



# Weare in the World

*For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents*

**August 23, 2023**



*Grandpa Al (right) played by John Merva recounts the story of the Lost Village to grandchildren Jason (Alex Wilber) and Amy (Aubree Carpenter) as the audience looks on (Tom Clow photo).*

## Performance of "Lost Village" Highlights Old Home Day

By Tom Clow

How do you tell the complex story of a lost village through a dramatic production, when so few people still hold a first-hand memory of its existence? For local author and playwright Connie Evans, it was through a combination of reminiscence and reenactment. "Grandpa Al," played by John Merva, became the chief narrator as he took his grandchildren back in time to visit the lost village of East Weare. His tale was interspersed with characters from the past stepping forward to reenact scenes from a time long ago.

On Aug. 12, the Weare Historical Society presented Old Home Day 2023, "Remembering East Weare and the Hurricane of 1938." Few would argue that the highlight

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**Aug. 28: "Freshman Fest"** for all first-year students at JSRHS. This will be an early release day. Lunch is provided.

**Aug 29: First day** for all students at JSRHS, WMS and Center Woods Elementary schools.

**Sept. 1 and 4: No school** at JSRHS, WMS and Center Woods Elementary schools.



SAU 24 is grateful for the donation of 40 much-needed backpacks full of supplies by the American Legion Auxiliary in Weare. *Left: WMS Principal Jon Barry is shown with some of the backpacks (courtesy photo).*

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## "Talk" to Us

## Back to School

## Deadline: Sept. 8

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of the weekend was the three performances of *The Lost Village*, an original play written by Evans and performed by the Weare Community Theater on the lawn of the town common. Even the printed program for the day is a keepsake to be cherished. Besides serving as a handbill for the play, the program listed other events for the celebration, which included food concessions, a blacksmith demonstration and post and beam cutting and hewing. Most special was the history and pictures of East Weare included in the handout.

In the early 1990s, the Weare Historical Society published a four-volume visual history of Weare. Volume IV was devoted to East Weare. According to Historical Society President Sherry Burdick, the four volumes have been recently reprinted and are available for sale by the Weare Historical Society. Burdick said that many were sold at Old Home Day this year.

What was once a thriving village is now a flood control area and a recreation area that includes Clough State Park and many trails for hiking and off-road vehicles, when it is not under water. N.H. RSA 122:4 established a fund that reimburses cities and towns for lost property taxes resulting from “property acquired in the acquisition of land by the United States for navigation and flood control.” According to Weare Finance Administrator Beth Rouse, this year, the Town of Weare received \$40,061 in flood control reimbursement. One would assume that amount to be far less than what the total tax receipts would be from a thriving village.



Students and staff in the **Extended Learning Year** at JSRHS this summer had 12 days full of adventures. Activities included holding mock interviews with community members in a variety of careers, budgeting for a meal and grocery shopping, volunteering at the Goffstown Food Pantry filling boxes with food and making over 35 flower arrangements and cards that were delivered to the local nursing home.

*Above: Students with the flowers they delivered to a nursing home. Right: Nate Morse is busy in the kitchen preparing a meal (courtesy photos).*



 *School News* 



The **JSRHS football team** headed off to Vermont Academy for football camp and plenty of hard work and team building on Aug. 16. The football team held several yard clean up days this spring and summer, during which Henniker and Weare residents could sign up for help on those days for donations toward the team attending this camp. A special thank you to everyone that made this trip possible for our student athletes.



Coming soon to WMS: **a little free library.** As her senior project, recent JSRHS graduate Sophia Pollard constructed the little library from material she recycled. Headed to college to major in elementary education, she wanted to give something back to her community. Once the library is permanently installed at WMS, it will be registered with the international organization [LittleFreeLibrary.org](http://LittleFreeLibrary.org), and people everywhere will be able to locate it. *Above: Pollard delivers her capstone project with help from WMS librarian Jodie Antoine (courtesy photo).*

**Rotary**  **Goffstown Rotary Grant**

**Deadline: Sept. 29**

The Goffstown Rotary Club awards grants each year to organizations involved in community service-related activities. Applications can be sent to [goffstownrotary@gmail.com](mailto:goffstownrotary@gmail.com) or mailed to P.O. Box 533, Goffstown, N.H., 03045. To request an application, please email [goffstownrotary@gmail.com](mailto:goffstownrotary@gmail.com)

The Goffstown Rotary Club services the communities of Goffstown, Weare, New Boston and Dunbarton. It meets most Tuesday mornings at the Parks and Recreation building at 155 S. Mast Rd. in Goffstown. Follow on Facebook for complete, up-to-date information on Club meetings, activities and events!

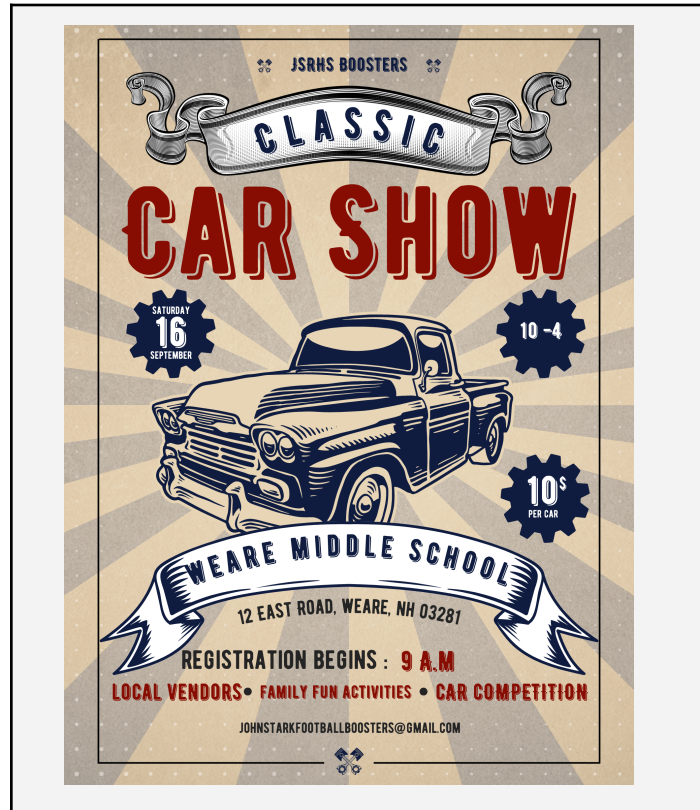


*Diane Padilla, Nancy Christian, Bill Pollitt, Suzann Couhie, Derek Winsor, Suzanne Merrill, Gary Evans and Connie Evans (courtesy photo).*

**Weare Dems Highway Cleanup**

By Suzanne Couhie

On July 15, the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup crew from the Weare Democrats was busy keeping the center of Weare clean after the Patriotic Celebration. Great job everyone! Thank you!



**New Church in Weare**

By Martha Kaloogian

My husband Howard Kaloogian and I have lived in Weare, New Hampshire — one of the least churched states in the nation — for the last eight years. Howard has worked many years for Hillsdale College, but as time goes by, he is thinking of what is next. So, we started a church in our barn. People are coming who don't attend a church but believe in God and are comfortable in a barn. We are part of Grace International, which has 4,900 churches in 122 countries worldwide. Howard was ordained this past year and I am learning how to run a children's program. If you are in the area, stop in -- rain or shine! Time and location above.



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 - Fri, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 603-529-4263 / facebook.com/hihsc.org

Our booth at Old Home Day allowed Hand in Hand Senior Center and Thrift Shop to reach more people in the community, letting them know what the Center has to offer and how they can help. We encourage anyone who is interested in helping expand our programs or volunteer to contact us.



A group of volunteers bake for the Center weekly. You are our dessert fairies. We don't know who you are, but you come through week after week. Thank you to this group who continue to make our Wednesday lunches end on a sweet note.

**WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?**



Wednesdays 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Dine in, take out or free delivery.

**Aug. 23:** Chili stuffed baked potatoes; sweet potato cornbread.

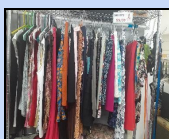
**Aug. 30:** Jaeger Schnitzel; German potato salad.

**Sept. 6:** Chicken divan; cucumber and pea salad.

**WHAT'S IN THE SHOP?**



August Thrift Shop  
**BLOWOUT SALE!**  
 BUY ONE GET ONE BOGO SALE  
**Clothing and Shoes**



Donations may be placed in the gray bin outside the front door or dropped off during business hours. We accept gently used clothing, kitchen and housewares, games, books and movies.

Unsure? Ask us.

**Weare Public Library News**

**WEARE GAMING**  
 AFTERNOON VIDEO GAMING  
 Ages 7+ In the Sawyer Room  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
 2:00 TO 4:30  
 wearepubliclibrary.com WEARE PUBLIC LIBRARY 603-529-2044

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ADULTS**

**Pinochle and cribbage.** Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Meet and play with other card game enthusiasts in the Paige Room upstairs.

**Craft group.** Thursdays at 1 p.m. Learn a new craft. Space is limited. Call 603-529-2044 to register.

**Book Group.** Sept 27 at 7 p.m. We're reading "All The Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. Call 603-529-2044 to reserve your copy.

**KIDS and TEENS**

**PokeMondays.** Mondays 2- 5 p.m. Meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card game enthusiasts and win prizes.

**Scholastic Chess.** Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m. All kids are invited to jump in, learn logic and planning skills while they play. In the Sawyer Room.

**Video Gaming.** NEW TIME on Wednesdays: 2 - 4:30 p.m. Challenge your friends with Smash Bros., Minecraft or other games. You can even check out many of our games and take them home! Recommended for ages 6+. In the Sawyer Room.



**Tips for Caregivers**

Caregiver Connection is an opportunity for family caregivers to support one another and connect with our professional staff. Granite Visiting Nurse Association provides a safe space to connect online with other caregivers facing similar challenges. Join Thursday, Aug. 24 from 10-11 a.m. Registration required at (603) 224-4093 ext. 85815.



**Wednesday, Aug. 23, 1 p.m.**

At Hand in Hand Senior Center in Weare. Presented by Shauna, a community health educator. Shauna's passion is promoting wellness through educational programs. She encourages active participation in aging by inspiring us that there is nothing we cannot do.

Come and learn about programs that Shauna will bring to our community. She also wants to hear about programs and ideas/topics that would interest you.

This presentation is offered at no charge and registration is not required. The VNA has offices in Concord and can be reached at 603-224-4093 or 800-924-8620 or [www.granitevna.org](http://www.granitevna.org)



## Asked and Answered: Summer Vacation



*Jenny Snyder is shown outside the family cabin of Laura Ingalls Wilder (courtesy photo).*

## A "Little House" Summer Vacation

By Jenny Snyder

One of my big bucket list items is to see all 50 states (I now have six left). This year, my husband suggested we get a couple more under our belt. I have always enjoyed the Laura Ingalls Wilder "Little House" books, so we flew in to Minneapolis, picked up our rental car and drove to Pepin, Wisconsin -- the location of "Little

House in the Big Woods," where we toured the Little House cabin and then visited the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum. We stopped off to eat at The Pickle Factory (as a guide book suggested) and we were not disappointed. We then visited the Mall of America -- which is the size of four Malls of New Hampshire! -- where we walked not even a quarter of it and watched a movie.

Early to rise the next day, we drove up to North Dakota and visited the world's largest Catfish, and paid our respects at the Ringling Brothers Circus Memorial.

Back on the road to South Dakota, where we stopped in DeSmet where most of the books take place. We visited the school house Laura attended and the school where she taught, and the Surveyor's house the family lived in. We then headed to the cemetery where most of the family is buried.

For the final leg of the trip we headed back toward Minneapolis and stopped in Walnut Grove to visit the museum and the site of "On The Banks of Plum Creek."

We made it back to our hotel around midnight and slept in before our flight the next morning. A wonderfully long and full weekend! (Above: Inside the schoolhouse of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Courtesy photo)



## Murder at Otter Cliffs

By Sharon Czarnecki

My daughter witnessed the murder firsthand! It took place at Otter Cliffs in Acadia National Park. We were all mesmerized by the waves, of course -- the rhythmic crashing, the cascade of water as it fanned out over the huge rocks and crevices -- like white diamonds in the sun. It was with this peaceful backdrop that the crab fell from a great distance up in the sky and landed -- with an audible crack -- on its back, with legs flailing not even three feet from my shocked daughter. The murder itself was brutal. A seagull landed promptly and began tearing legs off its victim and then poking holes in the exposed underbelly. It was all over before there were any other witnesses. The unwitting crab was now part of a higher life form and only its shell remained to testify that it was once a part of the world.



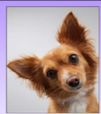
There are deer there, too. So many deer, if you know

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where to look. One evening, we counted 22 of them feeding and cavorting in a large field. Now, I will have you know, they are not all as devoted as Bambi's mom. (Of course, maybe she was just a helicopter mom.) We spied one fawn feeding with its mom when a loud noise startled it. The fawn got up and ran away completely out of the field, across a dirt road and into the woods where you could no longer even see it. Her mom, and presumably some aunties too, just continued to feed placidly less than a football field from the busy main road. I was quite disillusioned.

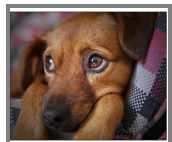
Aside from those two special encounters with wildlife, we enjoyed the local Bar Harbor Band playing in the town gazebo – just like in the movie Pollyanna in 1910. We got ice cream cones and walked around the shops to buy polished rocks, t-shirts, jewelry and other keepsakes or Christmas presents. There were picnics on the lawn while we watched the cruise ships come in, blowing bubbles on the top of Cadillac Mountain, searching for sea glass on the island sand bar, eating at our favorite restaurant, listening to the tide make the rocks click as it goes out to sea, viewing the spectacular moon as it makes a bright light pathway to itself across the water, playing miniature golf – with five holes-in-one for three people, and so many more small moments. That is enough memories to last...until next year.



**Tell Us About:  
Back to School !**

What was it like when you went back to school? What day did you start? What kind of supplies did

you need? Did you get new clothes? What did you look forward to? What worried you? Send your memories to [weareintheworldnews@gmail.com](mailto:weareintheworldnews@gmail.com).



**Looking for Something to Do?**

Compiled by Sharon Czarnecki



FREE EVERY TUESDAY EVENING / 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Angela Robinson Bandstand, Community Park

*Rain location: Community center*

**Aug 29:**

**THE BAND:** Nick's Other Band (Rock music featuring Delbert McClinton, Ray Charles, Van Morrison, the Allman Brothers and more).

**MILFORD NH**  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**  
**7-8:30pm**  
 THE STAGE is at Keyes Park 43 Elm St. Milford  
 EMERSON PARK is at 6 Mr. Vernon St. Milford

**Aug 23:** The Stage

**THE BAND:** Bedford Big Band (concert)

**Aug 30:** The Stage

**THE BAND:** Two Beatles Tribute (Rock n' roll)



**New Boston  
Summer Concert  
Series**

At the gazebo

Tuesdays, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Aug 24:**

**THE BAND:** Jamdemic (Rock and blues)

**SQUAM LAKES**  
**NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER**  
 23 Science Center Road, Holderness, NH  
 603-968-7194



**NOTE: Weare Public Library has discount passes!**

Discover the amazing world of caterpillars at Squam Lakes Natural Science Center in Holderness. **AUGUST 24 and 25 (three showings)**. We will be showing off a wide range of New England caterpillar species. You can see and touch these incredible insects and learn about their life cycles and adaptations. You will be amazed by the diversity and beauty of caterpillars that live in your own backyard. These native caterpillars have many different shapes, sizes, colors, and behaviors. Some look like sticks or snakes, some have spines or spots, some can sting or spray. You will get to see them up-close as they eat their host plants. This program is fun and educational for everyone, whether you are a curious kid or a seasoned naturalist. Caterpillars in Residence with The Caterpillar Lab is included with regular trail admission. Learn more at: [www.nhnature.org](http://www.nhnature.org).



## POETRY CORNER

### Mournful Sounds

They were mournful sounds  
                   yet  
 they had a jazz beat

low trembling sounds  
 plucked by bass player  
 bent low over strings  
 coaxing them to sound,

drums gave the jazz beat,  
 players hands, drumsticks,  
 and feet provided heat,

sending vibrations  
 throughout my body,  
 strange combination,  
 bass and drums, giving  
 time to pause, ponder  
 on life's challenges,

they were mournful sounds  
                   yet  
 they had a jazz beat.

*-Marge Burke*

### Portrait of a Breeze

How do you describe a breeze,  
 or paint a portrait of a breeze,

you can feel a breeze  
 soft as a feather  
 brush across your cheek,

you can't see the breeze,  
 but you can see leaves  
 flutter when a breeze blows,

you can hear a breeze,  
 when the chimes peal out  
 a joyful greeting,

you can pause and ponder  
 on the mystery of a breeze.

*-Marge Burke*

## Mark Your Calendar

### Wednesday, Aug. 23

6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting

### Thursday, Aug. 24

7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

### Saturday, Aug. 26

8 a.m.–12 p.m. – Household Hazardous Waste Day

9:30 – Weare Republicans meeting

### Monday, Aug. 28

6:30 p.m.- Board of Selectmen work session

### Friday, Sept. 1

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

### Tuesday, Sept. 5

7 p.m. – Garden Club meeting

### Wednesday, Sept. 6

6 p.m. – Mildred Hall Advisory Committee meeting

6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting

### Thursday, Sept. 7

7 p.m. – Public Library Trustees meeting

### Monday, Sept. 11

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

### Tuesday, Sept. 12

7 p.m. – Parks and Recreation Commission meeting

7 p.m. – Cable Committee meeting

7:30 p.m. – Zoning Board meeting

### Wednesday, Sept. 13

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

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

7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting

7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting

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