



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

July 12, 2023

Weare Patriotic Celebration

Residents gathered to enjoy a patriotic parade through the center of town on Saturday, July 8. It included floats in the theme of Disney, historical military reenactors, antique military vehicles, antique cars, horses, fire and police vehicles and more. Fair rides and fireworks rounded out the day. Below are some parade images.



Above: Pack 24 Cub Scouts; Captain Hook's pirate ship; JSRHS Football float (Karen Lovett photos).

DPW Aims for Summer Completion of Repairs to River Road Bridge

By Tom Clow

If all goes well, work will begin soon on repairs to the



River Road Bridge. Interim Department of Public Works Director Jason Fiske said the goal is to have the repairs finished by the end of the summer, which presumably would mean lifting the six-ton weight limit on the bridge. The

town held a virtual meeting with Jacob Engineering and N.H. Department of Transportation representatives in June to review a plan for repairs. Fiske said the town would need an engineer's signature on a plan before work could begin.

The project as discussed in June would involve welding reinforcement plates on the main support beams as needed and repairing or replacing the joists that connect the main beams. Fiske said three quarters of the joists could need replacement. He said that some of the work could be done by his department to keep the costs down.

This is the second time the bridge has been posted with weight limits. In 2016, it was given a "Critical Deficiency Status" by the state DOT when inspection showed heavy rust and scale on the bridge stringers and their supports. A repair following that report allowed the weight restriction to be lifted, with a life expectancy of five or six years for that repair.

Fiske said that if the state moves the River Road Bridge ahead of Lull Road Bridge on its priority list, replacement of the River Road Bridge could come in 2026 or 2027. The state will pay 80% of the cost to replace bridges, if funds



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are available, with the remaining 20% coming from the town. In 2017, Weare voters established a capital reserve fund for bridge reconstruction and for four straight years approved adding \$105,000 to that fund in order to have the town's share available when the state gives its go-ahead on funding.

The bridge on Lull Road mentioned above, as well as one on Old Francestown Road, also need replacement. However, both are smaller projects than River Road.



WEARE HIGH ANNUAL CLASS REUNION

Date: Aug. 19

Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Place: John Knox farm at 132 Cross Road. Take South Sugar Hill Road off of Route 77

Who: Weare High School graduates up through 1987

What: Friends, food, music, cars, merriment!

Headcount needed. Please send reservations to:

Dave Rogers
166 Rockingham Road
Auburn, NH 03032

You may also call 603-540-3195 or e-mail daverogers214@yahoo.com

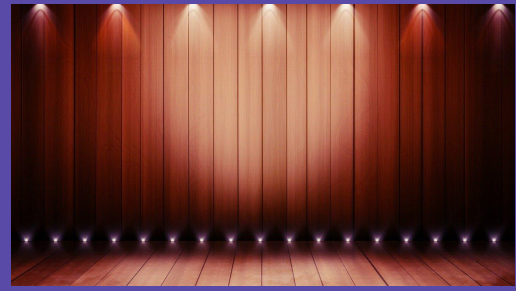
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<https://www.facebook.com/events/688435956377593>



Take Part in Living Weare's History

By Connie Evans

It's not too late to join in on the fun of "The Lost Village," a play about the flood of 1938. We have cast more than 25 children and adults, but we need one more! We need a boy 12-18 years old or a girl who could play a boy's part. Rehearsals (each 1.5—two hours) are divided into smaller groups that meet once a week for now. If interested, call or text Lisa (603) 345-9466 or email at: lwilber@aol.com



HENNIKER/WEARE YOUTH THEATRE

The Alchemist's Workshop

Join in for the Henniker-based theatre company's 22nd year!

July 17-21

Square Pegs Musical Camp for ages 6-18

Cost is \$200 with a sibling discount. Scholarships available. Camp and performances at JSRHS.

For information, visit www.alchemistsworkshop.org, email dunn.t@comcast.net or call 603-568-5102.



Youth Football Clinic (Grades 4-8)

Hosted by
John Stark High School
Football Team

The John Stark High School Football team is hosting a free skills and drills football clinic for all youth eligible for tackle football (grades 4-8).

Clinic dates: July 24th, 26th, and 28th

Time: 5:45-7:15 pm

Location: John Stark High School Practice Field
618 N Stark Highway, Weare, NH

Players do not need equipment. Wear shorts and cleats or sneakers and bring a water bottle. Be prepared to learn and have fun. Parents will sign a permission slip with emergency contact information on the day of camp.

Please RSVP using this google form if you are able to. It is not required, but it will help us plan activities.

<https://forms.gle/PHT2saU2Z61tnmba9>

Please direct any questions to johnstarkfootballboosters@gmail.com

Weare Public Library News

SUMMER READING

Kids: Register now – and win prizes – by reading, attending library events and completing challenge activities. Grand prize: new bikes! Adults and teens: When you return your books, receive one raffle ticket per day. Grand prize: a \$100 gift card!

JULY EVENTS: ALL AGES

Board game nights: Fridays 5-8 p.m. Enter the Golden Age of board gaming! Meet, learn, and play with other enthusiasts. Choose from our collection or bring one of your own.

Bryson Lang: July 13 at 6:30 p.m. “The Cure For the Common Show.” He’s a juggler and comedian with a high-energy act that’ll amuse and entertain.

SkyWatch. July 20 at 8 p.m. The N.H. Astronomical Society’s bringing their powerful telescopes, so you too can get a closer view, and learn about, the dazzling celestial bodies in our night sky! Event begins at the library.

ADULTS

Craft group. Thursdays at 1 p.m. A new craft every week. Space is limited. Call to register.

Pinochle and cribbage. Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Meet and play with other card game enthusiasts.

Cookbook Club. July 14 at 1 p.m. Join us for a yummy afternoon! We will pick a recipe from Smitten Kitchen Every Day by Deb Perelman. Sign-up and pick your recipe at the library.

Paint night with Mitty. July 19 at 6 p.m. Have you ever wanted to try your hand at painting? This is your chance. Join us for a fun night of painting. We have the supplies. No experience needed. Space limited. Call to register.

TEENS

Tie-Dye. July 13 at 4 p.m. Bring a clean, washed light colored item of clothing (t-shirt, socks, bandana) and get creative with color! – for grades 5+

Teen Book Club. July 20 at 4 p.m. Let’s talk books and eat pizza! Let us know what you’ve been reading, what you wish the library had, and enjoy pizza and snacks (bring your own drink) - for grades 5-9. Call to sign-up.

Smoothie Lab. July 26 at 4 p.m. We’ll make a variety of cool summer smoothies using a variety of delicious ingredients – for grades 5+. Call to register.

KIDS and TEENS

PokeMondays. Mondays 2-4 p.m.: Meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card game enthusiasts and win prizes.

Movie matinees. Mondays at 4 p.m.: Enjoy family classics in the Sawyer Room with popcorn, lemonade and coloring. July 17: “The Bad Guys.” July 24: “Sonic The Hedgehog 2.” July 31: “Willy Wonka” (1971).

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

Video gaming. Tuesdays 2-5 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.

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

Stories at the Lake. Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. Meet Ms. Karen at Chase Park for stories and songs. Ages: birth-5.

Coding with Robot NED. Wednesdays 4 p.m.: Learn coding and problem-solving skills while teaching NED the Robotic Arm to complete physical challenges – for kids entering grades 3-8. Space is limited. Call to register.

Messy Art: July 12 at 2:30 p.m. Dress for a mess! Join Ms. Karen and Ms. Libby on the library lawn to celebrate play and creativity! Explore colors, textures and a variety of media in a safe and fun environment as we create individual and group projects! Ages 5+.

The Science of Slime: July 19 at 2:30 p.m. Learn about the chemical reactions between common household items as you create your own ooey-goey slime! For grades K+

iRobot: July 26 at 2:30 p.m. See the cool robots from iRobot. Learn how they clean your house, and how you can code and control.

Touch-A-Truck: July 27 at 6:30 p.m. (at the WMS parking lot). Get up close and personal with trucks like police cruisers and giant snow plows. Meet some of the incredible and powerful vehicles that make our town work.

For events that require registration, call us at 603-529-2044.

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FREE TO ALL KIDS K – 6TH
AUGUST 7 – 11
9 AM – NOON
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Weare Pink Ladies Group

By Lily Tang Williams

Come join us on [July 20, 4 – 7 p.m. at Country Spirit Restaurant](#), 262 Maple Street, Henniker. Meet local ladies, make friends and have fun. For more information, email Lily at: lily4liberty@comcast.net or find us here: www.facebook.com/groups/285603816508112 Hope to see you there!

HAND IN HAND SENIOR CENTER



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

What makes the Hand in Hand Senior Center so special? Here are some recent comments by visitors: "I love this place; everyone is so nice and welcoming." "I'm so much happier because Hand in Hand is providing me with a social life and friends." "This is my happy place." "The food is good and the people are so warm and welcoming." Chatter and laughter can be heard, which helps keep the heart and soul young.

If you haven't yet stopped by for lunch or to look around our Thrift Shop, take the time to explore this wonderful gem, right in the middle of Weare. A cup of coffee or tea is always available.

We are working on developing more activities. Watch this space, the WeAre Weare Facebook group or visit our page (facebook.com/hihsc.org) for announcements.

Due to our new hours, "The Quiet Man" movie on Thursday, July 20 will start at 4 p.m.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?



Wednesdays 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Dine in, take out or free delivery.

July 12: Sausage cabbage skillet, garden salad cheddar and chive scones

July 19: Almond chicken salad in lettuce cups, watermelon salad

Coffee, tea, and various desserts are also available.

We will also be celebrating Bob Clement's 100th birthday!

WHAT'S IN THE SHOP?



SALE ALL SHOES HALF PRICE!

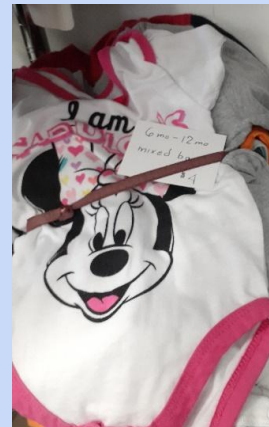
Wednesday July 12 – Saturday, July 15.

Check some out below:



Bundles of baby clothes

Grouped by size for \$3 or \$4.



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www.weareintheworldnews.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>

Meet Darci! Female Chihuahua mix. Loyal, smart, quiet, fearful, house trained, vaccinations up to date, spayed. Good with other small dogs, cats and children. Just look at those beautiful eyes, with natural eyeliner! Darci is painfully shy and heartbreakingly fearful. She trembles and freezes like a statue if you try to show her affection. She sorely longs for love, but her fear keeps her from trusting.



You see, this poor, sweet little baby was kept tied up and alone for the majority of her young life as part of a hoarding situation. Until two months ago, she had never experienced the love of a human, or even another dog, as she was kept separated and alone.

One of our wonderful partners in Puerto Rico rescued little Darci, and she spent two months with a foster, where she thoroughly enjoyed playing with the other small dogs who were also being fostered. The foster mom quickly discovered that Darci gains confidence from other small dogs. Darci is now with her new foster mom here in New England, and she would love to find her forever family with another small dog that she can learn from. She is about one year old and weighs just 11 pounds. She is also microchipped.

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



Asked and Answered: Camping

Camping with Major

By Marge Burke

Major was our beloved, large German Shepherd, who was obsessed with being wherever the rest of the family was: home, car, hike, canoe or camping. Camping was not our regular, or even preferred vacation activity, but a necessity of the summer. We built our A-frame. We pitched our borrowed tent beside the construction site and set up our weekend routines. Boys and Major chased each other around while dad and I worked on the building.

He slept inside the tent with the four of us, two adults, two young boys. It was a little crowded but we managed the logistics just fine, unless it rained. Major was petrified of thunder and lightning. One night the lightning bolts and thunder claps were directly overhead, clashing almost simultaneously. Soon, the big brave dog was climbing onto my cot, practically on top of me in need of comfort from the storm. The rain poured so hard that night, it filtered through the tent soaking all of us, dog included.

We completed the building by summer's end and returned the borrowed tent.



Tell Us About: Camping !

For the second July issue, we are looking for more stories about camping.

Sometimes you may think, "I don't have time to write a story for WITW." We get that, for sure.

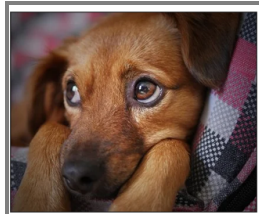
On the other hand, what you write may start someone's day off with a chuckle or a happy memory. So, how about a compromise? Why not send us just four lines that summarize the point you want to make and we can print a series of those?

What about Scouts? Did you camp with the Scouts when you were a kid? Or perhaps you went as a leader?

Did you pick up a skill or a hobby at camp – swimming, archery, fishing, rowing, bird watching?




**Deering
Community Faire
2023**
 763 Deering Center Rd. Deering N.H.
Saturday August 19th Rain or Shine
10 AM to 3 PM
Art and Craft Vendors
Raffles
 Dining Certificate Raffle tree Wine Basket
 Car Care Shaws
 And Others Including Mini Raffles
 Live Music Baked Goods
 Homemade Jams Children's Games
Food & Drinks will be Available
 Sponsored By
 Deering Community Church and Women's Guild



Looking for Something to Do?

Compiled by Sharon Czarnecki



HENNIKER CONCERT SERIES

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING - FREE – 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Angela Robinson Bandstand, Community Park,
In case of rain, the event will be held in the community center

July 18 –

THE BANDS: The Great Groove Theory and Frankie Boy and Blues Express **Special start time 5 p.m.**

BEER SAMPLES: Henniker Brewery from 5 – 6:30 p.m. offering samples of five of its most popular brews for modest prices. See tented area. **MUST** have a valid ID.

SPONSOR: Henniker Chamber of Commerce and Henniker Brewery.

FOOD VENDOR: R&J's Texas Style BBQ

July 25 –

THE BAND: The Rebel Collective – Celtic folk

SPONSOR: Greenblott & O'Rourke law firm



July 12 –

THE BAND: Morgan-Nelson (country and folk)

July 19 –

THE BAND: Temple Band (concert band)

July 26 –

THE BAND: Cover Story (top 40)



SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

23 Science Center Rd. Holderness, NH
Phone 603-968-7194 or visit www.nhnature.org

(Museum passes available at the Weare Public Library)

Family Picnic: Saturday, July 22, 5-8 p.m.

We will celebrate pollinators and feature animal programs, animal games, live music, food trucks, ice cream, kids' corner and more in a fun, casual atmosphere. All food and drinks are included in the ticket price. Open bar includes local beer, wine, signature cocktail and non-alcoholic butterfly nectar for the kids. Limited tickets are available at nhnature.org/picnic. *Free for 5 and under.*

To learn more about other events at Squam Lake Science Center, such as lake cruises (look for majestic bald eagles and listen for the call of Common loons), river otter feeding or turtle talks (always with a live turtle visitor), go to the website at www.nhnature.org.

Marge Burke – author, Weare resident and volunteer



staff member for this publication – will present her new memoir, “Claiming Me: Reflections of an Octogenarian,” at Gibson’s Bookstore in Concord on Thursday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. According to a post by Gibson’s, “Claiming Me” is a “heartwarming, humorous and intimate account of life well lived. Filled with poetry and intimate vignettes, this book chronicles a collection of memories from the author’s early childhood to the present time.”



POETRY CORNER



Some people call these flowers "ditch lilies;" others name them "gas station lilies."

Give Us This Day

After the fireworks
day lilies go
on firing rockets
flames licking
old stone walls

Orange lilies
stand by brightly
in pastures, ditches
and in a dooryard
where an old house
adds its peeling
paint, chip by chip
to their riotous act.

The roadside mower
lifts the cutter bar
to spare their necks
and in a new-mown field
he leaves an island blazing.

Day lilies added
to my salad
One by one
their tongues
awakened my taste
for something wild
and a memory
of trembling hands
gathering, holding
a days bounty.

My mother nods
in her chair
Lilies nod in a vase.
Petals fall on the
west window sill.

-jeanloretta

Darwin's Theory

Evolution of species,
survival of the fittest,
things change over the years,
my neglected perennial bed,
alas, perfect example,
lily of the valley,
small plants, dainty bell-shaped
upside down flowers, crowded
out sturdy rhizome iris,
compete with unwanted ferns,
gooseneck loosestrife, delicate,
lacey blossoms, tenacious
root system, twists, destroys
anything in the underground,
moving north, soon will meet
lily of valley moving south,
who will survive of these
dainty, delicate flowers that delight.

-Marge Burke

Umbrellas

Overworked accessory
inclement weather problem,
relentless rain ad nauseum,
plain, decorative, large, small,
some collapse to purse size,
others big, serve as walking stick,
sport supporting logos,
stuffed in back pocket
like arrow quiver,
blown inside with fierce wind,
when you have to go out
and want to stay dry,
or reasonably dry,
necessary accessory.

-Marge Burke

Choices

In 1973 I bought an old house
and started working on it,
beginning a journey that continued
in 1983, 93, 2003, and 2023.
Perhaps if instead in 73
I had taken a course in poetry
by now a famous bard I'd be.

-T. Clow



Why We Love Living in New Hampshire

An occasional column featuring readers' reverent observations of our natural surroundings



Deering Wildlife Audubon Sanctuary (Joe Czarnecki photo).



Fireworks in Concord (Nicole Czarnecki photos).



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If You Are Fortunate Enough To Live In Weare

By Roger LeBlanc

Once again, last week I needed assistance due to my wife's failing health. So I called 911. The Weare police came immediately, followed by the EMTs. Special thanks to Corporal Mike Muise and Police Officer Andrew Vollaro for their calming demeanor, professionalism and outright caring during this extremely traumatic time in our lives.

And, once again, kudos to EMTs Kristina Houde and Nate Shatney for their expertise and caring manner in preparing my wife's journey to a Manchester hospital via ambulance.

Weare appears to be presently well staffed with these professional first responders, however, Weare is growing in leaps and bounds, so, come this spring, should they, along with the fire department, request extra equipment or personnel, as the great nobleman Ben Franklin was once quoted, "Let's not be penny wise and pound foolish!" because the life they save just may be your own.

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, July 12

- 3:45 p.m. – Trustees of the Trust Fund meeting
- 7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting
- 7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting

Thursday, July 13

- 7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Monday, July 17

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

Tuesday, July 18

- 6 p.m. – Board of Firewards meeting

Wednesday, July 19

- 6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting

Friday, July 21

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

Saturday, July 22

- 9:30 a.m. – Weare Republicans meeting