



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

September 13, 2023



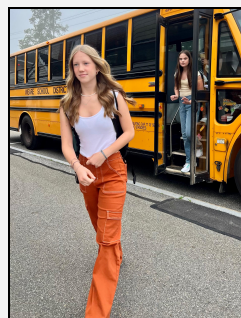
School News



WELCOME BACK



When schools in SAU 24 opened their doors on Aug. 29, they included six John Stark Regional High School graduates back as teachers. These alumni have returned to Weare Middle School, Henniker Community School and one has returned to serve JSRHS as their school nurse. Above: Colleen Couhie '97, WMS fifth grade teacher; Haley Philibotte '18, WMS fourth grade teacher; Jess Valles '93, WMS Spanish teacher; Molly Guay '17, JSRHS school nurse; Ethan Tyrrel-Walker '09, HCS special education teacher; and Ryan Bumford '03, WMS eighth grade science teacher.



Isaac Lafountain and Logan Lavallee head to their classes on the first day of school at WMS.

Ava and Sydney Montgomery step off the bus in style (Bronda Crosby photos).

For more school stories, see page 2.

2025 Bridge Replacement Approved Winter Maintenance Plan on Track

By Tom Clow

On Monday, Aug. 28, the Weare Board of Selectmen signed an agreement with the State of New Hampshire for the complete replacement of the River Road Bridge in 2025. The contract is contingent on the availability of state funds, according to Interim Department of Public Works Director Jason Fiske. The state will pay 80% of the cost for bridge replacement, with the remaining 20% coming from town funds. Fiske said the town's portion is estimated to be \$518,000. The 2025 replacement date was made possible when the state agreed to move the River Road Bridge project ahead of a bridge on Lull Road for funding.

Several years ago, the town established a capital reserve fund to save toward bridge replacement. That fund now has a balance of \$342,850, according to Finance Administrator Beth Rouse. In addition, the town received \$326,966 in additional bridge aid in 2022 from N.H. Senate Bill 401, she said. That makes the total available of \$659,816 to be put toward the town's share for bridge reconstruction. Rouse also said that the town is still withdrawing from the capital reserve fund for current repairs on the River Road Bridge.

Temporary Repair Still Planned

A temporary repair is still needed in order to lift the six-ton weight restriction on the bridge sooner than 2025. Repair panels will soon be ordered for the temporary repair after the selectmen approved the expenditure at the Aug. 28 meeting. The repair will allow for the bridge to be rated C-2, which means that larger trucks can use the bridge but with only one truck allowed on it at a time, Fiske said. **See ROAD, page 2**



**"Talk" To Us
Grandparents
Deadline – Sept. 22**

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The support panels will mostly be bolted on, but there will be some welding. The repair work will be done by DPW employees, and will be completed this fall, Fiske said.

DPW Winter Maintenance Plan

It's hard to miss the portable electronic signs in town advertising openings for truck drivers and a mechanic at the Weare Department of Public Works. Leaves will soon be falling and snow will not be far behind, which will make the need for filling these positions even more critical. With this in mind, earlier in August, Interim DPW Director Fiske presented the selectmen with a winter maintenance plan that included continuing the effort to fill the full-time positions, but also advertising for part-time drivers, and with a plan for hiring private contractors for some of the plow routes.

The town is seeking to fill up to five positions with contracted plow vehicles; however, if full-time positions are filled, they will take precedence over contractors, according to a posting on the town website, www.weare.nh.gov. The posting breaks down the hourly rate of pay for contracted vehicles depending on the vehicle size: ten-wheel dump truck (\$98.50); six-wheel dump truck (\$92.50) and one-ton truck (\$72.50.) The posting also includes other plow equipment requirements as well as a copy of the complete agreement that would be signed by the contractor and town officials.

*School News, continued***Upcoming dates****Center Woods Elementary School**

Sept. 14: Open House

Sept. 19: Weare School District Board meeting, 6 pm at the Weare Middle School. Also available via live stream on [YouTube@sau24schools](https://www.youtube.com/sau24schools)

Weare Middle School

Sept. 18-22 Scholastic Book Fair

Sept. 21 Picture Day

Sept. 19: Weare School District Board meeting, 6 p.m. at the WMS. Also available via livestream on [YouTube@sau24schools](https://www.youtube.com/sau24schools)

John Stark Regional High School

Sept. 20: School-wide open house and senior college night

Sept. 23: Homecoming

New Teachers

Center Woods Elementary School, L to R: Brittany McElveen, long-term kindergarten substitute; Katie Nesbitt, grade 2; Steph Klements, grade 2; Kristi Marshall, grade 1. Missing: Jordan Reardon, special education.



Weare Middle School, L to R, back row: Colleen Couhie, grade 5; Patti Donaldson, school counselor; Ben Dery, special education; Jess Valles, Spanish; Rachel Desnoyes-Dooling, special education; Alaina Larrabee, special education; Haley Philibotte, grade 4. Front row: Ryan Bumford, science; Diana Stupca, grade 5; Cindy Pelletier, grade 7 English/social studies; Sue Roberts, math; Tracy Carl, grade 6; Nicole Morse, grade 8 English/social studies.



John Stark Regional High School, L to R, back row: Megan Rowe, social studies; Alyx Buckner, science; Molly Guay, school nurse; Emily Gatehouse, Spanish; Aaron Thompson, special education; Greg Pickett, math. Callie Gibbs, English; Elizabeth England, science; Rebecca Sherman, social studies; Stacy Fuller, special education.

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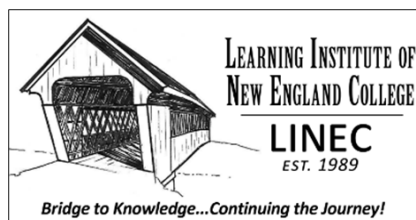
To finish the first week of school, WMS eighth graders participated in a **Tower Challenge**. The task? Build the tallest tower out of a random container of supplies. Students worked in small groups for the project and many tower creations were taller than the students. The tallest

tower reached 192 cm. This level of student creativity and perseverance bodes well for an exciting year of learning at WMS! Above: Creators Marisah Nichols, Sophia Houde and Blake Maxwell (courtesy photo).



twice in the last year (32 points or higher for the Level 8 team and 33 points or higher for the Xcel Platinum team). During the four-day national competition, the New Hampshire team – which included Weare gymnast Parker Greenhalge – attended an opening ceremony where former Olympian Shannon Miller was the guest speaker.

Over 1,600 gymnasts from 77 YMCA gymnastics teams from around the United States participated in the annual competition. Among the awards, the Allard Center Xcel Platinum Team finished in sixth place overall out of 35 teams competing at that level. Individually, Parker Greenhalge of Weare finished third on bars with a score of 8.85 and seventh all around with a score of 35.00.



Learning Never Stops

By Chris Hague

The Learning Institute of New England College (LINEC) is back

with a fall session of in-person and Zoom classes for seniors and others. **Registration is open from Sept. 1 - 22 for ten courses.** Most run for six weeks.

Topics include Modern American Poetry; The Ascent of Money: A Financial History of the World; Genetically Modified Organisms; Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*; Sacred Places; The Novel Reading Group; Philosophy 101; Mary, Queen of Scots; and Gouverneur Morris: The Most Interesting Founding Father. A film discussion will view and discuss Alfred Hitchcock's later movies.



For the first time, two classes will be offered in late afternoon. Biology and Society: Genetically Modified Organisms will be offered on Zoom, and The Ascent

of Money will be in-person.

Other courses meet once a week in the morning or afternoon, beginning October 2. The Novel Reading Group meets every first Wednesday year-round at Tucker Free Library in Henniker. The film and poetry discussions continue beyond the end of the term for those who choose to attend.

Learn more and sign up at www.LINEC.org. It's an opportunity to meet like-minded people and continue learning at a modest cost. Above: retired New England College Professor Emeritus Don Melander leading a discussion of Robert Frost's poetry with Shirley Hesse and Barbara Leahy participating (courtesy photo).

Local YMCA Gymnast Earns Medal



The YMCA Allard Center of Goffstown Gymnastics team traveled earlier this summer to Cincinnati, Ohio to compete in the YMCA National Gymnastics Championship, according to a YMCA press release. In order to qualify, the girls had to compete and finish at National Gymnastics standard levels



Travel With LINEC

Professor Eric Simon is leading three international educational trips in 2024.

These trips are open to all

LINEC members and were specifically designed with this audience in mind. For more information on any of the trips, email Eric at SimonBiologyTravel@gmail.com. Details on any of the trips can be found at

<https://www.holbrooktravel.com/where-we-travel/central-and-south-america/belize/belize-adventure-linec-24>

Belize: Jan. 9-17, 2024

Destinations: Belize, San Pedro on Ambergris Caye, and San Ignacio on the mainland. **Cost:** \$3,995 all inclusive (except for international airfare). **Travelers:** between 11 and 20 (including two leaders). **Activity level is light to moderate:** snorkeling/floating (but not SCUBA) in the ocean, walking 1-2 miles on flat terrain, appropriate for travelers with a wide range of physical abilities. This trip is a GO and is starting to fill up: seven spots left.

Galapagos: May 19-28, 2024

Destinations: Fly into Quito, visit several of the Galapagos islands. **Cost:** \$5,995 all inclusive (except for international airfare). **Number of travelers:** 13-16 (including two leaders). **Activity level is moderate:** walking 2-3 miles on flat terrain, a bit of swimming/floating/snorkeling, appropriate for travelers with a wide range of physical abilities.

Tanzania: July 29 – Aug 10, 2024

Destinations in Tanzania: Arusha, Tarangire National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti National Park, Lake Manyara, Karatu. **Cost:** \$6,995 all inclusive (except for international airfare and \$100 visa fee). **Number of travelers:** 10-16 (including two leaders). **Activity level is light:** riding in safari jeeps, walking one mile on flat terrain, appropriate for travelers with a wide range of physical abilities.



Quaker Yard Sale

Saturday, Oct. 7
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Rain or shine

The Quaker Meetinghouse
529 Quaker St., Henniker
Decades of quality items for sale.
Proceeds support Quaker efforts to
advance women in East Africa.

NH ENERGY EXPO

Saturday, Oct 1st, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

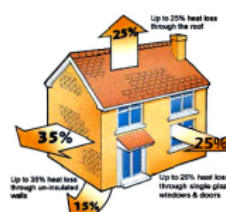
Dunbarton Elementary School Gym
20 Robert Rogers Rd, Dunbarton
Just off Dunbarton Town Center & Rt. 13

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Rain or Shine, Plenty of Parking, Great Door Prizes**

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improve the comfort of your home or business.

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- Reduce primary cause of Ice Dams.
- Have a more Comfortable and Healthier home.
- Make your own Energy for Heating, Cooling, and Electricity.
- Reduce Your Energy Costs through Conservation and Efficiency.
- Talk with Home Efficiency Auditors and Installers
- Meet with Alternative Energy & Solar vendors & Installers
- Attend free educational Workshops, see website below for details.



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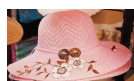


Goffstown Rotary Grant

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 or mailed to P.O. Box 533, Goffstown, N.H., 03045. To request an application, please email 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!



Weare Pink Ladies Group

By Lily Tang Williams

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 4 - 7 p.m.

Riverside Grille, 737 River Rd., New Boston

After that, we will switch back to lunch as the season changes. All the ladies living in Weare are welcome to join us. Please RSVP to Lily Tang Williams at lily4liberty@comcast.net.

Weare Public Library News

UPCOMING EVENTS

KIDS & 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: 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.

Read with the Ruff Readers: Wednesdays (starting Sept. 20) 5 - 6 p.m. The friendly reading dogs are bark... we mean... back! Call to register.

Bleach Tie Dye: Sept. 28 at 3:30 p.m. Create a Halloween or fall-themed shirt using watered down bleach using stencils and cutouts. Participants must bring a plain, mostly cotton, T-shirt or sweatshirt. A dark color will work the best. For kids in grades 5+. Call to register.

Baby & Toddler Playgroup: Tuesdays (starting Oct. 3) 10:30 - 12 p.m. An informal gathering for caregivers and young children. Get out of the house; meet new friends! Books, puzzles, early literacy toys, & music.

Pre-K Storytimes: Wednesdays (starting Oct 4) 10:30 a.m. Join Ms. Karen for stories and songs.

Early Dismissal Movie: "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse." Oct 5 at 1 p.m. School's out early. Stop by the library to watch this year's animated blockbuster hit - with popcorn and lemonade.

Kids' Graphic Novel Book Club. "Dog Man," Oct. 12 at 3:30 p.m. It's a new monthly book club for kids in grades 2-4. We're reading Dog Man (#1) by Dav Pilkey. Discuss the book and take part in fun activities. Call to register.

Spooky Toons: Oct. 19 at 3:30 p.m. Cryptid Clay is your curator for classic Halloween cartoon specials. Join us for Charlie Brown, Garfield, Bugs Bunny, and more - with popcorn and prizes.

ADULTS & ALL AGES

Pinocle & Cribbage: Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Meet and play with other card game enthusiasts in the Paige Room.

Craft Group: Thursdays at 1 p.m. Learn a new craft. Space is limited. Call to register.

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

Weare: Beyond Belief. Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the East Weare Cemetery. Enter a world of both truth and deception. Hear tales of the paranormal from local storytellers. Your challenge is to separate fact from fiction. It's in a graveyard. So, dress warm and bring your own seating. If it's raining, we'll gather at the library. Have an incredible story (true or false) that you'd like to share? Contact Cryptid Clay at the library.

New Friday Hours: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Friends of the Weare Public Library

By Dianne Hathaway

Renewed Discount Passes. At their last meeting, the Friends approved renewing the pass for the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, as well as the New England Aquarium in Boston. The pass for the McAuliffe/Shepard Discovery Center will not be renewed with advice from the Library Director. The passes, along with others, are available at the Weare Public Library with your library card.

Summer Fundraising Success. The Friends spent a lot of time fundraising so that we can fund the requests coming from the library staff. Our annual silent auction raised \$3,145 on July 8 during the Weare Patriotic Celebration. Thank you to those who generously bid on our amazing donations!

We also attended Old Home Day on Aug. 12 and ran a 50/50 raffle that raised \$163. We also gave away gently used books to those who purchased tickets. Clay and Angela Kriese made and sold popcorn and water to those attending the play and raised \$124. That's a lot of popcorn and water!

Little Free Library. The Friends have a Little Free Library in front of the WPL on East Road that is regularly stocked. This is a "leave one, take one" library for used books, so look the next time you are in the center of town.

We're on Facebook. The Friends have been working hard to increase our activity and information on Facebook and would love to engage with you there. Please "like" and share our posts and follow us on the Friends of the Weare Public Library page.

All money raised by the Friends of the Weare Public
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Library goes directly to resources and services outside the library's operating budget. We fund museum passes, children's events, adult crafting programs, and more!

Please join us! We meet on the fourth Tuesday evening of January, March, May, July, September, and November at 6:30 p.m. at the Weare Public Library. **Our next business meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023.** If you would like more information, please email us at friendsofwearepl@gmail.com.

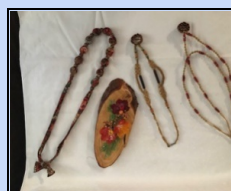


The Hand in Hand Senior Center is a gathering place for seniors to socialize and get involved in group activities.

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



September finds Hand in Hand Senior Center a busy hub. A new series of **"Fun with Arts and Crafts"** will be held on Saturdays, Sept. 9, 23 and Oct. 7, 21 at 1 p.m. You'll make a hanging plaque, macrame and fabric marble necklaces and a driftwood centerpiece for the holidays. Call the center to sign up.

This month's movie, "Wait Until Dark," will be shown on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 4 p.m. This is a suspense thriller starring Audrey Hepburn. Refreshments are always on hand.

Over the next several issues, we will introduce you to board members and volunteers who make it possible for Weare to have a senior center.

Today, meet Bob Boucher, President of the Hand in Hand Senior Center and Thrift Shop Board. He's been involved with giving his time, energy, and expertise to the center (formally known as Hand in Hand Ministries) for 13 years. He loves to help people and feels that his contributions to Hand in Hand are the most effective way to reach the greatest number of people. For



49 years, he has been a master carpenter and handyman and owns BSR Building Services. He is a family man with two grown sons. With whatever free time he has, he likes to run and work out. About Hand in Hand Senior Center, he says, "This is my happy place."

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?



Wednesdays 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Dine in, take out or free delivery.

Sept. 13: Cheeseburgers and fixings; roasted potatoes and green beans

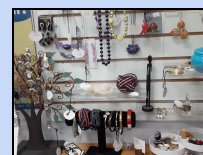
Sept. 20: Tuscan sausage soup; Mediterranean tomato and cucumber salad; oat pan rolls

Sept. 27: Spinach beef soup; cheddar bay biscuits; salad

WHAT'S IN THE SHOP?



All jewelry! We have a great selection of necklaces, bracelets, earrings, pins, and more.



VNA Offers Programs to Senior Center

By Sharon Czarnecki

The Hand in Hand Senior Center is a bustling place at lunch time on Wednesdays. The atmosphere is like Thanksgiving in grandma's kitchen. Most people know each other and there are name tags for everyone. You walk in, find your friends, meet new people and settle down for lunch. The generous helpings are brought right to your table by the all-volunteer staff.

It was this congenial crowd that welcomed Community Health Educator Shaunna Mara, who works for the Concord VNA and offers free programs to area seniors. Mara holds an associate degree in exercise science from New Hampshire Technical College in Concord, and a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and recreational therapy from New England College in Henniker. As a speaker, she is engaging, enthusiastic and clearly committed to improving life for seniors whenever and wherever possible.

Some options discussed for consideration were a program on balance, nutrition, hospice, caregivers, grief management, how to access legal information on wills, financial issues for seniors and more.

Mara stated that there were a few things she wanted Weare seniors to know right away.

1. Emergency responders look on your refrigerator for a list of meds and a DNR if it applies in case you are unconscious when they arrive.
2. Service Link will help with any questions about what is available in our area for help with a wide variety of issues.
3. For more information on the N.H. VNA go to www.granitevna.org

Drop off your used eyeglasses at Weare Town Hall 16 North Stark Highway



The Weare Lions and other volunteers collect used eyeglasses for donation to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers that are

located throughout the world. The used eyeglasses are cleaned, repaired and classified by prescription. The eyeglasses are then distributed to those in need by Lion volunteers and other organizations hosting optical missions in developing countries.

Scout News



Weare Girl Scout Troop 61281 earned cookie reward money during the Girl Scout cookie season and chose to use some of that money to put together 26 backpacks for SAU 24 students in need (courtesy photo).

By Alyssa Small

Pack 24 Cub Scouts are excited to start a new year of Scouting! Bi-monthly den meetings are resuming on Sept. 13. All dens will meet every other Wednesday evening throughout the school year, which will streamline scheduling and help families with kids in multiple dens.

Our Scouts are looking forward to the many fun activities awaiting them this coming year. The first Pack activity of the year will be an opening campfire on Sept. 17 at 2 p.m.

The Cub Scout program is open to all boys and girls in grades K-5, and the Pack welcomes new members year-round. Regular den meetings take place every other week. If anyone is interested in joining, learning more about the program, or checking out an upcoming event, please reach out to Pack 24 Cubmaster, Matt Bieler, at matthew.bieler.bsa@gmail.com.

Lookin' for Love

By Cathy Bailey

If you'd like to adopt any of the pets pictured here, please complete an adoption application at <https://www.heartsandtails.org/adoption-application>



Hi y'all, I'm Elvis!

I've been here at the shelter for the entire summer, waiting patiently and hoping that my forever family will be here soon to take me HOME! I get so excited when new people come to visit, because EVERY time, I think "THIS time, they're coming for me!" But they pass me by, in favor of a smaller, or cuter dog, and each day, my heart aches, as my sadness grows. 😞

I have lots of time to think as I wait in my kennel, so I've tried to find ways to make people like me... I greet them with a lot of enthusiasm, wagging my tail and giving them kisses - but only if they ask. (I think it's impolite to kiss someone if they don't ask).

The shelter people are very nice, but they have so many dogs coming and going, that they don't have a lot of time to give me the love and snuggles that I'm so desperately longing for.

They say that I'm happy, clownish, VERY sweet and cuddly! (I don't know if they mentioned it, but I also love belly rubs!) I enjoy playing with other dogs, but I'd be just as happy to have my new human(s) all to myself. I am 3 years old, and I weigh about 55lbs.

My shelter friends also said to tell you that I'm house trained, crate trained, perfect on a leash, and VERY intelligent! As you can see from my photos I'm in great shape! (I don't like to brag, so I'm glad they said those things.)

Please, can you help me find my forever family? I've watched so many of my canine friends come to the shelter and then only one or two weeks later, walk out the door on their way to a new, and happier life. I've been here for months and everyone says I'm SUCH A GOOD BOY... so I can't help wondering, WHY NOT ME? Please help me.

Your friend, Elvis

(This sweet boy was found wandering the streets of South Carolina with his canine friend, hungry, looking for some food and some kindness. He is now here in NH, waiting and hoping for his forever family to come and take him HOME!)

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Meet Melody! Female, Boxer/Black Lab mix. Friendly, affectionate, gentle, smart, athletic, quiet. Vaccinations up to date, spayed, and microchipped. Good with other dogs and children. She's very smart, knows many commands and loves to learn. If you're looking for a dog with a perfect temperament, look no further! Melody is good on a leash, and she loves to go for walks.

She's house trained and crate trained. She's incredibly quiet - she very rarely barks. She has a beautiful, SHINY coat, and sparkling eyes. She is smaller than she appears in her photos. She's a very intelligent girl, and she's eager to please her human(s). Melody is two years old, weighs 47 pounds.



Meet Jillie Bean! Female, Shepherd / Italian Greyhound mix. Friendly, loyal, playful, gentle, smart, athletic, quiet, curious. Vaccinations up to date, spayed, and microchipped. Good with other dogs and children.

This precious girl is very loving and affectionate, and gets along well with EVERY dog she meets. She's submissive and would do well in a home with another dog. She is small, weighing in at just 32 pounds. Jillie is perfect on a leash, and she loves to go for walks. She's house trained and crate trained. She's very quiet - when she's in her kennel, you'd barely know she's there unless she needs to go out to potty, in which case she'll whine softly to get your attention. Jillie LOVES to hike, and she is very agile. She has a beautiful, tan colored coat, and sparkling eyes. She is a lot SMALLER than she appears in her photos. She's a very intelligent girl, and she's eager to please her human(s). Jillie Bean is about to turn one year old.



Meet Brody! Male Pomeranian. Friendly, affectionate, gentle, playful, smart. Vaccinations up to date, neutered, microchipped. Good in a home with other dogs, and children. Just LOOK at those eyes - it's as if you can see right into his beautiful soul!

His face is the epitome of happiness, and he brings joy to everyone he encounters. Sadly, his momma recently had to move into a place that wouldn't allow dogs, and desperately wanted to find a place for her beloved Brody, where he might have another chance at the happiness he had with her. It was

with a flood of emotion and tears that she surrendered Brody to be placed for adoption.

Brody loves to go for walks and is good on a leash. This gentle boy is longing for affection, and will sit quietly, hoping for just a little bit of your time. He's just an all-around sweetheart. He is housebroken and crate trained. Brody weighs 17 pounds and is seven years old, Did we mention he has the SWEETEST temperament? He loves other dogs, and he's happy to cuddle with people.

For more information on these and other dogs visit the adoption website at: <https://www.heartsandtails.org/petfinder-list/>

Weare Business News



Drool Bus

By Barbara Jean Crehan

The Magic Drool Bus offers transportation services for dogs coming to and from doggie daycare at Really Special Animals. The bus services dogs and their families who live in Concord, Weare, Dunbarton or Bow. There is a limited amount of space on the bus, so reservations are required. For safety, everyone is crated so there are no shenanigans while driving. The service is door-to-door, Monday – Thursday. Parents do not need to be present as long as there is a way to gain entry to the house. Fee total: \$10. For more information, see our website at: www.reallyspecialanimals.com/droolbus.

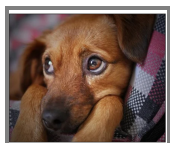


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Looking for Something to Do?

Compiled by Sharon Czarnecki

Milford Area Players Presents

THE HOUSE ON HAUNTED HILL

By Tommy Jamerson
Directed by Tom Partridge

**September 22-
October 1**

Fridays & Saturdays @ 7:30pm
Sundays @ 2pm

56 Mont Vernon Street • Milford, NH • 03955

Deering Library Gravestone Event

Friday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.

FREE, Deering Town Hall

The Deering Library will host author Glenn A. Knoblock with his program on New Hampshire cemeteries and gravestones. Knoblock is an independent scholar and author of over twenty books. This lecture details the rich variety of cemeteries and gravestones that can be



found in town cemeteries across our state. They not only tell stories of such historical events as the Great Awakening, the Throat Distemper epidemic, the American Revolution and the battles of the Civil War, but also reveal how aspects of society in the Granite State, such as the status of women and people of color, have changed over time. Join Glenn to find out more about these deeply personal works of art and learn how to read the stone "pages" that give insight into the vast genealogical book of New Hampshire through the ages.



Note: Weare Public Library has discount passes!

Workshop: Creating a Wildlife Friendly Garden

Saturday, Sept. 30, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Join the Science Center's lead horticulturist, Emma Erler, at Kirkwood Gardens to learn how to establish a haven for animals, while still having an attractive, appealing garden. In this workshop you'll discover how to plant and maintain trees, shrubs, perennials, bulbs, annuals, and grasses to benefit insects, birds, and small mammals. Advance registration is required.

Cost: \$15 for members/\$20 for non-members

Information: www.nhnature.org or call 603-968-7194.



Asked and Answered: Back to School

Back to School Clothes

By Sharon Czarnecki

For me, it was all about the clothes. Now, don't go imagining arms full of shopping bags – quite the opposite. In the 1950's, my sister and I were allowed two new back-to-school outfits and a pair of shoes. The items had to be exceptionally well made and durable. My mother was an excellent seamstress herself and quite capable of judging the quality accurately. However, what we did not buy in stores was amply supplemented by my mother's endless sewing – and you can bet our clothes fit.... perfectly.

One such store-bought outfit really stands out in my memory. It was a semi-full black corduroy skirt with a matching short sleeve plaid blouse that was somewhat silky. But the truly special thing about this choice was that the skirt was reversible with that same silky plaid design on the other side. Thus, by carefully substituting different blouses, you could end up with several different "looks."

Shoes were always the very practical saddle shoes – durable, comfortable and the same as everyone else's. Except for sixth grade. I would be attending a new school and was nervous about being with all the "big kids" who were in seventh and eighth grades. Maybe that is why my parents relented and let me have a pair of much-coveted white suede shoes. I clearly remember that bright fall day: the brick schoolhouse, the tall windows, the long walkway and waiting in a line outside

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for the bell to ring. I was nervous. I didn't know anyone, but I did have on my white suede shoes. To my delight, the girl standing next to me noticed my shoes and commented on them. I thanked her and explained they were new, and I was planning to be real careful with them. One of the older girls from further up the line noticed the conversation and came back to where I was. "Wow, let me see these special shoes," she said. I was excited to have been noticed by an eighth grader and proudly stuck my foot out. Suddenly, she stomped her foot in the dirt by the side of the path and then smeared her foot all over my pretty white shoe. (*I was even more convinced the trepidation about the "big kids" was warranted.*)

No discussion of clothing in sixth grade would be complete without a discussion of the dreaded gym clothes. These were provided by the school. For the girls, they consisted of blue cotton jumpers with short sleeves, a button front and bloomer legs that stopped just above the knee. They were hideous. The only saving grace they had was that even the prettiest girl in school looked terrible in them. We also had to get sneakers for gym class. I'm pretty sure there were several brands, but my Mom – who was very quality and brand conscious – only allowed Keds. Given how they have evolved, it seems amazing to me today that there was only one basic style for girls and three colors – red, navy, and white.

One last thing about school clothes. They were reserved only for school and were valued and respected. Every day, upon my return home, I would hear, "Go put your school clothes away and then come tell me about your day."

My First Day of Junior High School

By Marge Burke

Summer vacation was coming to a close. It had been full of carefree days of Girl Scout camp, swimming, doing crafts, learning new skills, but I was brimming with anticipation of a new adventure awaiting me after Labor Day. I was 11 years old and going into the seventh grade in a new school, called East Junior High School, a little over a half a mile from where I lived in the center of town. Some of my elementary school classmates were going to the West Junior High School, a little longer walk for me, so I opted for the closer school, knowing that I would make lots of new friends at my new school. From kindergarten through sixth grade, I went home every day at noon for lunch, about three blocks away. Now, I would be eating lunch at school in the cafeteria. I felt so grown up carrying my lunch in a

brown paper bag with money for milk in my pocket. The biggest and happiest change, though, for me entering junior high school was winning the battle with my mother over shoes. Gone were the hated brown tie shoes with the faux alligator stripe that I wore every day of elementary school. Now, I had brown penny loafers, complete with a shiny penny in each shoe. I wore them proudly, I wasn't a little kid anymore, I was in the seventh grade in junior high school.



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Your Own or Being One

Share a favorite story or poem about one of your grandparents – where they lived, what you liked about visiting them, what did you call them – how did they get that name? Or tell us about the joys of being a grandparent – what do they call you? How many do you have? Share a favorite story or activity.

**POETRY CORNER****Post Season**

September's chill falls on Fenway Park;
red jackets lined up, boys of summer
leaning on the dugout rail, wait
and watch until the next at bat.
To come this far
is to have played with heart.

This is about the winning
but more, the hope we carry to the final out,
the way we make our endings,
what we do that brings us to the moment
when the cheering chanting crowd erupts
to urge the ball that rises over center field
arches toward the lights
beyond the breathless instant when
a wind shift or a fumbled catch
brings luck or loss.

Baseball is believing;
it's a bottom of the ninth experience
when victory is ninety feet away
and anything could happen.

But when the final game is played
even champions go home
congratulations fade,
the Monster seats go silent
as the falling snow.

-Chris Hague

Night Sound

Unceasing night sounds,
marching band cadence with thump,
tree frog lullaby.

Sanctuary

Forest primeval
canopy of pines and oaks,
wrapped in a cocoon.

Busy Bee

Black and yellow bee
flits from flower to flower,
youngest bloom nectar.

Changes

Change is in the air,
road grasses turning dark mauve,
Autumn coming soon.

It's Time For ...

Reading and writing
arithmetic and science
school begins again.

-All haikus by Marge Burke

The Fleeing Mistress

Time is a fleeing mistress
teasing as she slips away,
coaxing you to follow
on a path to a brighter day.
With the sway of her hips
and the purse of her lips
she makes you walk the line
on roads and paths, old and new,
saying, seek and you shall find.
She'll love you and jilt you,
reward you and bilk you.
With a goodbye kiss,
she'll melt in the mist,
and again, you'll follow behind.

-Tom Clow

Mark Your Calendar**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

Thursday, Sept. 14

7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Monday, Sept. 18

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

Tuesday, Sept. 19

6 p.m. – Board of Fire Wards meeting
6 p.m. – Weare School Board meeting
7 p.m. – Cable Committee meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 20

6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting

Thursday, Sept. 21

11 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting at
Hand in Hand Senior Center

Saturday, Sept. 23

9:30 a.m. – Weare Republicans meeting

Monday, Sept. 25

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

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