



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

October 23, 2024

2025 CIP Requests Presented to Board

By Tom Clow

The first step in the budgeting process for the upcoming fiscal year normally begins with department heads presenting their capital requests to the CIP (Capital Improvement Program) committee. The CIP is actually a subcommittee of the Weare Planning Board. This year, there is a bit of a twist. Since all members of the CIP Subcommittee have resigned, requests from Fire Rescue, Police, the Department of Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Commission were presented directly to the Planning Board at its Oct. 10 meeting. Many of these requests will likely appear on the 2025 town warrant, depending on decisions by the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen.

Parks and Recreation

PARC Chair Denise Purington did not present specific requests but spoke of the challenges that have come with the growth of the town, particularly the need for more field space for youth athletic programs and the need to completely replace the tennis courts, which were originally built in 1990. She left the board with the question of hiring a planning group for a study of these needs.

Department of Public Works

DPW Director Jason Fiske presented a request for funding road reconstruction, which includes reclaim on those roads that need complete reconstruction, shim and resurfacing of others and chip sealing. The request for 2025 is \$650,000. Of that amount, \$283,965 is projected to come from N.H. Department of Transportation block grant funding, with the remaining \$366,035 to be raised by taxes.

DPW is also requesting \$280,000 for a 10-wheel plow truck to replace an outdated truck. In the written materials Fiske included with the request, he noted that 10-wheel trucks hold more than six-wheel trucks, resulting in fewer trips back to the salt and sand shed. In addition, DPW is requesting \$175,000 for a roadside mower to replace a 1995 New Holland mower that is inoperable.

For the transfer station, DPW is requesting \$90,000 for a scale to weigh demolition and construction debris. This will resolve the constant issue of the transfer station

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Election Day

Tuesday, Nov. 5

Weare Middle School

7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Click [here](#) for a sample ballot.



**"Talk" To Us
About Thanksgiving**

Deadline: Nov. 8

**weareintheworldnews@
gmail.com**

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charging for this debris by the cubic yard but paying to get rid of it by the ton. This will allow us to charge the same way we pay, Fiske said in his request.

Fire Rescue

Fire Chief Mark Roarick presented department requests with the major item being a new fire truck for \$1.25 million. Funding for the truck will come from the Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund, which comes from ambulance billing services. This must be approved by voters through a warrant article, although there is not a direct tax impact. A second request from Fire Rescue is for a Lucus CPR device to replace two non-serviceable CPR devices. The cost is \$45,000.

Police Department

Chief Christopher Moore presented a request for \$83,660 for a new Chevrolet Tahoe to replace a 2017 Dodge Charger with 111,000 miles and which is in need of a transmission repair, at an estimated cost of \$4,785. Of the total amount requested for the new vehicle, \$16,600 would come from auction vehicle funds and \$16,000 from special detail and dam patrol funds, leaving \$51,060 to be raised by taxes, according to Moore's presentation.

A second request was for \$30,000 to construct a five-bay carport to protect frontline vehicles from the elements and to provide a designated area for the storage of large evidentiary and property items.

A request on behalf of the Public Safety Complex calls for \$35,000 to replace the water filtration system for the entire building. According to material in the request, the system would effectively remove arsenic to meet or exceed EPA standards for potable water and provide spot-free rinse for vehicle washing at the fire station.



School News



Firefighter Chase Patterson visited first grade classrooms on Oct. 10 for **Fire Safety Week**. First graders listened to a Scholastic News article, titled *Hero Gear*. They learned about fire gear and

how it keeps firefighters safe during fires. After listening to the article, they were able to see some real gear in person and ask the firefighter any fire safety questions they had.

This year, Weare firefighters will be visiting second graders on Oct. 31. First, students will learn about fire prevention month with a Scholastic News article *Jumping to the Fire*, and then the firefighters will come to CWES with their fire truck. Students will learn about fire safety and about the different parts and tools on the fire truck. Because this visit will be on Halloween, the firefighters will also teach the second graders about candy safety.



On Oct. 26, WMS will host its third annual Fall Festival from 2-6 p.m. This event features carnival games, vendors and a penny sale! From 4-6 p.m., there is a pumpkin hunt sponsored by the Weare PARC Commission and the PTO Trunk or Treat (see left).



WMS athletes are wrapping up their regular seasons and playoffs start this week.



Myla Bacon takes a shot on the Pelham goalie.

Midfielder Addison Brunini lifts the ball past the defense.



The **JSRHS Girls' Soccer** program collaborated with coaches of the New Hampshire Adaptive Blind Soccer team on Oct. 9. The coaches ran the athletes through a series of drills, such as dribbling, passing and shooting while wearing blindfolds to learn how blind soccer is played. The team would like to thank Coach Kyle and Coach Ara for coming to JSRHS. They are grateful for the start of a wonderful partnership moving forward!



The JSRHS bass fishing team competed at the state qualifier tournament on Sept. 26 on Lake Winnepesaukee. The team placed 20th out of 34 schools entered in the competition. Team members L to R: Connor Boudreau, Jayden Bishop, Eli Marquardt and Ronnie Martin,

Boat Captain, Keith Jensen and Head Coach Robert Mefford.



First graders at CWES started **"Mystery Reader Monday."** Every other Monday, a surprise family member comes into the classroom with a book that they read to the class. When the

mystery reader arrives, first graders are at lunch so the mystery reader is a surprise! The first mystery readers visited Oct. 7 and the hope is to continue throughout the year!

On Oct. 29, the third grade teachers at CWES will hold a **Third Grade Night**. Join us to learn about resources that families can use to help their third grader master the curriculum of third grade. Click [here](#) to see fun resources that will be shared.

The John Stark DECA chapter is working on bringing back the esteemed John Stark **Craft Fair** just in time for the upcoming holiday season! The student organization will be hosting over 60 local vendors, including MLM vendors, crafters, artists, student clubs and community organizations.

The event is taking place at JSRHS on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. There will be food and concessions available for purchase, raffles and a children's activity table. Admission is free, however, donations of non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated, and will earn you a ticket into our gift card raffle! We look forward to seeing you!





L to R: Stage Manager Ellah Adler, Eloisa Osgood, Charlotte Matzke, Emma Guillemette, Quinten Ban, Berkley Newcomb, Ryder Eaton, McKenna Carpentier, Dylan Burke, Kennedy Bauers, Kyle Nichols.

The John Stark Stage Company is busy working on an original musical to be presented on Nov. 15 at 7 p.m., Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 17 at 1 p.m.. *Pockets the Musical* is a new musical written by Robot Teammate, an award-winning improvisation and writing team from L.A. The Stage Company has had the unique experience of working with the writers as the script is being revised, and the honor of being the first to sing these brand new songs. The writing team includes Chris Bramante (originally from Durham) Molly Dworsky, Branson Nejame, Kat Primeau and, John Stark class of 2007 alum, Dave Reynolds.

The show features senior Berkley Newcomb as Bellamina Crumpledunk, the daughter of the strict Duchess Crumpledunk, played by junior Rebecca Scoledge, who decides to become a pickpocket to get the attention of her mother who is suddenly very busy punishing all of the wrongdoers in town. Bellamina's thieving alter ego is named "Pockets" by the crumpet-loving residents of Crumpeton who are suddenly without their important baking tools right before Crumpet Day! When Pockets is recruited by the criminal underground, led by Jim Val Jim, played by sophomore Dylan Burke and Veegan, played by junior Charlotte Matzke, Bellamina inadvertently inspires a revolution against her mother. Hilarity ensues as Bellamina realizes what she's done and attempts to make everything right.

Dave Reynolds and the members of Robot Teammate will be in residency at the high school throughout the month of November sharing their expertise in filmmaking, writing, dance and, of course, improvisation. At the end of the residency there will be a showcase of student work on the evening of November 22nd. Robot Teammate will also be

performing their show where they improvise a musical based on suggestions from the audience on Thursday, Nov. 21. The general public is encouraged to come see one of these exciting, unique performances.

Ticket information will be available on the John Stark website by Nov. 4.



L to R: Berkley Newcomb as Pockets, Rebecca Scoledge as the Duchess, Schuyler Praul & Poem Belanger as Ladies-in-waiting.



Join SAU 24 as a **Paraprofessional** and make a difference in students' lives! Full-time or part-time (12-3 p.m.) positions are available.

- ✓ Support students
 - ✓ Work closely with teachers
 - ✓ Help create a positive, inclusive learning environment
- Apply today and be part of something amazing!



News from Weare Police

Trick or Treat Info

The Town of Weare will be crawling with creepies on Oct. 31 from 5-8 p.m. The Weare Police Department will have extra patrols out and about to enhance safety for all! And, of course, we will be handing out treats and glow necklaces as you lurk about town!



**THE SALEM WITCHCRAFT TRIALS
AND 'MOLDY BREAD':**
A Case Study in Fake News

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1,
6:00 PM**

**WEARE TOWN HALL,
16 NORTH STARK HWY., WEARE
NH**

NEW HAMPSHIRE
humanities THIS EVENT IS MADE POSSIBLE BY A GRANT
FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANITIES

CONTACT HAND IN HAND SENIOR
CENTER FOR MORE INFO: 603-529-4263

Hand in Hand
SENIOR CENTER
& THRIFT SHOP

JOIN
US!

This program will unpack how an explanation was born and cemented in the public imagination during a lurid chapter in American history, the 1692 Salem witchcraft trials. It's a case study in how mass media induces people to buy into "fake news."

Come one, come all and enjoy an evening immersed in "The Salem Witchcraft Trails and 'Moldy Bread:' A Case Study in Fake News." Presenter Margo Burns will take us through how the media in the 1692 witchcraft trials affected the outcomes. This program comes to Weare through a grant from New Hampshire Humanities. It is FREE and open to the public. Refreshments served by its host, Hand in Hand Senior Center, and friends. 603-529-4263.



**2024
Deering Community
Winter Fair**

Held inside of
Deering Community Church
763 Deering Center Rd
Deering NH 03244

**Sat. Nov 30th
10 to 3**

Art and Craft Vendors

Collectible Christmas Decorations

**Big Raffle: Gift card Tree, Wine Basket
\$200.00 Each**

Small Raffle

Food and Drinks

We Are:

By Linda Holbrook

We are the American

Legion Auxiliary.

We are called to serve.

We respect our country and
the service of those who
defend our freedoms.

We are loyal to our United States Constitution and to
those who protect it.

We are humbled by the courage of our veterans and
their families.

We are alone, yet we stand together.

We are daughters, brothers, sisters, mothers and
fathers. We are family.

We are of every color. We are of every faith.

We are of every age.

We are anyone and everyone.

We are citizens.

We live in small towns.

We live in suburbs.

We live in cities.

We work in fields, in factories, warehouses, offices, and
at home.

We are a community. We help one another.

We love our flag and all that it stands for.

We are many. We are one.

We are the American Legion Auxiliary. A Community of
Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families.

We are committed to the ideal: *Service Not Self*.

We want to thank all the people who stepped up and
donated to the Hurricane Milton relief donation drop-off
Sunday at breakfast. It was all greatly appreciated and is
on its way to Florida.



Save Your Spot!

1st Annual American Legion Auxiliary

Holiday Bazaar


Saturday, Dec. 14

There are still vendor spots open. To reserve yours,
contact Martha at mrs.kaloogian@gmail.com or Linda at
lindaholbrook.lh@gmail.com



Exhibitors Workshops Door Prizes

NH ENERGY EXPO

Save Energy Save \$\$\$ 

FREE to Attend!

Bow, Dunbarton, Weare, Pembroke, & Concord Energy Committees

Oct 26 **Bow Memorial School**
9am-2pm

 dunbarton-energy.org

9:30AM
Session 1: **Home Energy Audit Informational Session**
Session 2: **Discover Solar**

10:30AM
Session 1: **Tax Rebates for Solar Skylights**
Session 2: **Energy & Climate Policy in NH & Beyond**


11:30AM
Session 1: **Heating with Pellets**
Session 2: **Heat Pumps & Mini-Splits for Your Home**

12:30PM
Session 1: **NHSaves Button Up: Energy Efficiency**
Session 2: **Solar and Storage 101**

You Could Win!

- Programmable Thermostat
- Energy Efficiency Starter Kit
- Home Energy Monitor
- Energy Audit Gift Certificate
- Free Year of Compost Pickup

Or...
See Website for full list of door prizes!



www.dunbarton-energy.org/energy-expo/

For archived issues of the newsletter, see <https://www.weareintheworldnews.com/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are looking for crew members to help with our production in lighting, stage, sound, props, and fundraising. All help is greatly appreciated.

Contact Julie via text 603-721-9971 or email

Julie1Carpenter@outlook.com

Pack 24 Cub Scout News



By Alyssa Small

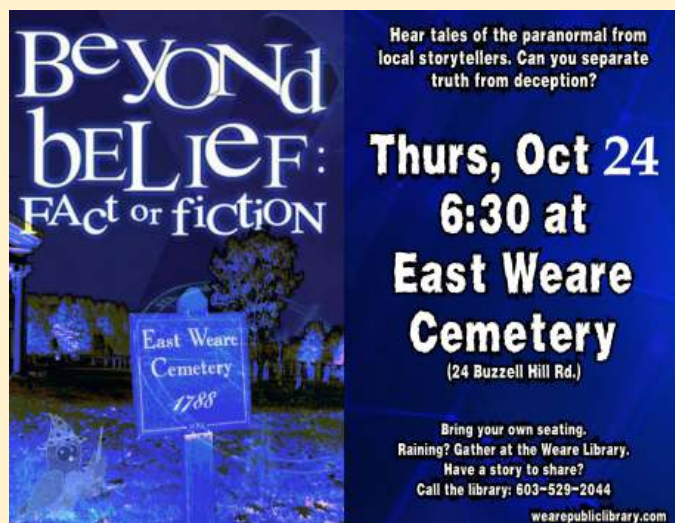
On Oct. 5, the Arrow of Light Patrol of Pack 24 participated in a campout at Camp Carpenter in Manchester. The Scouts played games, learned about fire safety, worked on whittling, read maps, set up camp, and prepared their own meals over the fire. The weather and foliage were lovely!

On Oct. 19, Pack 24 Cub Scouts participated in their annual Cub Mobile race, which is always a popular event. Thanks to J&M Towing for providing the ramp truck!

Scouting for Food will kick off on Nov. 2. Please keep an eye out for the Scouts and fliers in your neighborhood. If you wish to make a donation and have not had a visit by a local Scout, please reach out to the contact below. All donations benefit the Weare Food Pantry. (See page 9).

The Cub Scout program is open to all boys and girls in grades K-5 and the Pack welcomes new members year-round. Den meetings take place every other week. For more information, reach out to Pack 24 Cubmaster Matt Bieler at matthew.bieler.bsa@gmail.com.

Weare Public Library



Beware: Creepy tales of the paranormal are back! Hear from local storytellers. Can you separate fact from fiction? Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m. at the East Weare Cemetery (24 Buzzell Hill Rd). If it's raining, we'll gather at the library. Have a story (true or false) that you'd like to share? Call Cryptid Clay at the library.

WEARE LIBRARY WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

2:30-4 p.m. PokeMondays (kids). Meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card game enthusiasts and win prizes.

TUESDAYS

10:30 a.m. Mother Goose Time (ages 0-2). A new storytime for infants and little ones with simple rhymes, stories, and songs! Afterwards caregivers and children can stay for playtime.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

2:-4:30 p.m. Afterschool Gaming (ages 6-18). Challenge your friends on the Nintendo Switch, PlayStation, and other game systems.

5-6 p.m. Ruff Readers (ages 5-11). Emerging readers read with a visiting therapy dog. Call to sign-up.

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

10:30 a.m.-noon. Baby & Toddler Playgroup (ages 0-3). An informal gathering for young children and caregivers. Books, puzzles, early literacy toys, & music.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Kid's Halloween Party (ages 0-5). Oct. 30 at 10:30 a.m. Not-too-scary stories, activities and refreshments. Costumes encouraged!

Money Matters: Making Smart Money Decisions (adults). Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Are you tired of living paycheck to paycheck? Do you want to develop skills to better manage your money? Join wealth advisor Karen Shapiro, learn tips to stretch that paycheck and take control of your spending (and saving) - in alignment with your goals and values.

Book Group (adults). Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. We're reading and discussing "The Berry Pickers" by Amanda Peters. Call us to reserve your copy.

NOVEMBER IS DINOSAUR MONTH

Dinosaur Storytime (ages 3-5). Nov. 6 at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy stories, movement, songs, and a craft based on your favorite prehistoric reptiles.

Dinosaur Crafts (ages 2+). Nov. 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Dinosaurs vs. Pokemon (kids). Nov. 18 at 2:30 p.m.

T-Rex Tea Party (kids). Nov. 21 at 3:30 p.m. Stories, games, crafts, with tea and a special guest.

Dinosaur Lanterns (ages 10+). Nov. 26 at 2:30 p.m. Call us to register.

For registrations: 603-529-2044.

6th Annual Pie Sale & Penny Raffle!

Fri., Nov.15, 2024

4-7 p.m.

Old Town Hall

\$1 per ticket to bid on gift cards, gift baskets, and more!

Purchase pies for Thanksgiving!

You do not need to be present to win.

Winners will be contacted Friday immediately following the event.

To view sampling of raffle items, go to

<https://wearenhdemocrats.org>

**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

As you drive through the center of Weare, don't forget to stop in at our Thrift Shop to browse around, have a cup of coffee/tea, or join in the activities offered at the Senior Center.

I overheard someone say, "It's important to have a twinkle in your wrinkle." Whether you have a few wrinkles or many, **Hand in Hand Senior Center** will put a twinkle in your wrinkle and a smile on your face.

Wednesdays provide a time to enjoy lunch, socialize after lunch, play cribbage or chess, share craft projects, and hear from people who work in Weare or have something to offer to our population.

Fire Chief Mark Roarick will join us for lunch Wednesday, Oct. 23. Come and ask questions about the workings of the fire department.

Join us Thursday, Oct. 24 at 4 p.m. for movie afternoon. Have a hotdog and popcorn as we watch "ET. The Extra Terrestrial," directed by Steven Spielberg. It's kind of appropriate for Halloween.

Chair yoga continues Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and Yoga 2 on Mondays at 11 a.m.. A new Tai Chi class will begin in January. If you are interested, call the Center (603-529-4263) and leave a message.



The craft for November is a fold and stitch wreath. Your wreath will be charming wherever you display it, and for any season. You can easily imagine it made up in colors for spring, summer and autumn.

This is a fun project. A little stitching, some folding and you'll have an unusual three-dimensional wreath

for a door, wall or table. You need to bring two pieces of $\frac{3}{4}$ yard coordinating materials and a $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of binding. Stop by the center to sign up.

See what's happening Friday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall, sponsored by **Hand in Hand Senior Center**, but open to the whole community. See the announcement on page 5.

Eat


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

Oct. 23: Turkey club sandwich, pasta salad, chips

Oct. 30: Breakfast for lunch! Griddle cakes, bacon, fruit cup.

Nov. 6: Grilled cheese with mozzarella, tomatoes and basil on garlic toast, tomato basil soup, crackers

Coffee, tea, and various desserts are also available.

**WHAT'S IN
THE SHOP?**


50% off all lamps.

Also 50% off Halloween décor and costumes.

Lookin' for Love

By Cathy Bailey

If you'd like to adopt any of the pets pictured here, please complete an adoption [application](#).

Unless otherwise specified, all dogs are house trained, vaccinations are up to date, and they are spayed/neutered and microchipped.

Meet Amos! He is a Boxer and German Shorthaired Pointer mix and is known for being affectionate, athletic, curious, friendly, gentle, loyal, playful, quiet and smart. He is good in a home with dogs, cats and children.



Amos is a beautiful, happy boy who is eager to please, and wants nothing more than your attention and affection. He's a wonderful, healthy, smart, easy-going pup who is good with other dogs and absolutely loves all people.

Amos is crate trained and housetrained - he hasn't had any accidents in his crate or in the house. This beautiful boy is treat motivated, and super smart. He knows "sit" and is eager to learn more commands.

Amos is about six months old and weighs 27 pounds. He is compact and has a lean frame. This precious boy has arrived from South Carolina and is now in New Hampshire. He is available for adoption anywhere in New England.

For more information on these and other dogs visit the adoption [website](#).



Weare Food Pantry

By Sharon Czarnecki

Did you know the Town of Weare has a food pantry? We do. Do you know where it is? 15 Flanders Memorial Road (in the basement of the town office building). But, to access it, you need to go around to the back of the building. To qualify to use the food pantry, you only need to show that you are a resident of the town.

When is it open? One day per month – the second Wednesday. Thus, the next day will be Nov. 13 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Currently, the pantry serves between 10 – 25 families per month. The pantry itself is beautifully organized and the shelves are stocked by volunteer Melissa Boudreau and her family, as well as additional volunteers when needed. Boudreau has been doing this work since 2018 and loves the chance to give back to the community she is so attached to. She comments that one of the things that makes Weare special is that “People here step up when they are needed.”

The food pantry has had many locations in the past, which is always quite nerve wracking, since each new space has to be outfitted and those who are served need to find the new locations. Thankfully, it appears the pantry now has a permanent location in the basement of the town office building. Many folks who work at the town hall volunteered their time to clean, organize, and stock this location.



The pantry offers canned goods and can also handle frozen items. It can even take deliveries from places like Amazon, Sam's Club and BJ's. When ordering, just specify that the order is to go to 15 Flanders Memorial Road, C/O Weare Food Pantry. You will also need to indicate that the delivery is to a business and needs to arrive

between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., and the driver needs to check in with the town office upon arrival.

In addition to meeting the ordinary food needs of the population, the pantry provides special baskets at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please try to let them know early if you, or someone you know, may be in need of one of these baskets. (Local businesses and organizations pitch in to make these baskets happen so that no one is left out.)

Although the shelves are carefully labeled, many of them are empty. *Weare in the World* will try to let readers know of the most pressing needs at least once a month. Currently, the pantry is looking for: peanut butter, cereal, tuna, pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, Chef Boyardee, Spaghettios, canned fruit, soups and Hormel Completes. Boudreau explained that some of the families do not have the means to cook regular meals and only have access to microwaves.

So, how do you get in touch? Foodpantry@weare.nh.gov, Facebook, or call the town office at 603-529-2470. Just let them know you would like to get food and you will be provided with a shopping list and your order will be available curbside – a service started during COVID and continuing at this time.



Looking for Something to Do?

Compiled by Sharon Czarnecki



Ace Hardware

5 Depot Street, Goffstown
603-497-2682 [website](http://www.acehardware.com)

10/26 * 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Chili Cookoff



AG Paintball

603-529-3524 www.agpaintball.com

10/26 & 27 * NEPL 10 Man Tournament
11/2 * Customer Appreciation Day



56 Mt. Vernon St. Milford
(603) 672-1002 x38
<https://amatocenter.org>

10/27 * 6:30-8:30 p.m. Auditions for “Newsies”

10/28 * 6:30-8:30 p.m. Auditions for “Newsies”

11/1 & 2 * 7:30 p.m. Beetlejuice – Musical

11/2 & 3 * 2:30 p.m. Beetlejuice – Musical



American Legion Post 65

12 North Stark Highway, Weare
603-529-2722 www.wearepost65.org

10/27 * 8-11 a.m. American Legion Breakfast
Auxiliary Bake Sale

11/3 * 8-11 a.m. Final American Legion Breakfast
of the Season until Spring

12/14 * 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. 1st Annual Auxiliary Holiday Bazaar

12/14 * 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Crafts with Mrs. Claus & friends



Capitol Center for the Arts

603) 225-1111

www.ccanh.com

Bank of NH Stage 16 S. Main St * Concord

10/25 * 7:30 p.m. Tony Yazbeck – Song & Dance

10/26 * 4 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Murder Mystery Company
Death of a Gangster

11/1 * 8 p.m. Moon Walker - Music

11/2 * 7 p.m. Ranger Zone – Stand Up Comedy

11/3 * 6 p.m. Charlie Chronopoulos – Folk Singer

11/6 * 6 p.m. Highway to the RangerZone Open Mic

11/8 * 8 p.m. Addison Chase & Lucas Gallo – Singers

11/9 * 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. Beyond the Fantasy – Ski Film

11/14 * 7:30 p.m. Christopher Paul Stelling – Singer



Concord City Auditorium

2 Prince St, Concord

(603) 228-2793 www.theaudi.org

10/30 * 7:30 p.m. "Faith in the Seed" with Thoreau
Piano, Violin, Cello Trio (Walker Series) Free

11/2 * 7:30 p.m. Brothers Four - Legendary Voices From
Great American Folk Revival

11/6 * 7:30 p.m. A Visit to New Zealand
(Walker Series) Travelogue – Free

11/22 & 23 * 7:30 p.m. Bye Bye Birdie - A Musical
also **11/24** * 2 p.m.



Currier Museum of Art

150 Ash St. Manchester

603-669/-6144 www.currier.org

NOTE: Our library has discount passes!

(Registration required for some events. Check website.)

Until 12/31 * 9:30 a.m. * 12 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

[Frank Lloyd Wright Home Tours](#)

EXHIBITS

Until 11/3 "Stories of the Sea" Van Gogh & Wyeth

Until 2/2 "Impressions of the Human Spirit" Dan Dailey

Until 2/16 "Construction & Color" Olga de Amaral

Classes and Workshops Registration required.

10/23 * 10:30 a.m. Acrylics: The Basics

Cost range is \$180 to \$280 for non-members

Scholarships – Full or partial tuition on a needs basis



Deering NH – Town of

762 Deering Center Rd. Deering

603.464.3248 www.deering.nh.us/

Deering Pavilion 763 Deering Center Rd. Deering,

11/9 * 9-11 a.m. Free Deering community breakfast



Deering Community Church

763 Deering Center Road

603.464.5643 [Facebook](#)

11/6 * Noon: Guild Meeting. All women welcome.



Dunbarton Garden Club

Dunbarton Town Hall, 1004 School St.

DGC03046@gmail.com

www.dunbartongardenclub.org

11/11 * 6:30 p.m. Birdscaping: Landscaping for the Birds
with Master Gardener Ruth Droscher.



Fuller Public Library

29 School St. Hillsborough

603.464.3595 www.fullerlibrary.info

American Legion, 538 W Main St, Hillsboro

10/26 * 6 p.m. Halloween Bash age 21 Plus \$20

10/26 * 10 a.m. Mighty Monarch Butterflies - Lecture

10/31 * 5-7 p.m. Trick or Treat at the Library

11/1 * 1 p.m. Tea & Conversation Adults

11/5 & 11 * Library Closed

11/12 * 1-2 p.m. How to Days – Felt Snowmen Pins

10/28 & 11/4 * 2 p.m. Tech Help

10/28 & 11/4 * 1 p.m. Knitting Purls

11/7,12,14 * 10 a.m. Storytime

10/31 & 11/7,14 * 1 p.m. Board Games – Adults

American Legion, 538 W Main St, Hillsboro

10/26 * 6 p.m. Halloween Bash age 21 Plus \$20

Grimes Field * 28 Preston St * Hillsboro

10/28 * 5:30 p.m. Adult Co-Ed Soccer (18 plus)

10/28 * 5:30 p.m. Adult Pickleball

Smith Cong. Church * 30 West Main St. * Hillsboro

10/26 * 7 p.m. Open Door Acoustic Music

10/28 & 11/4,11 * 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

Grapevine Center * 4 Aiken St. * Antrim

10/31 & 11/7,14 * 10 a.m. Families Out & About

11/14 * 5 p.m. Tasty Thursday Community Dinner

Hillsboro Deering Middle School 6 Hillcat Dr.

10/31 * 5 p.m. Trunk or Treat

Grapevine Center, 4 Aiken St, Antrim

11/1, 8, 15 * 6 a.m. - noon Online Auction



Hampshire Hills Athletic Club

50 Emerson Rd Milford

603-673-7123 www.hampshirehills.com

10/30 * 5-6:30 p.m. Family Bingo Night

11/16 * 7 p.m. Midnight at the Masquerade - A Murder
Mystery (Buffet & Cash Bar) Tickets online.



Henniker Brewing Co.

129 Centervale Rd., Henniker

(603) 428-3579 www.hennikerbrewing.com

10/25 * 6-8 p.m. DUSTOFF West Coast IPA

Iberian Empanadas

10/26 * 5-7 p.m. Music: Kilroy – Alternative Rock

* noon-7 p.m.

Blue Nose Pitmasters

10/27 * noon-4 p.m.

Imposter's Kitchen

10/31 * 6 p.m.

Trivia

3-7 p.m.

Teenie Wienies

10/31 * 5-8 p.m.

Trunk or Treat

11/1 * 1-7 p.m.

Patti's Pizza Pies

11/2 * 3-5 p.m.

Music: Kerry Coffin

* 1-7 p.m.

Bewitchin Kitchen

11/7 * 6 p.m.

Trivia

- * 4-8 p.m. **Tommy's Wood Fired Pizza**
11/9 * 3-5 p.m. Music: Ben Harris
 * Noon-7 p.m. **Za Dude Pizza Pop-Up**
11/10 * 1-6 p.m. **Patti's Pizza Pies**
11/14 * 4-8 p.m. **Tommy's Wood Fired Pizza**

129 Centervale Rd, Henniker, NH 03242

- 11/3** * 10 a.m. [Hugs From Vets 10K Trail Race](#)
 * noon-6 p.m. **MC Street Eats**



Hillsboro Moose Lodge
 15 School St. Hillsborough
 603-464-6024 [Facebook](#)

- 10/27 & 11/3,10** * 12:30 p.m. Cribbage



2 Institute Drive,
 Concord
 (603) 271-7827x113
www.starhop.com

(Open Wed – Sun * 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

- 10/27** * 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Family Fest
11/1 * 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Planets Around Other Stars...Really? With John Gianforte, UNH Observatory



1 Central Wharf, Boston * MA 02110
 617-973-5206 www.neaq.org

NOTE: Our library has discount passes!!

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 & Ray Touch Tank & More

Now showing at Simons Theater:

Animal Kingdom (3D)
 Ocean Paradise (3D)
 Secrets of the Sea (3D)



NH Audubon
 84 Silk Farm Rd., Concord
 602-224-9909 NHAudubon.org

(Note: Registration Required shown in **Green**)
 (Wed. – Sat. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

The McLane Center 84 Silk Farm Road * Concord

- 10/25** * 5:15-9 p.m. **Enchanted Forest**
 Halloween Event
10/26 * 4-8 p.m. As above
11/15 * 6:30-8 p.m. **Stokes Guide to Finches**
Brockway Nature Preserve
Farrington Corner Road, Hopkinton NH
10/25 * 8:30-10 a.m. Birding Outing
11/6 * 10-10:45 a.m. **Brockaway Wee Explorers**
 Ages 3-5



Night Owl Quilting Studio
 4 Main St. Goffstown
 603-384-2557 www.nightowlquiltingstudio.com

- 11/8** * 5:30 p.m. Bingo \$25 pp
11/13 * 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sit & Sew
 Registration Required for both.



(603) 668-5588
www.palacetheatre.org/calendar

Main Stage – 80 Hanover St. Manchester

(Children or Youth Theater Shown in **Bold**)

- 10/11 & 12** * 7:30 p.m. Bruce in the USA-
 Tribute to Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band
10/18 & 19 * 7:30 p.m. Jersey Boys – Four Seasons Trib.
10/19 & 20 * 2 p.m. Jersey Boys – Four Seasons Trib.

Rex Theatre - 23 Amherst St. * Manchester

- 10/10** * 1 & 7:30 p.m. Amy Helm and Band/concert
10/11 * 7:30 p.m. Roger Kabler/comedy
 The Robin Williams Experience
10/12 * 7:30 p.m. Calamari Sisters - Song, Dance, Food
10/13 * 2 p.m. The Calamari Sisters
10/15 * 7 p.m. **PTC Cabaret** - Musical
10/18 * 7:30 p.m. Robert Dubac's Stand Up Jesus:
 Blessed Be the Punchlines/comedy
10/19 * 7:30 p.m. Souled Out Show/band
10/20 * 2 p.m. The Freese Brothers/big band
10/22 & 23 * 7 p.m. **The Tempest**/play



Pat's Peak
 686 Flanders Road, Henniker, NH
 603-428-3245 www.patspeak.com

- 11/3** * 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Oktoberfest - Games, Food,
 Music, Ski and Snowboard Sale



Poetry Readings
 (Various)

For our interested poets:

[First Unitarian Universalist Society of Exeter 12 Elm St](http://www.exeteruu.org)
www.exeteruu.org 603- 772-4002

See website for events.

[Frost Farm Poetry 122 Rockingham Rd * Derry](http://www.frostfarmpoetry.org)
www.frostfarmpoetry.org 603-432-309/1

See website for events.

[Bookery Manchester * 844 Elm Street](http://www.bookerymht.com/open-mic-night)
www.bookerymht.com/open-mic-night
 603 836-6600



200 Bedford, St. Manchester
 (603) 669-0400 [website](#)

NOTE: Our library has discount passes!!

Manchester City Library 405 Pinel St. Manchester

- 11/13** * 6 p.m. Who Sank the Boat?
 Registration required. See website



Southern NH University Arena
555 Elm St. Manchester 603-644-5000
www.snhuarena.com/events

10/26 * 7:30 p.m. Sarah McLachlan /Singer Songwriter
11/2 * 7:30 p.m. Duran Duran /Pop Band
11/6 * 7:30 p.m. Dyamite & Rampage /Wrestling
11/9 * 6 p.m. Combat Zone 86 /Martial Arts



23 Science Center Road Holderness, NH
(603) 9/68-719/4 www.nhnature.org
NOTE: Our library has discount passes!

Now open Saturdays & Sundays in November
10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with the last admission at 2 p.m.
Until 11/1* [Dinosaurs Return](#) Life-size* animatronics



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

10/25 * 6:30-9:30 p.m. The Duo – Music
10/27 * 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunset Rhythm
11/1 * 7-10 p.m. Nefarious Motives Halloween Party
11/12 * 6 p.m. Science on Tap



Weare Food Pantry
15 Flanders Memorial Rd.
603-529-2470 [Facebook](#)
foodpantry@weare.nh.gov

Wednesdays * 4:30-6 p.m.
11/20 * Thanksgiving Day Basket Pickup. Signup req.



White Birch Community Center
51 Hall Ave * Henniker
(603) 428-7860 [Weekly Newsletter](#)

Programs are FREE unless listed in [blue](#). Please RSVP
rustyg@whitebirchcc.org.

10/25,29,& 11/1,5,8,12 * 9:30 a.m. Bone Builders
10/25 & 11/1,8 * 1 p.m. Cribbage
10/25 & 11/1,8 * 12 p.m. [Forever Young Fitness](#)
10/28,31 & 11/4, 7,11,14 * 10 a.m. Bone Builders
10/28,30 & 11/4,6,11,13 * 1 p.m. Bridge
10/29 & 11/5,12 * 10:45 a.m. [Gentle Chair Yoga](#)
10/29 & 11/5,12 * 11 a.m. Game Hour
10/29 & 11/5,12 * 1 p.m. Mah Jongg
10/30 & 11/6,13 * 8:30 a.m. [Tai Chi strength-balance](#)
10/30 & 11/6,13 * 10 a.m. Knit Wits knitting group
10/30 * 10 a.m. GVNA Foot Care Clinic
10/30 * 8:45 a.m. Breakfast at Intervale Pancake Hse
10/30 * 10 a.m. Cornerstone Quilters
10/31 * 9:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Trip [Woodworks at Lakeside Farm](#)
10/31 & 11/7,14 * 8:45 a.m. [Gentle Yoga](#)
11/1 * 12 p.m. Lunch Bunch at Sonny's
11/5 * 1 p.m. Movie – Twisters
11/6 * 1-2 p.m. Team Trivia
11/7 * 9:20 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Trip [The Brook Gaming & Casino](#)
11/13 * 10:30 a.m. Creative Handworkers



POETRY CORNER

Mist Rising

Panorama scene
from the meadow,
lofty evergreens
pines, hemlocks, and ash
rising up hillside,
layer upon layer,
like a sports arena,

sky, a troubled jumble
of grey and darker
grey clouds, oozing
wetness to earth's floor,

mist rises amid
trees like smoky spirals,
dressed in chiffon,
dancing in the distance,
moving in line with
air currents,

mist gathers into
unidentified
clumps of clouds
as air currents change,

mist scatters again
into dancing spirits
with slow tempo
encouraging clouds
to dissipate, let
rays of sun shine down.

-Marge Burke

Awesome Autumn

I fell for fall,
golden glow of
sun shining through
trees,
wind rustling through
trees,
warm color palette of
trees,

leaves like gliders
float freely
with wind currents,
water wiggles around
river rocks,

I fell for fall
soul satisfying
in all its splendor.

-Marge Burke



Asked and Answered **Fall and Halloween**



Halloween in Goffstown
(Marlayna Keane photo).

Seen on Horace Lake
(David Collins photo).



Tell Us About:

Thanksgiving!

Our next issue is the one before this Holiday. Tell us whatever you want to

About it. How you celebrate, what you are grateful for, or even send us pictures of favorite dishes, decorations, or celebrating with family & pets.



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Land clearing/utility line clearing company. Experienced tree climber.

Full time with plenty of overtime. Hours are 6 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Chainsaw experience needed. Full benefits package! Paid holidays, paid vacations, boot allowance, dental/medical. To apply, call Kelly Wingren at 603-529-7974.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, Oct. 22

7 p.m. – Finance Committee meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 23

7 p.m. – Energy Commission meeting

Thursday, Oct. 24

7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Saturday, Oct. 26

9:30 a.m. – Weare Republicans meeting

Monday, Oct. 28

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

Friday, Nov. 1

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

Monday, Nov. 4

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

Tuesday, Nov. 5

6 p.m. – Zoning Board meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 6

6 p.m. – Mildred Hall Advisory Committee meeting

7 p.m. – Master Plan Subcommittee meeting

Thursday, Nov. 7

6:30 p.m. – Cemetery Advisory Committee meeting

7 p.m. – Public Library Trustees meeting

Monday, Nov. 11

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

Tuesday, Nov. 12

7 p.m. – Finance Committee meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 13

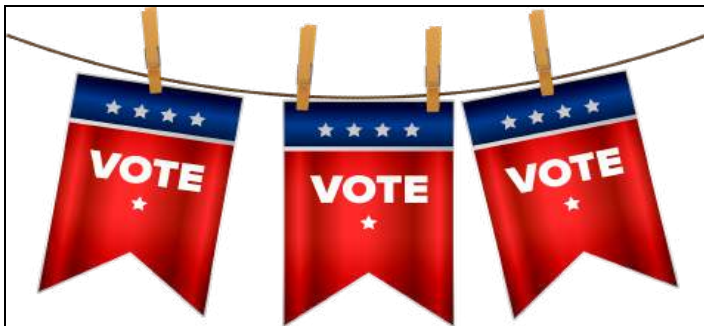
6 p.m. – John Stark School Board meeting

7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting

7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting



By Terri Trier of Trier Photography.



Editor's Note:

In this special section of Weare in the World, we feature the candidates for N.H. State Representative in Districts 28 and 44, and for N.H. State Senate in District 8. We developed the following surveys and sent them to all candidates. They were given a word limit and surveys were lightly edited only for style and mechanics. The views expressed belong to the individual candidates. We hope you find them informative.

-Karen Lovett, Editor

Absentee Voting

By Bev Cotton

The best information about absentee voting can be obtained on the N.H. Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sos.nh.gov/elections/absentee-ballots> or at our Town Clerk's office.

You can vote absentee in any election if you are unable to vote in person because of one of these reasons:

- You will be out of town on election day
- You have a religious observance that prevents you from voting in person
- You have a physical disability or illness that prevents you from voting in person
- You have an employment commitment or must care for an adult or child during the entire time polls are open
- You are confined in a penal institution for a conviction of a misdemeanor or while awaiting trial
- You are a member of the Attorney General's Address Confidentiality Program or are protected by a Domestic Violence Protective Order
- The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm, blizzard, or ice storm warning for your town/ ward for election day, and you have concerns about safely traveling in the storm.

You must complete an application for an absentee ballot (a necessary step). This can be obtained by download from the SoS website OR from your town

clerk. **The deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail is 12:00 p.m. the day before the election. The deadline to request in person is 5:00 p.m. the day before the election.**

Completed absentee ballots must be returned to your local clerk by mail or in person.

Deadline by mail: 5 p.m. on election day.

Deadline in person: 5 p.m. the day before the election.

Please direct any questions to our Town Clerk.

Public Notice/Legal Notice

Town of Weare NH Voter Registration

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on **Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024, from 6 - 6:30 p.m.** (and for extended hours at the discretion of the Supervisors) at the Town Clerk's Office, 15 Flanders Memorial Rd, for corrections to the checklist. Voters wishing to register or registered voters wishing to change their record may do so at this meeting. **RSA 669:5**

This is the last session to register to vote at the Town Clerk's office. Unregistered voters may register to vote at the polls on election day.

Any person with a disability who wishes to attend this public meeting and needs to be provided a reasonable accommodation in order to participate should call the Town Office at 529-7527 at least 24 hours in advance so that arrangements can be made.



Meet the Candidates

N.H. State Representative Hillsborough County, District 28 (Weare)



Name: Travis Corcoran
Political Party: Republican
Residence: 11 years in Weare
Occupation: Engineer
Contact: tjic2020@gmail.com

1. What are your community involvements and affiliations? I have served on the town finance committee, currently serve on the town zoning board of adjustment and currently serve in the N.H. State House.

2. Identify the top three issues you feel most strongly about and how you would address them if elected.

1. Corruption. 2. Budgets. 3. Individual freedom.

Regarding corruption, we've all seen firsthand what happens when politicians and government employees blatantly break laws, illegally authorize spending without approval, falsify documents and invent illegal "classification" schemes to hide information from the public. This happens at every level of government, from town to federal. As a state rep, I have introduced legislation that would increase transparency by mandating that various state and town departments publish public information, so that citizens can easily browse it without having to engage in a laborious process of begging, hat-in-hand, for information that already belongs to them (and likely encountering run-arounds, arbitrary denials and hostility). These bills have not yet passed, but I intend to push harder, and with more allies, so that New Hampshire's laws might, in the future, provide more sunlight to clear up a real problem.

Regarding budgets, every family in Weare deserves to keep more of what they earn. Too much of the state budget is wasted. In my first term, I voted against every tax increase, and I pledge to do so again in the future. I have already introduced a bill to remedy the unfair tax law that charges no income tax to most citizens... EXCEPT for small business owners (if you're a one-person bookkeeper or run a dog-grooming business, you know that the state will levy the New Hampshire business tax on you. This has to end!)

Regarding individual freedom: New Hampshire's state motto is "live free or die," not "let the nanny state or unelected bureaucrats decide what's best." There are two ways to accomplish this, as a state legislator: voting

on bills and intervening with the state bureaucracy on behalf of constituents. My record of voting for freedom speaks for itself, with my A+ rating from New Hampshire Liberty Alliance. I've also advocated for Weare citizens by calling up various government agencies and demanding answers, everything from getting to the bottom of one constituent's overly-high RV tax assessment to another constituent's business getting unfairly removed from the state police list of approved vendors. When I meet constituents, I always tell them "my personal email address is on the state website. If you ever need help dealing with a state bureaucracy, get in touch, and I will call them and fight on your behalf."

3. What experience do you have working well with those who have opposing views, and what examples can you provide of successful political compromise?

Over my first term as a state rep, I have reached out time and again to legislators across the aisle proposing compromise legislation that would achieve goals that we have in common, addressing everything from the student loan crisis, to free speech issues, to housing. I've invited one of my vociferous political opponents in town to have coffee so I could hear her concerns, and another town citizen who basically disagrees with me on everything emailed me on an issue, and when I replied at length engaging with her issues, she said, "I mailed all four of my state reps, and you're the only one who responded."



Name: Luke Drake
Political Party: Democrat
Residence: 28 years in Weare
Occupation: Retired FAA System Specialist and Regional VP for the Professional Aviation Safety Specialist
Contact: lukeforNH@gmail.com

1. What are your community involvements and affiliations? School Board Moderator, Weare (current, multiple terms). School Board Moderator, John Stark (current, multiple terms). Ethics Committee, Chair (current- first term). Agricultural Commission (previous position). American Legion Post-65 (Weare).

2. Identify the top three issues you feel most strongly about and how you would address them if elected.

Public education. Funding for our public education system has been hijacked by ideologues looking to defund or privatize all public education. I would vote to curtail or eliminate the school voucher plan as it exists. I would strongly advocate that the state place qualified education professionals in top positions in the

education department. I would support all efforts to improve our schools, and that means paying teachers and staff commensurate with the value we place on the work they do for our community. Our future economy, technical advancement, and national security depend on quality public education.

Access to affordable housing and childcare for all families. In today's NH economy workers struggle to find jobs that will afford them access to housing. With the median house price over \$450,000 but the per capita income well below \$50,000 many (particularly new workforce members) are priced out of the housing market. I will promote legislation to raise the minimum wage, and to limit cooperate profiteering in the housing and rental markets.

Protect citizens rights to personal choice on private issues- Whether the issue is a woman's right to self-determination in all aspects of their health care, or an adult's choice to consume cannabis, I believe the State has no business in self-determination. I will support codifying these rights through legislation and will vigorously oppose any state intervention or unreasonable limitations or delays on access.

3. What experience do you have working well with those who have opposing views, and what examples can you provide of successful political compromise?

I have held a national level Union representative position covering federal employees in 22 states including NH. I am a trained Facilitator, Mediator, and Arbitration advocate. I have decades of experience working with Local, State, and National leadership to effect positive change for those who elected me. I deeply understand the need to compromise when necessary while standing firm on core values. I believe the key to successfully working with anyone starts with mutual respect, and with the sincere desire to understand all perspectives. I strongly believe that civility must be restored to public discourse. All parties have inherent dignity and the right to have their positions aired and understood. At the end of the day, majority rule in voting must be respected, and supported. It's ok to disagree, but it's not ok to denigrate.



Name: Keith Erf

Political Party: Republican

Residence:: 43 years in Weare.

Occupation: Business

Contact: 603-529-6608

KeithErf@leg.state.nh.us; Keith.Erf.H2@kytek.com

Facebook: @KeithErf.NH.State.Rep keitherf.com

1. What are your community involvements and affiliations? My wife and I have lived in Weare for over 40 years, raised four children here and have been involved in many local and school organizations. I formerly served on the Weare Finance Committee and have served as a New Hampshire State Representative from Weare since January 2019.

2. Identify the top three issues you feel most strongly about and how you would address them if elected.

For the past two terms, I have worked to get privacy protections for the information people provide to businesses, such as phone companies, internet service providers, social media services and banks, as a byproduct of their relationship with these companies. This includes name, date of birth, social security number, address, employment history, credit history and so on. While this information may be necessary to the business to confirm the relationship, the business should be prevented from marketing this information without the consent of the individual. Specifically, the bill states, "An individual shall have a reasonable expectation of privacy in personal information, including content and usage, given to or held by third party providers of information and services, and not available to the public." While this bill has passed the House in each term, the Senate has prevented its passage. I intend to work more closely with the Senate in an effort to put these privacy protections into law.

As current Vice Chair of the Finance Committee and previous Vice Chair of the Health and Human Services subcommittee of the Finance Committee, I have worked on limiting the growth of government spending. Unfortunately, given the current makeup of the legislature, while spending increased 1.4% during the 2021-2022 term, it ballooned 11.1% during the current term. Over this same time period, large amounts of federal dollars flowed into the state during the COVID emergency, much of it into the Department of Health and Human Services. While this was intended to be used for one-time needs, much of it was spent on ongoing operations, which will further exacerbate the Department of Health and Human Services budget growth. This flood of federal dollars will be gone in the coming term and I will look to find cost savings in the budget to bring it in line with inflation and population growth.

I strongly support parental rights in education, healthcare and other areas of a child's development. We passed one law forbidding the prohibition of parental notification and involvement in critical decisions affecting a student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being. We passed another law

making it state policy to support equal parenting time when marriages dissolve. I supported both of these and will continue to provide strong support for parent's rights as they are responsible for the upbringing of their children.

3. What experience do you have working well with those who have opposing views, and what examples can you provide of successful political compromise?

This past year, I worked with Democrats on the Finance Committee and the Department of Health and Human Services' Medicaid Director on an overhaul of Medicaid rates. This includes the rates for nursing homes, home health services, mental health centers, substance use disorder, emergency medical services and others. There was a need to address the workforce shortages facing the Medicaid program that impact access to care and the integrity of healthcare providers. We also needed to address the inconsistencies in rates across the service types based on their needs and accurate data. At the same time we worked to find savings in other areas of the budget to offset some of these increases. The results became law as part of the budget passed in 2023.



Name: David Erikson

Political Party: Democratic

Residence: 44 years in Weare.

Occupation: Retired/part-time carpentry and repairs

Contact: daviderikson4NH2@gmail.com
603-529-2295

1. What are your community involvements and affiliations? Weare Energy Commission. Joseph Stone Memorial Fund. Taught fifth grade science and social studies at WMS. Weare/Henniker Friends (Quaker) Meeting in Concord. In the past: Solid Waste Committee and Planning Board.

2. Identify the top three issues you feel most strongly about and how you would address them if elected.

A. Cost of Living. Inflation is now under control and the price of fuel is down, but housing and child care are unaffordable for many. Democrats introduced legislation making it easier to rent out Accessory Dwelling Units (sometimes called mother-in-law apartments) but didn't get through the Republicans' veto. I will promote more incentives for building affordable housing instead of large, upscale homes. I join the Democratic Party in supporting food assistance programs for those who meet the criteria, and more housing assistance. To lower local property taxes, the

legislature needs to stop diverting money from public schools to vouchers. According to the New Hampshire constitution, no taxpayer money can legally go to religious schools, but Republican vouchers do just that. Most of the people who apply for the vouchers already were going to private or religious schools or home schooling. The approximately \$5,000 for each student is not enough to allow an average low-income family to afford to have new school choice. I would support vouchers for home schooling if there was oversight over the quality of the education. There isn't accountability for home schooling or the private schools either. Republicans clearly want to have vouchers for high-income families and keep raising the income threshold. Also, once a family meets the income guidelines, they can stay in no matter how much they earn in later years. The statewide property tax must be distributed evenly, not held by wealthier towns. The state's only tax on the wealthy, the interest and dividends tax, should not be eliminated as Republicans have done. They pretend to cut taxes, but in fact make average people pay more. Another downshifting has been the failure to fund pension funds for town workers so, again property tax payers have picked up the tab.

B. Health care, including fertility and women's health care. I support funding for women's health through clinics such as Planned Parenthood, which have provided important preventive screenings and birth control. Republicans have voted down funding for these clinics year after year. Women must have access to family planning, IVF and abortion so they are able to choose when to be pregnant in order to be fully equal citizens. I support the Affordable Care Act as an important stop gap, but I do not favor the for-profit health care system as a long-term solution. Every other developed nation does it better for less.

C. Democracy and voting. The Republican party of 20 years ago hardly exists today. Now extremists have taken over and intentional lies have replaced legitimate differences of opinion. Elections in New Hampshire have been accurate and efficient and yet our two current representatives say, with no evidence, that there has been widespread fraud. We need to support election workers and make sure they are not threatened or intimidated.

3. What experience do you have working well with those who have opposing views, and what examples can you provide of successful political compromise?

I worked with our Select Board and Town Administrator to spearhead the formation of Weare's new Energy Commission. The board was not initially enthusiastic, but we worked together well to get the

Commission established. As a public school woodshop, science and social studies teacher for 15 years, I worked with people of all parties as coworkers, administrators, other union members and paraprofessionals who I guided. respected everyone and discussed differing opinions in an open and respectful way. If elected I will work with people with a range of views to develop solutions and compromise to get things done. I now also get along with my ex-wife.

N.H. State Representative Hillsborough County District 44 (Weare/Goffstown)



Name: Ross Berry
Political Party: Republican
Residence: One year in Weare
Occupation: Childcare
Contact: (603) 803-3448 (text/call)
Ross@BerryForNH.com

1. What are your community involvements and affiliations? Most importantly, I am raising my family here with my wife and child. I sit on the board of the Elliot Perry Foundation, which focuses on helping families with children at CHaD in Lebanon and underserved youth in Greater Manchester.

2. Identify the top three issues you feel most strongly about and how you would address them if elected.

1. Property taxes. Property taxes have continued to rise as government spending and inflation has compounded to hurt homeowners. I will focus on bringing transparency to the process, return state surpluses directly to the residential property taxpayers, and prohibit low-turnout elections from passing policies that cripple working families and retirees.

2. Cost of childcare. The cost of childcare is directly tied to the over-regulation of the industry (over 100 pages of regulations) and the tight labor market. I will work to bring these costs down so that families are not choosing between working or being forced to stay home to care for their children.

3. Educational opportunities for all. I believe that your zip code and your family's income should not dictate the educational outcome of your child. Every family in New Hampshire deserves an excellent education. I believe parents should be in charge of the educational decisions of their children, not the state or the parents' personal finances. Power to the parents!

3. What experience do you have working well with those who have opposing views, and what examples can you provide of successful political compromise?

As a former State Representative, I co-sponsored many bills with the other side. While things may seem tumultuous in the media, the two sides actually can and do work well together at times. The trick is finding the areas you can agree on and work on this. Obviously there are areas where we do not and we will have our battles there but the trick is to not let an area where disagreement occurs spill into an area where cooperation is possible. There are two expressions that I always remind myself of: "Neither side has a monopoly on good ideas" and "Don't let someone you don't like saying something you might agree with stop you from agreeing with them."



Name: Eric Emmerling
Political Party: Democrat
Residence: I've owned a home in Goffstown for 41 years.
Occupation: Retired. Former New England College Administrator, award-winning journalist, Program Coordinator for CareGivers, Inc.

Contact: f.eric.emmerling@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/WhatsRight4Goffstown/>

1. What are your community involvements and affiliations? I serve on the Goffstown Parks and Recreation Committee. I serve as a poll worker. I volunteer at my granddaughter's school. While employed as a journalist (Neighborhood News, New Hampshire Union Leader) it was unethical to be involved in community politics. I retired in 2021.

2. Identify the top three issues you feel most strongly about and how you would address them if elected.

1. Compel the state to increase funding to ensure a high-quality public-education system for everyone with no need for school vouchers. 2. Take steps to ensure affordable housing exists in Weare and Goffstown for working families. 3. Mandate a living minimum wage because it's simply immoral for a full-time worker to live in poverty.

3. What experience do you have working well with those who have opposing views, and what examples can you provide of successful political compromise?

As a college administrator, I trained residential life staff leadership skills, conflict resolution, group dynamics and communication techniques. As a journalist, I employed active listening skills and empathy when interviewing in order to draw out all sides of an issue. At CareGivers, I wrote scores of grant requests in order to expand our program and its offerings.



Name: Lisa Mazur

Political Party: Republican

Residence:: I have lived in both Weare and Goffstown over the past 22 years with my husband.

Occupation: Venue Operations Director

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1. What are your community involvements and affiliations? Elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives (District 44 | Goffstown & Weare) for the 2022-2024 term. Elected to the Goffstown Public Library Board of Trustees in March 2024. Active in the Goffstown and Weare Republican Committees. Volunteer with the Glen Lake swim events.

2. Identify the top three issues you feel most strongly about and how you would address them if elected.

Economy/inflation. I mentioned it in this same survey two years ago and, sadly, it is still a top issue in our state and country today. Our federal government is continuing to spend and send money abroad while our own citizens are suffering economically. These past four years have been a huge struggle for many, and the impact of bad leadership and financial irresponsibility is affecting all of us. I will work to protect our New Hampshire advantage, make the Granite State more affordable for middle-class families and reduce the regulatory and tax burdens for our businesses. I will never vote for an income or sales tax to be imposed in New Hampshire and support legislation that protects our state from federal overreach and preserves our "Live Free or Die" way of life. I will support public policies that make energy more affordable for families and businesses too.

Safety. Our current administration's open border policies have led to an exponential increase of illegal crossings at our northern and southern borders. These policies have led to drugs and criminals continuing to flow into our state. As a legal immigrant myself, I will work to support legislation that blocks sanctuary cities in New Hampshire, makes sure that our law enforcement officers have the resources and support they need to keep criminals off our streets and ensures New Hampshire is the safest state in the nation.

Protect ALL constitutional rights of ALL citizens. From free speech to firearms to privacy.

3. What experience do you have working well with those who have opposing views, and what examples can you provide of successful political compromise?

This past term, I was appointed to the Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee (HHSEA) in the New Hampshire State House. The Committee comprised an equal number of Republicans and Democrats. We had to navigate through many controversial bills, which involved hard, but civil, debate and conversations. I was also appointed to several bill subcommittees and worked with legislators from across the aisle to amend bills before they went to the House floor for a vote. I co-sponsored several bipartisan bills, which involved inviting members from both parties to the table for a conversation. One particular bill, SB539, pertained to our local dams in Goffstown and was a key issue for many residents. I worked with one of our senators on it and together, we obtained bipartisan support for the bill. It was signed into law by our Governor recently! In this current political climate, it is important to remember that even though we disagree on key issues, we can do it in a way that doesn't demean or devalue others. There are times we need to put our differences aside for the benefit of our towns and state, and I did.



Name: Marie Morgan

Political Party: Democrat

Residence: In Goffstown since 1996

Occupation: Retired Education Consultant

Contact: [Website](#)

What are your community involvements/affiliations?

Goffstown Supervisor of the Checklist since 2022. Councilor/Volunteer, N.H. State Employees Association (SEA) Retired Chapter 1 since 2015.

2. Identify the top three issues you feel most strongly about. How you would address them if elected.

Taxes. New Hampshire continues to rank in the top six states as having the HIGHEST local property taxes, yet the New Hampshire Business Profits Tax (BPT) has been cut several times in the past five years for huge corporations, such as Walmart and Irving Oil. In 2003, the New Hampshire Homeowners Property Tax Relief Program provided roughly \$7.5 million in property tax relief to over 27,000 New Hampshire households. In 2021, the state provided only \$1.4 million in relief even as housing prices rose dramatically. In 2018, New Hampshire households with incomes under \$26,700 paid 6.2% of their income in property taxes, yet New Hampshire households with the highest incomes (over \$514,900) paid an effective property tax rate of just 1.9% of their incomes. In June 2023, the New Hampshire Interest and Dividends Tax (I&D) was repealed. The New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute

estimates more than half of all interest and dividend revenue is paid by those earning more than \$200,000 in interests and dividends, roughly 13% of New Hampshire households. To generate that much income, one must have millions of dollars in investments! This tax break will result in a loss of \$135 million in annual revenue for the state. In 2020, California had a ratio of 8.51% of all households holding assets over a million dollars. New Hampshire was right behind with a ratio of 8.47%. It isn't difficult to see why so many millionaires claim New Hampshire as their primary residence. The New Hampshire tax system needs to be changed to help households with incomes less than \$150,000. Thanks to the New Hampshire School Funding Fairness Project for much of the above statistical information.

Public School Funding. In November 2023, Judge David Ruoff of the Rockingham County Superior Court, ruled New Hampshire is not fulfilling its constitutional obligation to fund an adequate education and it does not administer the Statewide Education Property Tax (SWEPT) in a constitutional manner. Currently the state allocates \$4,100 per public student. Judge Ruoff ruled it should be closer to \$7,000 per student or \$537 million in total. Because New Hampshire is not sending towns the funds needed for public schools, we rely on local property taxes to fund public schools. If I had been your State Representative for District 44, I would have supported House Bill 1583 (April 2024), increasing the state's contribution per student from \$4,100 to \$4,400. I would have supported House Bill 1279 (March 2024) allowing state funds again to help towns pay a portion of pensions for teachers, police and firefighters. And when these bills come up again in the legislature, I will gladly support them and others which help households earning less than \$150,000.

Individual Rights. I believe the government should not interfere with peoples' personal lives. This includes their discussions with their doctors, their teachers and their priests. I will support those bills which promote the basic freedoms we all cherish.

3. What experience do you have working well with those who have opposing views, and what examples can you provide of successful political compromise?

Decisions must be based on facts. If people cannot agree on the facts, there is less chance they can compromise.



N.H. State Senate District 8 (Weare and 21 other communities)



Name: David Trumble
Political Party: Democratic
Residence: 27 years in Weare
Occupation: Farmer and college debate coach
Contact: trumble4nh@gmail.com

1. What are your community involvements and affiliations? My wife, Linda, and I built our home and farm in Weare 27 years ago. We have two grown children who went to the Weare public schools. As a stay-at-home dad, I volunteered in the schools for many years. We started a jump rope club and a Lego club, which both developed teams as well. We did many years of farmer-in-the-school activities. I have had the privilege of being a mentor to many young farmers and was the NOFA-NH Farmer Mentor of the Year last year. Our family runs a vegetable farm and sells our seedlings to hundreds of families each year, many of whom are Weare gardeners and farmers.

2. Identify the top three issues you feel most strongly about and how you would address them if elected.

1. More state funding for the public schools to ensure that every child has the opportunity for a good education. More state funding will take pressure off local property taxpayers and allow towns to fund their essential services (fire departments, roads, and libraries). The state budget is heading for a crisis. The Republicans cut taxes on the wealthy (eliminating the Interest and Dividends Tax, which generates \$175 million a year for the state). We should bring that tax back (with a buffer for retirees) and devote those resources to public schools for towns, like Weare, that lack a strong property tax base. Public dollars should go to public schools, not a \$50 million voucher program, which has no financial or educational accountability.

2. Human rights. Protect reproductive freedom and LGBTQ+ rights. Decisions regarding abortion should be left to people to make on their own, with the advice of their doctor. New Hampshire should pass legislation that affirms reproductive rights and access to birth control. Everyone should be treated with respect and equality under the law.

3. A vibrant economy. Access to affordable housing and child care, health care for all, (including mental health care and home health care services), and a commitment to solar energy and addressing climate

change. The housing crisis demands immediate strong action from the state. The solution will look different for a small town compared to the cities. The state should invest in communities seeking more people by helping with infrastructure costs associated with new building projects and incentives for the construction of multifamily housing. We should relax the rules regarding ADUs. We need affordable housing for young people, senior housing (allowing seniors to downsize, opening homes for younger families) and housing and related services for homeless people. Housing is an investment in our future that we must make. Addressing climate change now will cost us less and it is our duty to leave future generations with a healthy planet. The state should invest in our rural communities. We should support local agriculture and the arts; they build community, local culture and create local jobs. The state should increase the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. If we are a tolerant society and invest in these areas, our young people will choose New Hampshire as a place to live and make their home.

3. What experience do you have working well with those who have opposing views, and what examples can you provide of successful political compromise?

I have been a college debate coach for 46 years. I help my students see both sides of the issues. I have been a small business owner (our family farm) for 38 years. Having a small business requires you to have two feet on the ground and be able to work with people. I am a good listener and if elected, will listen to you. I would be honored to serve Weare as your state senator. I ask you for your vote.



Name: Ruth Ward

Political Party: Republican

Residence: Stoddard. Has represented Weare in the Senate since 2016.

Occupation: Retired nurse practitioner

Contact:

1. What are your community involvements and affiliations? I have served on dozens of local boards and organizations over the years including the Contoocook North Branch Rivers Advisory Committee, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and the Appalachian Mountain Club.

2. Identify the top three issues you feel most strongly about and how you would address them if elected.

The top issue facing our state and nation is the affordability crisis. Inflation has made everything from housing to gas to groceries more expensive for working

Granite Staters. This has a real effect on our everyday lives. We cannot stop inflation at the state level, but there are steps we can take to lessen its harm. We need to make sure that taxes are low so that you can keep more of your own money, and we must encourage more building of housing that families can afford.

As the Chairman of the Senate Education committee, providing a strong education for our children is also a top priority. We need to give all families the opportunity to succeed, which is why I support school choice programs for lower income families.

Finally, we need to provide property tax relief. In our balanced budget, I was proud to support increased local aid funds - money sent to the towns for the purpose of reducing property taxes.

3. What experience do you have working well with those who have opposing views, and what examples can you provide of successful political compromise?

In the Senate, we strive to work in a bipartisan way whenever possible. Our small chamber may not always agree on policies, but we all want a better New Hampshire. One recent example came when the state made plans to close a bridge from Charlestown to Springfield, Vermont. This closure would have forced the town residents to drive more than 20 miles to the next nearest bridge and would have crippled the town's businesses. I supported legislation to prevent the closure and we are currently working to find alternative funding sources for renovation. This was done with full support from my Senate colleagues in the other party.

Election Day

Tuesday, Nov. 5

Weare Middle School

7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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