Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

November 11, 2026

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School News

Service Beyond the Uniform: The Lasting Impact of Our Veteran Educators

By Jacqueline Coe, Ed.D., with research and interview assistance from Davien Wooten

In SAU 24, providing students with a quality education goes beyond delivering strong instruction. Our dedicated educators recognize the potential in every student, build meaningful relationships, and support young people in developing the skills and confidence they need to succeed. Among our educators we are proud to have United States military veterans whose service shapes the way they teach, lead, and support students.

For Lisa Bieler, Ryan Bumford, John Daley, Sonja Roussel, and Brandon VonFeldt, the qualities that shaped their military careers are the same qualities they now bring into their teaching. Lessons in perseverance, accountability, integrity, teamwork, and leadership are the foundation of their classrooms.

Although their individual stories are different, from a career in the Army, to service in the Marine Corps, to time in the Army and Air National Guards, there is a common thread. Their military experiences influence how they set expectations, approach challenges, build relationships, and encourage students to take responsibility for their own learning.

For Lisa Bieler, a John Stark math teacher who retired from the Army after nearly 22 years of service, leadership and mentorship remain central to her work as an educator. She encourages students to take responsibility for their learning. As she explains, "The Army taught me the importance of patience, adaptability, teamwork, and leading by example, all of which I bring into my classroom every day."

For Brandon VonFeldt, a John Stark English teacher, integrity and personal responsibility are important lessons he hopes students will carry with them beyond his classroom. He encourages students to do what is expected of them, even when no one is watching, and to take ownership of their learning.

Sonja Roussel draws on her military experience to reinforce perseverance and confidence, particularly when her middle school students at Henniker Community School face challenges. She understands that sometimes students need a different approach, more practice, or simply someone who believes they can succeed.

Other educators carry similar lessons into their daily work. John Daley, who joined John Stark this year as a social studies teacher and head football coach, recognizes that supporting students requires understanding what they need in different situations and adjusting his approach accordingly. As he puts it, "Teaching is an art. You have to be able to identify what a student needs in different situations."

For these educators, a successful day in the classroom is about more than students completing a lesson or earning a grade. It is about creating a place where students gain confidence, work through challenges, support one another, and discover they are capable of more than they once believed. Roussel describes one of the most rewarding parts of teaching as watching a

student move from “I can’t do this” to “I understand!” Bieler finds similar fulfillment when students recognize their own progress and excitedly share, “Wait, I get this!”

Bieler also hopes students understand that challenges are a natural part of learning. “I want them to understand that mistakes are opportunities to learn and that sometimes you have to work through challenges rather than give up,” she shared.

For VonFeldt, hearing that several students credited him with helping them pass their classes was a powerful reminder that his efforts are making a difference. Daley was honored to hear that a student had named him as one of their heroes in an assignment.

Building that kind of influence begins with relationships. These SAU 24 educators recognize the importance of getting to know students as individuals, listening to their concerns, and creating an environment where they feel comfortable asking questions.

Their commitment also reflects the importance of a strong school community. Ryan Bumford, a middle school science teacher at Weare Middle School, coordinates community building activities at his school with the purpose of making students feel like they are part of something larger than their individual classroom or grade level. Bumford stresses the importance of making sure students feel heard and feel included in the decisions that impact their learning.

These educators understand that student success is a shared responsibility, made possible through collaboration among teachers, support staff, families, and the broader community. Whether working with colleagues, mentoring students, or participating in school activities, they recognize that preparing young people for the future takes a collective effort.

As SAU 24 recognizes Veterans Day, we honor the military service of our educators and the dedication and skill they bring to our schools. While these SAU 24 teachers may no longer serve in uniform, their commitment to make a difference remains. We are grateful for their service to the United States and proud to have them as members of our community.

Putting Their Skills to the Test!

John Stark Regional High School carpentry students are building hands-on skills and putting their craftsmanship to the test! As part of their class, students apply what they learn about construction, tools, and building techniques to create practical projects. Recently, students tested the strength of their newly constructed sawhorse with the ultimate test of faith: the combined weight of three teenagers!



Pictured from left to right: Daniel Brisson, Abram Foote, and Shane Lacroix.

Best Buddies at John Stark: Building a Community of Belonging

Since launching in 2018 with just nine members, the Best Buddies chapter at John Stark has grown to an incredible 125 members! The program promotes inclusion and friendship for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), helping create a school community where every student feels valued and connected.



Through monthly meetings and activities throughout the school year, members celebrate different abilities and promote the message that everyone deserves friendship and a sense of belonging. From Down Syndrome Awareness Month in October to Belonging Week in March and Autism Awareness Month in April, Best Buddies works to foster understanding, acceptance, and inclusion across the school.



Follow the John Stark Best Buddies Instagram page to see how students are making a difference and building a more inclusive school community!

Setting Goals and Reaching New Heights at CWES!

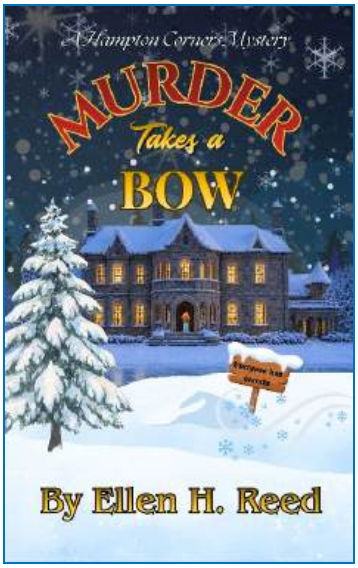


Center Woods Elementary School welcomed local author Beth Janelle for special presentations with kindergarten, first- and second-grade students. Through the story of her dog, Nina, Beth shared an inspiring message about perseverance, setting goals, and believing in yourself. Students learned how Nina worked hard to climb some of New Hampshire's tallest mountains and then set goals of their own, from mastering skateboard tricks to reading a chapter book. Thank you to Beth for encouraging our students to dream big, keep trying, and celebrate every step toward reaching their goals!

John Stark Fall Sports Calendar

https://arbiterlive.com/School/Calendar/120499

The Weare Area Writers Guild



By Sharon Czarnecki

If you like mysteries AND theater groups, you will love this series. The characters are so vivid, you often find yourself saying, "I knew someone just like that." - except for the villains, of course. Visiting from abroad and all from the same wealthy family they have generations of grudges and intrigue.

The setting is also nearly a character of its own. A beautiful old castle turned into an inn complete with hidden passages and a raging snowstorm.

The stories from this series are set in New Hampshire which adds to the familiar feeling that this little town is right around the corner. Even tho' murder and mayhem abound; there is plenty of humor to be found throughout. If you love mysteries, or have mystery readers on your Christmas list, you will not be the least bit disappointed in supporting one of our local authors. (*Available on Amazon*)

For more information on the Writers Guild, you can join us on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month at the Senior Center, 33 North Stark Highway or visit our website.
www.bit.ly/weareareawriters or
FaceBook – weareareawritersgroup
Or email at czar5@comcast.net

From Leaves to Turkey Raffles, Holiday Baskets & Bazaars

By Ellie Chapman – member Post 65

I'm sure November finds you spending more time raking the last of the leaves, taking down your Halloween decorations and adjusting to the time change. While thoughts of snow and cold may be creeping in, we sure did enjoy those last summer-like days!

This month we take time to honor our Veterans. At the 11th hour, on the 11th day of the 11th month, WWI officially ended. Originally referred to as Armistice Day, in the United States it was changed to Veterans Day to honor all Veterans. Thank you to all who have served.

Did you know that on Veterans Day many local restaurants offer discounted and/or free meals and businesses offer discounts to active military and Veterans? You can find a list of offers by searching online.

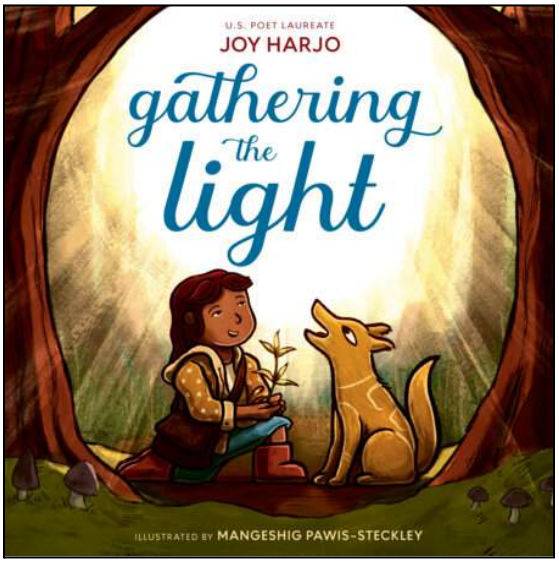
A big thank you, to all of you who purchased baked goods and raffle tickets during our bake sales at the Sunday breakfasts. We are done hosting regular bake sales for the year but will start again next May. We will have a bake sale table at our upcoming **Holiday Bazaar** on **December 5th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Of course, as with all of you, the holidays are a busy time for the Auxiliary. Our weekly Legion breakfasts and monthly bake sales may be over, but now we prepare for holiday community projects. Upcoming events for November –The Legion will be hosting their annual **Turkey Raffle** on **November 14th**! There are multiple chances to win a turkey, for your holiday dinner. Try your luck as many times as you want and you might walk away with multiple turkeys! The Auxiliary will be there also to provide another opportunity to buy raffle tickets.



Also, this month the Auxiliary will be stuffing a holiday basket with a complete Thanksgiving Dinner for a local family. And thanks to your donations of canned and non-perishables that were collected at the recent breakfasts they will have more for their pantry!

Just a reminder…..the deadline to reserve v**endor space is November 15th**, for our upcoming **Holiday Bazaar on Dec 5th**. For more info and vendor forms contact Linda Holbrook at lindaholbrook.lh@gmail.com



Longer Nights for Brighter Mornings

By Will Leathers, Children's Librarian

With the turning back of the clocks, we become more aware of the eternal cycle of day and night that directs the rhythms of our lives to a great extent. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo's new children's book, entitled *Gathering the Light*, asks the reader to participate in the deeper significance of this cycle.

Through her poem, Harjo frames the beginning of the day as a time of gratitude and as a time to wish for the best for others so that we can live with integrity. Harjo reminds us that every creature on this planet, whether they live "in the middle of a city" or on "the far edge of the reservation," is a part of the ritual of sunrise. The morning sun acts as the universal call to joy.

Night is introduced in the poem as the time of letting go of fears, worries, and guilt, as well as a time of forgiveness for ourselves and others. These "monsters" are conquered in the nighttime, allowing us to dream and grow. The night acts as a kind of purification making us light as the breeze for the morning ritual of joy and gratitude.

So as we adjust to the changing of the clocks and seasons, let's take Joy Harjo's poem to heart and make the most of every hour of our days and nights.

Check out *Gathering the Light* at the Weare Public Library. You'll be glad you did!



Stone Fund Grant

The Joseph P. Stone Fund has granted financial help to low-income single women and widows in need since 1896. The application form is available from Mary-Ann Green, in the town welfare office, at 15 Flanders Memorial Road, Weare or by writing David Erikson, Stone Fund Committee, 246 Poor Farm Rd. Weare. The deadline to receive the applications is **Dec. 7th**.



Photo by Anthony Quintano

Granite State Modelers

By John Rauscher

Granite State Modelers held our 33rd annual display, contest and show at the Weare Middle School again this year, on Sunday October 18, 2026. We moved across the school to the gymnasium, which by all accounts was a huge success. The cafeteria had become too congested and close quarters for vendors, display tables and visitors to adequately see the models and not jeopardize the integrity of the tables themselves.

We had a terrific raffle, broken into two halves over the day - where hundreds of kits, tools, books and supplies were given out to lucky ticket holders. There were 36 vendor tables full of models, books and supplies to purchase, from collectible kits to paint and glue and everything in between – cars, ships, aircraft, trucks, military vehicles and science fiction kits abounded. A good many went home with modelers and visitors alike.

There were 432 models built and on display at the contest entered by 90 individual modelers! We had 156 walk-in visitors who turned out to see what the show was all about, and 4 children with parents joined the Make-and-Take table to sit down and build a model they got to bring home. We also gave out 3 kits to families who did not have time to sit and build at the show but promised to bring them to next year's show.



Make-and-Take is a tradition with IPMS (International Plastic Modelers' Society), an organization founded in 1963 in Great Britain, and here in the US in 1964. It's an educational society dedicated to promoting the hobby of plastic model kit building and Granite State Modelers is a NH chapter of the US Parent Organization. Our members believe in introducing children to plastic model building (even Lego!) to create an interest in using their hands to build something uniquely their own. It facilitates an interest in history, improves concentration and dexterity, reading and understanding instructions and following sequential steps, imagination and interest in things outside of keyboards and screens. Our Make-and-Take is free for attending parents and children to participate in, and members are on hand to assist with the kit building process – but most importantly it allows parents and children to create something together and build a bond around a tangible activity in an age where cell phones and computers can lead to a disconnect in relationships. PLEASE consider bringing your child to the show next year, always the third Sunday of October, and participate!

We have so many people to thank for the success of this year's show. First and foremost, Weare Middle School and its staff, and the Weare School District for their continued support and facilitation of a fantastic venue. Mike M was instrumental in helping us pull off the changeover to the gym, and provided us with assistance in preparing, holding, and breaking down the show. Both Weare Middle School and Center Woods Elementary broadcast the show on their highly visible announcement signs and the Town of Weare set up the Town Hall sign to promote the show as well. Spouses came to act as support staff (but really run the show – let's be realistic here). To everyone (and I am sure I am leaving folks out unintentionally), THANK YOU!!!

Sharon Czarnecki and Anthony Quintano (community outreach reporter and photographer, respectively, for Weare in the World) were instrumental in getting the word out and taking amazing photos at the show. Sharon and Anthony spent over an hour meeting people, talking to volunteers, and walking through the display area. A huge thank you to both of you!!!!

I would be very remiss in not mentioning the most significant aspect of our show. All the modelers, families and visitors who attended GraniteCon 33 are the key to a successful show, a fantastic display and presentation of unique and beautiful work, and most importantly, the support and encouragement of a wonderful hobby.

All our club members pull together to make this show happen. We meet the third Monday of each month at the Nashua Public Library (except for January, February and October when it is the fourth Monday), 7-9pm. We offer show and tell, skill building discussions, camaraderie and support for seasoned, new and returning modelers!







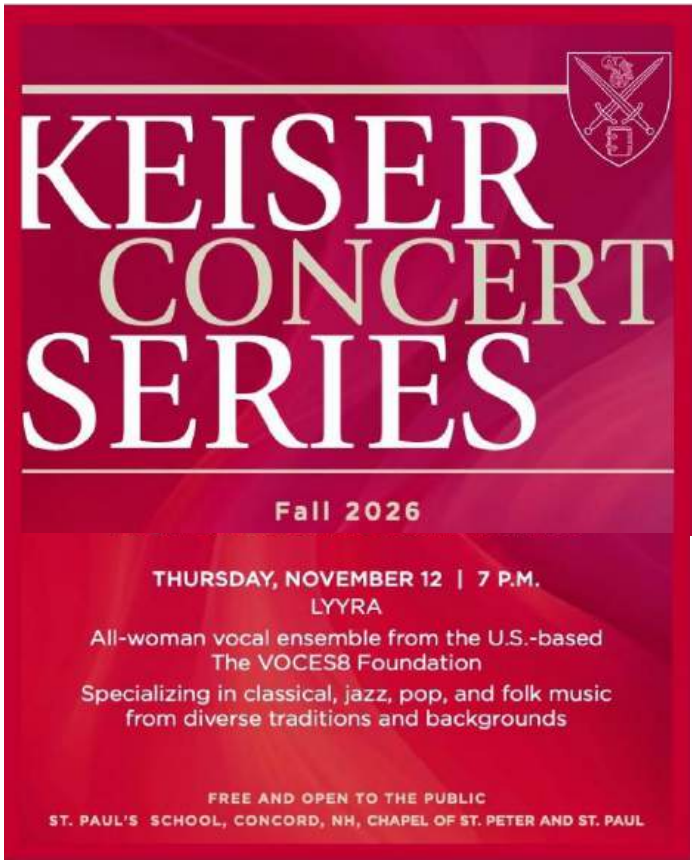
Rotary Grant

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.





Mike Boyko painting at the Rice Preserve in Lyndeborough, NH

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



Missed the first couple of classes? No Worries.
You are always welcome!



John Stark Stage Company Presents

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

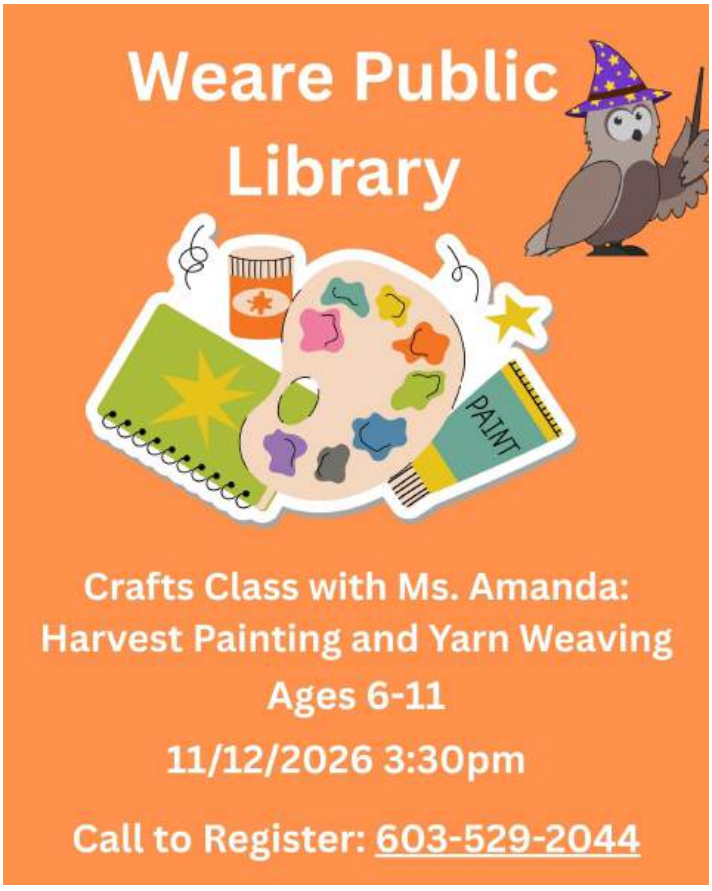
Performance Schedule

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 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
• 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

• Ruff Readers: Nov. 10 & 17, 3:30-6:00 p.m. (ages 5-11) 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.

CLOSED on Nov 11 for Veteran's Day

• Thursday, Nov. 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.
• 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.
• 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.
• 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.
• 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.
• Nov. 23, 3:30-5:00 p.m. (ages 6+). **Happy Animal & Character Drawing**. Love to doodle—or want to learn? Stop by the Sawyer Room after school for easy, step-by-step lessons in drawing fun, happy animals and characters packed with personality and emotion. You'll be drawn in!
• Nov. 30 at 4:30 p.m. (ages 6+). **Kids Herb Club**. Join Ms. Sandy for fun, hands-on learning with special herb-based crafts and recipes. Register by calling the library.
• Dec. 7, 3:30-5:00 p.m. (kids). **Pokemonday**. Drop in to meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card enthusiasts.
• Dec. 8 at 6:00 p.m. (ages 10+). **Ornament Carving**. Discover the meditative calm of wood carving with Owl Eyes Wilderness as you use simple hand tools to learn how to transform raw wood into snowman ornaments that you can take home. Call the library to register.
• Dec. 16 at 3:30 (ages 6-18). **Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament**. Fight for prizes and glory in this double-elimination tournament. There's no pre-registration, but you'll need to be on time.
• Dec 17. at 7:00 p.m. (adult). **Book Group: The Joy Luck Club**. This month we're reading and discussing Amy Tan's classic novel about four Chinese immigrant families in San Francisco. Call to reserve your copy.

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

Keep up to date with what's going on! Sign up for our newsletter at: bit.ly/wearenews

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

New Location News

Everyone wants to hear about the progress at Hand in Hand Senior Center and Thrift Shop's future home at 733 S. Stark Hwy. Volunteers are giving their all. Mike Pelletier, Joe McCarron and Parker Brown have continued to work with us faithfully since June. Gerry Parent and Gregg Elwood have responded to our call for more carpenters/Jacks of all trades.



Gerry Parent and Mike Pelletier *working on the two ramps which are now completed (photo by Heleen Kurk)*



Billie Lunderville busy mudding a thrift shop section (photo by Heleen Kurk). Not shown: Suzanne Marcroft (Zany Paint Co.) and new volunteer Billie Lunderville are busy taping, mudding, sanding and priming the future thrift shop and main part of the Senior Center.



Suzanne Marcroft (Zany Paint Co.) priming. Fire doors still to be installed in the background (photo by Heleen Kurk)

We've been lucky with such good weather. Our parking lot, driveway, and more open space are complete thanks to the work of volunteer Floyd Colburn and material donated by Mt. William Inc. (Chris Bolton).



Stacy Colburn taking volunteer Floyd Colburn's bulldozer away (photo by Heleen Kurk)

The path to the thrift shop needed to be hand graded and the edges smoothed out. Call in volunteer Christine Lynady, and the job gets done.



Christine Lynady grading the path to the thrift shop (photo by Heleen Kurk)

Present Location News

Things are continuing at our old location. Making great **Christmas ornaments** on Mondays led by Donna McCarron (see our calendar on our web page hihsc.org). Music is graciously provided by Carolyn Beaulieu on her Appalachian Mt. dulcimer as you socialize and create your ornament. Materials are provided, but please sign up at the Center or leave a message for Donna at 603-325-1258.



Sue McLaughlin making a milkweed Christmas ornament at crafts on Monday (photo by Donna McCarron)



Carolyn Beaulieu and her Appalachian dulcimer (photo by Donna McCarron)

A reminder to **cribbage players** out there, our November tournament will be on **Wednesday, November 18 at 5 p.m.** Please sign up at the Center or call 603-529-4263 and leave a message. It's a fun-filled evening.

This quote by Jesse Owens certainly speaks to what all the donors and volunteers are doing to make the dream of Hand in Hand come true: "*We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort.*"



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)

November 11: Spaghetti & meatballs, salad, bread
November 18: Split pea soup, bread
November 25: Biscuits and gravy

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.



Church Corner



Weare Bible Baptist Church

82 N. Stark Hwy. Weare, NH

SUNDAY SCHOOL: **10 a.m.**
WORSHIP: **SUNDAYS at 11 a.m.**
Changing lives one verse at a time.
www.youtube.com/@wearebiblebaptist
FELLOWSHIP SERVICE: **12:30 p.m.**
WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING: **7:00 p.m.** (No meeting on November 25)
THANKSGIVING POT LUCK: **November 22**, Afternoon Service
PIE & PRAISE SERVICE: **November 24 at 7 PM**
YOUNG ADULTS – Next activity: **December 4** – Details to Come. A very active group, come and meet other young people your age.

For more information contact us: (603) 212-1600
email: office@wearebiblebaptist.com
Website: wearebiblebaptist.com



Deering Community Church

763 Deering Center Rd, Deering, NH

Do JUSTICE seek Peace build COMMUNITY
WORSHIP: **Sundays 10 AM**
Join us in-person or via zoom using the link below
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81625213785?pwd=VlNiWUFQNzVmbkFvUE9MRVdhTUVPdz09
Free Community Breakfast: Every second Saturday (**Nov 14**) of the month from **9am-12pm** ALL WELCOME
Connect with Us: dccnhadmin@gmail.com



Mt. Dearborn Rd. & Deering Center Rd.

South Weare Union Church To Be Saved!

We are excited to announce the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance has chosen the South Weare Union Church as one of its Seven to Save for 2026. The announcement was made at the Alliance's event on October 20th. The Trustees were in attendance and recognized for their ongoing efforts to maintain and save the church. The Seven to Save program is in its 20th year and the Alliance's website states: "To date, over one hundred significant places have been listed to *Seven to Save*, with more than half saved."



LOOKING OVER THE PROGRAM of the day for the centennial celebration of the South Weare Union Church are these dignitaries for the day's festivities. From left are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Flanders, chairman of the Centennial committee; Mrs. Ruth Peale of New York, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale of New York, featured speaker, and Dr. Daniel K. Poling, minister of the South Weare Union Church. (Photo by Bill Beckman)

The South Weare Union Church was built in 1875 on the site of an earlier 1789 church. Its congregation was made up of both Congregationalists and Universalists hence the name "Union." Dr. Daniel Poling preached summers at the church for many years. In 1975 the church celebrated its 100th anniversary with guest preacher Dr. Norman Vincent Peale of New York.
Generations of Weare families have celebrated events in the church – Baptisms, weddings, funerals, and important occasions. It is a local landmark in our town. But time has taken its toll on the church and it is in need of modernization and repair.

The designation as one of the Seven to Save will provide much needed assistance to the Trustees of the church in raising funds to make necessary repairs and to bring the church's facilities up to date so it will once again open its doors to the Weare community. Watch this space for announcements on our progress!



Trustees Judy Rogers, Terry Knowles, and Sherry Burdick. Missing - Trustee Teri Snow.



Holy Cross Church

118 Center Rd, Weare, NH 03281

Contemplative Sundays and Christmas Eve at Holy Cross Church

By Bishop Hirschfeld

This Advent season, Holy Cross Church in Weare invites you to experience some opportunities for quiet, meaningful worship: Contemplative Sundays and a special Contemplative Christmas Eve service at 4:00 p.m.

Beginning Sunday, **November 29**, the First Sunday of Advent, Holy Cross will offer weekly contemplative services from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Rooted in the ancient traditions of the Christian faith, these candlelit services will invite worshippers into quiet reflection through simple hymns, chants, and prayer.

We give thanks for the many churches that faithfully serve Weare and the surrounding communities. We also recognize a longing for a different kind of community worship experience—one that offers spiritual rest and renewal through silence, sacred music, and meditation on the Gospel. Through stillness, simplicity, and prayer, these services will create space for the Holy Spirit to move within us.

Bishop Rob Hirschfeld of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire will lead the initial Contemplative Sunday service at Holy Cross on 11/29. Services will continue SUNDAYS AT 4:00 p.m. through February 21, with the exception of January 3 and January 31.

Bishop Rob will also lead a special Christmas Eve service at 4:00 p.m. at Holy Cross to celebrate the birth of Christ.

During Advent, the prophet Isaiah reminds us, "Behold, I am about to do a new thing!" Join us to experience something both new and not-so-new.

All are welcome. Come as you are.

For weather-related cancellations, please check the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire's Facebook page.

Poetry Corner

November's Color

Birthstone topaz
color shades of
yellow to amber,
it is fitting then
November's landscape
earthy richness of
color called copper,

October's maple red,
yellow and orange
are history now,
their leaves crisp, crunchy,
color the ground copper,

oak leaves cling to trees,
linger longer into
November, reign supreme,
color the world copper,
shiny as newly minted
penny or burnished
like weathered ones,
exude warmth of home,
welcoming feeling,
safety and love.

- Marge Burke



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Cliche

Out on a limb
A bird of a feather
blown open by wind
A blurring of background

in words held at bay
I'm stuck in the traffic
of truth or of fiction
Avoiding the play

in the sandbox today
but keeping good company
by safety in numbers
as the Bots make mischief

in the sands of time
I'll stir the pot writing
out of the box in a poem
that is bullish with words

carved out of the news
and I'm going to repeat
that I'm *out on a limb*
in my search for a closure

- Jeanloretta 10/26/26

The Last Hurrah

Oak tree changes daily
as days of fall march on,
beginning at the top,
reverse of spring when new
life appears at bottom first,
green leaves change color at
top, light gold that deepens,
a slow change over weeks,
before entire tree
is changed to brilliant gold,
at the appropriate time
leaves fall except lowest
branch still shines golden,
ground strewn like bridal
aisle, it is the tree's
last hurrah before leaves
are but a memory,
tree in winter mode like
a skeleton revealing
its enduring frame of
twigs, branches, limbs, trunk,
living testament to life.

- Marge Burke

Golden Glow

Full moon high in dark,
cloudless western sky,
sun hovers below the horizon
in the eastern sky, on the cusp
between night and day
waiting for morning to break,
moon's shine has a softness, yet,
bright enough to light the night,
the kind that makes me feel wrapped
in a safety net to enter fully
into the moment as moon's rays
shine through trees with leaves still dressed
in fall colors of gold, apricot,
quiet world is bathed in a
golden glow
I gasp at the sight, surreal,
soft, mellow, golden glow,
oh, what a way to begin a new day,
full of hope, joy, and an inner
golden glow.

- Marge Burke

Why We Love Living in New Hampshire

The Party's Almost Over

By Sharon Czarnecki



For weeks you watch me paint your world.

'Til all my leaves below have swirled.

The party's almost over.



When we're all green you drive right by.
But now, when all is brown, the yellow pops and you slow down. But.. the party's almost over.



When I was there, beneath your feet,
The trees above were such a treat,
You saw me not.

Now when they have finished and gone, your eyes at last to me are drawn. But….the party's almost over.



I know my stuff and you'll agree
The green I've found will let you see

That still I glow for your attention
This beauty is but my intention.

And yes, I know. It's always thus
Of evergreens you'll make a fuss,
'Cause My Party's Almost Over.

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7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting

Thurs., Nov. 12
7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Mon., Nov. 16
6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen meeting

Tues., Nov. 17
3:45 p.m. – Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting
6 p.m. – Weare School Board meeting
7 p.m. – Parks and Recreation Commission meeting

Wed., Nov. 18
6 p.m. – John Stark School Board meeting
7 p.m. – Energy Commission meeting

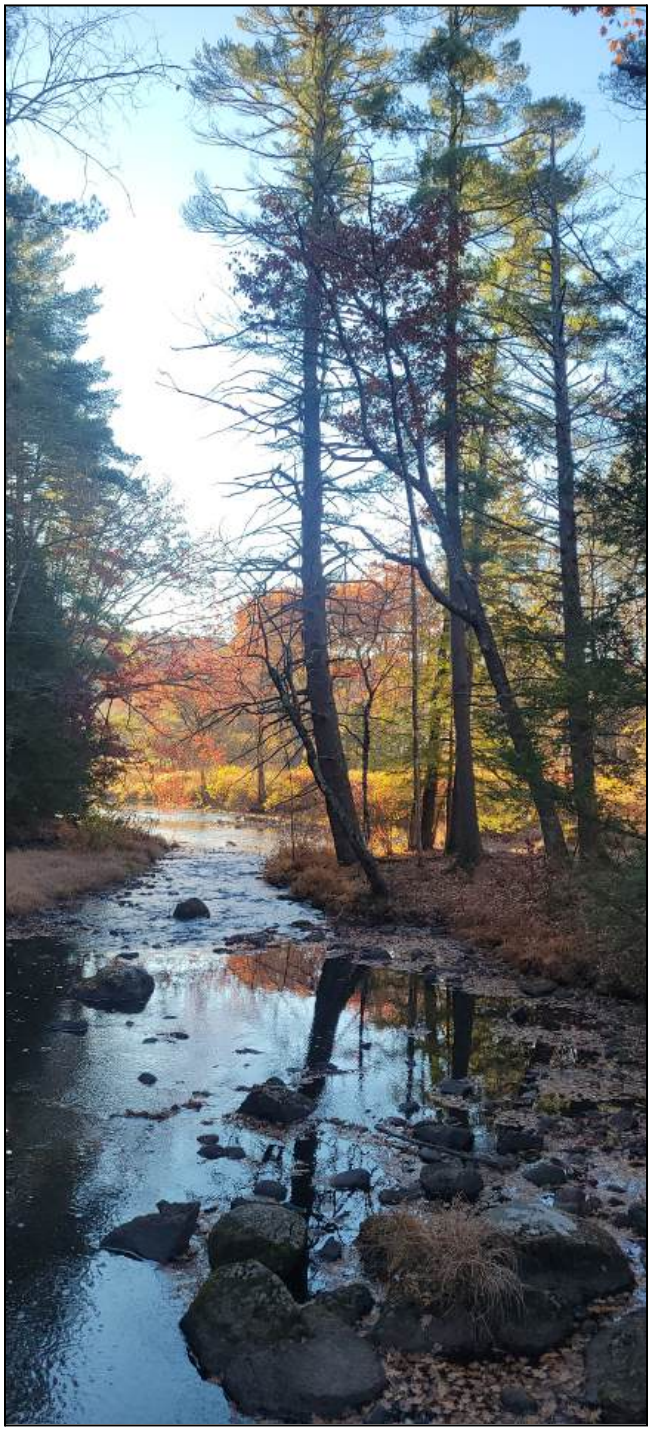
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