



# Weare in the World

*For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents*

**March 12, 2025**



*Full moon woods walk (Joe Czarnecki photo).*



## March 11 Election Results

Weare voters rejected operating budgets for the town and the Weare School District during Election Day on March 11, but the John Stark School District budget proposal was pushed through. Voters also supported pay increases for non-union town employees and a contract for Weare School district support staff, but a teachers' contract for John Stark was turned down.

In contested races, Bruce Fillmore won a seat on the Weare Board of Selectmen, and Katie Lipp will fill a one-year term on the Weare School Board.

What follows on page 2 is a report of the results, which will not repeat the full wording of every warrant article. That information can be found in the mailer that was sent to every household by the Weare Board of Selectmen; full results can also be found on the town website: [www.weare.nh.gov](http://www.weare.nh.gov).

For contested seats for elected offices, we have included the vote count for each candidate, but not write-ins unless they affected the outcome. For uncontested seats, we have simply noted uncontested (\*U). For positions with no candidate listed on the ballot, we have reported write-ins that may result in the election of an official.



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## Election Report

### Town of Weare

**Board of Selectmen**  
F. Bruce Fillmore  
Paul T. Thoman

**906**  
679

**Moderator**  
Daniel Wandell

U\*

**Town Clerk**  
Pamela J. Moul

U\*

**Treasurer**  
Tina Connor

U\*

**Library Trustee**  
Hanna Schofield

U\*

**Trustee of Trust Funds**  
Lynda A. Fiala

U\*

**Ethics Committee**  
Leah Cushman  
Kimberly H. Gannon

U\*  
U\*

Article 2: Fire Truck

**YES** **NO**  
**1,199** **702**

3: Operating Budget

801 **1,088**

4: Pay increase non union

**1,008** 892

5: PARC Director Stipend

724 **1,170**

6: PD detective assignment

660 **1,242**

7: Transfer Station Rev. Fund

823 **1,067**

8: PD Wellness Program

483 **1,405**

9: 10-Wheel Dump Truck

581 **1,309**

10: Police Pursuit Vehicle

744 **1,146**

11: FD Safety Education Fund

**1,221** 660

12: Road Reconstruction

**1,096** 789

13: Lucas CPR Devices

**1,411** 475

14: Roadside Mower

424 **1,466**

15: PD Tasers Bundles

832 **1,056**

16: PD Carport

412 **1,473**

17: Transfer Station Scale

567 **1,322**

18: PD Body Cameras

**1,066** 829

19: Cemetery Improvements

**1,268** 617

20: Licensed Forester

**1,305** 586

21: Employee Retirement Fund

**1,027** 854

22: Fireworks

796 **976**

### Weare School District

**School Board Member**  
Alyssa Small

U\*

Lorraine Westfahl  
Katie Lipp

547  
**932**

**School District Moderator**  
Jason Button (write-in)

**130**

1: Accept Reports

**1,543** 299

2: Set Officers' Salaries

**989** 839

3: Operating Budget

795 **1,097**

4: Support Staff Contract

**1,005** 886

5: Estimated Tax Impacts

**1,206** 661

6: Budget Cap

920 **966**

7: Reject Funding Private Ed.

**1,232** 567

### John Stark School District

**School Board/Weare**  
Jill Dagenais

U\*

**School Board/Henniker**  
Zach Lawson

U\*

**School District Moderator**  
Raelyn Viti (write-in)

**115**

Article 1: Accept Reports  
Weare  
Henniker

**1,564** 280  
**551** 57

2: Set Officers' Salaries  
Weare  
Henniker

**1,078** 761  
**449** 162

3: Operating Budget  
Weare  
Henniker

**965** 923  
**409** 210

4: Teachers' Contract  
Weare  
Henniker

772 **1,120**  
**409** 207

5: Estimated Tax Impacts  
Weare  
Henniker

**1,457** 421  
**501** 116



## School News



### JSRHS Theater Company Presents A Musical Showcase featuring a one-act play "Soundscapes"

By Claudia Haas and Sarah Kraning

When: Friday, 3/14 and Saturday, 3/15, 6:30 p.m.

Where: John Stark Regional High School

Tickets: \$5 per person

Online sales for the general public will begin on Sunday, 3/9 at  
[johnstarkstagecompany.ludus.com](http://johnstarkstagecompany.ludus.com)

"Soundscapes" is produced by special arrangement with Stage Partners. [www.yourstagepartners.com](http://www.yourstagepartners.com)

Fifteen members of the John Stark Regional High School



**DECA** chapter competed among 700 other Granite State high school students at the 2025 New Hampshire Career Development Conference, held in Manchester on

February 12-14. John Stark students completed written research projects and participated in competitive role play events in hopes of qualifying for a spot at this year's International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida. Senior Bella Mann came in first place in the "Human Resources Management" category, with sophomores Evan Payeur, Kaeden Vanasse and Rylan Grolljahn placing second in their category of "Sports and Entertainment Marketing Operations Research." Junior Avery Grolljahn also earned two third place medals in the category of "Quick Service Restaurant Management," and Sophomore Rylan Grolljahn with one third place medal in "Restaurant and Food Service Management." Mann, Payeur, Vanasse and the Grolljahns have earned the opportunity to compete at ICDC in Orlando this April. Maxine Lundeen and Rowan Young have been selected to join the team, representing John Stark at the ICDC Thrive Academy, a comprehensive leadership program designed to empower DECA members and teach 21st century skills in the areas of critical thinking and problem solving, communication and collaboration and creativity and innovation.

Photo: Back row (L-R): Brendan Bond, Thomas Stevenson, Evan Payeur, Avery Grolljahn, Rowan Young,

Chase Lansford, Rylan Grolljahn, Middle Row (L-R): Evan Furness, Maxine Lundeen, Wesley Rosen, Bella Mann. Front row (L-R): Advisor Hana Braga, Luka Madecki, Hailey Tilley, Jayleigh Shelto-Fournier, Advisor-Mandy Hibbert. Missing from the photo is Kaeden Vanasse who participated virtually.

The JSRHS **Comic Arts** class welcomed creator Rich Woodall as a guest artist on Feb. 21. Goodall, a comic designer best known for work such as "Sgt. Werewolf," "The Bloody Ring of Dracula," "Gods of Brutality" and "Johnny Raygun," talked with students about careers in the arts, comic and graphic novel production, drawing styles and techniques. Woodall also worked with the class on a collaborative comic.



Photo: Andrew Cloud, Isabella Irish, Alex Mooradian, Ezekial Johnson, Abby Kimbal, Marisah Nichols, Ovadya Raver, Katelynn Smith, Maverick Umlah, Jaymi Wood, Cole Bureau, Maria Desfosses, Sebastian Turschman, Hunter Burgess and Helena Lanagan.

A new **Environmental Club** has taken root at John Stark Regional High School. The club was jump started by sophomore Cailin Culhane this past fall and approved later by administrators; science teachers Maddie Cook and Elizabeth England stepped up as advisors. The club reports it now has 15 members, which "was easy, thanks to support of friends who also shared the love for the environment." Already underway are moves to spruce up the school greenhouse so it's ready for growing. Eventually, the club hopes to move its plants to an outside garden for cultivating in the spring and summer months. Another goal is to cut down on food waste at the high school; all students would be encouraged to toss unfinished fruits and vegetables into a compost bucket in the cafeteria, which would be used to feed the garden soil.



Photo: Inside the greenhouse at John Stark Regional High School.





CWES third graders Sebastian Heyman, Forest Jenkins, Savannah Scott and Stella Snook are getting hands-on experience as **yearbook photographers**, capturing special moments around the school. With cameras in hand, these young photographers are learning how to showcase events, classmates, and school spirit. Their hard work and creativity are already making a big

impact, and we can't wait to see their amazing shots in this year's yearbook. Keep up the great work! Photos: Savannah Scott (standing) and Stella Snook at work as yearbook photographers. Below, see examples of their work.



Third grader Cohen Archambault chooses a game during indoor recess (Stella Snook photo).



Friends Mia Rousseau and Olivia Graham (Stella Snook photo).



Charlotte Donnelly, Anna Fuller, Maddie Reopel, Chloe Omasta, and Natalie Ballum (Savannah Scott photo).



Gabe Dempsey, Greyson Briand and Julian Lipp (Savannah Scott photo).

## Local Scholarship Opportunities

### Rotary Speech Contest

Are you a confident, clear public speaker with high ethical standards? Then this is for you! The Henniker Area Rotary Club presents the 4-Way Speech Contest to be held at the Henniker Community Center on **March 23** at 1 p.m. The winner goes on to the semi-finals on April 6 to compete for a share of \$1,700!

The Rotary 4-Way Test challenges you to apply these principles in your speech: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Open to students in grades 9-12 at John Stark Regional High School, Hillsboro-Deering High School, or any high school within their catchment area (including home-schools and alternative schools).

Choose a topic that matters to you and prepare a 5-7 minute speech. Previous inspiring topics have included everything from student art to the Boston Marathon bombing.

For more information and **to apply**, contact Hanna Schofield (JSRHS) [hanna.schofield@sau24.org](mailto:hanna.schofield@sau24.org); Michelle Prentiss (H-D HS) [mprentiss@hdsd.org](mailto:mprentiss@hdsd.org) or John Capuco (Henniker Rotary) [j\\_capuco@mcttelecom.com](mailto:j_capuco@mcttelecom.com).

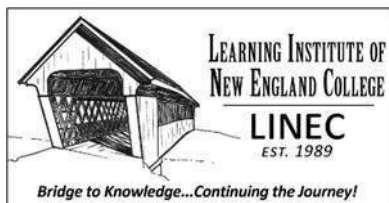
### Campbell Fund



The Eleanor Campbell Charitable Fund is now accepting applications from high school seniors in towns served by Hillsboro-Deering and John Stark High Schools. The Fund awarded 20 scholarships last year in amounts ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,000. Special awards go to a business student, a student of politics or journalism, and one studying health or medicine. Other awards, based on academic achievement, community participation and financial need, are given to students in a variety of fields. Over time, scholarships have gone to public and private high school students and home schoolers, as well as students in college.

Applications are available through the schools and online at [www.eleanorcampbellcharitablefund.org](http://www.eleanorcampbellcharitablefund.org). Details and instructions are included on the website. Specific questions may be addressed to Chris Hague, Scholarship Committee Co-Chair at: [wooden\\_tent@yahoo.com](mailto:wooden_tent@yahoo.com) or by calling the number on the application.

**Submissions must be received by April 15.** Awards are announced in June.



## LINEC: Something for Every Interest

As times change, so do  
LINEC locations and

offerings. The Learning Institute of New England College, or LINEC, non-credit short courses for learning in retirement began in 1990. Today, the affiliation with New England College remains, but classes are off-campus and some are presented via Zoom. **Registration** for the Spring 2025 term, which runs from April 7 to May 16, is open **until March 24**. The course list includes topics in the arts, sciences, history, and current affairs.

**"Babes of Broadway"** is for anyone interested in the music and acting of Mary Martin, Ethel Merman and Carol Channing. **"Scorsese, DeNiro and (sometimes) Pesci"** includes viewing and discussing seven films. **"Art Colonies of New Hampshire"** delves into historic communities and the artists, writers, and composers they attracted. **"The History of Language, Especially English"** will look at how language evolved and how children learn it. **"All's Well That Ends Well"** explores various performances of the Shakespeare play by that name and Canadian novelist Mona Awad's novel *All's Well*.

**"Novel Reading Group"** meets year-round on the first Wednesday of the month. This spring two Booker Prize novels will be discussed: *A Month in the Country* by J.L. Carr and *The Narrow Road to the Deep North* by Richard Flanagan. Participants often discover during discussion how much more was in each novel than they thought at first.

Is there life beyond Earth? **"Astrobiology"** will explore past and current knowledge about extraterrestrial life. **"Alexander von Humboldt: The Consilience of Science and Art"** looks at a scientist's influence on great minds of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Another facet of life in that century is the subject of **"Abraham's Ladies: Union Women and the Battle of Gettysburg."**

**"Philosophy Talks"** continues reading and sharing thoughts on Bertrand Russell's *History of Western Thought*. **"The Economy and Politics in 2025"** takes on the challenging topic of today's national and global economic policy.

The times, locations and instructors for each short course are listed at <https://linec.org>. Each class is described in detail, and online registration is available. Those already part of LINEC know that besides the information and stimulating ideas each course offers, there is a social aspect. Being with others who share a common interest is an important part of retirement. LINEC is modestly priced and encourages new participants.

## Weare Public Library

### Special Events

**Tax Help** (adults). March 13 & 27. Free and open to everyone from the AARP - schedule your appointment by calling Jim Luckern at 603-765-0558. DIY? Stop by the library to pick up 1040/1040-SR tax forms and booklets.

**Knockout for a Cause** (family). Saturday, March 15 at noon at the WMS gym. The Friends of the Library are presenting an exciting, fast-paced game of Knockout! Play for fun, play for a purpose! All proceeds go towards Family Summer Programming. Come shoot your shot and support a great cause! To play: \$10 per adult. \$5 for kids 12 and under. Snacks and water will be available for purchase. Winner takes home a trophy!

**Shrinky Dink Keychains** (kids). Monday, March 24, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Drop-in for this after school craft. Watch as your colorful drawings magically shrink into cool charms and keychains right before your eyes.

**Book Group** (adults). Wednesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. We're reading and discussing the dystopian classic *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley. Call us at 603-529-2044 to reserve your copy.

### Weekly Events

**PokeMondays** (kids). Mondays, 2:30-4 p.m. Meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card game enthusiasts and win prizes.

**Mother Goose Storytimes** (ages 0-2). Tuesdays, 10:30-noon (starting April 1). Simple rhymes, stories, and songs for infants and little ones!

**Cards!** (adults). Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2-4:30 p.m. Meet and play pinochle or cribbage with other card game enthusiasts in the Paige Room.

**Manga & Anime Club** (ages 10+). 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month, 2:15-3:30 p.m. Stop by after school to talk about manga and watch your favorite anime shows!

**Pre-K Storytime** (ages 3-5). Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. (starting April 2). Enjoy longer stories, movement and songs followed by a simple craft or related activity.

**Afterschool Gaming** (ages 6-18). Wednesdays, 2-4:30 p.m. Challenge your friends on the Nintendo Switch, PlayStation and other game systems.

**Ruff Readers** (ages 5-11). Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m. Emerging readers get to read with one of our visiting therapy dogs. Call us to sign up.



**Craft Group** (adults). Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. Relax and craft and learn something new.

**Baby & Toddler Playgroup** (ages 0-3). Fridays, 10:30-noon. An informal gathering for young children and their caregivers. Get out of the house; meet new friends! Books, puzzles, early literacy toys, & music.

The passes below are made possible by the Friends of the Weare Public Library! Double click on the icon to explore.



**Friends of the Weare Public Library present**

# Knockout FOR A CAUSE

Join us on **March 15th at 12:00 PM SHARP** at **Weare Middle School** for an exciting, fast-paced game of Knockout!

**Play for fun, play for a purpose!** All proceeds will go towards **Family Summer Programming**—come shoot your shot and support a great cause! To play: \$10 per adult, \$5 for kids 12 and under.

Snacks and water will be available for purchase.  
**Winner takes home a trophy.**

Weare Public Library

**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](http://www.facebook.com/hihsc.org)**

Emotional health is important at all ages. To learn more and to find some different strategies to help you in times of stress or challenge, join us at **Hand in Hand Senior Center** on Tuesday, March 18 from 1:30 – 2:30 for a Granite VNA program on “Emotional Well-Being.” The program is free and open to the public. See page 7.

At 3 p.m., following the Emotional Well-Being program, we’ll be showing the movie, “**Me Before You.**” It’s about a young and quirky Louisa “Lou” Clark (Emilia Clarke) who moves from one job to the next to help her family make ends meet. Her cheerful attitude is put to the test when she becomes a caregiver for Will Traynor (Sam Claflin), a wealthy young banker left paralyzed from an accident two years earlier. Will’s cynical outlook starts to change when Louisa shows him that life is worth living. Their lives and hearts change in ways neither one could have imagined. Enjoy popcorn and hot dogs while you watch!

Ever yearn for creative and delicious bread at lunch? On many Wednesdays, Sarah from Soris Dough brings homemade bread to the Center. She also organized a Valentine’s basket fundraiser and reached out to small businesses in the area to help **Hand in Hand**. There was a happy winner and a very grateful Center, the recipient of her fundraising efforts. Many, many thanks, Sarah.

Do you have ideas or talents that you can share with us? We’d like to offer more programs and activities. Visit us, or leave a message at Hand in Hand (603-529-4263), and let’s see what we can work out.

**Hand in Hand** now has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator)! Learn more about this life-saving device, and watch a demonstration to give you confidence if called on to save a life. A one-hour presentation will be offered soon, open to the community. Keep your ears and eyes open for time and date.

**Eat**



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

**March 12:** Corned beef dinner, potatoes, carrots, Brussels sprouts

**March 19:** Open-faced turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes & gravy

**March 26:** Breakfast for lunch. French toast, sausage patty, fruit

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** *join us!*

**EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING**

Join us to discuss different strategies to manage our emotional health.



**TUESDAY,  
MARCH 18**  
**1:30PM - 2:30PM**

**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**  
**IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION,**  
**CALL US: 603-529-4263**

**HAND IN HAND SENIOR CENTER & THRIFT SHOP**  
**33 N STARK HWY, WEARE**

 Granite VNA

**HI THERE,  
I'M PADDY  
McDOODLE!**



**The wee-woo crew at the  
Weare Police Department  
put a little contest together  
for youngsters in Town!**

2 age groups may submit entries,  
(Ages 4 to 8 & ages 9 to 12)

**1 winner**  
**from each group**  
**will receive a**  
**"Pot o' Goodies!"**

Designs must be submitted no  
later than 12PM on March 14<sup>th</sup>  
**Visit their Facebook page**  
**for details!**

<https://www.facebook.com/wearepolicedepartment>



## Weare Democrats to Caucus March 12

The Weare Democrats will meet virtually on Zoom on Wednesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. to elect town Democratic officers and delegates to the New Hampshire Democratic Party State Convention. Local Democratic Committee officers and delegates have a vote at annual state Democratic Party conventions to approve the party platform, resolutions and other party business.

There is no cost to attend the virtual caucus, and it is open to all members of the public. Any registered Democrat who is a Weare resident, regardless of past political experience, can run for an officer or delegate position.

**JOIN US FOR CHILI NIGHT!**

Friday, March 21st, 4-7 pm at the Old Town Hall

**Chili of all kinds, cornbread & cobbler**

**\$10/person**  
**\$5-children 5-11**  
**children under 5 are free**  
**\$30 max per family**

*Get your tickets  
AT THE DOOR*



HOSTED/PAID FOR BY THE WEARE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE - [HTTPS://WEARENHDEMOCRATS.ORG/](https://wearenhdemocrats.org/)



## Weare Pink Ladies

By Lily Tang Williams

We will have our monthly lunch on Thursday, March 20 from 12-2 p.m. at **Country Spirit Restaurant & Tavern in Henniker**. Please feel free to invite your friends. By the way, Country Spirit Chef "Bear" has had a stroke, and his family is in need of donations for his long-haul recovery. Since he loves scratch tickets, some of our members will be bringing scratch tickets to brighten his day. Please RSVP to [lily4liberty@comcast.net](mailto:lily4liberty@comcast.net) if you are able to come.



## Looking for Something to Do?

Compiled by Sharon Czarnecki

Don't forget, links to items previously featured here can now be found at: [Looking for Something to Do](#)





## POETRY CORNER

### Alabaster Sculpture

Heavenly appearance  
alabaster sculpture,  
unfathomable size,  
splashed across the sky,  
translucent clouds transformed,  
fanciful musings, of  
random carvings, dream scape,  
intangible meaning,  
given by hand of God.

-Marge Burke

### Tenacity

A flat topped solid  
boulder, of granite  
formed from glacial deposit  
of thousands of years ago,  
covered with moss  
cantilevered over  
cascading falls,  
at its very edge,  
a small tree rises  
from the moss,  
tenacious, thriving  
making a life for itself  
nurtured by water

-Marge Burke



## Job Opportunities

### Weare Parks and Recreation

**Summer jobs at Chase Park.** Wages: \$10-\$10.50 starting.  
The [application](#) deadline is **March 15.**

**Director.** This individual will be a member of PaRC and will be required to attend monthly meetings, which take place on the third Tuesday of every month. Duties include, but are not limited to, responsibility for overall operations of PaRC facilities, coordination of PaRC programs and events, and making recommendations to PaRC for improvements. An annual stipend is provided. Applications will be available on the town website: [www.weare.nh.gov](http://www.weare.nh.gov) beginning the week of **Feb. 24.** All inquiries can be directed to [PARC@WeareNH.gov](mailto:PARC@WeareNH.gov). Applications can be dropped off at the Town Office or mailed to Weare Town Offices, 15 Flanders Memorial Rd. All questions can be directed to [parc@wearenh.gov](mailto:parc@wearenh.gov).

**Volunteers** interested in serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission. If you are interested in serving, please fill out a volunteer form available on the town website: [www.weare.nh.gov](http://www.weare.nh.gov). From the front page, click on "Find it Fast" and then to "Volunteer Program Form", fill it out and submit it to [nbolton@wearenh.gov](mailto:nbolton@wearenh.gov) via email. You can also drop it off at the Town Office or mail it to the above address. Questions can be directed to [PARC@WeareNH.gov](mailto:PARC@WeareNH.gov).

## Mark your Calendar

### Tuesday, March 11

7 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Town Voting

### Wednesday, March 12

7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting  
7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting

### Thursday, March 13

7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

### Monday, March 17

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

### Tuesday, March 18

7 p.m. – Parks and Recreation Commission meeting

### Wednesday, March 19

4 p.m. – Cemetery Advisory Committee work session  
7 p.m. – Energy Commission meeting

### Thursday, March 20

3:45 p.m. – Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting  
6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting

### Friday, March 21

11 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

### Monday, March 24

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

### Tuesday, March 25

6 p.m. – Weare School Board meeting  
7:30 p.m. – Cable Committee meeting

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