



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

July 8, 2026

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4th of July Bell Ringing

The Weare Historical Society celebrated Independence Day by hosting "Ring a Bell to Celebrate America's 250th!" on July 4. Community members were invited to ring the Town Hall Bell or the North Weare Schoolhouse Bell as part of America's 250th anniversary. Participants received certificates to mark the occasion.



All photos by Anthony Quintano.



Thank You to All of Our Military for the Freedom We Celebrate!

By Ellie Chapman- Member American Legion
Post 65, Weare, NH

We want to start with a correction from our entry in the last June issue. The wonderful Scouts pictured who are sponsored by the Legion are from Troop 24 and not 529 and they are very much appreciated. 😊

We hope many of you had time to come by the Weare center and enjoy the annual Patriotic Celebration. Once again, it appeared to be well attended with something for everyone – great parade, carnival rides, vendors, games, music, food and more food. The American Legion hosted their annual chicken BBQ and our Weare Historical Society sold their delicious strawberry shortcakes.....ending with fireworks for all.

By the time you read this, our country's 250th July 4th celebration will be in the books. How lucky are we that our town played a significant part in creating our country's independence. The event, as many of you know of in Weare history, is the Pine Tree Riot, which happened on April 4, 1772 and was a precursor to the Boston Tea Party and the American Revolution. WMUR featured a segment which aired June 30th, featuring our Historical Society members and historical items related to the Pine Tree Riot and our town's contributions to the beginnings of our country. If you missed it, use this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JK6JxxDj_H0

As I mentioned last month, the Auxiliary is making efforts to collect items to donate to the Tilton Veterans Home. We have set up two boxes at the Legion entrance, one for **hygiene items** and one for **clothing**. Most are very inexpensive items. We will keep it available for the next few months during the Legion Sunday breakfasts. Please find a list of all items on the wish list here: <https://bit.ly/4aH9ZVf>. If you can help by purchasing even one or two items, it will be greatly appreciated - by the Auxiliary and especially the Tilton Home Veterans themselves. Thank you!

July will be the start of the Legion Auxiliary 1st coloring contest for kids 12 and under! During the Sunday breakfasts there will be coloring pages available for the kids to take home. Try your best at coloring and return your artwork to the Legion during a Sunday breakfast before the end of the month. The contest will be divided by ages, 1-3 yrs old, 4-7 yrs old, and 8-12 yrs old, and the winner can choose their own prize. A new contest will begin in August. *Parents - be sure to put

your child's name and a way to contact you on the coloring page.

We hope you all had a safe and happy 4TH OF JULY!



Dems Route 114 Cleanup July 11

The next cleanup session on our sponsored part of Route 114 will be on **Saturday, July 11th at 9:00 a.m.** in the **Center Woods Elementary School** upper parking lot for our pre-cleanup briefing. Rain Date is Sunday, July 12.

We enjoy how good things look and are happy to have NH DOT's Adopt-a-Highway program making a difference in Weare.

If you plan to come and help, **THANK YOU!** Please let us know, so we can get the right supplies. Safety vests and bags will be provided. Please bring gloves, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, and work boots are also recommended.

Please RSVP: WeareDemCom@comcast.net

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JULY 9 @ 6:30

AT THE WEARE LIBRARY



Weare Public Library



PROJECT APPLESEED
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Area Band Concerts

	Deering 763 Deering Center Rd. at 6.30 p.m. July 11: Grove Street - hardcore, metalcore, and crossover thrash Aug 1: Last Duo – acoustic rock & folk Email: dccnhadmin@gmail.com
	Henniker 57 Main St. (If rain, we will use the community center) at 6:00 pm July 14: 50 Shades of Blues – rockin rhythm blues July 21: Dwayne Haggins Band – country blues soul www.facebook.com/hennikeconcert
	Hopkinton at 7:00 p.m. July 8: Concert by Hopkinton Town Band July 15: Concert by Hopkinton Town Band July 22: Concert by Hopkinton Town Band

	Milford 6 Mount Vernon St. (If rain, concerts are held at the town hall at 7:00 p.m. July 8: Shawna Jackson Band - family-friendly, country-rock July 15: Dan Morgan – American bluegrass July 22: Hollis Town Band - marches
	New Boston 2–6 River Rd. at 6:00 p.m. Aug 5: The Slakas – high energy



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The Weare Area Writers Guild

By Sharon Czarnecki

Since we just celebrated our country's 250th birthday, I thought you might enjoy a reminder that we have some published authors in our midst who have written local historical fiction.

Our local playwright, Connie Evans, has no less than 3 plays and 3 books on history to her credit. The Lost Village is about the thriving East Weare Village that was wiped off of this earth to protect southern NH and northeast Massachusetts from future damaging floods like the Flood of 1938. Time Will Tell describes the harrowing journey three high school students experience when they fall through a time portal and land in the 18th century in Weare. In addition to accusations of spying and being a witch, they meet our local heroes. The more famous play (around these parts, at least) is Ebenezer Mudgett and the Pine Tree Riot. Excerpts from performances of both of these plays can be enjoyed at the Weare Community Theater's web site: <https://www.wearenh.org/theater>

The 3 books she has written on our local history are equally excellent. In the book, Ebenezer Mudgett and the Pine Tree Riot, her writing takes you right back to the humble dwelling of Mr. Mudgett and you can smell what's cooking on the stove, feel the hardships of all the physical obstacles, and hold your breath while the King's loyalists threaten Mrs. Mudgett and the children.

Tales of Survival in Colonial New England brings a story about a local woman thought by many to be a witch in Weare. The book also includes a harrowing account of the survival of Timothy Corliss and his eventual ransom as the last known person abducted from Weare by Native Americans in the 1740s.

Valor Under Fire is an amazingly detailed and well researched book about the men from Weare who became Minutemen during the time of the Revolutionary War. The book explains conditions as they traveled and fought and how they ended up at the Battle of Bunker Hill and describes the evacuation of Boston in 1776. If you are a local history buff, this book is a must.

Last but not least, we have the story of the first murder in the town of Henniker. Written by the talented Ellen Reed, The Untimely Death of Nettie Belle Douglass explains how, in 1894, the quiet little village to our West became the center of national attention and a newspaper sensation. Details of how the detective work unfolded, the horse took the body back to the stable, and even how autopsies were conducted at the time, provide verified detail.

If you are a history buff, Amazon has all of these books from our own local authors just waiting to enhance your summer reading list.



Weare Public Library

SUMMER READING IS ON: Read for Prizes!

Kids & Teens: Log the minutes you read (along with other activities), and turn them in for prizes! Pick up your logs and event guides at the library or at <https://bit.ly/wearesummer2026>. Finish a row from your log and bring it to the library for a prize (books, bags, gift cards, and more). You'll also get an entry into our Grand Prize Drawing: A New Bike!

Adults: Each time you return your books, you get an entry for weekly prize drawings.

Deadline for Prizes: **August 22**.

Thank you to our Summer Reading Sponsors: ACE Goffstown, Country Three Corners, Dimitri's, Dunkin', Ilsley's Ice Cream, Masons Harmony Lodge #38F & AMs, Putman's and Sawyers Restaurant, Sully's Superette, The Sweet Spot, Zoomies, and the Friends of the Weare Library!

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

- 11:00 a.m.: Kids Herb Club (starting June 22) (grades 1-5). Learn about different herbs each week with hands-on edible activities. We'll make peppermint ice cream, hibiscus smoothies, marshmallows, and more! Space is limited. Call the library to register.
- 2 p.m.: Pokemondays (kids). Drop in to meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card enthusiasts.
- 4:00 p.m.: Movie Matinees (family). Enjoy movies in the Sawyer Room with popcorn and lemonade. *7/13 Paddington in Peru *7/20: SpongeBob: The Search for SquarePants *7/27: Looney Tunes: The Day the Earth Blew Up *8/3: How to Train Your Dragon (2025) *8/10: Super Mario Galaxy

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

- 10:30 a.m. Stories at the Lake (ages 0-6). Join Sandy at Chase Park for stories and songs. No park pass? You can still attend and leave after. Raining? We'll meet in the library.

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!

SPECIAL EVENTS

- July 9 at 6:30 p.m. (all ages). Seeds of Liberty: As America celebrates its 250th Anniversary, join Project Appleseed to rediscover the courage that birthed our nation with the true story of America's first day of freedom at Lexington and Concord and the ordinary colonists who stood their ground.
- July 11 at noon (adults). Cookbook Club. Join us for a yummy afternoon! Sign up and pick your recipe from the book Health Nut at the library.
- July 14 at 6:00 p.m. (adults). Friends of the Library Meeting. Get involved! You too can volunteer and help us raise funds for programs, passes, and events. Stop by to see what we're about. Learn more at: wearepubliclibrary.com/friends.
- Video Game Tournaments: July 15 (Mario Kart 8) & July 22 (Smash Bros. Ultimate) at 1:30 p.m. (ages 6-18) Race and fight for prizes and glory! There's no pre-registration, but you must be on time.

- July 16 at 11:30 a.m. (family). Morphs & Milestones Reptile Show. A hands-on learning presentation where you can hold several fascinating critters that slither and scurry.
- July 18 at noon (adults). Crafts & Conversations. Bring your own crafting project to work on with fellow crafters for a fun time. Knitting, crochet, sewing, diamond dotz, drawing, or whatever you're into.
- July 21 at noon (adults). Senior Book Group at Hand in Hand. Join us to discuss Treasured Grace by Tracie Peterson - a historical romance set in the 1840s Oregon Country. Pick up your copy at the Senior Center.
- July 23 at 6:00 p.m. (family). Campfire Stories. Join us for stories, songs, and s'mores by the campfire on the lawn.
- July 23 at 7:00 p.m. (adults). Book Group. Join us to discuss the true inspirational tale of Grandma Gatewood's Walk on the Appalachian Trail by Ben Montgomery. Call to reserve your copy.
- July 30 at 6:30 p.m. (family). Touch-A-Truck. Get up close and personal with Weare's most powerful vehicles! (at the Middle School parking lot).
- Aug 1 at 10:00 a.m. (family). Lego Game Show. An immersive program with challenges and prizes hosted by C3Brix, one of the nation's most celebrated LEGO artists!

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

Wed – Sat, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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



Sully, Sue, Bob, Jamie, Elwood

Food, conversation, and community make every Wednesday a good day. Sully (Brian Sullivan) not only sets a high bar for great meals, but has also been volunteering to keep the grounds at 733 South Stark Hwy (Hand in Hand's new home) looking well cared for.

Speaking of our new home, we have lots of moving parts to meet our goal of moving in by September. Our meeting with the Planning Board for a change of use approval was successful, for which we are very grateful.

So many folks and businesses are assisting in many ways. Some of the ceilings are very high and Suzanne Marcroft (Zany's Paint Company) has come to our rescue. Several rooms are already painted too thanks to Elayne Trudul's and Joe McCarron's dedication.



Suzanne Marcroft (Zany's Paint Company)



Elayne Trudul



Joe McCarron

Board member Ron Merrill made arrangements with Nathan Jones to grind and repair the new thrift shop floor. He also organized a meeting with Ken Duchesne, owner of Granite State Plumbing and Heating. In addition to the help and support they will be giving Hand in Hand; we experienced an amazing meeting where we saw their state-of-the-art teaching facility.

Country 3 Corners (Jerry Shinn and Gerald Cowan) continue to be wonderful partners helping with supplies and words of encouragement. Also, Dennis and Kyle Dupuis from Quick Lift Rentals have come to our aid. We still have much to do! Stay posted to follow our progress.

We need a tradesperson who can help build two handicapped ramps. If you are such a person or know of someone who is, please contact hkurk@hihsc.org or call 603-529-4263, and leave a message. Thanks to all who are putting their oar in the water to help this wonderful community project become a reality.



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)

July 8: Chicken and broccoli pasta, salad

July 15: Taco casserole, chips and salsa

July 22: Cheese ravioli, bread, salad

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.



Red-eyed Vireo. Pixabay.



POETRY CORNER

Opera of the Woods

From the treetops every day,
opera of great beauty heard,
chipping sparrow sets the beat,
cardinal, resplendent in red
joins the chorus, along with
other voices, awake, aware,
of joyful songs together,
red-eyed vireo appears
in person, dressed in olive
green, takes center stage sitting
on a wire, the aria
begins with a mindful chant,
"Where are you? Here I am"
calling, answering, over
and over again entreating
all listeners to pause,
contemplate, respond,
make mantra their own daily
attentiveness to their place
in the chorus of life, together
with all living creatures.

- Marge Burke



And The Bells Rang Out

Pull the rope,
strike the mallet,
ring out freedom,
two hundred fifty times,
on July 4th, 2026,

from the Town Hall,
up one flight of stairs,
residents pulled
the rope to the
1837 bell,
sounds of freedom
filled the air,

from the steps of the
Stone Memorial Building,
residents struck the
old school bell,
sounds of freedom
filled the air,

and we celebrated
two hundred fifty years
of our independence,
sounds of freedom
filled the air.

- Marge Burke

The Marsh

Small stream of water
weaves its way through the marsh,
boundaries determined by
eroded earth carved from
weather phenomenon
over time, grubby, brown ground
contrast to shades of blue water,
shades of green grasses,
shades of brownish marsh plants,
shades of blue sky full of
snowball white clouds floating
effortlessly, motionless,
gazing at pastoral scene
below of languid flow of
water through vast expanse
of undisturbed marsh, except
for one dead tree, victim of
time, the stream lives on following
its own path, twisting, turning,
until it disappears into the future,
boundaries ebbing and flowing
according to weather patterns.

- Marge Burke

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

Where Did You Go on Vacation?

By Sharon Czarnecki



Coast of Maine Southwest Harbor.

Photo by Sharon Czarnecki



*The local chapel for the village of Barsta, Sweden
(population 50)
Photo by Heikki Rinne*



*The beautiful Hand Painted Interior
Photo by Vicki Rinne*



*South Tower, St. Stephen's Cathedral in
Vienna, Austria. Photo by Cole Czarnecki*



*Biddeford Maine – Prickly Pear Cactus
Photo by Carol Nevins*

Mark Your Calendar

Wed., July 8

7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting

Tues., July 9

7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Mon., July 13

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

Wed., July 15

7 p.m. – Energy Commission meeting

Thurs., July 16

6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting

Fri., July 17

11 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

Tues., July 21

3:45 p.m. – Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting

7 p.m. - Parks & Recreation Commission meeting

Wed., July 22

6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting