riker). While speaking

to a local historian, Weare Library Director Clay Kriese, got the idea for doing a Weare version.

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"Last summer, Rudy Bourget was kind enough to give tours of the former East Weare Village to our patrons," said Kriese in a library press release. "As fascinating as the real history was, he did add a few spooky tidbits – strange things he personally experienced and, yet, could not explain.

"Later, we were chatting at the library, and he mentioned a few more tales that he had made up to scare boy scouts, and suddenly a vision of Jonathan Frakes popped into my head declaring, 'Yes, it happened!' and 'No, our writers made this one up!'

"My wife and I loved watching reruns of *Beyond Belief*. It was kind of like the *Twilight Zone*, but cheesier and full of bad puns. I thought, maybe we could do something like that at the library, or, better yet, in a cemetery!"

For this live version of *Beyond Belief*, Kriese is enlisting the help of anyone of any age who has a story that he or she would like to tell.

"I'm just looking for short and casual narrations – a variety of real and unreal – scary and silly," he said.

There are still openings. If you have a story to share, call him at the library 603-529-2044 or email wearepl@comcast.net. And, for Oct. 26, humans of all ages (living and otherwise) are invited to the spooky and spirited evening at the East Weare Cemetery on 24 Buzzell Hill Road. Beware! Such an outing may be a little damp, chilly, dark, and creepy. Dress accordingly, and consider bringing your own blankets, seating, and flashlight. If it's raining, the gathering will take place at the library.

"I think we'll have a good turnout," Kriese said. "Afterall, it being in a graveyard, people will be dying to get in."

Lookin' for Love

By Cathy Bailey

To adopt any of the pets pictured here, please complete an adoption application at <https://www.heartsandtails.org/adoption-application>



Meet Rusty! Male Hound/Shepherd mix. He's the most loyal dog on the planet! Rusty is not only gentle and calm, he is also brilliant and highly trainable. He's eager to learn and please his new family! He's athletic and he LOVES to go for walks. Rusty is

18 months to two years old and he weighs 48 pounds. He is neutered, housetrained, has all his required vaccines and is microchipped and good in a home with other dogs and children.

For more information on these and other dogs, go to <https://www.heartsandtails.org/petfinder-list/>



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

Wed - Fri, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

As the leaves fall and they provide us with autumn colors, Hand in Hand Senior Center continues to provide "Arts and Crafts with Donna Carey" on Saturday, Oct. 7 and 21 at 1 p.m. Come and join us and see what crafty ideas Donna has in store.

The newest thing in the works is to have a half-hour session of chair yoga. The DVD recommended is called "Yoga Vitality". If you are interested, please join us on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Since October is spooky Halloween month, our movie will be "Young Frankenstein." It is a silly movie directed by Mel Brooks and starring, among others, Gene Wilder. Note the change in day and time. Please join us at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24. Refreshments, as always, will be available.

Today, meet **Shirley Higgins!** When you need a smile



and a hug to lift your spirits, all you need to do is meet her at Hand in Hand Senior Center. She is the secretary of the Board of Directors, and organizes, plans and heads up the café and food pantry. Shirley started volunteering in 2019 at the center's weekly craft day, and then the thrift shop and continued giving ever since.

Of Hand in Hand Senior Center and Thrift Shop, Shirley says, "It lifted my spirits, and it was a joy I added to my life after my husband died. I fell in love with the work and the people."

To be with Shirley is like having a warm blanket wrapped around you. She's a great listener and a wise soul and has a smile that will cause you to smile.

Her hope for the center is continued success and development of more programs that will enrich Weare's seniors. Thinking far into the future she would like to see a place for "senior day care." When not at the center, Shirley enjoys reading, hiking, visits to the beach and most of all, spending time with family.

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?



Wednesdays 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Dine in, take out or free delivery.

Oct. 11: Chicken vegetable pasta soup; cheddar chive scones; salad

Oct. 18: Pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, sausage.

Oct. 25: Apple butternut squash soup; turkey ramen noodle salad; chicken vegetable pasta; cheddar chive scones; salad

Coffee, tea, and various desserts are also available.

WHAT'S IN THE SHOP?



We are really excited about all the great things in the shop right now.



The hutch has been reduced to \$50! See lots more pictures on our Facebook page. Like us while you're there!



www.facebook.com/hihsc.org

Public Notice

The Weare Town Clerk's office will be closing on Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 5 p.m. for training.



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www.weareintheworldnews.com



Looking for Something to Do?

Compiled by Sharon Czarnecki



FREE Keiser Concert Series

21 Centre St. Concord

Friday, Oct. 20, 7-8 p.m.

Yale's Society of Orpheus and Bacchus is the second-longest-running collegiate a cappella group in the nation. Their blend of musical excellence, spontaneity, and laughter has kept audiences around the world entertained for more than 80 years and promises to continue to do so for decades to come. The group draws on the legend of Orpheus, the most famous musician of ancient Greece, and Bacchus, the god of revelry. Since then, the group has made emulating those namesakes their mission, bringing great music and great vibes wherever they go. If you know people who might like to receive updates on the series as we move ahead, please send a request to: nwhite@sps.edu

Dunbarton Garden Club



**Special Invitation:
Tips for Growing
Great Flowers**

Presented by Henry Homeyer

Dunbarton Town Hall (second floor)

1011 School St., Dunbarton

Monday, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.

The topic will include "Old Favorites and Lesser-Known Beauties." Homeyer is known for his book, "The New Hampshire Gardener's Companion" (2015.) He is a great speaker and a delight to listen to.

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Homeyer is also a lifelong organic gardener living and gardening in Cornish Flat, N.H. since 1970. For the past 25 years, he has been writing a weekly gardening article for newspapers around New England. He is the author of four gardening books and has been a UNH Master Gardener for over two decades.



**NOTE: We are
Public Library has
discount passes!**

New Hampshire Day

Sunday, Oct. 15, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.



(Last trail admission at 3:30 p.m.)
New Hampshire residents may visit the live animal exhibit trail for \$5 admission thanks to generous sponsors.

Garden Workshop: Composting Basics

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Join the Science Center's Lead Horticulturist, Emma Erler, in Kirkwood Gardens for this workshop to learn how to turn your yard and kitchen waste into finished compost *fast*. By composting, you can build your soil, provide essential nutrients to your plants, and reduce waste going to landfills. Advance registration is required. *Cost: \$15 for members/\$20 for non-members*

Owl-O-Ween

Saturday, Oct. 28, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(Last trail admission at 3:30 p.m.) Come and celebrate all things owl! Meet live owls at presentations throughout the day at the amphitheater. See the animals along the live animal exhibit trail enjoying a variety of pumpkin treats. Come in your favorite costume. Children will receive a bag of Halloween treats at the end of their visit to take home.



Cost: All Owl-O-Ween activities are included with regular trail admission.

For tickets and further details about these events upcoming programs, and membership go to www.nhnature.org or call 603-968-7194.

**Asked and Answered:
What I Like About Autumn****AUTUMN BREEZE**

The leaves move: They rustle, they flip and they flop,
Being tossed here and there by a crisp autumn breeze...

The trees move: They sway to and fro,
Their slow dance being choreographed by a crisp
autumn breeze...

The clouds move: They float and they glide effortlessly
across a pale blue palette,
Being drawn by a crisp autumn breeze...

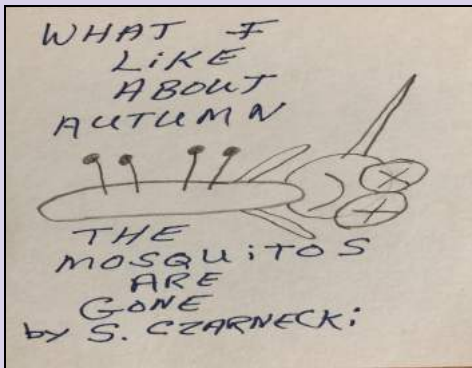
My eyes move: They scan side to side trying to record
every frame of a picture perfect day
Scripted by a crisp autumn breeze.

-Gerry Morin

What I Like About Autumn

By Marge Burke

Autumn is my favorite season, even though I like all the others. Crisp, drier air after the heat and humidity of summer is a joy for me. The colors of nature are different; green tree leaves turn into a vibrant kaleidoscope of gold, red, orange, glistening in the sunshine. Fields turn orange with pumpkins waiting to be picked, carved or baked. Chrysanthemums bring color to faded summer flower gardens. They are hardy and survive our cooler days and nights. Corn stalks still have a job to do after producing sweet eating, decorating mailbox posts or ground into cattle fodder for winter. I especially enjoy the honking of migrating geese as they fly overhead in their famous "vee" formation and watching their compassion of never leaving ailing geese alone in their long journey south, with one or two always leaving the formation staying with the one in need. I view this as a lesson for us human beings, to watch over our neighbors.



Tell Us About: Halloween !

Share your favorite stories or pictures of Halloween – your favorite costume – was it a homemade creation? decorations, scary story, pictures are always welcome. Does your pet dress up for the event?



POETRY CORNER

Footprints

Footprints in the snow
disappear when flurries fall
or a gentle breeze drifts over them.

Footprints in the sand
are washed away by the rolling tide
or blurred by the rushing wind.

Footprints in the dampened evening grass
leave a trail that melts away
with the warming of the morning sun.

But footprints left to follow
can guide the heart, the mind,
and the soul if one so believes.

I ask myself, will my footprints
blow away, wash away, or
fade away in the morning sun,

or will they be firmly planted
and noticed by someone
who will follow where they may lead?

-T. Clow

Circle of Life

Ping, ping, ping,
acorns dropping
on metal roof,
I no longer
jump when I hear
the sounds, it's a
part of creation's circle,
acorns fall litter
the ground in fall,
their leaves fall, litter
the ground in fall,

acorns, winter food
for squirrels, or left
to burrow in the ground
beginning of
a new oak tree,

leaves raked, gathered, put
in compost pile for
future fertilizer,

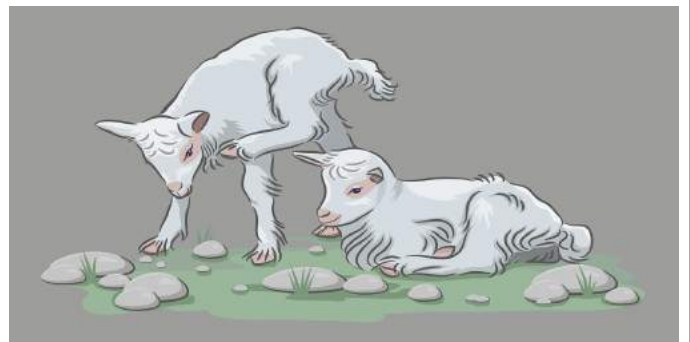
oak tree branches left
bare, a time to rest
gather strength to repeat
the process in spring,
the circle of life.

-Marge Burke

The Goats

A pen of goats makes an
appearance at the fall fair,
some butt heads, horns clash,
others greedily accept
acorns and dried leaves from
children who shriek with glee,
when their offerings disappear,
goat's heads poke through fencing
begging for more, children
race off in search of more delights.

-Marge Burke





Why We Love Living in NH

An occasional column featuring readers' reverent observations of our natural surroundings



Apple picking at Carter Hill in Concord (Nicole Czarnecki photos).



All fatted up for winter (Marlayna Keane photo).



(Joe Czarnecki photo).



On a walk in Henniker (Joe Czarnecki photo).



Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, Oct. 10

- 7 p.m. – Park & Recreation meeting
- 7 p.m. – Cable Committee meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 11

- 4:15 - Trustees of the Trust Fund meeting
- 6 p.m. – Finance Committee meeting
- 6:30 p.m. - John Stark School Board meeting
- 7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting
- 7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting

Thursday, Oct. 12

- 7 p.m. - Planning Board meeting

Monday, Oct. 16

- 6:30 p.m. - Board of Selectmen work session

Tuesday, Oct. 17

- 6 p.m. - Board of Fire Wards meeting
- 6 p.m. - Weare School Board meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 18

- 6 p.m. - Ethics Committee meeting

Friday, Oct. 20

- 10:30 a.m. - Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

Monday, Oct. 23

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

Wednesday, Oct. 25

- 6 p.m. - Ethics Committee meeting

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