



# Weare in the World

*For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents*

**May 13, 2026**

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## ATTENTION WEARE VOTERS!!

The Supervisors of the Checklist are performing the Annual Verification Process required by NH law. Last week we mailed letters to all voters who are still active on the checklist, but have not voted in five or more years.

If you receive such a letter, still live in Weare, and wish to vote in upcoming elections, you need to reregister at the town clerk's office **BY JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>**. Please bring a photo ID and proof of residency.

If you think you **HAVE** voted in the last five years, notify the town clerk's office at 603-529-7527, so we can research the archives.

The Supervisors will meet in the town clerk's office at 5 p.m. on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Anyone who does not respond by that date will be removed from the checklist.

**HELP US KEEP THE VOTING LIST ACCURATE!**

Dearborn said that in October 2025, the town engaged Municipal Resources Incorporated (MRI) to assist in identifying qualified candidates for the town administrator position. By November 2025, MRI had received twenty applications. After an initial review and phone interviews, three candidates were invited to interview with the Board of Selectmen. After those interviews, one candidate was selected for a second interview but later withdrew from consideration.

The position was reposted, and sixteen applications were received. Three additional candidates were then invited to interview with the board. Following the initial round, all three were invited back for a second interview; however, one withdrew at this stage. After completing the second interviews with the remaining candidates, Dearborn said, the board felt it was appropriate to move forward with an offer.

He went on to welcome applicant Naomi Bolton as the Weare Town Administrator effective May 1, 2026, and to note her more than 30 years of dedicated service to the town and her deep understanding of the community and its needs. Her experience, knowledge, and proven leadership make her exceptionally well suited to guide the town forward, he said.

## After Lengthy Process, Bolton Selected Town Administrator

By Tom Clow

After a lengthy recruitment process, a familiar face returned to the town administrator's office in Weare, NH. On May 1, Naomi Bolton officially returned to the job from which she had retired in November 2025. At the May 4 Selectmen's meeting, Board Chairman Jack Dearborn reviewed the recruitment process that led to this decision.

*Naomi Bolton. Photo by Tom Clow.*





*Finance Administrator Beth Rouse was honored at the May 4 Board of Selectmen's meeting with a Proclamation of Recognition from the Town of Weare for her "exemplary service and unwavering dedication to the community." In addition to her duties as Finance Administer, Rouse has also recently been named Deputy Town Administrator. (Photo by Tom Clow)*

## TDS Telecom to Acquire Granite State Communications

By Mark Schaaf

TDS Telecommunications LLC (TDS Telecom), a wholly owned subsidiary of Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. (NYSE: TDS), has entered into a purchase agreement with Granite State Communications to transfer ownership of the independent phone company's fiber optic and voice operations. The acquisition combines two highly respected, adjacent internet providers in New Hampshire and is expected to close within the third quarter of 2026. As a result of the acquisition, TDS Telecom will gain more than 11,000 fiber service addresses.

"This acquisition marks an exciting step forward in our mission to deliver world-class connectivity with an excellent customer experience. By welcoming Granite State Communications into the TDS family, we are not only expanding our fiber network but also strengthening our commitment to the New Hampshire communities we serve," said Drew Petersen, TDS Telecom Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs.

Granite State Communications history dates to 1877 and once consisted of four separate telephone companies: Chester Telephone Company, Sandown Telephone Company, Weare Telephone Company, and Triangle Telephone Company. Throughout its history, Granite State Communications has maintained a large commitment to investing in its network and its communities.

"For nearly nine decades, Granite State Communications has been an important and enduring part of our family's journey," said Susan Rand King, President of Granite State Communications. "It was built over three generations of leadership and a steadfast commitment to innovation and customer-focused service."

Christian Rand, Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer added, "After thoughtful consideration, we are confident that TDS Telecom is the right partner for this next chapter. Their deep commitment to the New Hampshire market and proven track record gives us great confidence they will continue delivering the high-quality service our customers expect and deserve."

TDS Telecom, a Madison, Wisconsin-based company, has been doing business in New Hampshire since 1970 and owns five telephone companies, four of which have been operating as TDS Telecom since 2004.



## Dems Route 114 Cleanup RESULTS

The day started with a gentle mist, but we successfully cleared the winter debris for the remainder of our time. It was wonderful to enjoy the company of our crew members while catching up on local happenings in Weare. 24 Bags of trash were collected.



*L-R: Suzanne Couhie, Nancy Christian, Bev Cotton, Debbie Farr, Derek Winsor, Suzanne Merrill, Joe Stehno, Judy Foss and Tom Clow. (photo by Suzanne Couhie)*

**See CLEANUP, page 3**

## CLEANUP, continued from page 2

Here's to a fresh start for a clean town. We encourage others to do the same in their own neighborhoods by walking their roads with a bag in hand. We hope you can have family, friends, and neighbors join you in beautifying the area.

**Item there was most of:** Cigarette butts – hundreds!

**Oddest item:** a pair of oversized rustic shoes

**Biggest item:** this was a tie between a commercial sign and a trash can lid.

**Smallest item:** two different small metal fleur-de-lis

**Item left by non-humans:** two bird eggshells

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FB: <https://www.facebook.com/wearenhdemocrats>



## American Legion

By Ellie Chapman -  
member, Philbrick-Clement  
Post 65 Weare, NH

Hello May! Trees are budding, flowers coming up, the beginnings of warmer weather is here.

This month will host the start of a few of our annual activities. One of the most widely known is the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program. The program had humble beginnings in 1918. A woman named Miss Moina Michael was inspired by the poem 'In Flanders Field' written by Col. John McRae in 1915 to honor soldiers who died in WW1. Her simple act of buying a bouquet of poppies from a department store in New York City and handing them out to members of the YMCA as a tribute to the fallen blossomed into a fundraising opportunity to raise money for Veterans rehabilitation. In 1920, the George F. Plant American Legion Post 1 in Milwaukee, WI distributed 50,000 poppies and raised \$5,500.

Our Post 65 American Legion Auxiliary will begin our Poppy Program on May 22. You'll see poppy donation cans around town and we will distribute poppies at the Legion Memorial Day event. Any donation is welcome and will be used to support Veterans.

Our bake sales and quilt raffle tickets sales will start soon. We hope to host one sale a month during the Sunday Breakfast. Once again, member Rose Gilman has outdone herself and donated another quilt for our raffle. The proceeds from the raffle benefit a scholarship for a John Stark student along with Veterans and Auxiliary projects.



Left: Rose Gilman, Right: Maryann Greene

The Legion Post 65 will be hosting a Memorial Day service on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Watch the Legion FB page and sign out front of the Legion for time and more details. And, as always, this is a great way to spend a Sunday morning!



## Cannon Salute to America on Its 250<sup>th</sup>

### CANNON WANTED

The Weare Historical Society is planning a celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America's independence with a cannon salute. This will be held on the grounds of the Stone Memorial Building in the center of town on July 4, 2026. We are looking for anyone who has access to a cannon or cannon-type device or who knows of such a person to contact us. Please call or email Neal Kurk at 603-529-7253 or [hiho\\_hiho@gmx.com](mailto:hiho_hiho@gmx.com)

## NH Gives

By the Goffstown Main Street Program

What makes a community feel like home? It's the moments we share—events, traditions, and time spent together on Main Street. For over 26 years, the Goffstown Main Street Program has created those moments. And during NH Gives, **June 9-10th**, you can help make even more possible.

Your gift supports:

- Community events that bring people together
- Local businesses that keep Main Street vibrant
- Traditions that make Goffstown feel like home

If Goffstown Main Street has ever meant something to you, we hope you'll consider giving.

**PROUDLY PARTICIPATING IN**  
**NH GIVES**  
 An initiative of **CENTER FOR NONPROFITS**

**SUPPORT US**  
**JUNE 9-10, 2026**  
**5PM - 5PM**

**Garden Club Plant Sale**  
**Saturday, May 23 - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

Come by and buy! Plants are contributed by our members.

We will have annuals and perennials, including flowering plants and shrubs, vegetables, ground covers, and more. Also a variety of house plants.

Proceeds go toward our annual scholarship FOR John Stark students.

At the Gazebo (Weare center)

**Weare Historical Society**  
**32nd Annual**  
**Townwide Yard Sale**

**SALE**

**SAT JUNE 6th 2026**  
**8AM - 2PM**

**COME SHOP or SIGN UP TO SELL**

**Get On The Map!**  
[www.WeareHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.WeareHistoricalSociety.org)

**Hand in Hand SENIOR CENTER & THRIFT SHOP**

**CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT NIGHT!**  
**April 23 and May 21**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**EVERYONE 18 YEARS OLD+ WELCOME!**

Think you've got what it takes to peg your way to the top? Join us for an evening of skill, excitement, strategy, and friendly competition!

**CASH PRIZES!**  
 Light Refreshments Served.  
 Entry Fee: \$5.00 per Person  
 Only 20 spots available.

**SIGN UP EARLY TO SECURE YOUR PLACE! CALL OR STOP BY TO SIGN UP.**  
 Hand in Hand Senior Center  
 33 N Stark Hwy, Weare  
 CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO: 603-529-4263



### Bingo at Osborne Hall

Bingo is  **canceled**  until further notice.



### Weare Pink Ladies Group May Meeting

By Lily Tang Williams

We will be meeting on **Thursday May 21 at 12pm** at Sun Shui NH Asian Restaurant (410 South River Road Bedford, NH 03110, 603 626-6181). We will then shop at Saigon Asian Market for sauces and spices to cook Chinese food at home.

Please let me know at [lily4liberty@comcast.net](mailto:lily4liberty@comcast.net) if you can make it. We have a ride for you if you need one.

For more information and updates see our website and sign up to join our private group on Facebook. (1) [Weare Pink | Facebook](#) or via email



**Crafts and Conversations**

Saturday, May 16th  
12:00-1:00

Bring your own crafting project to work on with fellow crafters for a fun time. Knitting, crochet, sewing, diamond dotz, drawing, etc.




**PLANT A SEED, READ** Spring-Summer 2026



Check out a book (or movie, game, etc.) OR sign up for a library card to receive a FREE pack of seeds!

Plus, be entered to win gift cards to local favorites like Country 3 Corners, Nicole's Greenhouse, and Gibson's Bookstore!



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WEAREPUBLICLIBRARY.COM

Summer Reading Starts June 17



**We Are**

**!!HIRING**

**Children's Librarian**



**APPLY**

Instructions at: [bit.ly/wearejob](http://bit.ly/wearejob)



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## Weare Public Library

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### MONDAYS

- 2:30-4:30 p.m.: Pokemondays (kids). Drop in to meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card enthusiasts.

#### TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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

#### WEDNESDAYS

- 2:15-5 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!

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- May 16 at noon (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month) (adults). Crafts and Conversations: Bring your own crafting project to work on with fellow crafters for a fun time. Knitting, crochet, sewing, diamond dotz, drawing, or whatever you're into.
- May 19 at noon (adults). Senior Book Group at Hand in Hand. The Frozen River: This historical mystery by Ariel Lawhon inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard - a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history. Pick up your copy at the Senior Center.
- Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month) (all ages). Peaceful Roots Yoga. Elevate community connection through mindful, fun, and creative movement with Yoga Master Amanda Marusarz.
- May 28 at 7:00 p.m. (adults). Book Group: Remarkably Bright Creatures: This feel-good but deceptively sensitive debut novel from Shelby Van Pelt is a gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible. Call the library to reserve your copy.
- Summit With Confidence: June 11 at 6:30 p.m. (adults). White Mountain Hiking. Whether you're planning a short-day hike or summiting a 4,000-footer, the White Mountains require smart preparation. Join

experienced local hiker and historian Rudy Bourget to learn essential equipment, skills, techniques, and trail-tested lessons to stay safe and have a great time.

- June 18, 1:00-3:00 p.m. (kids). Wet & Wild Summer Kickoff! School's out! Summer Reading begins with a blast on the library lawn with water balloons and squirt guns or try a medley of our outdoor games - like cornhole (provided by PARC).

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

**HAND IN  
HAND**



**SENIOR CENTER  
& THRIFT SHOP**

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

**33 North Stark Highway, Weare, NH 03281**

**Wed – Sat, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**603-529-4263/ [www.facebook.com/hihsc.org](http://www.facebook.com/hihsc.org)**

Excitement is certainly in the air! Enthusiastic volunteers and supporters want to help to transform the old Avon building and residence into a vibrant Senior Center and Thrift Shop. Going forward, we plan to have a workday each Saturday at 733 South Stark Hwy, starting Saturday, May 16. We need help with cleaning, washing windows, painting, pulling floorboards, removing walls, electrical work, plumbing needs, making ramps and so much more. If you can help, check out our web site [hihsc.org](http://hihsc.org), call 603-529-4263, or email [hkurk@hihsc.org](mailto:hkurk@hihsc.org)

Last month at the Senior Center, Joseph Chinnici, a care coordinator, explained the different possibilities for supported care in and out of one's home. Many questions were asked, and Joe gave valuable information, including about "living in a rural community, what is needed and what is available and affordable?" Sharon Czarnecki is taking up the mantle and hopes to explore this issue further.



*Joseph Chinnici talked about supported care in and out of one's home.*

Tai Chi class with Sandy Turcotte is off to a good start. Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:45-9:45 a.m. for 24 weeks. You have another week to sign up if you're interested.

We're fortunate to have Kelsie Lagasse join us on Wednesday, May 13 at 12:45 p.m. to talk about hearing healthcare. She will offer hearing screening, cleaning, and performance checks and demonstrations of hearing aids. Join us.

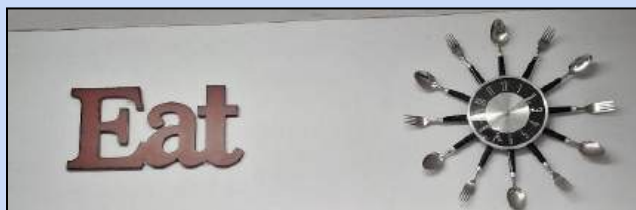
For a small all volunteer senior center we have plenty going on. Donna ([dmccarronsip60@yahoo.com](mailto:dmccarronsip60@yahoo.com)) will lead hikes for the next couple of months. Contact Donna to join her on Friday, May 15 at 10 a.m. to hike Mt. Kearsarge.

There's nothing like a good historical novel. "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon is this month's book choice. Pick up a copy at the Center and join the group on Tuesday, May 19, at 12 noon. Bring a lunch or not, and be part of a good book discussion.

Also, on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m., have a hot dog and popcorn and enjoy the movie "Moonstruck" starring Cher.

We hear that there are cribbage players looking for a game. No matter your age, sign up at the Center or call 603-539-4263 for our third tournament – Thursday, May 21 starting at 6 p.m.

Hand in Hand Senior Center and Thrift Shop is so thankful for all the people who have helped us develop and grow by volunteering on so many different levels. We are now reaching out to you to help us do the work it takes to make 733 S Stark Hwy a special place for the community. "Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud." – Helen Dyer



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

**May 13:** Ham salad on rolls, chips, garden salad

**May 20:** Chicken parmesan, pasta, salad

**May 27:** French toast, bacon, fruit

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.



## POETRY CORNER

### Red Carpet

Ground beneath leafing out trees,  
blood red carpet of fallen  
bud scales, first sign of new growth,  
red fuzz protective cover  
pushed out by green buds before  
full leaves appear, welcoming  
red carpet announcing  
arrival of spring, season's star.

- Marge Burke

### The Awakening

Earth woke from its winter sleep  
with an explosion of sight,  
sound, and scent, spring in full swing,  
familiar "earthy, musty"  
classic aroma fills the air,  
readying the ground for new life,  
uplifting feeling of joy,  
yellow daffodils burst forth,  
their trumpets sing happiness,  
tender green shoots of later  
lily of the valley blooms,  
weeping willow trees hold court,  
their branches bend low, gently  
sway in soft breeze, romantic  
waltz-like tempo, buttery  
yellow forsythia teems  
with abandon bringing smiles,  
magnolia and dogwood grace  
us with their delicate blooms,  
calming birdsong, buzzing bees,  
peepers intone at twilight,  
we shed our winter doldrums,  
step lightly with a spring pace,  
breathe deeply spring scents,  
listen for spring sounds of life,  
applaud spring's colorful sights.

- Marge Burke



## When a Friend Dies

When a friend dies one petal at a time  
 Thankful for the good memories  
 I stand by your side  
 We will unite again  
 You will see  
 Looking forward to seeing you  
 I am not going anywhere  
 But I will be there in good time  
 Looking forward to meeting you again  
 Your friend forever

- By Bonnie Kurylo

## Remnants of the Past

Long winding country road  
 lined with remnants of the past,  
 pastures overgrown,  
 range roads abandoned,  
 dying trees abundant,  
 just shadows of their once  
 stately stature, reduced  
 to twisted trunks devoid  
 of branches, scabby bark,  
 yet, each one still lives,  
 a magnum opus,  
 artist's inspiration,  
 remembering the past.

- Marge Burke

"...The psyche must desire life. It must yearn to even suffer after this life...for personalized meaning and connection and places in the world. Desire is awakened by the gleam in the Others Mothering/Fathering Eye. ---*Psyche and Family: Jungian Applications of Family Therapy*, eds. Laura Dodson and Terrill Gibson, Chiron, 1996

## That Gleam

That gleam  
 On the water  
     Through the leaves  
     Around the corner  
 Where the light illuminated  
     The church building and the driveway.

That gleam  
 Through the window  
 Of the broken house  
     Freezing the scene at the table of  
     Corn flakes  
     Eyeglasses  
     A navy-blue sweater.

That gleam  
 Off the water of the warm morning  
 Light lapping the golden sand shore  
     Against my orange kid life vest  
     The QUIET cover.

That gleam  
 Rested on the rolling hills  
 Of Morrisania's slanted fields  
     Where I meditated  
     Shaken, taken  
     In the hay hot summer sun.

That gleam?  
 I struggle to remember  
 From your parent eyes  
     Though I see it in the old black and whites.

That gleam  
 Which ignites  
     Excites  
     Rattles  
     Little legs and arms  
     Turns  
     The gurgling head  
     Smiles the chubby cheeks.

I stretch  
 Reach for it  
     That enveloping sheen  
     Seen  
     In the Eyes  
     The Golden Lotus of Becoming.

- Bill Beardslee



## Church Corner



## Weare Bible Baptist Church

82 N. Stark Hwy. Weare, NH

### **WORSHIP: SUNDAYS 11 a.m.**

*Changing lives one verse at a time.*

Sunday School at **10 a.m.**

Fellowship Service **12:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday** prayer meeting **7:00 p.m.**

*Live streaming on YouTube @wearebiblebaptist for most services*

**MISSIONARIES:** We are excited to welcome Todd and Kathy Beaman, missionaries to Africa, on May 31.

**GAME NIGHT:** Young adults (college to age 30) will meet for a time of laughter and learning **June 5 from 7-10 p.m.** Come out and join us!

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

email: [office@wearebiblebaptist.com](mailto:office@wearebiblebaptist.com)

Website: [wearebiblebaptist.com](http://wearebiblebaptist.com)

## Mark Your Calendar

### **Wednesday, May 13**

6 p.m. – John Stark School Board meeting

7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting

7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting

### **Thursday, May 14**

7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

### **Friday, May 15**

11 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

### **Saturday, May 16**

9 a.m. – Weare Republicans meeting

### **Monday, May 18**

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

### **Tuesday, May 19**

7 p.m. – Parks and Recreation Committee meeting

### **Wednesday, May 20**

7 p.m. – Energy Commission meeting

### **Thursday, May 21**

6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting