



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

April 8, 2026

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Dearborn and Fillmore To Lead Board of Selectmen

By Tom Clow

At the March 16 meeting of the Weare Board of Selectmen, Jack Dearborn was elected as board chairman and Bruce Fillmore as vice chair. Both have served in leadership roles in the community for many years. Dearborn served multiple terms as chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) as well as chairing the Capital Improvement Program Committee (CIP). Fillmore was a long-time member of the Weare Planning Board, where he has served as vice chair. Rick Hippler returned to the select board after his election in March. During his previous terms on the BOS, Hippler also served as chairman. Rounding out the five-member board are James Drury and Benson Goodwin.

New Town Office Hours;

Old Town Hall Closing

As posted on the town website (weare.nh.gov) beginning on May 1, town offices at 15 Flanders Memorial Road will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm and be closed on Fridays. This includes the town clerk's office, which will no longer be open on Wednesday evenings. In addition, effective June 1, 2026, the Old Town Hall will be closed and not rented for the remainder of 2026. According to BOS Chair Dearborn, both actions are the result of cost savings needed to stay within the default budget passed by voters in March.



Karen Metcalf
19 OCT 1963 – 1 APR 2026

With great sorrow, the Weare Public Library announces the passing of Karen Metcalf, our beloved Children's Librarian.

For the past 18 years, Karen made a profound impact on thousands of children and families in our community, and her legacy will endure.

Karen loved the children of Weare, and she always prioritized their well-being and wonder – fostering a warm, supportive environment for them to learn and play – and the children loved her.

Calling hours are on April 8, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Service: April 9 at 10:00 a.m.

at the French & Rising Funeral Home in Goffstown.



Route 114 Cleanup April 18

The next cleanup session on our sponsored part of Route 114 will be on **Saturday, April 18th at 9:00 a.m.** in the **Center Woods Elementary School parking lot.**

If you plan to come and help, THANK YOU! Please let us know, so we can get the right supplies.

WeareDemCom@comcast.net

(Rain date is Sunday, April 19th)



Cannon Salute to America on Its 250th

CANNON WANTED

The Weare Historical Society is planning a celebration of the 250th 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



Wear Purple or Red

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

Things are starting to get busier around Post 65! Last night's meeting of the Auxiliary was full of discussion around plans for our regular activity schedule, along with some new ideas to add or improve them. Our bake sales will continue once a month during the Legion breakfasts, with opportunities to buy tickets to our annual quilt raffle.



Our Poppy cans will start next month, and we will be joining the Legion members in the Memorial Day program. Some of our Auxiliary members will be helping to place flags at the Veterans Cemetery next month as well.

This weekend many Post 65 members will be getting together at our annual members banquet. It's always a good time and a nice way to celebrate accomplishments from last year and look forward to this year's events.

In April the Auxiliary remembers military children. As we know military family members sacrifice a lot to support their military parents and honor their veteran families. Active military families move often, and this can be particularly hard on their children – changing schools, making new friends, leaving activities they may have been involved in.

The American Legion Auxiliary Children and Youth program works to support children and youth, especially those from active military families. One way of doing this is setting aside a day to honor them. Along with April being the Month of the Military Child, **April 15** is designated "**Purple Up Day**"!!! We encourage everyone to show their support by wearing purple on that day.

The Auxiliary also asks that folks wear **Red** on **Fridays** to show support for all of our military members who are deployed at this time.

For more information about the Legion Auxiliary or how to become a member, go to www.ALAFORVETERANS.ORG or 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)



Cemetery Clean-Up

By the Cemetery Trustees Advisory Committee

We are having a cemetery cleanup on **Thursday, April 30, 2026 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** We will be cleaning up the Muzzy Cemetery which was established in 1782.

(Proceed up Upper Craney Hill Road from Reservoir Drive. See log cabin; just beyond on right is a driveway up a hill. Short distance after that is a barn off the road to the right. Cemetery is straight behind barn on the left side.)

We are asking for volunteers to come **with gloves** and some energy to clear leaves, branches, and light brush. Please let us know if you can come. Send an email to the committee chair Mike Zienkiewicz at mvzienk@gmail.com



Bingo at Osborne Hall

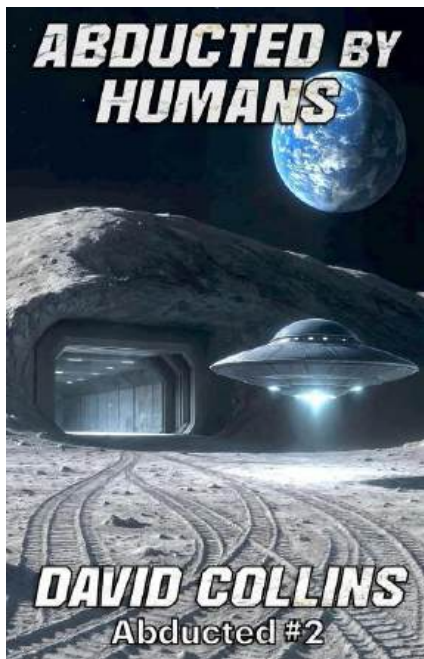
Bingo is back! The third Saturday of each month. Come try your luck with your neighbors.

The nonprofit South Weare Improvement Society (SWIS) announces its bingo schedule for 2026 at Osborne Memorial Hall, 16 Deering Ctr. Rd., Weare, as follows: Saturday-April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, and Oct. 17. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Bingo sheets, daubers, and pull-tabs are for sale, as well as a variety of refreshments. Ages 18+ only. To rent the hall or for Weare Flags Fly, call 603-529-7282.

The Weare Area Writers Guild

By Sharon Czarnecki

One of our most prolific writers has done it again. He has a new book just published on Amazon. It is free on Kindle Unlimited.



The small group of humans who had once been abducted by aliens now have a new job. They are employed by the aliens to abduct different alien species. All for the purpose of medical testing to ensure the other species are biologically compatible.

Along with a couple of their alien friends, they are assigned a different task and sent to Earth - not to abduct humans but

to rescue some stranded aliens in need of medical care. But, what should be a routine mission encounters a cascade of problems.

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

*Ebenezer Mudgett and the Pine Tree Riot,
Weare It All Began - USA250*

Play Performances
Weare Town Hall
Saturday, April 18, 2026
2pm & 7pm

Weare's First Annual Top Dog Raffle

All it takes to be a cool dog in Weare is to get your license and be sure your rabies shot is up to date. Make sure your dog is part of the "in" crowd.

License your dog by **April 30th**, and enter the raffle to receive one of the 3 gift baskets filled with treats for humans and canines alike. Special thanks go to our local sponsors - **Balboni's Landscaping, Dunkin Donuts, Food Not Bombs of NH, Ilesley's Ice Cream, Marc Phillips Automotive, TandemKross and TMS Diesel.**

Questions can be directed to the Town Clerk's office at 603-529-7527 or pmoul@wearenh.gov



Winnie. Photo by Sharon Czarnecki. Some "people" just know how to accessorize. Green hair bow, pink nail polish, and Weare dog license.

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Weare Public Library

**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

Weare Public Library

In honor of our beloved Children's Librarian, Karen Metcalf, the Weare Library will close at 3:00 on Wednesday, remain closed all day Thursday, and reopen Friday at 10:00 for her memorial services.

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

- 10:30 a.m.: Mother Goose Storytimes (ages 0-2). Rhymes, stories, and songs for babies and toddlers – followed by playtime.
- 2:15-4.30 p.m. (1st & 3rd of the month): Anime + D&D Club (ages 12-18). Like anime? Like D&D? Stop by after school to watch your favorite anime shows OR play D&D OR watch anime and play D&D AT THE SAME TIME!

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

- 10:30 a.m.: Pre-K Storytimes (ages 3-5). Enjoy longer stories, fingerplays, flannel, and songs followed by a craft or related activity.
- 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

- **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!
- Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. (3rd Thursday of the month) (all ages). Peaceful Roots Yoga. Elevate community connection through mindful, fun, and creative movement with Yoga Master Amanda Marusz.
- Saturday, April 18 at 12:30 p.m. (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.
- Tuesday, April 21 at noon (adults). Book Group at the Hand In Hand Senior Center. We're reading *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. In 1939 Nazi Germany, narrated by Death, foster girl Liesel Meminger steals books, learns to read with her foster father, and shares them during air raids — with a hidden Jewish man in her basement. Pick up your copy at the Senior Center.
- Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. (adults). Book Group. We're reading *The Lies They Told* by Ellen Marie Wiseman. In 1930s rural Virginia, a young immigrant mother fights America's rising eugenics movement — prejudiced policies fueling imprisonment and forced sterilizations based on class, race, disability, education, and origin. Call the library to reserve your copy.
- Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. (seniors). Ready for Medicare? Turning 65? Retiring in NH? Still working? Join Woodpecker Insurance's free educational workshop to get clear answers on: enrollment, coverage options, spousal impact, HSA, late penalties, and more. Get the facts to make the best decision.
- May 6 at 3:30 p.m. (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.

- May 14 at 6:30 p.m. (adults). Life Transitions: Create A Vision Board. Empty nesting? Transitioning jobs? Working from home? Learning a new rhythm? Join life and health coach Ellie Hyvonen for a simple 5 step process and learn simple self-care habits amidst change in your life. Bring your magazines to create your own vision board that you can keep! Call the library to register.

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

The WPL offers discounted passes:

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

Tai Ji Quan for Better Balance

Classes start Tuesday, April 28th

Weare Senior Center

8:45 to 9:45 a.m.

Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The program is open for **THE FIRST 3 WEEKS ONLY**, but after that is a cutoff point, as it's a progressive program. It starts off easy and ends up at a progressively stronger pace. The program runs for 24 weeks.

Currently it's grant funded, so there's no cost for participants, although this could change in the future. For more information on Tai Ji Quan for Better Balance, go to: www.tjqmbb.org

**HAND IN
HAND**



**SENIOR CENTER
& THRIFT SHOP**

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

33 North Stark Highway, Weare, NH 03281

Wed – Sat, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

We don't know who said it but it's probably true, "April is the month where it's winter in the morning, summer in the afternoon, and fall by dinner." It's an exciting month because you never know what wonderful things will happen. At Hand in Hand Senior Center, spirits and friendships are forever developing. It's the anticipation that today is going to be a wonderful day.

If you're looking for a way to get involved and make a difference for yourself or the community, join us for an activity, stop in for lunch, check out or lend a hand in our thrift shop, volunteer to help us grow and continue to serve the community by bringing new ideas for activities. Check out our web site www.hihsc.org and Facebook page. If you're newly retired, we're a great place to check out.

Besides people playing cribbage, enjoying a craft, or just socializing after lunch on Wednesdays, we often have guest speakers on topics of interest. Join us to hear Jamie Seagle share stories about surviving the ups and downs later in life on **April 15** around 1 o'clock. Joseph Chinnici will tell us about the possibilities available for live-in home care on **April 29**, again around 1 o'clock.

We invite you to join our daytime book group scheduled for Tuesday, **April 21 at noon**. The book this month is "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. Stop by the Center to sign out a book. All are welcome.

Also on **April 21, at 3 p.m.** join us for our monthly movie afternoon. This month we're viewing the classic "Casablanca." Hot dogs, popcorn and often home baked goods make this afternoon even more special.

Thursday, **April 23 at 8:45 a.m.** begins our newest round of Tai Chi. Sign up at the Center to join this 24-week class. For all cribbage lovers join our second monthly cribbage tournament on **April 23 from 6-8p.m.** This was a fun-filled evening for all who participated last time. All are welcome, but you must sign up. Stop by the Center or email hkurk@hihsc.org and leave your name and a contact number.

Many enjoyed being pampered by high school senior Kaylee Turcotte who arranged a "spa" afternoon at Hand in Hand. She arranged to have two other high school seniors studying cosmetology join her; massages were offered, hair was styled, and nails were beautified.

What a great afternoon!



H.S. seniors Kaylee, Presleigh, Chloe – cosmetology students



Diana, Kaylee, Kathy and Chloe

We love it when busy people find time to offer something special at the Center. Sharon Czarnecki did just that, bringing a tote with all the supplies to color Easter eggs. She encouraged creative juices to flow, and the results were lovely.



All the Fun egg Decorating Photos

Will Be in Our Next Issue.



POETRY CORNER

The Oasis

How did it come to be
 this oasis off the
 beaten path, a cairn
 leading the way, a large
 conglomerate of stones,
 naturally formed into
 a sign, leading the way
 to the river,
 to living water,
 rushing water,
 a whirling dervish
 dancing a tarantella,
 splashing over and
 around ages old rocks,
 boulders of greys and black,
 reassurance
 of enduring life, of
 things beyond understanding
 things that are simply there,
 have always been,
 always will be,
 reassurance
 river of life, flowing,
 flowing, flowing,
 pulsing, throbbing,
 we know not from where
 it came, nor where it goes,
 we see only this space,
 this oasis in the midst
 reassurance
 place of peace, joy, wonder,
 sing praises, give thanks.

- Marjorie Burke

Vernal Equinox

Spring's approach tentative,
 timid pale pink sunrise,
 long thin layer above
 dense gray firmament,
 quickly absorbed as one,
 ominous beginning
 to season of hope, to
 earth's awakening from
 winter's slumber, return
 of green leaves, daffodils,
 patience, it will happen.

- Marjorie Burke

April Weather Forecast

Forgone conclusion
 there will be weather
 in April in Weare,
 be prepared, we will
 have rain, we might have
 snow, no one knows when
 or how much, we will
 have some sunny days
 and cloudy ones too,
 temperatures will rise,
 and fall there might
 even be a frost
 or two, remember
 we don't plant until
 Memorial Day in
 late May when chances
 of snow or frost are
 not expected, enjoy
 Weare's April weather.

- Marjorie Burke



Spring

Spring has arrived and the sky is blue
 Step outside and take another one back in
 Cold temperatures are still with us
 A coat is still needed all will agree
 Bird feeders down as bear sightings are seen
 I miss my birds and they miss me
 The squirrels are still looking for the bird seed
 But I truly do not care
 Patiently waiting for warmer weather
 It will soon arrive for you will see
 Birds will be nesting soon and waiting for results.

- By Bonnie Kurylo



Spring Turkeys

Weather is up and down
 Flurries, light rain, wind
 Clouds move in and out
 Wild turkeys all about
 One lowly turkey still appears
 She goes down the hill
 Laying on her eggs
 The results will be magnificent to see
 I can not wait to see
 Patience is needed it takes time

- By Bonnie Kurylo



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

GAME NIGHT: Young adults (college to age 30) will meet for a time of laughter and learning **May 1 from 7-10 p.m.** Come out and join us!

CREATION SUNDAY : We look forward to welcoming "Dino" Dave Woetzel, published author, speaker and For more information contact us: (603) 212-1600 email: office@wearebiblebaptist.com Website: wearebiblebaptist.com



Deering Community Church Celebrates Poetry Month

763 Deering Center Rd,
Deering, NH 03244

The Women's Guild invites you to come listen or read your own poetry. **April 12 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

Jeanne Bartlett will be reading poems from her book, [A Voice Downstream](#) and there will also be an open mic period. Please bring your own work or that of your favorite poet. Refreshments will be available. This event is free and open to the public. Donations will be gladly received to benefit the Deering Meditation and Memory Garden. For more information, please call Jeanne at 603-933-2967



Holy Cross Happenings in April

118 Center Rd, Weare, NH 03281

The Vicar will be away after Easter for the rest of April. Services are as follows.

Sunday, April 12, 2026 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Laura Starr-Houghton, presiding, Dr. Deborah McCarter, preaching.

Sunday, April 19, 2026 10:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rev. Lucretia Jevne presiding and preaching.

Sunday, April 26, 2026 10:00 a.m., Morning Prayer, Marge Burke, presiding and preaching.

All are welcome.

Weare Business News



New Veterinarian in Town

By Lauren Seymour - Hospital Manager

We are so happy to share that we are welcoming Dr. Vanessa Wise to our team at the beginning of April!

Dr. Wise graduated from Texas A&M University for both her undergraduate and veterinary degrees and has practiced small animal medicine in both Houston and Austin. She brings a well-rounded clinical background with particular interests in dentistry, ophthalmology, internal medicine, and surgery.

She is relocating to New Hampshire with her husband, Robert, their two young daughters, a dog, and a tortoise. Outside of work, she enjoys record collecting, going to concerts, and spending time outdoors with her children—something she is especially excited to enjoy here in New Hampshire.

Her arrival allows us to start expanding our availability again, including increasing access to sick and urgent care appointments. This is a huge step forward in getting us back to where we want to be for you.

We are also hopeful to continue growing and plan to bring on another doctor later this summer—more to come on that soon.

As our schedule opens up, we kindly ask that you call us first when your pet needs care. We are looking



forward to being able to help more of you directly and reduce the need for referrals whenever possible.

Thank you again for sticking with us through this past year. Your support means everything to our team, and we're so excited for this next chapter.

Please join us in giving Dr. Wise a warm welcome, we can't wait for you to meet her!



Thank you for the opportunity to explain how I chose my business name. When I watch other people's dogs, while they are with me, their dogs become one of mine, with free run of the house. They do occasionally watch TV with me, especially if there is a show about dogs. When the weather is nice, I leave the back door open so they can go out into the fenced yard and back into the house at will. At night they can sleep on any one of my 5 cozy dog beds or on the large sectional couch, or they can bring their own dog bed from home. They are fed twice a day from dishes that are washed after every feeding. There is a constant supply of fresh, clean, well water. They have a large, filled toy box with safe toys. I am experienced in giving all routes of medicine. Also, I only take 3-4 dog families at a time. It's never like a doggy daycare environment.

Also, my own two dogs are certified therapy dogs and visit hospitals and nursing homes. For more information, contact me at [Kathy Lorenz 603-660-2206](tel:603-660-2206)

Mark Your Calendar

Wed., April 8

- 6 p.m. – John Stark School Board meeting
- 7 p.m. - Conservation Commission meeting
- 7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting

Thurs., April 9

- 7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Mon., April 13

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

Wed., April 15

- 7 p.m. – Energy Commission meeting

Thurs., April 16

- 6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting

Fri., April 17

- 11 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

Sat., April 18

- 9 a.m. – Weare Republicans meeting

Mon., April 20

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

Tues., April 21

- 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