



# Weare in the World

*For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents*

**December 10, 2025**

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## Be Part of Something Unforgettable!

By Connie Evans

There's nothing quite like the magic of community involvement. When people come together with a shared purpose, amazing things happen. New friendships form, creative sparks fly, and we build something bigger than ourselves. The Weare Community Theater is one of those special places where collaboration, fun, and local history all come together on one stage.

And **we want YOU to be part of it!**

We're gearing up for our next production, and several key roles are still open. Whether you're a seasoned theater enthusiast or brand new and curious, we have a spot for you—and yes, we offer on-the-job training!

### We're looking for:

- Assistant Director
- Stage Manager
- Assistant Producer
- Set Crew
- Lights & Sound Crew
- Costume Helpers

Plus—even though auditions have wrapped—there's **always room for more actors!** Rehearsals begin in January, leading up to performances on **April 17 & 18.**

Three years ago, *Ebenezer Mudgett and The Pine Tree Riot* sold out both showings at the Old Town Hall. Let's make that magic happen again!

If you've ever thought about stepping into the world of theater—or stepping back into it—this is your moment. Join us, have fun, learn new skills, and help bring our town's rich history to life.

**Come lend a hand, take the stage, and be part of something truly memorable!**

For information contact Lisa ( [LWilber@aol.com](mailto:LWilber@aol.com); 603-345-9466)

## Town Office Hours

By Pam Moul

The Town Clerk announces the following changes to their regular office hours for the months of Dec/Jan:

### DECEMBER:

- Dec. 9 – **Closed** for lunch **12.15-1 p.m.**
- Dec. 24 – **Close at 4:30 p.m.**
- Dec. 25 – **Closed**
- Dec. 26 – Open normal business hours
- Dec. 30 – **Closed** for lunch **12.15-1 p.m.**
- Dec. 31 – **Close at 4:30 p.m.**

### JANUARY:

- Jan. 1 – **Closed**
- Jan. 2 – Open normal business hours

### Online vehicle renewals processed after 12/31/2025:

The rates reflected on renewals processed through the Eb2Gov portal are only valid until 4:00 pm on 12/31/2025.

**Due to the passing of NH House Bill 2, registration fees will increase on 1/1/2026. To avoid paying the higher rate, please submit your online renewal request by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday 12/31/2025.** The online portal will be unavailable from 4:00 p.m. 12/31/2025 until 12:01 a.m. 1/1/2026.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call the office at 603-529-7527 or email me at [pmoul@wearenh.gov](mailto:pmoul@wearenh.gov).



## Widows & Unmarried Women - This Benefit May Apply to You

By Dick Ludders,  
President - Stone Fund  
Committee

"The Joseph Stone Fund was created in 1896 to provide assistance to "widows and unmarried women, who are inhabitants of the Town of Weare, entitled and worthy of aid." The funds are managed by Weare's Trustees of the Trust Funds, and the interest and earnings are distributed by a committee made up of appointed members of the Town's churches, the Weare Welfare Officer, and a representative of the Weare Board of Selectmen, in accordance with the terms of the Fund. To get an application form and instructions please contact your church office, the Weare Welfare Officer, or David Erikson, the Stone Fund secretary ([davidrikson@comcast.net](mailto:davidrikson@comcast.net)), or other committee members listed on the application instructions. **Applications are due December 15<sup>th</sup>.**



## American Legion Auxiliary Post 65

By Ellie Chapman – Member  
Philbrick Clement Post 65, Weare,  
NH

I'm sure December finds most of us still in the busyness of the holidays, with Christmas coming quicker than we would like. By the time you are reading this article, the Auxiliary's December events and community projects will be wrapped up with the exception of our stocking delivery to veterans at Liberty House in Manchester. We hope you enjoyed the vendors and visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus at our bazaar, and one of you may have been a winner of our quilt raffle! If you were unable to make it this year we hope you can join us next year!

The American Legion Auxiliary is celebrating 100 years of service this year. In past months we have shared some of the important history of our organization. This month recognizes an event that I imagine has improved most of our lives. In December of 2021, the American Legion Auxiliary co-sponsored the first American Education Week. Its goal was to promote improved education and awareness of the problem of illiteracy in our country. This effort continues today with the American Legion Auxiliary's continued support of American Education Week which is held every November.

I'd like to take this time, along with all of the Auxiliary members to extend a big Thank You to all of our community members who have supported us this year, and in years past. It may have been buying items at our bake sales during a Legion breakfast, purchasing raffle tickets, putting money in one of our poppy cans or maybe deciding to become a member. It is so appreciated.

We continue to invite new members to join us. For more information [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) or stop by the legion on Thursday or Friday evenings from 4:00-7:00 pm and speak to one of our members. Hope you enjoy a Merry Christmas and best wishes to all in the New Year!

**GOFFSTOWN'S FIRST NIGHT**

**2026**

**ROCKIN' NEW YEAR'S EVE**

December 31 from 6-9PM

The Village of Goffstown

Fun-filled, family friendly activities, warm drinks, local food vendors, LED firework display & more!

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THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PARANORMAL GROUP PRESENTS

# INTO THE SHADOWS

A FREE PRESENTATION

ALL INVITED



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EERIE DISCOVERIES

**DEC 11 @ 6:30**

**WEAREPUBLICLIBRARY**

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## CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING

6:30 p.m. Sunday, December 21st

***On the longest night of the year, join us with candlelight and song!***

*Quaker Meetinghouse*  
529 Quaker Street, Henniker

Any and all voices are welcome.

The event is free, but if you wish, bring a candle, a stick of firewood, or finger food to share.

For more information call 603-995-4311.



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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

# holiday



## Open House

**DEC 12**  
**5:00-7:00 P.M.**

**REFRESHMENTS, CHEER, AND HOLIDAY RAFFLES**

**GET TO KNOW US AND CHECK OUT HOW YOU CAN JOIN IN THE FUN!**

**HAND IN HAND SENIOR CENTER**  
33A N STARK HWY, WEARE NH

## *Nature Frame Workshop*

Thursday, December 11, 3:00  
Weare Public Library  
Ages 9-16



Come create your own one-of-a-kind picture frame using materials like birch bark, pine cones, moss and twigs. We'll learn how being in nature helps us relax and feel more grounded-and we'll explore how to "reframe" our thoughts, too.

Bring a favorite photo, quote, or give this as a gift. All materials provided.

Please call 603-529-2044 to reserve your spot.



## BOOKS !!

### For Christmas

### Part Two

By Sharon Czarnecki

Let me remind you, if you have readers on your Christmas list, you have plenty of options with our very talented local authors:

As promised, let's continue with the items written by our versatile author – Ellen Reed. (*Have you ever considered why it is so much fun to read Dr. Seuss to our little ones? I believe it is because he writes for both the child and the adult and captures 2 VERY different audiences with each work.*) Such is also the case with Ellen Reed. She wrote The Unicorn Keeper and Monsters Level 1, 2, & 3 series for her grandchildren age 10. But, I have read them more than once and there is laughter for adult readers in every chapter.

I have a soft spot for historical fiction. Many of you are familiar with the plays based on books by Connie Evans. This gifted author creates scenes so real, you will be nervous until the villain leaves, hungry while dinner cooks, proud while our neighbors go off to save the fledgling nation. The research and attention to detail has palpable results in all of Evans' work.

One of our most eloquent authors – Kevin Lane – also has multiple categories. There is fantasy, young adult, a story on bullying – based on true events - and more. He is also a gifted artist who does his own illustrations.

Have you ever wondered if Route 101 was haunted? There are rumors – and a book based on them for those who like mystery. The book is by our own J.S. MacEachern. Well researched and full of local history.

How about a story about vacation homes and all that can go wrong or right with them. This one – The House in Maine, Curse of 7 - is also set on the Maine coast and based on true events. It is written by Debbie Kruegel-Farr.

Lastly, we have a very special children's book written by our author Karen Coulter and her granddaughter Riley Coker about a fairy with a broken wing. This too is beautifully illustrated and may become a family keepsake book.

Buying any of these books is super easy. Just type Weare Area Writers Guild into your search bar. <https://beirutjen.wixsite.com/weareareawriters>

All of the pictured books are "clickable" and take you directly to an ordering platform.

**Support your local talent.** You will not be disappointed.



## Weare's First Annual Top Dog Raffle

Did you know that almost 2,700 dogs call Weare home? And, that under NH RSA 466:1, every dog four months or older shall be licensed annually in the clerk's office of the town in which the dog is kept?

NH dog licenses are effective from May 1st to

April 30th of the next year, regardless of when the initial license was issued. An owner whose dog is not licensed by June 1st will be subject to a \$25 civil forfeiture fee as well as a \$1 per month late fee.

To encourage residents to license their dogs between **January 1st and April 30th**, we are excited to announce Weare's First Annual Top Dog Raffle. Special thanks go to our local sponsors - **Balboni's Landscaping, Dunkin Donuts, Food Not Bombs of New Hampshire, Ilsley's Ice Cream, Marc Phillips Automotive, TandemKross and TMS Diesel**. We will have three gift baskets filled with treats for humans and canines alike. Each household that licenses their dog or dogs before April 30th, will get a ticket to enter. Winners will be selected on Friday, May 1st and will be notified by the Town Clerk.

In order to be eligible for an entry ticket:

- You must be a Weare resident, and dogs need to be licensed between January 1st and April 30th, either online or in person at the clerk's office.
- A valid rabies certificate must be on file upon licensing. We will be holding a rabies clinic on March 19th from 5:30-7:00 at the Old Town Hall.
- Entries are limited to one ticket per household, regardless of the number of canine residents.

Questions can be directed to the Town Clerk's office at 603-529-7527 or [pmoul@wearenh.gov](mailto:pmoul@wearenh.gov)



## Weare Pink Ladies Group January Meeting

By Lily Tang Williams

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, **January 20** from **12-2 p.m.** Location TBD.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

For more information and updates see our website and sign up to join our private group on Facebook. [\(1\) Weare Pink | Facebook](#) or via email [lily4liberty@comcast.net](mailto:lily4liberty@comcast.net)

## WeAre Toddlers - Free Event

By Ali Burkhamer

**December 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon**

Mark your calendars as this is the LAST event of the year! As a gift from me to you for an amazing first year, please enjoy this free event and have fun together making a Christmas ornament! We'll deck the halls with festive cheer, snacks, and refreshments. Please bring your toddler for a fun time. Happy Holidays and hope to see you there!



## Weare Public Library

**NOW HIRING:** Librarian (part-time). Apply at: [bit.ly/wearejob](http://bit.ly/wearejob)

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### MONDAYS

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

#### TUESDAYS

• 2:15 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month): Anime & Manga Club (ages 10+). Stop by after school to talk about manga and watch your favorite anime shows!

#### TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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

#### WEDNESDAYS

• 2-5 p.m.: Afterschool Gaming (ages 6+). Drop in to challenge your friends on the Nintendo Switch, PlayStation, and other systems. Featuring collaborative games like Smash Bros, Mario Kart, and Minecraft.

#### FRIDAYS

• 10:30 a.m.: Baby Playgroup (ages 0-3) An informal

gathering for young children and their caregivers. Get out of the house; meet new friends! Books, puzzles, early literacy toys & music.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Monday, Dec. 8 at 3:30 p.m. / Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 10:30 a.m. / Saturday, Dec. 13 at 10:30 a.m. (kids & teens): **Gingerbread Houses**. Design, build, and decorate your own "gingerbread" house with graham crackers, frosting, and candy. Supplies provided. Call the library to sign up for one of the three dates.
  - Thursday, Dec. 11 at 3:00 p.m. (ages 9-16): **Nature Frame Workshop**. Create a one-of-a-kind picture frame using birch bark, pinecones, moss, and twigs. Discover how nature helps us relax and "reframe" our thoughts. Bring a favorite photo or quote (or make it a holiday gift!). All materials provided. Call the library to sign up.
  - Thursday, Dec. 11 at 6:30 (adults): **NHPG: Into the Shadows**. Join the New Hampshire Paranormal Group (NHPG) for a spooky presentation covering the scientific tools, controlled methods, and critical thinking they use to investigate and debunk paranormal activity. They'll demo ghost hunting devices and recount their eeriest discoveries.
  - Thursday, Dec. 18 at 3:00 (ages 9-16): **Teen & Tween Crafter's Club: Cookie Decorating**. Bring your imagination and friends to create three of your own festive treats with glaze icing and a variety of sprinkles. Call the library to sign up.
  - Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7:00 (adults): **Book Group: Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee**. We're reading and discussing Dee Brown's eloquent, meticulously documented account of the systematic destruction of American Indians during the second half of the nineteenth century. Call the library to reserve your copy.
- For programs that require registration, call 603-529-2044.**

The WPL offers discounted passes:



**HAND IN HAND SENIOR CENTER & THRIFT SHOP**

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

**33 North Stark Highway, Weare, NH 03281**  
**Wed - Fri, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sat 10 a.m - 4 p.m.**  
**603-529-4263/ [www.facebook.com/hihsc.org](http://www.facebook.com/hihsc.org)**

Hand in Hand Senior Center is growing and working to fill the needs and wishes of the senior population (50+) in Weare and surrounding communities. Here's a taste of what has gone on in the past two weeks to wet your whistle.

The warmth of Thanksgiving was felt at the Center as 28 people gathered to give thanks with a wonderful dinner orchestrated by Shirley and crew. She said you could feel the love and kindness among those that attended whether they knew each other before or not.

Flutist Jihye Kim was an early holiday gift to the 30 people that heard her performance. Listening to the beautiful sound of an alto flute by an accomplished musician was a fulfilling experience for all.



Fire Chief Roarick stopped by the Center and shared important information concerning fire safety during the winter months. His handouts and engaging conversation made an impact and could help to save life and property.



We have Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day (Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>) at 1 p.m. Sign up at the Center or call so we know how many to plan for.

**Our biggest event in December will be our open house.** We hope the whole community, young and older will join us from **5-7 p.m. on Friday, December 12.** There will be refreshments and three lovely raffle items. You won't want to miss this. One basket will have a very special bottle of wine. The others will make your home smile.

We look forward to meeting you, sharing our successes and getting input from you. Our Thrift Shop will also be open; we have many holiday items. You know the saying, "Shop local."



To all our friends and supporters, thank you, thank you and have a safe and happy holiday and fulfilling and successful new year.



Join us for lunch every Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dine in, take out, or free delivery.

- December 10:** Pesto cheese tortellini, salad, bread
  - December 17:** Roast pork, potatoes, carrots
  - December 24:** Eggnog French toast, bacon, sausage
- 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.

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

**Exciting News!** Our **NEW** website is **LIVE** - check it out:  
[www.hihsc.org](http://www.hihsc.org)

**Featuring updated events, calendar, classes, Thrift Shop news, and more.**  
**Keep up-to-date and join us for activities!**



## 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 special Christmas game night **December 12 from 7-10 p.m.** Come out and have some fun!

**TOYS FOR TOTS:** Distribution will be **December 13** at the church.

**CANDLE-LIGHT SERVICE December 24 at 6 p.m.** Music & Fellowship

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

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

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



## POETRY CORNER



### Franklin, NH

After a hard day on the farm, we go outside  
The garden is still growing what a surprise  
Gathering up everything to pick to bring inside  
Our planting has brought many miracles  
Memere starts cooking  
Every meal is so tasty including a delicious cake  
Loved going on vacation to Franklin every year  
A treat I will never forget

- Bonnie Kurylo

### Flights of Fancy

Serenity of  
velvety colored  
brush strokes across the  
high vault of heaven  
as sunset approached  
led me into flights  
of fancy, rosette  
pale, peach flowers  
danced in blue, gray  
cloud canopy, an  
impressionistic  
setting for high tea,  
me in high button  
shoes, dress with layers  
of lacey flounces,  
wide-brimmed bonnet,  
right out of a Monet,  
Degas, or Renoir painting,  
that kept changing as  
clouds moved, sun dipped to  
its vanishing point,  
reluctantly, I  
left this peaceful  
interlude of fancy.

- Marge Burke

### Full Moon

I dwell in mystery  
of creation, water,  
mountains, stars, sun and moon,  
December's moon, called, cold  
and super when full, I  
wait with bated breath for  
its appearance, foiled by  
clouds, wispy one's veiling  
it like a shy bride, until  
the transcendent moment,  
when clouds part, there it is,  
a poignant moment of deep  
inner peace, super moon  
glowing in the night sky,  
a still awareness, like  
an invisible thread  
I am one with the universe.

- Marge Burke



## My Memory

Chickens everywhere clucking throughout the day  
 Pepere bends down to collect  
 He places the eggs gently in round metal bins  
 He brings the accumulation in  
 Places into a wash bin  
 Soak until clean and carefully places on a weighing  
 machine  
 Each one drops depending on size  
 Collecting into egg flat cartons ready to sell  
 He loads and we quickly deliver  
 A lot of work for all to enjoy

- Bonnie Kurylo



## Dogs

They do not talk back  
 Always by your side  
 Wagging their tails behind  
 Brings a smile to your eyes  
 They wait on you every day  
 Hugs and kisses you will bring  
 Wrap a blanket around before you go outside  
 It is cold outside  
 Clean those paws before you come inside  
 Ears perked high  
 Waiting for a great surprise

- Bonnie Kurylo

## Weare Business News

### Going away for the holidays?



Just Like Home

Pet Care



Experienced, Professional, Loving Care  
 Of YOUR dog  
 In my secure home while you are away  
 Experienced as a Vet Tech  
 Able to administer all types of medications  
 Over 20 YEARS experience  
 Training, handling, breeding, & showing dogs  
 No more than 4 boarders at a time  
 References Available  
 Kathy Lorenz  
 603-660-2206

## Mark Your Calendar

### Wednesday, Dec. 10

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

### Thursday, Dec. 11

7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

### Monday, Dec. 15

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

### Tuesday, Dec. 16

6 p.m. – Weare School Board meeting  
 7 p.m. – Parks and Recreation Commission meeting

### Wednesday, Dec. 17

7 p.m. – Energy Commission meeting

### Thursday, Dec. 18

6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting

### Friday, Dec. 19

11 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

### Saturday, Dec. 20

9:30 a.m. – Weare Republicans meeting

### Tuesday, Dec. 23

6:30 p.m. – Finance Committee meeting

### Monday, Dec. 29

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

### Tuesday, Dec. 30

6:30 p.m. – Finance Committee meeting