



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

June 12, 2024



June 21 & 22

Weare Patriotic Celebration

Join this year's fun with an 80's-theme in Weare Center.

Live music, food, rides, silent auction, demonstrations and displays!

Midway

Friday, June 21: 5 - 10 p.m.

Saturday, June 22: Noon - 5 p.m. and 5 - 10 p.m.

Buy a wristband for \$25 for unlimited rides during the above time blocks. Individual tickets are also available!

Parade

Saturday, June 22 at 10:30 a.m. Brownie's Sand and Gravel to Center Woods. To get involved or register a float, contact Amy @ 603-582-9939 or Meggin @ 603-540-7198.

For updates and more information, check out <https://www.facebook.com/weare.celebration>

Board Holds Three Public Hearings; Lowers Speed on Flanders Memorial Rd.

By Tom Clow

The June 3 meeting of the Weare Board of Selectmen included the unusual circumstance of holding three consecutive public hearings with board action taken after each hearing. The hearings concerned reducing the speed limit on Flanders Memorial Road, an application for a discretionary preservation easement, and Class VI road improvements by Weare Winter Wanderers.

Speed Limit Change

The proposal for Flanders Memorial Road was to lower the speed limit from 35 to 30 MPH. There was little opposition voiced; however, Police Chief Christopher Moore cautioned that having too many variations in speed limits on town roads made it more difficult for patrol officers. He suggested a consistent speed limit throughout town. Board members stated that consideration would require another public hearing since the present one only related to Flanders Memorial Road.

The board agreed to lower the speed limit to 30 mph from Holly Hill Farm Road east to the intersection with Route 114. The rest of the road will remain at 35 mph. The change will take place after new signs are installed. Chief Moore also recommended using the mobile speed sign for two weeks.

Discretionary Preservation Easement

After limited public testimony, the board approved a discretionary preservation easement on a historic barn at 697 Reservoir Drive, Tax Map #102-050. Such easements are possible per RSA 79:D. The easement was set at 75% of value, which is consistent with other such easements that have been approved.

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"Talk" To Us
Fathers
Deadline: June 21
weareintheworldnews@gmail.com



School News



JSRHS graduation will be held outside on the football field on Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m. Graduation ceremonies are rain or shine. Only moderate to severe weather will move the time to later that day or Sunday. Ticketed guests only.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Records Destruction Date Set SAU 24

Notice to all persons born in or prior to 1997 who attended John Stark Regional High School, Weare School District or Henniker Community School, and were identified as a Special Education student or received special education services or were identified as a 504 student, or to their parents/guardians:

The John Stark School District may have special education records and 504 records in its possession for those students and will destroy such records after August 1, 2024. If you would like to have these records rather than having them destroyed, please contact the main office secretary at 618 N. Stark Highway, Weare, NH 03281, 603-529-7675 or email at Kathryn.Cyr@sau24.org **prior to July 31, 2024**, to make arrangements for obtaining these records.

*The school district shall maintain, permanently, a record of a student's name, address, phone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Campbell Fund Scholarship Awards

By Chris Hague

June 4 was scholarship award night at John Stark Regional High School and Hillsboro-Deering High School. The Eleanor A. Campbell Charitable Fund awarded 20 scholarships to graduating seniors, college bound homeschoolers, and students already in college.

The Tyrell Award for an outstanding student planning to study business went to Hailey Brisson of Weare, who will study business and management at Simmons University. Brody Jones and Kayleigh Megowen, John

Stark seniors, and homeschooler Emily Fulton of Weare also received scholarships. (Jones and Megowen are shown in the photo, along with Jerry Little, right, a member of the Campbell Scholarship Committee.)



The Eleanor Campbell Award to a student studying medicine went to Katie Connarn, who is currently studying allied health sciences at the University of Connecticut. Megan Denslow, who will study English at the University of Vermont, won the Hugh Sherwood award for a journalism student. Other scholarships went to seniors and college students from the Hillsboro-Deering area.

The fund's namesake, Manhattan heiress Dr. Eleanor Campbell, was committed to helping others. She founded the Judson Health Center in Greenwich Village in 1921, then opened a larger health center for underserved women and children on Manhattan's lower east side.

Encouraged to visit the farm community of Deering by the Rev. Ray Petty, pastor of Judson Memorial Church in New York, she founded the Deering Health Center in 1924 and later the Deering Community Conference Center for teens, now privately owned and known as The Wilds. She and her friends enjoyed many summers around the Deering Reservoir. In 1931 they joined Dr. Campbell in the formation of the Deering Foundation to aid deserving local students in their pursuit of higher education.

Her legacy has continued through the Eleanor A. Campbell Charitable Fund, a community supported public charity created during the transition from the private Deering Foundation to the current nonprofit fund run by volunteers, many local residents, who support her interest in education.

Scholarships are awarded every spring to students from Hillsboro-Deering High School, John Stark Regional High School and the towns they serve. Students from these towns already at college may also receive awards, with each student eligible for two lifetime awards. This year, there were six applicants from the Stark area, and fifty from the Hillsboro-Deering area. In 2024, \$42,500 in scholarships was awarded to students showing academic achievement, service in the community and financial need.

For more information, to support the fund or to become part of the team that makes awards possible, see www.eleanorcampbellcharitablefund.org.

LINEC'S Summer Schedule

By Chris Hague

July is the time for a dip in the ocean. It's also a month when seniors and others can dip into LINEC's informal daytime mini-course offerings at a bargain price.

The Learning Institute at New England College (LINEC) has been offering non-credit peer-led courses since 1990. Run by volunteers, LINEC offers seniors and others an opportunity to learn from a variety of local instructors, respected in their fields.

This summer's offerings will be mostly in-person at the college. Retired professor of English Don Melander will lead a Poets of Place discussion of Edward Arlington Robinson's *Tillbury Town Maine*.

For the culturally curious, Jane Oneal will lead a Zoom discussion of Great Stories from Art History.

Retired theater professor Glenn Stuart will lead participants through several versions of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Familiar with Atticus Finch, a lawyer in Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*? Sarah Traphagen's "Lincoln & Finch: Attorneys at Law" will look at these two noted lawyers side-by-side.

Every first Wednesday during the year, The Novel Reading Group meets at the Tucker Free Library in Henniker. Its July discussion will be based on Penelope Fitzgerald's *Offshore*.

Back for an encore after last summer's engaging presentation, John Graebe, who teaches Constitutional Law at UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law, will offer a single session, Supreme Court Review.

And movie buffs can enjoy Friday discussions held at the Bow library. This summer's offering is Four Clint Eastwood Movies.

Summer is the right time to try LINEC, as one or many courses are available for a \$25 flat fee. Registration opens in June and runs to June 24. Details are available online at www.linec.org

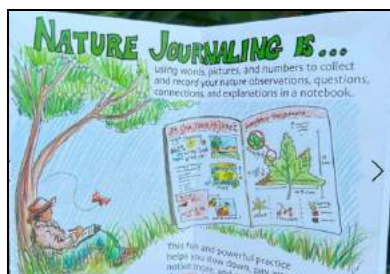
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Improvement to Class VI Roads

Ralph Fellbaum represented the Weare Winter Wanderers in requesting permission to make improvements to Melvin Valley Road and Peaslee/South Road. The snowmobile club will be applying for a federal grant through the Recreational Trails Program for the work on Melvin Valley Road. The grant would pay for 80% of the project with the club covering the 20%, possibly "in kind" through volunteer labor, Fellbaum said. The work on Peaslee/South Road would be paid for out of pocket by the snowmobile club. There would be no cost to the town for either project, he said. The Police and Public Works Departments are both ok with the improvements, he said.

The board gave permission to go ahead with the projects and for the town administrator to sign the application for the Recreational Trails Grant.

Nature Journaling Sessions



Heidi Colburn, a Weare-based biologist and a certified life science educator, is passionate about nature and loves to teach about nature journaling. It is a practice that allows all ages to observe and

experience nature on a new level. All that is needed is a journal and something to write with. Each session is about an hour long, but each one has a different focus. To learn more, check out "Nature Journaling with Heidi" on Facebook or her [website](#). You can register for an event [here](#). Colburn will be doing a session at Clough State Park in July and will be in Henniker in August



Weare Pink Ladies Meeting

By Lily Tang Williams

Our luncheon this month will be a potluck on **Sunday, June 30 from 1 to 3 p.m.** We will be gathering at the home of one of our local ladies for some Japanese food, BBQ and potluck items. For location and directions, email lily4liberty@comcast.net This is a fun get-together for members of Weare Pink & Friends when we can form friendship and support each other in this busy world.

Weare/Henniker Quaker Meeting

Solstice Sing & Pie Social / Sunday, June 23, 4 p.m.



Come sing with us again! We're continuing our new tradition of singing old favorites (hymns, folk songs, sun-fun songs) as a Summer Solstice version of our annual Carol Sing. Free. All ages welcome! Join voices with friends and neighbors, enjoy the historic ambiance and indulge in homemade pies, both savory and sweet. For more information, call 603-995-4311. **Henniker Quaker Meetinghouse at 529 Quaker St.**

Filing Deadline

June 5-14, 2024

State Primary filing period for the office of N.H. State Representative or Delegate to the Republican State Convention. See the Weare Town Clerk for more.



Members of Philbrick-Clement Post 65 Salute fallen heroes at Pine Grove Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 27 (Tom Clow photo).

Philbrick-Clement Post Holds Memorial Day Observance

By Tom Clow

American Legion Philbrick-Clement Post 65 held its annual observance of Memorial Day on May 27, beginning with a program in the Weare Middle School cafetorium. This year's featured speaker was former Weare School Board Chairperson, author and *Weare in the World* staff member Marge Burke. Burke began her address with a reminiscence of what was then known as Decoration Day, when she was an eight-year-old third grader in 1944. The complete text of Burke's address appears below.

Following the program at the middle school, Legion members moved on to the veterans' memorial in front of the Stone Building, and then to the gravesites of the post's namesakes at Pine Grove Cemetery on Buzzell Hill Road and Hillside Cemetery in South Weare, where they placed flowers on the graves and fired salutes to honor those who rested there.

Keynote Address

This is a day set aside to honor those who made the supreme sacrifice for our country and to offer peace and comfort to their families.

I'd like to begin by reading a poem I wrote a year ago about Memorial Day 1944, when I was eight years old and the day was still called Decoration Day.

Memorial Day 1944

I am in the third grade
at the Phillips School now,
today, we line up and
walk across the playground
to the auditorium
in the Francis School, for

annual remembrance
of Memorial Day,
hall smells like spring, lilacs,
bouquets stretch across
the front of the stage, some
lily of the valley
are there, too,
at my church every Sunday
we pray for those in our town
off fighting in the war,
today, we remember
those who died, their mothers
called Gold Star Mothers are
sitting on the stage with
somber faces, we sing
the Battle Hymn of the Republic,
it is very sad,
I try not to cry when
the names of those who died
are read, I knew some of them,
I see white flags with
gold stars in the middle
hanging in their windows.

As a young child, the solemnity of that ceremony was deeply etched in my memory and remains with me to this day, as I tried to absorb what it all meant and to understand why people/nations had to go to war against each other and kill each other. I turned six years old two weeks before Pearl Harbor happened and WWII was declared, something very scary for a little girl to understand.

My dad became an air-raid warden in our neighborhood during the war. He would often be called to patrol the streets at night to be sure all the blackout curtains were pulled down and no enemies lurked in the darkness. That war, WWII came even closer to our family than my dad doing his part in the war, as my mother had a cousin who was lost in the Battle of Bataan in the Philippines, his body never found. I'm sure I met Malcolm sometime in my earlier years, but I don't remember him. I do have memories of the profound sadness and depression that never left my great aunt after the death of her oldest child and son. She was even hospitalized off and on for a short period of time, for that depression.

Here we are now eighty years later still fighting wars, adding new names to the list of deceased members of the military that we come here today, to remember. We have been fighting wars ever since our country began, starting with the Revolutionary War, and have been involved in wars ever since, the War of 1812, the Civil

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War, The Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iran and Afghanistan. When will it end?

Memorial Day, as we have to know it, is a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by untold numbers of people in the military, who fought for the values we hold dear in our country. It is a time when we reflect on the past, honor those who paid the supreme sacrifice, renew our commitment to a future free from war and peace and justice prevail.

Memorial Day ceremonies actually date back thousands of years when Greeks and Romans held ceremonies to honor their dead, including soldiers. In our country, Decoration Day, the original name of Memorial Day, was created a few years after the Civil War, by a group of formerly enslaved people in Charleston, SC. They gathered on May 30, 1868 to honor those who died and decorate their graves. That war claimed more lives than any other conflict in our country's history. In fact, the numbers are staggering, almost 620,000 lives were lost, 360,222 Union soldiers and 258,000 Confederate soldiers with an estimated 1.5 million casualties. There is scarcely a city or town in the 33 states and four territories in our country at that time that didn't lose loved ones or suffer war wounds. The 1860 census reported a population of 31,433,322, and 3,953,760 of them enslaved people.

This war between the states was a pivotal time in our American history. It was a time when simmering tensions, escalated to a crescendo and boiled over and we fought against ourselves, north against the south, a war to preserve the Union, a fight to free enslaved persons and prevent the expansion of slavery as our country moved west. The war began on April 12, 1861 with an attack on Ft. Sumter in Charleston, and ended four years later on April 3, 1865 when General Lee surrendered to General Grant.

Just last week I heard Eric Larsen, famous author, speak about his latest book, *The Demon of Unrest*, that is about the Civil War and what led up to it, in large part, tragic errors and miscommunications. He said "it is a dark reminder that we often don't see a cataclysm coming until it is too late." I think the statement is worth remembering, if we don't know our history, then history will repeat itself.

The Emancipation Proclamation was signed on January 1, 1863, setting some 3.5 million enslaved people free. That proclamation allowed escaped slaves and freed slaves to join the Union Army. On November 19, 1863, the Soldier's National Cemetery was dedicated at Gettysburg, PA, and President Abraham Lincoln gave his famous Gettysburg Address that began, "Four score and

seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men (women) are created equal."

By 1890, every state in the Union had adopted Decoration Day. Just drive around New Hampshire and see the statues erected in their memory. We have the cannon in front of the Stone Building. There are obelisks, artillery, murals, stained glass, even buildings all around the state.

It was at that time in our history that the first national cemetery was created, Arlington National Cemetery on June 15, 1864. It is where the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier stands, created in 1921, where unnamed remains of our fallen heroes from continuing wars have been added. Sadly, since then we continue to erect memorials for those lost in subsequent wars. Visiting some of these memorials brings back memories of that long ago elementary school ceremony when I could not fully absorb the horrors of war – visiting the Vietnam Memorial in our nation's capital. I remember standing with my husband, Donald, at the memorial in Bastogne, Belgium reading the names of the states from which our soldiers were sacrificed, with the tears running down my face. That battle happened within the same time frame with my poem I read at the beginning.

Many Memorial Day traditions came into being after the end of WWI, the war that was to end all wars that we still remember and follow. One comes quickly to mind, the poem "In Flanders Fields", written by John McCrae. Many of you can even recite it today.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch. Be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep, though the poppies grow
In Flanders Field.

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McCrae, surgeon and captain in the First Canadian Division, wrote this to his mother, "The general impression in my mind is of a nightmare, and the constant background of the sights of the dead, wounded, the maimed and the terrible anxiety lest the line should give way."

Another symbol was created at the same time, in 1918, inspired by that poem, by a woman named Moina Michael, the red poppy flower. She started to make fabric flowers and hand them out to be worn at Memorial Day celebrations. That tradition continues even today thanks to the Legion's Women's Auxiliary. It was in 1920 when the American Legion adopted the red poppy as their symbol. I wear mine in memory of Malcolm and all those who died in service to our country.

From that first ceremony on May 30, 1868, many other places claimed they were the first to celebrate Decoration Day. It was in 1966 that President Lyndon B. Johnson declared Waterloo, NY as the birthplace of Decoration Day. But, I like to think of it beginning in 1868 when formerly enslaved persons held that ceremony in Charleston, SC. It has a sacred feeling for me. In 1971 it became a national holiday called Memorial Day to be celebrated on the last Monday of May giving us a three-day weekend. Other traditions include flying our flag at half staff until noon and pausing at 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon to remember our fallen heroes.

And so, 80 years since that memorable ceremony in my school that I wrote about, I still ponder why we still fight wars, live under the threat of nuclear disaster. Why we continue to see on TV pictures of dead, injured and maimed civilians on foreign lands. On the other hand, I give thanks for the wisdom of those proud veterans of long ago who created this day of remembrance, especially at this time of year, in the spring when our earth awakens from its long winter nap, new life appears in flowering bulbs and trees, especially the lilacs, and we set aside a day to remember those who gave the extreme sacrifice of their lives to protect the rest of us, our freedoms, our country, our lives. One day set aside to remember seems way too little to me. Now, we gather here together today offering our thanksgivings, adding my own prayer of hope that wars will end and no more names will be added to the growing list of our men and women who gave their lives for us, for our freedom, for our democracy.

I would like to end with another Memorial Day poem written by Moina Michael who created the red poppy

symbol back in 1918, inspired by "In Flanders Field". It is titled:

"We Shall Keep the Faith"

Oh, you who sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.
We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields – where valor led.
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Field.
And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honor of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught,
We'll teach that lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Field.

Thank you for this great honor to speak here today.

-Marjorie Burke

**Friends of the Weare Public Library**

By Dianne Hathaway

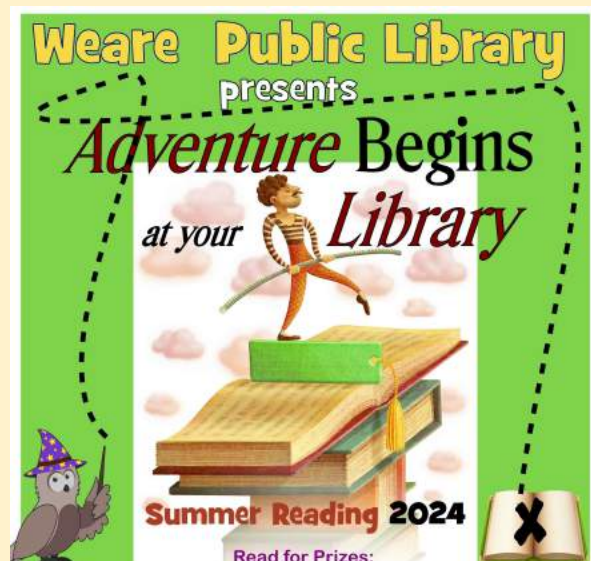
Our biggest fundraising event of the year is our silent auction being held during the Weare Patriotic Celebration on **SATURDAY, JUNE 22**. We have some great donations, including one from Integrity Martial Arts worth \$2,500! S&W Sports has given us a Thruster "BIG" BMX Bike valued at \$269! Summit Computers has again gifted us with a JBL Charge 4 bluetooth speaker, our most popular item in 2023!

We also received a gift of six weeks of Zumba classes from Zumba with Laura, a gift from Legacy Mechanical, a handmade afghan from Lea Anderson Smith, baskets from the Weare Ladies Book Club and more! Need an electric toothbrush? We have one donated by Weare Family Dentistry. How about a fabulous basket for your dog or cat generously donated by the Weare Animal Hospital?

The Friends will have our booth next to the big tree on the corner of the grounds. Stop by early and often. Currently, we only accept cash and personal checks, so please plan ahead 😊

The Friends have been working hard to increase our activity and information on Facebook. Please "like" and share our posts and follow us on the Friends of the Weare Public Library page. To join the Friends, email friendsofwearepl@gmail.com

Weare Public Library Upcoming Events



SUMMER READING: JUNE 20 - AUG. 1

Kids (Birth to K): Earn prizes by registering and completing early literacy activities. You can also join our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Club.

Kids (Grades 1-5): **June 6:** First day to register. **June 20:** Begin logging your minutes read and doing summer activities. Turn in your logs weekly to earn a small prize and be entered to win raffle prizes. **July 27:** Last day to turn in reading logs. **Aug. 1:** Winners will be announced during the finale. Grand prize: new bikes!

Teens (Grades 5+): **June 20:** Register and pick up reading logs. The first 10 teens to sign-up will get a Summer Reading cinch sack. There's weekly prizes and two grand prizes: \$25 gift cards!

Adults: When you return your books, receive a raffle ticket per day. We'll draw for gift certificates from local sponsors. First prize: an uncirculated Silver American Eagle Coin. Grand prize: a \$100 gift card!

Thank you to our local sponsors: *Brownie's Sand & Gravel, Cauldron Brewed Soaps, Country 3 Corners, Dimitri's Pizza, Fisher Cats Baseball, Goffstown Ace Hardware, Harmony Lodge Masons of Hillsboro, Ilsley's Ice Cream, Local Silver Mint, Night Owl Quilting Studio, Putnam's Waterview Restaurant, Sawyer's Main Street Breakfast, Stark House Tavern, The Sweet Spot, Weare Dunkin' and the Friends of the Weare Library!*

Upcoming Weekly Events

MONDAYS

--10:30 a.m. starting June 24. Kids Herbal Garden Club (grades 1-5). Learn how to plan, grow and care for an herb garden! Help us create a learning garden and find out about all the kinds of things we can do and make with our plants. Space is limited. Call to register. -6/24 lemon balm and make popsicles; 7/01 Dandelions and build a tool carrier; more to be announced.

--2-4 p.m. PokeMondays (kids). Meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card game enthusiasts and win prizes.

--4 p.m. starting June 24. Monday Movie Matinees. Enjoy family classics in the Sawyer Room with popcorn, lemonade and activities. -6/24: *Inside Out*; -7/1: *Kiki's Delivery Service*; more to be announced.

TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS

--2-4:30 p.m. Cards! (adults). Meet and play pinochle or cribbage with other card game enthusiasts in the Paige Room.

WEDNESDAYS

--10:30 a.m. starting June 26. Stories at the Lake (kids). Join librarians at Chase Park for stories, songs and movement. If you do not have a Chase Park summer pass, you may still attend and leave afterwards. See gate attendant for questions. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the library.

--2-5 p.m. Gaming (ages 6-18). Challenge your friends on the Nintendo Switch and other game systems.

THURSDAYS

--1-3 p.m. Craft Group (adults). Learn a new craft. Space is limited. Call us to register.

FRIDAYS

--10:30-Noon: Baby & Toddler Playgroup (ages 0-3). An informal gathering for young children and their caregivers. Get out of the house; meet new friends! Books, puzzles, early literacy toys, & music.

Special Events for June

June 20

--6:30-7:30 p.m. Summer Kick-Off (family): It's wet and wild fun (with water balloons and squirt guns). Try a medley of our outdoor games (like cornhole and ladder-golf) provided by PARC.

June 25

--10:30-Noon: STEAM: Sand Art (kids): Create an outdoor woods scene.

--4 p.m. Teen Book Club (grades 5+). Get together and talk about books (and eat pizza and snacks!) Bring your own drink. Call to register.

--7:00: Book Group (adults). We're reading and discussing *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Call to reserve your copy.

June 27

--6:30: Campfire Stories (family). Stories, songs and s'mores by the campfire on the library lawn (weather permitting).

June 28

--1:30-3 p.m. Lego Club (ages 4-12). Stop by and create with our huge bucket of Legos and put them on display.

**HAND IN
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**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

Every organization has a lifeline. Let me tell you about what allows **Hand in Hand Senior Center** to exist and thrive and what part YOU might want to play in it. Our amazing little **Thrift Shop** pays for all our rent and utilities. We couldn't exist without it and the volunteers that run it. Do you have the interest and talent to give a few hours a week to volunteer in the **Thrift Shop**? See our separate ad in this edition.



Speaking of volunteers, in this issue of *Weare in the World* we are highlighting our newest member of the Board of Directors, **Gail Parent**. One day Gail, hearing that we could use some help, walked into the Senior Center and said, "Is there something I can do?" It was Wednesday, and we were serving lunch. Boy, was her timing good! We put her right to work, serving, washing dishes, and chatting with the many people enjoying lunch. In short order Gail started wearing many hats by volunteering in both the Thrift Shop and Senior Center. Once a month, Gail offers

eyeglass care to help us all see clearer. She says, "It is always fun, and there is never a dull moment. I volunteer because I like helping others – it makes me feel good, so I try to help others in a way they can't help themselves or maybe they are just in need of a smile and kind word."

About the Center and Thrift Shop, Gail reflects, "The center is growing and thriving. You can feel its warmth and friendliness from the moment you step in...it buzzes with life! It does seem like we are outgrowing our facility and would like to see the center/thrift shop expand in additional directions such as community outreach, expanded meal delivery and a senior ride program."

As with all our volunteers, Gail is multitalented; she enjoys gardening, ice skating, painting and even tried her hand at upholstering. She is another gem that brightens up each day. Come in and meet Gail in either the Thrift Shop or the Café, and talk to her about the impact volunteering makes in strengthening our community.

**WHAT'S FOR
LUNCH?**



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

June 12: American chop suey, salad, rolls.

June 19: Ham and broccoli in cheddar cheese, strawberry spinach salad.

June 26: Ham, turkey and cheese rollups, lemon orzo salad with feta

Coffee, tea, and various desserts are also available.

**WHAT'S IN
THE SHOP?**



The 50% off sale (\$2.50) on long pants continues

We have a great selection of summer clothing, including t-shirts, shorts, and bathing suits. And check out our books, games, puzzles, and DVDs, all great for summer gatherings, and the occasional rainy day.



**HAND IN
HAND**



**SENIOR CENTER
& THRIFT SHOP**

IN THE THRIFT SHOP

- Experience in retail, such as using a cash register, is a plus.
- We love our customers, so good people skills is a must!
- Duties include sorting and pricing donations, answering customer questions and checking them out.
- We accept gently used clothing and housewares, jewelry, craft items, books, movies, and much more. Do you have a special interest? Put it to work with us!

IN THE CAFE

- We are looking for people who love to cook, and aren't intimidated by a large group. We typically serve 40 – 60 folks for lunch each Wednesday, and we need volunteers who can cook on a schedule (say, every other week), or who can fill in if a regular person isn't available.
- You will have a weekly budget, and you can prepare meals in your own kitchen, or use our (rather small) kitchen.

If you are interested in volunteering with us, stop by Wednesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., at 33 N. Stark Highway, to fill out an application.



Looks like summer at Chase Park Beach (Alyssa Small photo).



Transportation Needs Update

By Ben Hebert

On behalf of the Hand in Hand Senior Center, Region 8 Mobility Manager, Town of Weare, and Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission, **we thank all of you who participated** in Weare's transportation needs survey. This is a crucial first step in understanding the transportation needs in the town of Weare, and we couldn't have done it without you!

We had a total of 346 responses. 46% of respondents were 65 years of age or older, and 54% were under 65. Within the next few years, 29 people said that they anticipate no longer being able to drive. Within the next decade, 61 people anticipate this. 28 people said that they struggle getting to places they need to go. Out of the 28 people, 43% are under the age of 65. 68 people (nearly one in five survey respondents) indicated that they know someone who struggles to get around. On a monthly basis, 45 survey respondents (13%) either struggle themselves or know someone who struggles with getting to where they need to go.

Regarding solutions that address Weare's unmet needs, a volunteer driver program had the highest support at 90%, or 273 supporters. 60 people, or 18% of respondents, said that they would use a volunteer driver program (VDP) to help get them to where they need to go. 97 people said that they can see themselves volunteering to provide rides for Weare residents. 65 respondents, or 20%, would use a transportation service in Weare at least once a month.

To view the full report on the survey results, visit <http://bit.ly/3KxpWQo>.

What are our next steps? The same team of individuals will be working together to seek out an existing VDP who is willing to expand their boundaries into Weare. If that is not feasible, we will be researching the process in creating a VDP for Weare residents. Updates will be shared with the Weare Board of Selectmen hopefully by the end of August.



Looking for Something to Do?

Compiled by Sharon Czarnecki



AG Paintball 603-529-3524

www.agpaintball.com

June 13 & 20 * 3-8 p.m. League Night BYOP

June 16 * BYOP

June 17 & 24 * 3-8 p.m. Walk Ons BYOP

Registration required for all events. See website.



Capitol Center for the Arts

603-225-1111

www.ccanh.com

June 13-16 Clue: A 90-minute, one mile walking, interactive tour of Concord businesses. For times and to register as part of a team go to: www.ccanh.com/clue

Chubb Theatre 44 S. Main St., Concord

June 18 * 7:30 p.m. The Magic of Motown

June 22 * 7:30 p.m. Jon Anderson Yes Epics and Classics

Bank of NH Stage 16 S. Main St., Concord

June 14 * 7:30 p.m. The Senie Hunt Project

June 15 * 8 p.m. Sad AF Emo Nite

June 22 * 7 p.m. Silent Disco: 70s vs 80s

June 23 * 3 p.m. Capitol Tea Dance

June 26 * 7:30 p.m. Puppeteers for Fears presents:
Cthulhu The Musical



150 Ash St. Manchester

603-669-6144

www.Currier.org

NOTE: Our library has discount passes!

Until Dec. 31 * Frank Lloyd Wright Homes Tours

Wed-Sun. at 9:30 a.m., noon & 2:30 p.m.

June 13 * 4 to 6 p.m. Expressions Through Art
for those affected by cancer

EXHIBITS

Until June 23 Artist Raphael Barontini

Until Aug. 18 "Cymodocea" Artist: Elizabeth Key

Until Sept. 2 Filippo de Pisis and Robert Mapplethorpe:
"A Distant Conversation"

Until Nov. 3 "Stories of the Sea" Van Gogh & Wyeth



Deering Community Church

762 Deering Center Rd. 603.464.5643

www.facebook.com/DeeringCommunityChurch

Deering Pavilion

June 22 * 6 to 7 p.m. The Pine Hill Boys Band
Outdoor concert. (If rain, inside church.)



Fuller Public Library

29 School Street, Hillsborough

603-464-3595

www.fullerlibrary.info

June 13 & 20 * 1 p.m.

Board Games

June 14 * 10 a.m.

Coffee Connection

June 17 & 24 * 1 p.m.

Knitting Purls

June 17 & 24 * 2 p.m.

Tech Help

June 20 * 6 p.m.

Artist Barb Brien

June 22 * 10 a.m.

Seedy Saturdays

June 25 * 6 p.m.

Adult Paint Night

Hillsboro Deering High School

June 15 * 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Community Festival

Grimes Field, 28 Preston St, Hillsboro

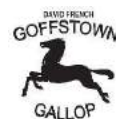
June 19 & 26 * 3 to 4 p.m. Hillsboro Fitness Club

Smith Cong. Church, 30 W. Main St., Hillsboro

June 20 * 5 p.m. Tasty Thursday

Homemade community dinner

June 22 * 7 p.m. Open door acoustic music



Town of Goffstown

Parks & Recreation 16 Main St.

(603) 497-3003

www.goffstownnh.gov/448/Goffstown-Gallop

June 22 * 8:30 a.m. The Gallop is a 5.2-mile race with various inclines and obstacles that offers a great challenge. Registration required.



Hampshire Hills Athletic Club

50 Emerson Rd., Milford

603-673-7123 www.hampshirehills.com

June 13 * 8 p.m. Comedy Night with Lenny Clark

June 18 & 25 * 6:30 p.m. Outdoor Yoga with Amelia

June 26 * 6-8 p.m. Back Bending / Heart Opening
Workshop. Registration required.



Henniker Brewing Co.

129 Centerville Road, Henniker

(603) 428-3579

www.hennikerbrewing.com

June 13 * 6 p.m. Trivia / Smokin' Trolley Food Truck

June 14 * 5-7 p.m. Kerry Coffin music/Teenie Wienies food

June 15 * 3-5 p.m. Joel Begin music / Teenie Wienies food

June 16 * Wicked Groovy Grill food pop up

June 19 * 6 p.m. Run Club / Iberian Empanadas food

June 20 * 6 p.m. Trivia / TOLA-Rose Italian Eats

June 21 * Iberian Empanada food pop up

June 22 * 3-5 p.m. Local Drifters / Waffle Donut Wagon

June 23 * Build your own Charcuterie Board class
Teenie Wienies food truck



Hillsboro Moose Lodge

15 School St., Hillsboro
603-464-6024

<https://www.facebook.com/hillsboro.mooselodge/>

- June 14 & 21** * 7 p.m. Queen of Hearts Drawing
June 16 * 8-11 a.m. Father's Day Breakfast ~
 Dads eat free!
June 17 & 24 * 7-8 p.m. Line Dancing
June 20 * 5:30-6:15 p.m. Zumba with Lisa
June 26 * 7 p.m. Moose on the Loose Drawing



Majestic Theatre

880 Page Street, Manchester
(603) 669-7469

www.majestictheatre.net

Studio Theatre location 880 Page Street

- June 21 & 22** * 7 p.m. Sleuth - Play by Anthony Shaffer
Also June 22 & 23 * 2 p.m.
June & July Summer camp. Scholarships available



2 Institute Drive,
Concord

(603) 271-7827x113

www.starhop.com

- June 13** * 8:30 a.m. Drive for the Sky Golf Tournament, Pembroke Pines Country Club. Register online.
June 15 * 6 p.m. "Out of this World" - PSO Principal Winds Quintet - homage to space travel & worldly themes
June & July - Stem Summer Camp – Registration now open. Limited spaces. Ages 5 to 14. See website.



Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum

18 Highlawn Rd. Warner, NH 03278
603-456-2600

www.indianmuseum.org

EXHIBITS:

- Until Oct. 31** * Baskets: Carriers of Life and Spirit
Ongoing * Medicine Wood Trail, Betsy Janeway Arboretum & Activity Area, artifacts from prehistoric to contemporary Native Americans from every corner of North America.



1 Central Wharf
Boston, MA 02110
617-973-5206

www.neaq.org

NOTE: Our library has discount passes!

- June 13** * 6:30 p.m. 100 Yards of Hope
 Documentary/ restoring Florida's coral reefs
Featured Exhibits: Amazon rainforest / Atlantic harbor seals / Giant ocean tank / Indo-Pacific coral reef / Marine mammal center/ Olympic Coast sanctuary /

Penguin colony / Sea jellies / Science of the sharks / Shark and ray touch tank.

Now showing: "Arctic: Our Frozen Planet," "Blue Whales: Return of the Giants," "Ocean Paradise (3D)" and "Secrets of the Sea." (*Tickets required. See website.*)



NH Audubon

84 Silk Farm Rd. Concord

602-224-9909 NHaudubon.org

Until June 13 * 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Jane Kalias Exhibit
 METALSUM – Art inspired by nature



80 Hanover St.,
Manchester
603-668-5588

Main Stage – 80 Hanover

St. Manchester

- June 14 – 23** * 2 & 7:30 p.m. 42nd Street
June 18 & 19 * 7 p.m. Anything Goes (Youth Theatre)
June 22 * 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Garden Tour 2024
 Self-guided; Manchester; tickets required.
June 23 * 10 a.m. to Noon Palace Academy
 Dance Showcase: Spring 2024

03 Rex Theatre - 23 Amherst St., Manchester

- June 14** * 7:30 p.m. Comedy: Tom Cotter
June 15 * 6 p.m. Candlelight: Vivaldi's Four Seasons
June 15 * 8:30 p.m. Candlelight: A Tribute to Coldplay
June 21 * 7:30 p.m. Comedy: Jim Colliton & Guests
June 22 * 7:30 p.m. The Brit Pack: The Most
 Authentic British Invasion Band in the US



Poetry Readings

Frost Farm Poetry 122 Rockingham Rd, Derry
www.frostfarmpoetry.org 603-432-3091

June 13 & 20 * (Thursdays) at 6:30 p.m.
 A reading by a Hyla Brook poet, Amy Lemmon, followed by open mic.

Bookery Manchester, 844 Elm Street
www.bookerymht.com/open-mic-night 603 836-6600

June 15 (3rd Sat per month.)Join us for an hour of open mic performances. Comedy, short stories, poetry, music, magic, dancing and more.

Stark Brewing Co. 500 N Commercial St, Manchester
www.starkbrewingcompany.com 603-625-4444

June 13 & 20 * Slam Free or Die is a poetry open mic and slam series that happens (every Thursday night).



200 Bedford, St. Manchester
(603) 669-0400
www.see-sciencecenter.org

NOTE: Our library has discount passes!

- June 21 * 9 a.m. 2024 SEE Golf Tournament. Reg. req.
- June 22 - 28 * 4th Annual Kickoff to Summer Zach Umperovitch Chain Reactions & Rube Goldberg Machines®

2024 Summer Camp Registration is NOW OPEN.



23 Science Center Road
Holderness, NH
603-968-7194

www.nhnature.org

NOTE: Our library has discount passes!

- Mon & Fri * 3 p.m. Loon Cruise
 - Daily * 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Live Animal Exhibit Trails
 - Until July 1 * 1 p.m. Squam Lake Cruise
 - Tue & Thu * 3 p.m. Cruise with a Naturalist
 - Daily June-Aug. Adventure Camp. See website.
- Blue Star Museums initiative-** FREE admission to currently serving U.S. military personnel and families.



<https://beirutjen.wixsite.com/weareareawriters>

586 Ossipee Park Rd. Moultonborough

- June 22 * 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Castle in the Clouds Craft Fair/Book Sales – support your local authors



Stark Brewing Co.
500 N Commercial St., Manchester
603-625-4444

www.starkbrewingcompany.com

- June 13 & 20 * 6:30 p.m. Trivia
- June 19 & 26 * 7:30 p.m. Karaoke



White Birch Community Center
51 Hall Ave, Henniker
(603) 428-7860 www.whitebirchcc.org
(Programs are FREE unless listed in blue)

Please RSVP rustyg@whitebirchcc.org so that we are sure there is space available. Volunteer **Dial-A-Ride Drivers Needed**. Consider being a Dial-A-Ride volunteer driver. For more info contact Rusty: 603-428-3077.

- June 13 & 20 * 8:45 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- June 13 & 20 * 10 a.m. Bone Builders
- June 10, 14, 21 * 9:30 a.m. Bone Builders

- June 14 & 21 * 1:00 p.m. Cribbage
- June 21 * 2 p.m. Forever Young Fitness
- June 17, 19, 24, 26 * 1 p.m. Bridge
- June 18, 25 * 10:45 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- June 18, 25 * 1 p.m. Mah Jongg
- June 19, 26 * 8:30 a.m. Tai Chi for Strength & Balance
- June 19, 26 * 10 a.m. Knit Wits knitting group



POETRY CORNER

Green

Degas is in the woods today
and everything is green;
ballerina girls unfurl
seedling fringe of skirt.
There is no hurt so powerful
to stay this joy in green.

Tinged with pond, pine and sky
like laundry fresh from line
so sweet, green. I've seen
Monet there too, breathing deep,
brushing subtle dappled hues
in green.

I've looked for you
in dreams, in
the winter pond, and
on and on,
found but barren ground
until I took a walk in spring.

In the painted wood
I heard your sighs, and
everywhere I looked
I found your eyes
in green.

- Sylvia Beupré



Check out past issues of *Weare in the World*, our Business Issue (listing more than 75 local vendors!) and more at www.weareintheworldnews.com



Asked and Answered: Rescue Dogs Bicycles

Rhino the Rescue Dog

By Jeannine Philibotte

Rescued and Loved { From Dani's heart to home }

The minute Dani saw Rhino, the young bull dog, was up for adoption she knew he was meant to be hers. It didn't matter that the young pup would be missing an eye and was blind in the remaining one.



Dani { Danielle } is a longtime advocate for the bull dogs of this world. She especially felt the Pit bulls sometimes got a bad rap. Having visited her home several times I can attest that "Blueberry" her young pit bull greeted me with dog kisses, actually *many* dog kisses.

Rhino was introduced to her other 3 rescued dogs and Dani gave him the lay of the land. After a few bumps in the furniture and the walls, he soon used his senses to navigate every room in the house. I remember Dani telling me how proud she was watching him run around in the fenced yard with his new fur brothers and sister and how he managed to miss the tree that stood in the middle of the yard.

But there was something special about Rhino, I witnessed it for myself. It was Christmas and I really didn't feel like celebrating. My husband, my son's dad and Dani's father-in-law, had passed away just 10 months earlier. I sat there holding back tears, trying to keep a smile on my face. I felt something leaning against my legs, so I looked down and saw Rhino sitting on my feet. I leaned over to pat him and said, "Hi there, buddy." Rhino took it as an invitation to jump up on the sofa and sit with me. He readjusted his body to move in closer so he could give me a proper hug.

As my buddy and I sat there, I remember thinking "You don't know how much I need that do you, Rhino?" While the other dogs were moving around the room looking for a pat on the head or perhaps a snack, Rhino sat there content to spend time with me.

On the ride home I thought why did this blind dog choose me to spend time with? It was my first encounter with this new member of the family, so it wasn't as if he recognized me from a previous visit. Could it be Rhino couldn't see with his eyes but could sense when someone was sad?

Was it true? The old saying "Dog is man's best friend"? I needed to know the answer so one day I was talking to Dani and told her what had happened. She

surprised me by telling me, "Rhino does that all the time. Whenever I feel down he knows it and will come sit on my lap."

Rhino is a source of joy for anyone who has the pleasure of meeting him. Just looking at him makes me smile. Recently, Rhino was chosen to be one of the dogs to have a look alike stuffed animal sold to raise money for a dog rescue foundation. From what I hear, the Rhino stuffed animal sold out quickly. So you see, even a blind dog can help his fellow canines.

Rhino lives on a beautiful farm in New Hampshire owned by Kevin and Dani, where he and his fur siblings are well taken care of and there is plenty of room to run around. A little slice of heaven I must say.

If you are ever thinking of getting a rescue dog, I'm sure Dani and Kevin would highly recommend it. There are so many rescues waiting for a good home and someone to love them. Don't be surprised if they love you back with a bunch of doggie kisses.

Rescue Dog Journey

By Randy Blevins



Our new pet, Journey, was originally owned by an internationally known breeder of Akita puppies. However, she did not breed for show, but for personality. She wanted her dogs to be house pets while keeping the main traits of the breed.

Journey was one of the dogs she used for breeding, and had two litters. But medical issues forced her to discontinue breeding. At that point, she just wanted Journey to have a good home where she would get lots of love and be cared for as well as possible. She knew that Debbi and I had just lost our dog, Abby, and neither of us had a desire for another dog. But finally I agreed to meet Journey and that turned out to be a grand stroke of good fortune, because my wife and I fell in love with her.

Her full name is Ootjhov's Dark Magic Journey, because she traveled a very long way to get to us. She is a trained service dog, trained to help people with PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder). One of the signs of a PTSD attack is the person having a hard time breathing, so that works very much to our advantage with my wife who uses oxygen. Already there have been 2 occasions when her O2 has gotten unhooked and Journey came in a hurry and got me and led me back to help my wife.

There is no price tag that could ever go on that dog. She is not just our pet. She is truly our best friend.



Rethinking the Age-Old Bicycle

By Douglas Gilbert

I have ridden bicycles since childhood, to baseball games, to the market, through the woods, even in rivers just for fun. Once I chased a bear down a dirt road, but I sold my bikes when I moved to Weare because the roads are designed for larger vehicles, and the risk/reward calculation landed in the danger zone.

That said, I just returned from Italy where electric bicycles, e-bikes, are all the rage. The ancient streets of Florence, Rome, and Naples are still cobblestoned, slippery when wet, and even more crowded than when I lived there decades ago, so the risk/reward ratio in Italy seems insurmountable. Yet, the traffic jams, lack of parking, and eight-dollar-a-gallon gas prices outweigh the hazards for many Italians.

On level stretches of paved road outside the cities, e-bikes travel at twenty miles per hour and up to twenty-eight miles per hour with pedal assist. Electric propulsion takes the challenge out of climbing hills and long commutes with a range of over twenty miles on a single, affordable battery charge. In the city, intrepid souls weave through traffic like urban toreadors, beating taxis, busses, and pedestrians as they make package and food deliveries, commute to work, or simply explore the rich art and history of Italian culture.

So, what about Weare? Can the e-bike be a consideration? Many roads support bikers, runners, and walkers for three seasons of the year, and the occasional bike path or ubiquitous snowmobile trails offer off-road experiences. Three-wheeled versions, like the three-wheeled Harley motorcycles, are available for those with waning strength and stability. They say that the styles seen on the streets and in the shops of Italy will arrive in the US in three years.

Perhaps the e-bikes will someday grace the roads and streets of Southern New Hampshire. I saw one yesterday.



Tell Us About: Fathers !

June 16th is Father's Day. Tell us about one of your favorite memories of your Dad. Or tell us what it is like to BE a Dad.

Weare Business Corner



Why We Love Living in New Hampshire

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



Happy Tulips
(Sharon Czarnecki photo)



New Boston Rail Trail
(Sharon Czarnecki photo)



Blue Throated Driftwood
Bird (Joe Czarnecki photo)



White fringetree
(Marlayna Keane photo).



Rare White Lady Slipper
found on a hike
(Vicki Rinne photo)



White fringetree up close
(Marylana Keane photo.)

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, June 11

7 p.m. – Parks and Recreation Commission meeting

Wednesday, June 12

6:30 p.m. – John Stark School Board meeting

7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting

Thursday, June 13

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

7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Monday, June 17

7 p.m. – Board of Selectmen meeting

Tuesday, June 18

6 p.m. – Weare School Board meeting

Wednesday, June 19

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

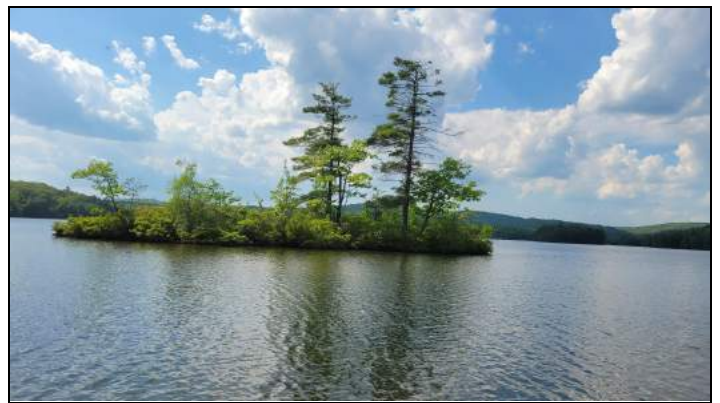
7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting

Friday, June 21

11 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

Saturday, June 24

9:30 a.m. – Weare Republicans meeting



Deering Reservoir (Alyssa Small photo).

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