



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

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By Bev Cotton

The best information about absentee voting can be found 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 downloading it 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 (Nov. 3).

Deadline in person: 5 p.m. the day before the election (Nov. 2).

Please direct any questions to our Town Clerk.

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Meet the Candidates

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



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1. What are your current community involvements/affiliations and what valuable experience do you bring?

I am the current chair of the Weare Energy Commission which has succeeded in securing a grant to pay for the solar panels which are now being installed on our safety complex and will save the town thousands of dollars in electricity cost. I am the secretary of the Joseph Stone Fund which distributes financial help to single women in Weare who need it.

Working with town employees and other volunteers has convinced me that, despite our differences of opinion and personal difficulties, we can work together in a civil and good hearted way for the good of all in town. I hope to bring that civility and work ethic to the statehouse.

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

- **Housing:** We should reinstate the housing programs the current legislature cut and bring in new initiatives such as making it easier for affordable rentals to come on the market, whether one at a time in private homes, by remodeling existing buildings or building new.
- **Childcare:** We need childcare providers to be paid a living wage which will require State funded "scholarships" for lower income parents. This will require putting back the taxes the current legislature cut for big businesses and wealthy residents.
- **Public Education:** The cost of schools must be shared statewide so that every district can fund them

adequately without the unaffordable increase in local property taxes. We must cancel the vouchers (Education Freedom Accounts) except for responsibly managed educational expenses for low income families.



Name: Travis Corcoran
Political Party: Republican
Years living in Weare: 13
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1. What are your current community involvements/affiliations and what valuable experience do you bring?

Weare Zoning Board, State Rep

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

Taxes, gun rights, development.

- (a) Our property taxes are growing far too quickly. My property taxes have doubled during the 13 years I've lived in Weare, and this is typical. Now the Democrats have introduced a bill (LSR 2027-0240) to create an income tax in New Hampshire. I will vote against this and all other tax hikes.
- (b) I am a strong defender of 2A rights. I have been a lifetime member of the NRA, Gun Owners of America, and Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership for over 25 years.
- (c) New Hampshire needs more housing for young families, but many of the proposals to accomplish it would be destructive to Weare's budget and our rural character. I've sat down in closed meetings with the Speaker of the House and lobbyists and effectively killed bills that would destroy Weare through overdevelopment. I will continue to do this if reelected.



Name: Keith Erf
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<https://sites.winthehouse.gop/site/keith-erf>

1. What are your current community involvements/affiliations and what valuable experience do you bring?

I am a current four term State Representative from Weare having served all eight years on the Finance Committee. The first three terms I served on the

subcommittee overseeing the budget of the Health and Human Services department, the largest component of the state budget. I served as Vice Chairman of this subcommittee in my second term and Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee as a whole in my third term. One accomplishment during this period with a direct impact on Weare property taxes involved increasing state funding for Hillsborough County Medicaid patients. The New Hampshire Association of Counties selected me as State Legislator of the Year in 2021 for this.

I currently serve as Chairman of the Finance subcommittee overseeing the budget of the departments of Education, Safety, Highways and Fish & Game among others. As Chairman, I worked to change the school funding formula to include another component within the adequacy formula in support of community property tax relief. This increases school aid to 40 property poorer communities including Weare. We also increased overall school funding across the state and increased funding for high cost special education. We increased the budget for the Community College System for the dual and concurrent enrollment programs enabling more students to get college credit for courses taken in high school at no or low cost. The self-funding Fish & Game and Safety departments have been running deficits in recent years. I fixed this by increasing user fees that hadn't been adjusted in over 20 years.

I previously served two terms on the Weare Finance Committee.

I am a member of the Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee.

My wife and I raised four children here in Weare.

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

- As the New Hampshire Republican caucus we have committed to the Granite Guarantee. With an increased majority we will put a constitutional amendment on the ballot to ban an income tax forever. We will work to further cap property tax increases, reduce even more regulations, allow for more competition in provision of health care services to reduce prices, continue to enhance parental rights and continue investing in public safety.
- I will work to provide the voters of Weare with more control over local town and school budgets. Question #2 appearing on the ballot this November is a start. It asks if the town of Weare chooses to limit school property tax increases to the rate of inflation plus new construction and to also limit SAU central office spending to 6% of the school budget. This provides

voters the opportunity to vote Yes. SAU spending has been the fastest growing component of school budgets in recent years while overall school spending increasing at a faster rate than inflation has been the fastest growing component of town spending. All this while school enrollment has been declining.



Name: Benson Goodwin

Political Party: Democratic

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1. What are your current community involvements/affiliations and what valuable experience do you bring?

I am currently a Selectman in Weare. I am a bail commissioner, serving the judicial branch. I am also a Granite State Ambassador. I have been a first responder since 1989, most recently with the Goffstown Police as a dispatcher. I hold a Bachelor of Science from Plymouth State and also have my Masters in Public Administration. I have served in union leadership positions as well. My time as a volunteer, first responder and public servant, along with my small business experience has given me a broad knowledge of issues affecting Weare residents.

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

- 1. School funding. We need to stop the ridiculous EFA program and fund schools as required by the Claremont decisions. I would sponsor or co-sponsor legislation that would compel compliance and ensure that towns get the funding they were promised.
- 2. Legalize cannabis. If you cross any of our surrounding state lines, the first thing you often see is a cannabis supply store. And the license plates you see are from New Hampshire. We need to stop exporting tax money to these states and use that money here.
- 3. Housing costs. We need to encourage responsible development that allows affordable housing options. I would vote for legislation to make it easier to build ADUs. This might include a streamlined permitting process, easing zoning restrictions, lowering setback distances, etc. It's too expensive for people just starting out to afford a home and this needs to change.

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



Name: Ross Berry
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1. What are your current community involvements/affiliations and what valuable experience do you bring?

My wife and I are raising our two children here, and I also own and operate a childcare center in Weare. That means I am not just representing this community in Concord, I am raising a family here, running a business here, employing people here, and working with local families every day. It gives me deeper insight into the struggles everyday families face, whether that is the cost of living rising faster than wages, finding affordable and reliable childcare, or simply trying to keep up with the growing cost of owning a home and raising a family in New Hampshire.

I currently serve in the New Hampshire House representing Weare and Goffstown and as Chairman of the House Election Law Committee. I have always approached public service with a results-oriented mindset. I am less interested in making noise than I am in actually moving the ball forward and getting something accomplished. Between being a father, running a local business, and serving in the Legislature, I bring practical experience, a strong connection to the community, and a record of working through difficult issues to produce real results.

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

- **Property Taxes:** Property taxes are putting enormous pressure on homeowners, particularly families and seniors whose incomes are not keeping pace with rising costs. I believe taxpayers need more control over how quickly local spending and property taxes grow. I will continue working to give voters a stronger voice in major spending decisions and pursuing reforms that protect homeowners from unsustainable increases.
- **Modernizing Education:** Our education system needs to do a better job preparing students for what comes after graduation. We should make it easier for schools to teach trades and career skills, expand educational opportunities, and give parents and students more

choices. My goal is an education system where a student who wants to enter the workforce after high school can graduate ready to do exactly that, with real skills that lead to a good-paying job. College should remain an option, but it should not be treated as the only path to success.

- **Public Safety:** Keeping our communities safe is one of the most basic responsibilities of government. I have worked to reform New Hampshire's bail system because dangerous and repeat offenders should not be cycling through the system while law-abiding families pay the price. I will continue supporting practical reforms that give law enforcement and the courts the tools they need to protect our communities and produce measurable results.



Name: Lisa Mazur
Political Party: Republican
Years Living in Weare/Goffstown: 2 years in Weare and 11 years in Goffstown
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1. What are your current community involvements/affiliations and what valuable experience do you bring?

I have lived in New Hampshire for 24 years and proudly served two terms as the Republican State Representative for District 44 (2022–2026), representing Goffstown and Weare. I recently completed an elected term on the Goffstown Library Board of Trustees and served as Vice Chair of the House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee for the past two years.

I am also active in grassroots political organizing and community outreach, bringing experience in leadership, team building, voter engagement, and mobilization. My previous professional background in event and venue management taught me to manage budgets, solve problems, and coordinate people. As a legislator, I have sponsored and passed legislation protecting children and expanding individual freedom. I bring a practical, results-oriented approach to public service and a commitment to fiscal responsibility, limited government, and *Live Free or Die*.

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

- 1. Property Tax Relief and Fiscal Responsibility. New Hampshire families are struggling with rising property taxes and the cost of living. While property taxes are mostly driven by local spending decisions, the state

must be a responsible fiscal partner and avoid shifting additional costs onto local taxpayers. When re-elected, I will fight for responsible state spending, government efficiency, and meaningful property tax relief. I voted for the Property Tax Relief bill, which will be presented as Question 2 on the November 3 ballot, and am grateful voters will have their say. I look forward to voting "YES" on that. I will also work to reduce unnecessary regulations and protect New Hampshire's lack of a broad-based income or sales tax.

- 2. Protecting Children, Parental Rights, and Individual Freedom. Parents, not government, should have the primary voice in their children's upbringing and education. I will continue supporting policies that protect children, strengthen parental rights, preserve fairness and safety in women's sports and private spaces, and expand educational freedom while putting children's well-being first.

- 3. Economic Opportunity, Affordable Housing, and Public Safety. New Hampshire must remain a place where families can afford to live, businesses can grow, and communities remain safe. I will support responsible housing policies that reduce unnecessary barriers to construction and encourage local solutions without imposing 'one size fits all' mandates. I will also work to lower energy costs, support small businesses, and strengthen public safety by holding offenders accountable.

My goal is to preserve what makes New Hampshire special: individual liberty, strong communities, responsible government, and the opportunity for future generations to build their lives here.



Name: Chris Conroy

Political Party: Democrat

Years living in Weare (and/or Goffstown, if applicable): 21 years in Weare, 12 years in Goffstown

Occupation: Retired small business owner

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1. What are your current community involvements/affiliations and what valuable experience do you bring?

I have always been community-minded. I volunteer for CVTC-NH, providing rides to people who cannot drive themselves to medical appointments. I am co-chair of the Weare Energy Commission. I volunteer for the Piscataquog Land Conservancy and have also served on the boards of several local and statewide nonprofits.

I learned a lot as a business owner. I have a good understanding of fiscal issues. I have led teams of

people but also know how to work with others to get to the best result. My company was very careful with our clients' budgets. I would do the same with my constituents' hard-earned tax dollars.

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

- **Affordability:** There is no one simple answer. It is all about choices. Our representatives have cut business taxes that have starved the state of a billion dollars in revenue. Local taxpayers now have to make up the difference. You see this in your rising property taxes. You see this in the services being cut. We can't keep our teachers because we can't offer competitive wages. I would make choices that benefit the average person in NH — not large companies from out of state.

- **Education:** This is another choice. Our representatives have pushed through Education Freedom Accounts (EFAs) without a funding source or any accountability. EFAs are paid for from the education fund. That means less money for public schools. Roughly 90% of the people receiving money from the EFA program were already sending their children to private schools or homeschooling. I would not support a program that supports the wealthy at the expense of the average taxpayer. I will support our local schools. Education is the foundation upon which we build our future.

- **Local Control:** I will fight to maintain local control in Goffstown and Weare. A perfect example of this is the school funding law our representatives have passed. This issue was rejected at town meeting by the voters in Goffstown and Weare. Repeatedly, our representatives choose to ignore the voice of the people.

A school funding cap will be bad for our schools, our children, our community and our property values.

Citizens know what's best for their communities. I will fight to maintain local control and reject any attempts to override votes in our towns.

I have wanted to run for office for many years but could not because running my business was so demanding. I have watched our representatives make choices that benefit large businesses and the wealthy, while doing nothing for the average person. I have been distressed by the incivility and divisive politics of our legislators. Now that I have sold my business, I have the time to dedicate to our government and look forward to working with my fellow legislators to make NH a better place.





Name: Bob Jones
Political Party: Democratic
Years living in Weare (and/or Goffstown, if applicable): Goffstown 12 years
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1. What are your current community involvements/affiliations and what valuable experience do you bring?

My primary community affiliation in Goffstown is with St. Matthews Church, where I have been active for the past 39 years. I have volunteered with Osher Life-long Learning (OLLI) in Manchester since 2007, teaching classes and serving on many committees. I sing with the Manchester Choral Society. I have been a lifelong environmental advocate, and have been a volunteer educator for NH Audubon, NH Fish and Game, NH Nature Stewards and NH Coverts. I chaired the Bedford Land Trust for several years and later was a monitor with the PLC. My career was in computer systems analysis, primarily satellite and defense systems. Additional administrative experience includes service on several non-profit boards. I have a BA from Bowdoin College and an MS in Engineering-Economic Systems from Stanford.

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

- 1. We must restore a sense of decency and dignity to public discourse. Some nastiness has always existed in our politics, but I think we have fallen to a new low in the past 10 years. I will do my best to regard every human being as an imperfect image of the divine who deserves to be treated with dignity and compassion.
- 2. Property taxes must be reduced significantly but not by defunding public schools. The state has an obligation to cherish and pay for public education. We should eliminate the regressive statewide property tax and EFA voucher system and replace them with a reliable corporate tax system dedicated to public education. I will work to restore the cuts made by the GOP to NH corporate taxes and to guarantee that the revenue raised by them goes to the Educational Trust Fund. I will work to reverse the downshifting of costs from the state to local communities and to establish reliable, adequate funding for schools and public employees paid by the state government.
- 3. Climate change is an existential threat with increasing consequences to our safety, health and survival. We need to adopt policies and practices that will stabilize the environment and economy for our children and grandchildren.

I will work to promote non-polluting renewable energy sources in NH. I will work to cooperate with our neighboring state governments to control emissions and subsidize installation of solar and wind energy by businesses and homeowners, and to allow investment by everyone in off-site energy facilities. I will work to reduce the costs of the power grid to non-commercial ratepayers.

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



Name: David Trumble
Political Party: Democratic
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Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/trumble4nh/>

1. What are your current community involvements/affiliations and what valuable experience do you bring?

My wife, Linda, and I built our home and farm in Weare 29 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, coaching robotics and jump rope teams. We have run a family farm for 40 years, selling seedlings and vegetables. Small businesses are key to a strong economy. After graduating from law school, I started a law clinic serving people in the mental health system. This showed me the need for public services.

I have testified at the State House over 100 times supporting public schools, childcare, health care, the environment, food access, voting rights, fair taxes, and civil rights, as well as speaking before the Governor's Executive Council. I have been a college debate coach for 48 years, helping my students see both sides of an issue. I am a good listener. I would be honored to serve as your state senator, I ask you for your vote on November 3rd.

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

- First, the state should live up to its Constitutional duty to provide adequate funding to the public schools. Every child in New Hampshire deserves a good education. 90% of NH children attend a public school. They represent the future of our economy and our

democracy. The State of New Hampshire only provides 25% of public school funding, the lowest percentage in the country. For special education, the State pays only 11%. No other state leaves the cost of paying for the public schools almost entirely to the towns.

The local property tax system is near the breaking point, causing stress for our homeowners and renters alike. People are being forced out of their homes. More state funding for public schools would provide property tax relief and allow towns to adequately fund other important services like fire departments and roads. Republicans have been in charge for the past ten years and start each session with a tax cut for the wealthy and large corporations. They expanded the voucher program to provide subsidies to the wealthiest families in the state. Combined, these steps cost the state over \$400 million a year in revenue that could go to support all our people.

- Second, we need to make NH a place where young people can afford to own a home and raise a family. Everyone should have access to health care, including mental health care, and affordable childcare. The State needs to be an active partner in addressing these issues. Instead, the Republicans have defunded the Housing Champions program which helps towns that want more affordable housing. They defunded the state's major childcare workforce program, refusing to pay early education workers a living wage. They have made it harder for people who need food assistance and medical care to get help.

- Third, we need to restore civility and treat everyone with respect. There is no room for policies that drive people apart. We are our best when all members of the community are welcome.



Name: Jim Creighton
Political Party: Republican
Years living in Weare (and/or Goffstown, if applicable): 12 years resident of Antrim

Occupation: Retired Army officer; small business owner; Crotched Mountain Ski Patrol; Author of "Coalition Leadership: Lessons Learned While Commanding a NATO Brigade in Afghanistan," Marine Corps University Press, 2024; Leadership. Coach at the Dartmouth School of Business at Tuck.

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1. What are your current community involvements/affiliations and what valuable experience do you bring?

a. NH House of Representatives, Hillsborough County District 30

- b. Chair, NH House of Representatives Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services Committee
- c. Antrim Bennington Lions Club
- d. Myers Prescott Olson American Legion Post 50
- e. Brown Knight Memorial VFW Post 8268
- f. 10th Mountain Division Association Vice President
- g. Contoocook and North Branch River Local Advisory Committee
- h. Member, Council on Foreign Relations

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

- First and foremost, we need to protect New Hampshire's status as a low tax state. The New Hampshire Advantage of low taxes, especially no income or sales tax, has kept our state at the top of every list measuring quality of life and economic success. I believe that we need a constitutional amendment ensuring that no income tax or sales tax will ever be enacted.

- Second, we need to continue to fight against the consistent property tax increase being perpetuated at the municipal level, especially by the school boards. Seniors, Veterans and lower income families simply cannot afford the tax hikes year after year. I support Ballot Question 2 on the November 3 ballot to cap local property taxes. If elected, I will support legislation to bring more transparency to the municipal budgeting process and to cap yearly tax increases. New Hampshire is one of only a handful of states that do not currently have any cap on property tax increases. I think that is wrong.

- Third, I believe that we need to ensure that our schools are funded appropriately and that the money makes it to the classrooms, and doesn't simply get lost in an administrative budget. We need to bring more transparency to the process. The state has consistently increased state funding to our public schools, and yet teacher's salaries remain stagnant.

Election Day

Tuesday, Nov. 3rd

Weare Middle School

7 a.m. - 7 p.m.





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Thanks for All Your Help!

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

We'd like to thank all of you who dropped off canned and nonperishable items for the Auxiliary to add to our annual food basket donation. It will go a long way to help a local family this holiday season.

Our Legion breakfasts and bake sales couldn't happen without all of our bakers and the folks that come to buy our homemade baked goods. A lot of folks are regulars who hope to find their favorite items at each sale. Our bake sales are also a major fund raiser for us and help us to continue with our efforts to support members of the community and Veterans. Thanks to everyone. The last chance to attend is **November 1st**.

Unfortunately, the sale of our annual Raffle Quilt tickets has not done quite as well this year. It's a beautiful quilt, made by one of our members who donates her time and expenses to make a quilt for us each year. A big thank you goes to Rose Gilman (below) for her efforts and talent!



Thankfully there are still a few more opportunities to buy your tickets. Auxiliary members will be selling tickets at the Legion Annual Turkey Raffle on **November 14th** and we will be selling them at the Auxiliary's Holiday

Bazaar on December 5th. We will also be drawing the winner at the end of the Bazaar.

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



Legion Breakfast Correction

Good news. Legion breakfasts do not end on October 25 as previously reported.

The last chance to enjoy them is actually **November 1st**.



Follansbee Inn Writer's Retreat

A Time to Hear, Treasure and Share Your Voice

Come Join With Writers

Aspiring, Published, or Just Thinking About It.
November 13 - 16, 2026

Hosts: Authors Kendall Perkins Swords, Marjorie Burke, and Patricia O'Connor

Stay at the historic Follansbee Inn, located on Kezar Lake, and enjoy time to explore your creative side, hone your writing, initiate new writing projects, or simply immerse yourself in a quiet setting, with space to journal.

Workshop fee includes a room at the inn, simple dinners, and full breakfasts. Commuter spots available for an adjusted rate, but locals, consider a full immersion.

For more information and to reserve:
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Granite State Modelers Show

By Sharon Czarnecki



Let me say first of all that all photos in this article have been taken by our very talented Mr. Anthony Quintano – retired photojournalist who is now helping the staff at Weare in the World.

You can see from the picture above that the scope of this event was very impressive. People actually came from all over New England. It is wonderful to be hosting such a prestigious event here in our own Middle School Gym.



Maximus Dupuy of Ellsworth, Maine, showing his dad, Marc, the model he finished at the free make and take table. 69 Camaro Z

Mr. Winkley mentions in his article on the “History of Modeling” (see next story on page 10) that this is not your grandfather’s modeling hobby. Indeed it is not! Just take a look at the World of Warcraft figures, Santa Claus under attack, Legolas from Lord of the Rings, the beloved Millennium Falcon, a mechanical suit from Maschiene Krieger undergoing maintenance in the shop, Tony Tony Chopper in a robot, Scoopdog Mecha from anime, Terminator, Grober Hund, a 1/100 scale kit of Shenlong Gundam – Master Grade modeling.

It was flat out amazing. No matter what your interests are, I’m betting you can fit into this world. What is even better, your whole family can fit into it these days. Think about it. What kind of model would you get for someone for the holidays?

Artists in the Woods

Laurie MacKenzie was kind enough to share this information with our readers. It is important to note that the Piscataquog Land Trust was formed in Weare in 1970 to protect trails in our area. The name was changed in 2008, but still has the same lofty goals.

The beautiful lands and waterways that make up the region managed by the Piscataquog Land Conservancy are of great importance for recreation, scientific research, and creative endeavors. For the **month of November**, the Whipple Free Library in New Boston will be hosting an art exhibit by several local painters and photographers that have taken their inspiration from our part of New Hampshire. Exhibiting artists include Mike Thomas and Sandy Boyko (photography), Sharon Boisvert of Weare (pastel painting), Mike Boyko of Weare and Betsy Holmes (plein air oil painters).

The opening reception will be held on Thurs., Nov. 5 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Whipple Free Library, 67 Mont Vernon Road, New Boston.

There will also be a program by Betsy Holmes “Art and the Environment: Seeing is Believing” where we’ll learn more about the impact that visual arts have made on American land conservation and how contemporary art is

addressing environmental concerns. The exhibit will be on display until November 30. For more info: [link](#)



Mike Boyko painting at the Rice Preserve in Lyndeborough, NH

The History of Models

By Brian Winkley

Before the mid 1980s, model building was greatly considered a children's hobby. In the years after World War II, when the men came home from the war and started families, they created a great surge in population. We all know this generation as the baby boomers. As the children of these returned warriors got a little older, models provided a way for them to talk to their youngsters about stories of their experiences in the war. They would also talk of the great machines of war that they had used to defend freedom. At about the same time, models became available of the enemy's arsenal. Now it was possible to build a whole picture of life on the battlefield and recreate the scene of defeating a tenacious and determined enemy.

The men also loved to tell their children of the cars they remember from their early youth and then about those great sports cars of the 60s that they wished they could still have. Of course, those cars just were not practical for a family man to own. But they could build models of those cars with their sons and relive some of their adventures.

Plastic model companies recognized that they now market not only towards the fathers, but now to their baby boomer enthusiasts as well. Fathers often bought gifts for their sons to continue the traditions. As time went on, it was more and more common for gifts of models to be a staple when a boy was old enough to build them (ages 7 to 9).

Korea." Before I knew it, I was building a collection that my dad bought me. Great ships of World War II, planes of the Korean conflict, and as I got a little older, I would buy my own. There were car models, models of movie monsters, models of tanks, trucks, and even spaceships.

Here's where it gets interesting. Somewhere along the line between the 80s and 90s, it started to become socially acceptable for a man to hang on to parts of his youth. Adults started to build models as much as children. Then as electronics started to be popular and technology offered video games to children, fewer children started to build models. Gradually, the scales tipped and more adults started to build models than children.

As this happened the demand for more realistic models put pressure on companies that built models to build more realistically accurate models. Now scale modeling is more of an adult hobby and the models themselves have a degree of realism that has never been imagined before. Especially with military models. Models are being produced in an accuracy that is right down to the last nut and bolt. Instructions are nothing short of a blueprint. And currently with the advent of 3-D printing, scale figures of people (soldiers) are taken from photographs and produced with an accuracy that is shockingly real.



US 6 Studebaker fuel truck from the early 1940s depicted in the European theater. Built by Brian Winkley



Italian 3RO with Auto Cannon as depicted in the Sahara desert 1942 built by Brian Winkley

I was born in '67. My father had served in Korea. I'll never forget when he brought me home my first model and tube of glue with paints. It was an F 86 Sabre! When he gave it to me, my dad proudly explained "This is one of the fighter jets I used to guard as a military policeman in

Although you can buy a model car or perhaps a tank for as low as \$25-\$30, some scale models today can cost you from \$50-\$100 to several hundred dollars if you really want to go all out. Things are offered with full engines and interiors, figures depicting drivers and crews. The sky is the limit! **These are not your grandfather's model kits!** If you are a person desiring to do skill modeling, I tell you this, it is a great hobby. It can take you places you never imagined and is an enjoyable pastime. Admittedly, it can be quite expensive, BUT there are ways to make it affordable.

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You can still buy model cars or military models that were made just like they were made in the 70s and they are less expensive. Many of the classic cars can be purchased for under \$20. The glue and paint that you need is not very expensive. You can still buy military vehicles, trucks, and tanks for \$25-\$35 that will make a very nice display and are not horribly hard to build. In addition, there are often retired folks who are downsizing and have unbuilt kits for very reasonable prices at the shows.

Of course if you want to go all out and get a state of the art model kit, be prepared to spend \$100 or more. But in return, you get a model that could have 1000 parts or more! And if you are like me, it can become a very happy addiction.

Rotary Grant

By Robbie Grady - President

Dear Friends, Each year, the Rotary Club of Goffstown donates thousands of dollars to multiple area non-profits through our Community Grant Program. We raise these funds through our annual Car Show.

Applications are now available for you to fill out and return. Please note, if you received a grant from us last year, we have added a question regarding how the funds were used. All applications should be received by **November 13, 2026**. Our mailing address is on the application. If you have any questions, please reach out.

We are a very small group of individuals who work hard to raise these funds, just as you work hard to provide goods and services to those in need. Thank you for understanding that the grant awards this year may be smaller than you have seen in the past. For a copy of the application visit this link: Goffstown.rotary.



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N	Naming Emotions Negative
R	Respect Redirection Reasoning
I	Identity Involvement
C	Communication Consequences
H	Humor Health Happiness

PROGRAM DETAILS

LOCATION: Cornerstone Building
116 Main Street, Henniker, NH

WHEN: Thursday's Starting October 1st

TIME: 5:45pm - 6:00 pm | Dinner & Kid Check-In
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Class Time

COST: FREE! Childcare Available

REGISTER HERE

QUESTIONS? Contact Morgan Ring 603-428-7960 morganr@whitebirchcc.org

WHITE BIRCH CENTER

Missed the first couple of classes? No worries.
You are always welcome! Please just RSVP to Morgan
at the above email address

Cats We Love

By Sharon Czarnecki



Russell part 2 – Are you sure there is no one home?

Photo by Laurel Noss



Lilly – a 3-year-old Siamese Cross enjoying a favorite spot. Photo by Mark Carey



John Stark Stage Company Presents

The fall musical production of the play,
Pockets: The Musical

Performance Schedule

The show times at John Stark Regional High School are:

- Friday, November 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM
- Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM
- Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 1:00 PM

WEARE LIBRARY GRANITE STATE BIGFOOT

November 5th, 6:30 PM

Discover the Mystery of Sasquatch
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Weare Public Library



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SCAN TO SIGN UP



Hear tales of the paranormal from local storytellers. Can you separate truth from deception?

Wed, Oct 28 7:00 at the East Weare Cemetery (24 Buzzell Hill Rd.)

Bring your own seating.
Raining? Gather at the Weare Library.
Have a story to share?
Call the library: 603-529-2044

BEYOND BELIEF:
Fact or fiction



Weare Public Library

WEEKLY EVENTS

TUESDAYS

- 10:30 a.m.: Mother Goose Storytime (0-4). It's never too early for your child to hear good stories! Join Mr. Will for books, activities, and songs that will lay the foundations of literacy for your child.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

- 10:30 a.m.: Preschool Storytime (preschool). Join Ms. Sandy for a storytime that's all about fun, with stories, songs, and activities. Our visitors agree that there is no other storytime quite like this one!
- 2:30-5:00 p.m. Afterschool Gaming (ages 6+). Drop in to challenge your friends on the Nintendo Switch and other systems. Featuring collaborative games like Smash Bros, Mario Kart, and Minecraft.

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS (except for Oct 31)

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. (all ages). **Weare: Beyond Belief IV**. Beware: Creepy tales of the paranormal are back! Hear from local storytellers. Can you separate fact from fiction? It's at the East Weare Cemetery (24 Buzzell Hill Rd). Bring your own seating. 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.
- Friday, October 30, 4:30-6:30 p.m. **Kid's Halloween Party**. A spooktacular party with oodles of fun activities including a story walk, outdoor games, and dancing to creepy music. Wear your costume and be part of our showcase! Stay for the grand finale: Pirate Josh's Magic Show!
- Monday, November 2, 3:30-5:00 p.m. (kids). **Pokemonday**. Drop in to meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card enthusiasts.
- Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. (all ages). **Granite**

State Bigfoot. Discover the mystery of Sasquatch. He may be in your backyard! Join filmmaker and adventurer Aleksandar Petakov as he shares his decade of investigations into strange encounters across the Granite State. Folklore, hoaxes & credible sightings—you decide!

- Monday, November 9 at 3:30-5:00 p.m. (kids).

Coloring Club. Stop by the library after school for a snack, coloring pages, coloring materials, and chillaxing music. Bring good vibes and maybe a friend or two!

- Monday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m. (all ages). **Author Booktalk: Death By Molasses.** Join local author Kate Schoedinger and Illustrator Susan Olejarz as they talk about the fascinating true history behind their new book "Death By Molasses," which follows Luca, a child survivor of the 1919 Great Boston Molasses Flood.

- Tuesday, Nov 10 & 17, 3:30-6:00 p.m. (ages 5-11). **Ruff Readers.** Read to a certified therapy dog for 20-minute sessions. Get practice reading and make a new furry friend! Register online or by calling the library.

- Thursday, November 12 at 3:30 p.m. (ages 6-11). **Kids Crafts Class.** This month, Ms. Amanda's teaching Harvest Painting & Yarn Weaving. Register by calling the library.

- Thursday, Nov 12 at 6:00 p.m. (ages 13+). **Giving Plate Painting Class.** Using enamel paints for ceramics, we'll each create a "Giving Plate," which shall never sit empty, and is meant to be shared with family and friends. Fill it with love, pass it along, and keep the tradition going. Register by calling the library.

- Tuesday, Nov 17 at noon (adults). **Senior Book Group at Hand in Hand.** We're reading and discussing "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi. Stop by the Senior Center to reserve your copy.

- Wednesday, Nov 18 at 6:00 p.m. (adults). **The Rest of Your Story: Building Your Retirement Strategy.** Join Bryce Schuler, CFP®, to discuss the key decisions that shape a fulfilling retirement. Cover how tax planning, investment strategies, and healthcare decisions fit together. Learn to reduce lifetime taxes, protect wealth, and build a retirement supporting your lifestyle and legacy.

- Thursday, Nov 19 at 10:00 a.m. (adults). **Death and Taxes: Estate Planning 101.** Join Bryce Schuler, CFP®, and estate planning attorney Tim O'Brien, JD, to discuss key elements of an estate plan. From trust provisions to family conversations, learn how to prepare for life's greatest inevitability, protect loved ones, avoid pitfalls, and ensure your wishes are carried out.

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

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**HAND IN
HAND**



**SENIOR CENTER
& THRIFT SHOP**

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

33 North Stark Highway, Weare, NH 03281

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

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



Quilt makers Donna McCarron, Maria Fortier, Pauline Marcotte, Sara McCabe (Susan Morin missing)

A Gift to Remember

Hand in Hand Senior Center and the Weare Public Library are remembering children's librarian Karen Metcalf. Donna McCarron organized a small group of volunteers at Hand in Hand to cut and sew the library motif tee shirts that Karen had saved over the years into two beautiful quilts and three pillows. They presented them to the library on Thursday, October 22, 2026. Hand in Hand appreciates the commitment and dedication that these people showed in remembering Karen and providing something very special to the Weare community. Stop by the library to see this one-of-a-kind gift. Thank you to Donna McCarron, Sara McCabe, Pauline Marcotte, Susan Morin and Maria Fortier.



Donna McCarron and library assistant director Dena Ventiere hanging one of the quilts in the library

New Location News

Every week there's something new to report on the progress at Hand in Hand's new location. Kevin from Granite State Plumbing and Heating connected the new heating system which was donated by GSP&H. Our thanks and appreciation go beyond words. In addition,



Kevin connecting the heating system donated by Granite State Plumbing & Heating

our volunteer craftsmen can now take their jackets off when working inside. If you've driven by 733 S Stark Hwy, you'll see that our second ramp has been constructed and there will be plenty of parking. Indoor work is continuing in the thrift shop area and kitchen. Our volunteers have been so faithful working over these last months, but we could really use more skilled hands so that we can open before snow flies. Please reach out to us if you can help. Thanks.



Joe McCarron, Greg Walthers and Mike Pelletier working on the second ramp

November Events

Let's check out the schedule for November. Join Donna on **Mondays at noon** to make beautiful Christmas ornaments (see our flyer & calendar for specifics). Materials will be provided. A donation of \$5 is appreciated. Lunch will be more exciting on **Wednesday, November 11**, as Fire Chief Mark Roarick will join us. We can all benefit from his support and tips about fire safety during the winter months.

Join us for book club on **Tuesday, November 17**, to have a lively discussion about the book "Homecoming" by Yaa Gyasi. Stop by the Center to get a copy. Ten



cribbage players enjoyed an evening at Hand in Hand recently. The next tournament will be on **November 18 at 5 p.m.** Sign up to join the challenge and the fun. Call 603-529-4263, email hkurk@hihsc.org, or sign up on the bulletin board at HiH.

Cribbage tournament winner Sue Messner

"People working together in a strong community with a shared goal and a common purpose can make the impossible possible."

- Tom Vilsack.



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

October 28: Chocolate chip pancakes, bacon

November 4: Chicken cutlet sandwich, salad

November 11: Spaghetti & meatballs, salad, bread

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

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

(All photos by Heleen Kurk)



Church Corner



Weare Bible Baptist Church

82 N. Stark Hwy. Weare, NH

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10 a.m.

WORSHIP: SUNDAYS 11 a.m.

Changing lives one verse at a time.

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FELLOWSHIP SERVICE: 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

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Deering Community Church

763 Deering Center Rd, Deering, NH

Do JUSTICE seek Peace build COMMUNITY

WORSHIP: Sundays 10 a.m.

Join us in-person or via zoom using the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81625213785?pwd=VINiWUFQNZVmbkFvUE9MRVdhTUVPdz09>

Free Community Breakfast: Every second Saturday (**Nov 14**) of the month from 9am-12pm ALL WELCOME

Connect with Us: dcnadmin@gmail.com



Holy Cross Happenings

118 Center Rd, Weare, NH 03281

Plans still being made

Will be new and exciting

Watch here for more news.

- Marge Burke



POETRY CORNER



Beech Leaves

Yes, I know it's Halloween
But did you notice, dear
through our narrow window
how a cluster of shining beech
leaves trembled beneath
a wandering beam of sun

Yes, I know it's Halloween
No, I didn't see Mother riding
on a broom. 'Twas a zephyr
slipping by tall pines
that made the leaves
quiver with such delight

They floated in the golden air
like little sun-stars, then cast
themselves to settle in Earth's
design below. She's waited
for that copper hue to weave
into a lovely autumn shawl

Yes, I know it's Halloween
No, I haven't drunk up all
the cider. It was just such
a pretty sight: beech leaves
sunrays and wind all playing
a part on this All Hallows' Eve

- By Jeanne Bartlett

Mountain Side Vista

Awesome autumn melding
of colors from wealth of
trees spread across vast
mountain side, there is a
wideness in the vista,
everything taking its
place in cycles of life,
wildness in the vista, too,
when you consider the
graying clouds above,
granite boulders among
the trees, richly colored
ground of grasses and ferns,
like an oriental rug,
so precious I almost
don't want to walk there,
content to stay perched
on giant flat boulder
let the unrivaled beauty
soak into my whole being,
sway with the trees from
gentle breeze as if I
were in a hammock,
and carry me away,
inhale mountain wisdom,
strength, safety, peace, joy,
endurance, infinitude,
"all shall be well, and all
matter of things will be well."
Amen.

- Marge Burke

Spellbound

Stupendous scenery held me
spellbound driving along a road
of fall color, breathtaking,
unbelievable, how could there
be so many shades, hues, variations
of the same color in the same place,
I thought of Monet and Renoir,
Maxwell Parish's landscapes, how
they mixed paints and painted
masterpieces of great beauty,
yet, none could compare to what I

was experiencing on this road,
I stopped comparing those
masterpieces of paint on canvas
to natural vistas before me,
each leaf, each tree, each fern,
each blade of grass, each deserved
their own recognition of their
uniqueness, their place in the
world, their gifts of beauty
they give so freely to us,
captivating our hearts, our minds,
our souls, our joy, our thanksgivings
for God's gifts of fall beauty.

- Marge Burke

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Mark Your Calendar

Wed., Oct. 28

6:30 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting

Mon., Nov. 2

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

Tues., Nov. 3

GENERAL ELECTION

7 a.m. - 7 p.m. – Voting at Weare Middle School

Wed., Nov. 4

7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting

Thurs., Nov.5

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

7 p.m. – Public Library Trustees meeting

Fri., Nov. 6

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

Mon., Nov. 9

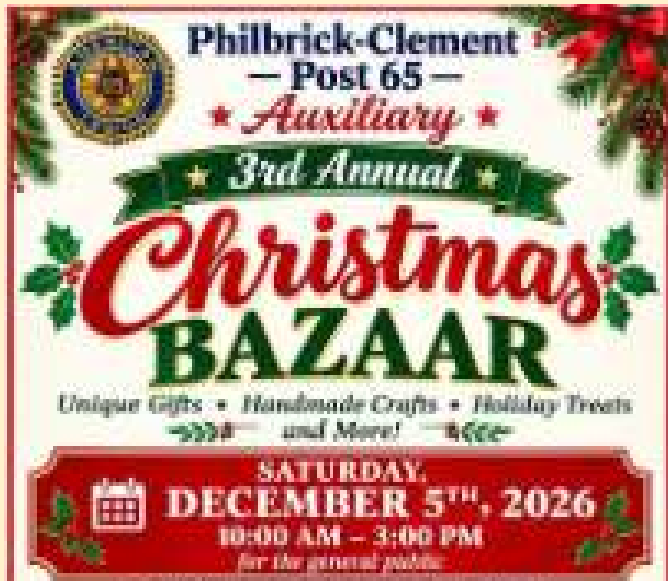
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Weare Business News

Legion Christmas Fair VENDORS NEEDED!

By Ellie Chapman

For more information and to reserve a table or two to display your products you can email Linda Holbrook @ lindaholbrook.lh@gmail.com



Why We Love
Living in
New Hampshire



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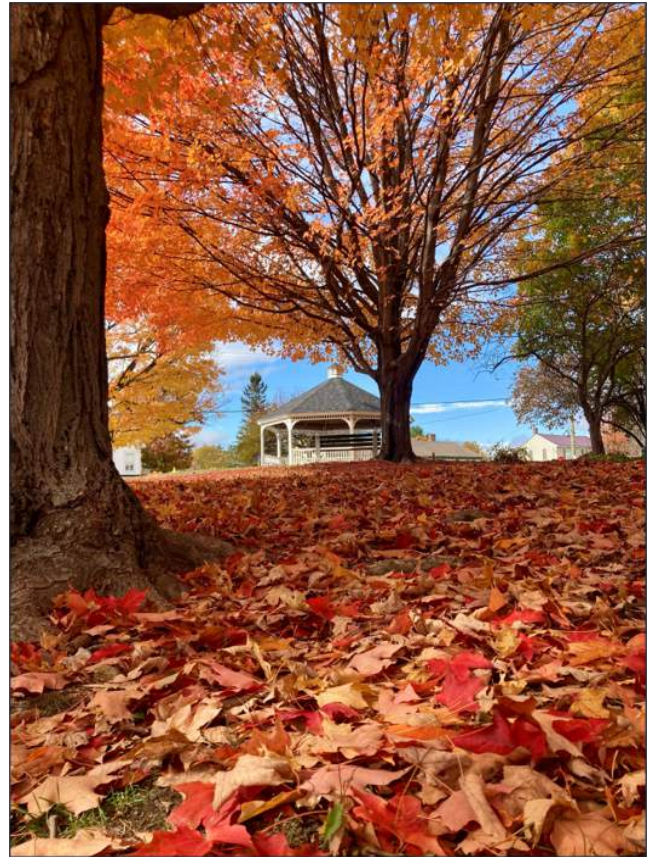


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