



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

April 22, 2026

Inside the Issue

- p.2: Garden Club; Cribbage Tournament; Legion
- p.3: NH Historical Markers
- p.4: Summer Programs; Pink Ladies; Library Position
- p.5: Writers Guild; Top Dog Raffle
- p.6: Crafting; Medicaid; Plant-a-Seed; Library
- p.8: Senior News
- p.9: Poetry
- p.10: Church Corner; Calendar



Franklin Pierce Valedictorian Is Kaitlyn Bossart of Weare

RINDGE, N.H. – April 9, 2026 – Franklin Pierce University is proud to announce that Kaitlyn Bossart has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian for the Class of 2026. She will be formally recognized at the University's Baccalaureate Ceremony and Commencement Exercises on May 8 and May 9 on the Rindge Campus.



Kaitlyn Bossart

Kaitlyn Bossart, of Weare, NH, majored in Health Science while also earning a minor in Nutrition. During her time at Franklin Pierce University, she founded and served as president of the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) Campus Chapter, where she educated students about bone marrow and stem

cell transplants and helped register interested individuals for the international donor registry. She also assisted Dr. Lindsay Vago with cardiorespiratory research and worked as a pediatric Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA) supporting children with disabilities.

Since graduating in December 2025, Kaitlyn has continued working as an LNA at a nearby hospital. In the fall, Kaitlyn will begin the Master of Physician Assistant Studies program at Franklin Pierce University. She would

like to thank “the supportive professors in the Health Sciences who helped guide me, as well as my family and friends for their love and encouragement.”

www.franklinpierce.edu



Garden Club Plant Sale

By Nancy Christian

Come give a deserving plant a happy home. 😊

Saturday May 23 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

in front of the American Legion
Weare Center (12 North Stark Highway)



CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

The Weare Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month from March thru August.

At our next meeting on **May 5**, we will be planning our spring plant sale. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center – 33 North Stark Highway, Weare.

Come join us and let's talk plants.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Photo by Sharon Czarnecki



Honor Flights For Female Vets

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

This month, from April 13th-15th, the American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring its very first all-female Honor Flight. I'm sure many of you have heard of the Military Veterans Honor Flights that take men from past wars to Washington DC to visit the various memorials that honor those who have died in service to our country. The ALA has helped to sponsor all of these flights through donations and funds raised through poppy sales.



This year, the ALA Lone Eagle Flight will bring 46 women veterans from across the country for 2 days of recognition and remembrance. This

trip will show our country's gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

Next month you will start seeing our poppy cans around town in various locations. Local businesses allow us to put out these cans in order for us raise funds for use towards veteran services. With these cans you can find poppies attached. If you can, put a donation in the can, and take a poppy to show your support for the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program. Every donation, no matter how small, makes a difference in what we can do in the coming year for veterans.

Our town is home to many veterans. They are our family members, co-workers, neighbors, local community support volunteers, and Legion members. It was suggested that a good way to acknowledge them would be to share their stories of service, what their motivation was to serve, where they served, etc. If you are, or know of a veteran who served who would like to share their story and be featured in the online local paper Weare in the World, please email Sharon Czarnecki (czar5@comcast.net).

One more reminder!!! **May 5th** is the first American Legion Post 65 Sunday breakfast of the season!! These breakfasts be happening every Sunday from **8-11:00 a.m.** Come join neighbors, bring your family and friends.

For more information about the Legion Auxiliary or how to become a member, go to www.ALAforVeterans.org or join us at a meeting. We meet the first Wednesday of the month - 6:30 at the Philbrick-Clement Post 65 N Stark Hwy. (Next to the Old Town Hall)



Hand in Hand
SENIOR CENTER & THRIFT SHOP



CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT NIGHT!

April 23 and May 21
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Think you've got what it takes to peg your way to the top?
Join us for an evening of skill, excitement, strategy, and friendly competition!

CASH PRIZES!

Light Refreshments Served.
Entry Fee: \$5.00 per Person
Only 20 spots available.



SIGN UP EARLY TO SECURE YOUR PLACE!
CALL OR STOP BY TO SIGN UP.

Hand in Hand Senior Center
33 N Stark Hwy, Weare

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO: 603-529-4263



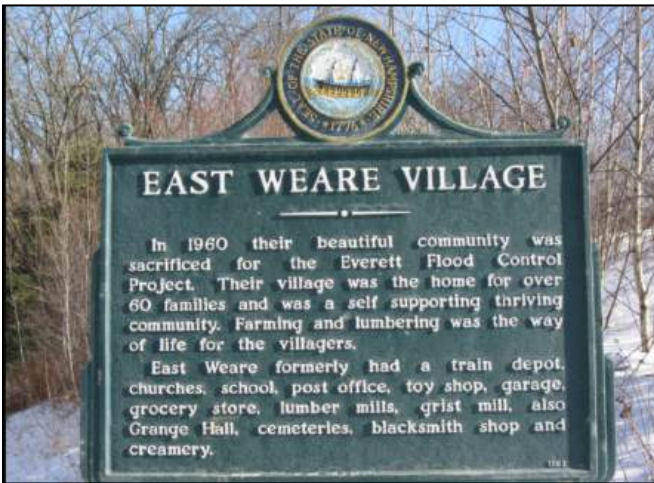
EVERYONE
18 YEARS
OLD+
WELCOME!



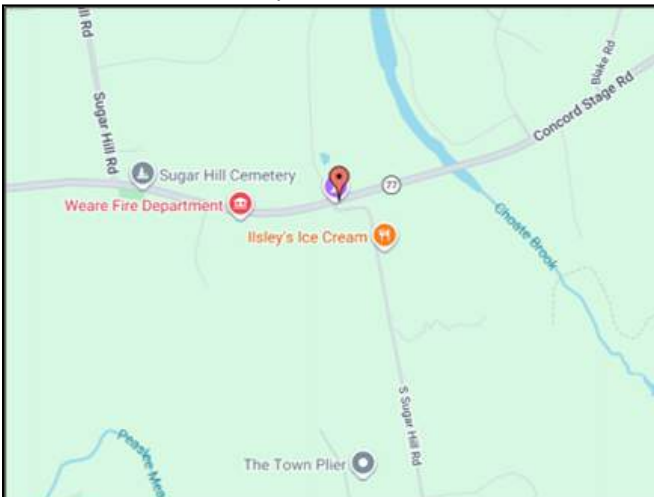
By Sharon Czarnecki

One of our readers – Ellen Harding – enjoys historical markers, but often does not have time to stop. She asked us how many there were in Weare. Tom Flaherty of the Weare Historical Society explained there are 2 and offered a web site with more detail. www.hmdb.org or www.nhdhr.dncr.nh.gov/registers-recognition/nh-historical-highway-markers Now, thanks to Ellen’s question, we can all slow down for a minute and learn more about them.

The **East Weare Village** Site was erected in 1982 by NH Dept. of Natural & Cultural Resources - Div. of Historical Resources. (Marker Number **0143**.)

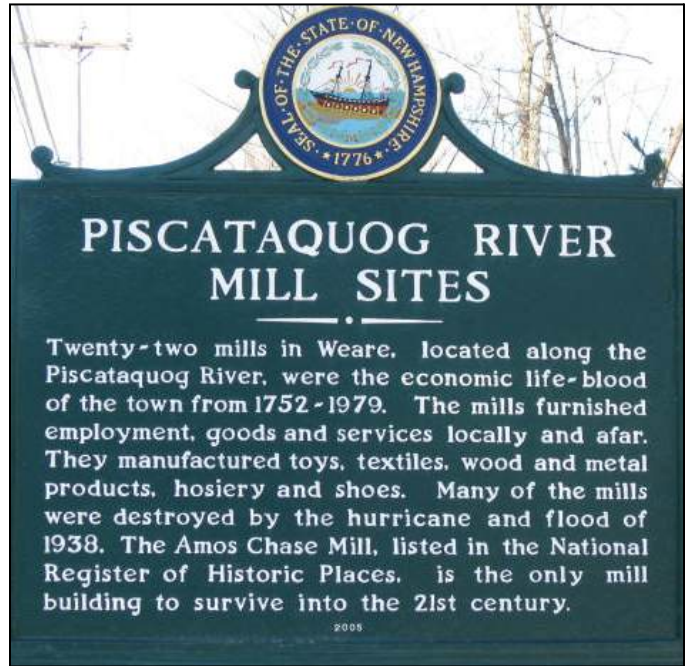


You can find it on the map below:

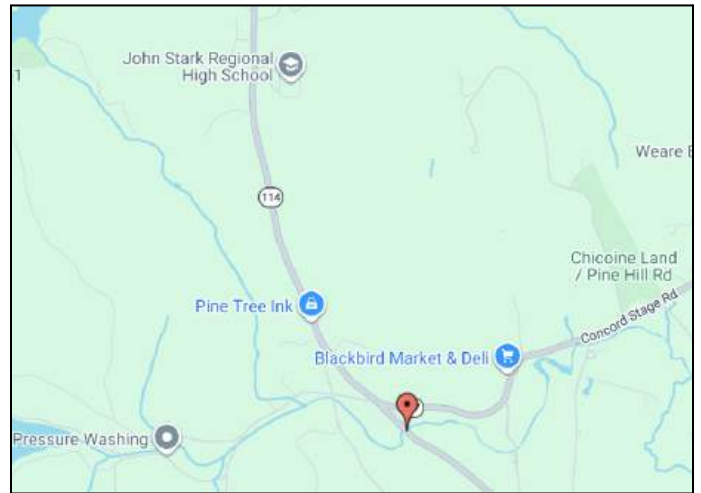


1.2 miles East of Sugar Hill Road on Route 77

The **Piscataquog River Mill Site** was erected in 2005 by NH Dept. of Natural & Cultural Resources - Div. of Historical Resources. (Marker Number **0192**.)



You can find it on the map below:




1.6 miles south of John Stark High School on Route 114



A Fun Activity for Marker Fans. Download and complete the Marker Quest form. Find 10 New Hampshire Historical Highway Markers during your travels, submit your form, and earn a sticker!

www.nhdhr.dncr.nh.gov/registers-recognition/nh-historical-highway-markers





Summer 2026

We Are G9 John Stark

High School Transition Program

Monday-Thursday, July 6th-23rd @ 8am-12pm.

The 2026 We Are G9 John Stark! freshman summer program is a three-week program designed to provide an exciting and engaging introduction to high school. Participants will have the opportunity to earn community service learning hours through a wide variety of collaborative learning experiences and enrichment activities. Students will become familiar with our work study practices and school norms while having fun! Transportation and snacks will be provided. Students must successfully attend and participate in nine out of the twelve days in order to earn 15 community service learning hours. This program is open to all incoming 9th graders. Information and registration can be found in HCS or WMS ParentSquare.

<https://www.sau24.org/schools/jsrhs-net/index>



We Are

HIRING

Children's Librarian



APPLY

Instructions at:
bit.ly/wearejob



Register by June 19th



Weare Pink Ladies Group April Meeting

By Lily Tang Williams

We will be meeting for dinner on Tuesday, **April 21st** from **5 to 7 p.m.** at **99 Restaurant, 60 D'Amante Drive, Concord.**

Please let me know at lily4liberty@comcast.net if you can make it. We have a ride for you if you need one.

Enjoy the spring.

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

Contact Us

weareintheworldnews@gmail.com

Layout Editor – Evelien Schaafsma
 Assistant Editor – Alyssa Small
 Town News – Tom Clow
 School News – Marge Burke
 Community Outreach – Sharon Czarnecki



SUMMER 2026

Theater Camps

Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm Friday 2pm-7pm with a performance at 6pm

July 13- July 17:
Wizard of Oz
Weare Middle School

July 27-July 31:
Peter Pan
John Stark Regional Highschool

Ages: 6-18
Price: \$250 per week
Location: Weare Middle school week 1
 John Stark High school week 2
Directed By: Emma Guillemette
To Sign up or questions contact: Emma Guillemette at Emmaguill158@gmail.com

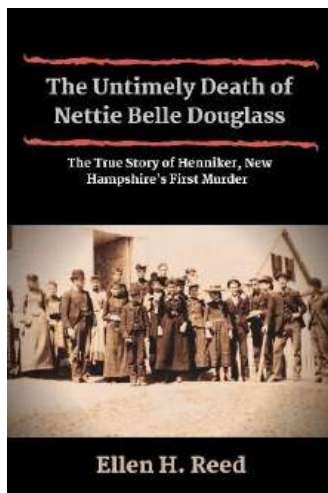


Register by June 19th

The Weare Area Writers Guild

By Sharon Czarnecki

If you are looking for local authors writing about true local events, look no further than our own Writers Guild.



In the early hours of August 15, 1894, the peaceful village of Henniker, NH was shaken to its core by news of a gruesome murder—the first in its 126-year history. Fitz Courser, owner of the local livery stable, was awakened by the eerie sounds of a horse and carriage rattling through his yard, then disappearing up the road into the foggy night. Lantern in hand, he stumbled outside and to his horror, discovered the bloodstained

body of 14-year-old Nettie Belle Douglass lying just outside his home. She had been shot three times in the head. The suspected killer, her 21-year-old beau, Arthur McLean, was nowhere to be found. What happened on that moonlit ride that drove Arthur to murder his young sweetheart? Only McLean knew the answer, and he wasn't talking. This is the true story of that fateful night. Available on Amazon or at local book stores.

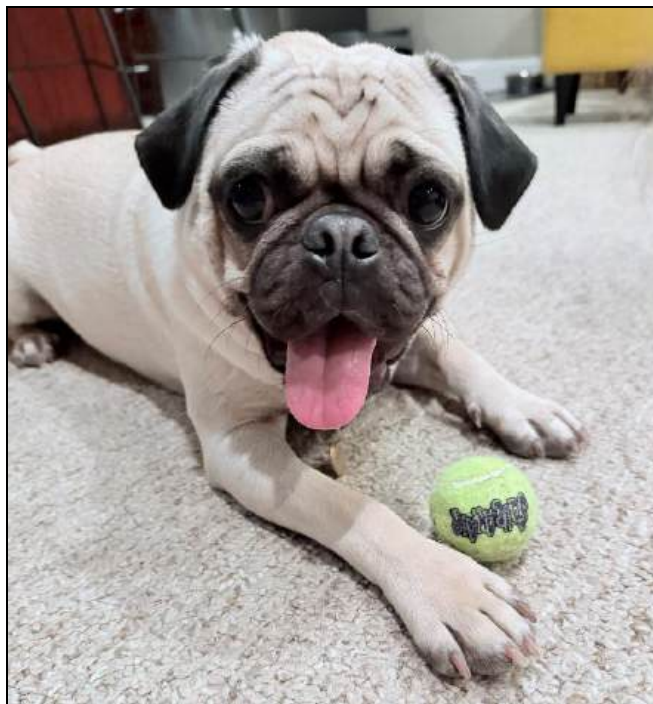
For more about Weare Area Writers Guild visit <https://beirutjen.wixsite.com/weareareawriters>

Weare's First Annual Top Dog Raffle

OK, this is it! Here's hoping your dog either has a license or is grabbing his or her leash to go get one. May the luckiest 3 dogs (and their owners) win.

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

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



Kevin is making sure that ball does not get away from him. Photo by Ermelinda Timmins



Mr. Peabody (on the left) is alert and ready to join in the fun. Photo by Deb Smith. 11 year old



Zoey (on the right) is very wise and is showing off the all important license tag. Photo by Anna Walker

Crafty Creative Creations:

Towel Roll Flower Craft

April 30th ~ 3:30 PM ~ Ages 5 and up

Create a beautiful spring flower picture with a fun 3-D element, here at the library. Call to register.



Weare Public Library
603-529-2044



Ready for Medicare?



Turning 65? Retiring? Still working?
Get the answers on: enrollment, coverage options, penalties, and more.



Thursday, April 30th
6:30pm
Weare Public Library

10 Paige Memorial Ln - (603) 529-2044 - wearpubliclibrary.com

Weare Public Library



PLANT A SEED, READ

Spring-Summer
2026



Check out a book (or movie, game, etc.) OR sign up for a library card to receive a FREE pack of seeds!

Plus, be entered to win gift cards to local favorites like Country 3 Corners, Nicole's Greenhouse, and Gibson's Bookstore!



10 PAIGE MEMORIAL LN / 603-529-2044
WEAREPUBLICLIBRARY.COM

Summer Reading Starts June 17

Weare Public Library

We-are Hiring: Head Children's Librarian

The Weare Public Library is "Weare magic begins and stories unfold." We're looking for a passionate Children's Librarian to create those magical experiences for the youth of our community. You'll build exciting programs, curate a stimulating collection, and help every child discover the joy of reading. If you're creative, caring, and ready to make a big difference, we'd love to meet you! Learn more at: 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.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

• 2.15-5 p.m.: Afterschool Gaming (ages 6+). Drop in to

challenge your friends on the Nintendo Switch and other systems. Featuring collaborative games like Smash Bros, Mario Kart, and Minecraft.

FRIDAYS

- 10:30 a.m.-12.00 p.m.: **Baby Playgroup** (ages 0-3). An informal gathering of young children and moms with early literacy toys. Get out of the house; meet new friends!

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Plant A Seed, Read:** (Spring-Summer 2026) Check out a book (or movie, game, etc.) OR sign up for a library card to receive a FREE pack of seeds—plus be entered to win gift cards to local favorites like Country 3 Corners, Nicole’s Greenhouse, and Gibson’s Bookstore!
- Tuesday, April 21 at noon (adults). **Book Group at the Hand In Hand Senior Center.** We’re reading *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. In 1939 Nazi Germany, narrated by Death, foster girl Liesel Meminger steals books, learns to read with her foster father, and shares them during air raids — with a hidden Jewish man in her basement. Pick up your copy at the Senior Center.
- Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. (adults). **Book Group.** We’re reading *The Lies They Told* by Ellen Marie Wiseman. In 1930s rural Virginia, a young immigrant mother fights America’s rising eugenics movement — prejudiced policies fueling imprisonment and forced sterilizations based on class, race, disability, education, and origin. Call the library to reserve your copy.
- Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. (seniors). **Ready for Medicare?** Turning 65? Retiring in NH? Still working? Join Woodpecker Insurance’s free educational workshop to get clear answers on: enrollment, coverage options, spousal impact, HSA, late penalties, and more. Get the facts to make the best decision.
- May 6 at 3:30 p.m. (ages 6-18). **Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament.** Fight for prizes and glory in this double-elimination tournament. There’s no pre-registration, but you’ll need to be on time.
- May 7, 5:00-7:00 p.m. **Friends of the Library: Mother’s Day Bake Sale.** Treat yourself to a plethora of decadent pies, cookies, cakes, breads, muffins, and more! Raised funds will go towards programs and museum passes for our patrons. Are you a baker? Contribute your goodie by signing up at the library. Questions? Email: friendsofwearepl@gmail.com.
- May 14 at 6:30 p.m. (adults). **Life Transitions: Create A Vision Board.** Empty nesting? Transitioning jobs? Working from home? Learning a new rhythm? Join life and health coach Ellie Hyvonen for a simple 5-step process and learn simple self-care habits amidst change

in your life. Bring your magazines to create your own vision board that you can keep! Call the library to register.

- Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. (3rd Thursday of the month) (all ages). **Peaceful Roots Yoga.** Elevate community connection through mindful, fun, and creative movement with Yoga Master Amanda Marusarz.

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

The WPL offers discounted passes:

Weare Public Library *Free & Discounted*

MUSEUM & PARK PASSES

Call us to reserve yours: 603-529-2044

Thanks to the
Friends of the Library
for making these possible!



Spring Crocus. Pixabay.

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. (Closed Thursdays in April)
603-529-4263/ www.facebook.com/hihsc.org

With great excitement and lots of anticipation, Hand in Hand Senior Center and its Thrift Shop will move to larger quarters, hopefully sometime this summer. The needs of the Center and Thrift Shop have grown over the past few years, and expansion at our present location is not possible. The move will be 3 miles south on Route 114.

This is a big step for Hand in Hand and a wonderful opportunity for the community. Approval by the town’s Zoning Board of Adjustment has been granted. Up next is getting approval from the town’s Planning Board. In the meantime, we have lots of work to do before we move. We are determining what needs to happen inside the building. A lot can be done by volunteers, so we will be reaching out to the community to help us make this opportunity a reality. We are blessed to have a supportive, giving community.

Last Wednesday, Jamie Seagle, past president of Rogerson Communities in Boston, MA, shared stories of his experience and of the wisdom he gained from the elder population he served. Some of the takeaways from his talk will be good for people at any age:

1. Lean muscle mass is key to both mental and physical health. Add to this strength and balance training.
2. Elders have so much knowledge in so many fields. Share that knowledge with others and stay relevant.
3. When you have a loss, mourn it, and then substitute something for that loss.
4. And finally, be kind to people.

His stories were inspiring, entertaining and appreciated.



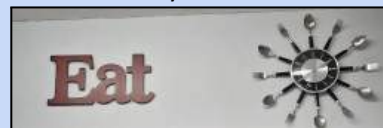
Jamie Seagle and a portion of his audience. Photo by Heleen Kurk.

Our new **Tai Chi** class starts **Thursday, April 23 at 8:45.a.m.** The class is filling up, but Sandy said she will accept new attendees during the first three weeks.

Thursday night, **April 23 from 6-8 p.m.** we’ll have our second **cribbage tournament**. The first one was lots of fun. Please sign up at the Center or call 603-529-4263 and leave a message.

After lunch, around **1:00 p.m. on April 29**, we’ll have a speaker who will share options for **senior living and care**, both inside and outside the home.

While we are working to get our new location up and running, we will continue activities at our present location until we are ready to make the move.



All are welcome to lunch every Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dine in, take out, or free delivery (call 603-529-

April 22: Chili, cornbread, tortilla chips

April 29: Pancakes, sausage, 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

Egg Decorating



Vicki Babbin, Sharon Czarnecki, Amanda Jim McNiel

Susan Morin, Stephanie Caron

See EGG on page 9

EGG, continued from page 8



Diana & Vicki Babbin

Mo Daneau & Louise Flynn



Lorraine Morin & Jim McNeil

We had so much fun, we are going to do it again next year!!



Tai Ji Quan for Better Balance

Classes start Tuesday, April 28th
Weare Senior Center
8:45 to 9:45 a.m.

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

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

CLOSES TO NEW MEMBERS MAY 12



POETRY CORNER

The Newness of Life

Lake doing a happy dance
 freed from winter's frozen stillness,
 its surface a shimmering blue,
 a deep blue like sapphire,
 a rare gem to hold dear
 catching rays from cloudless sky,
 its surface exudes newness of life,
 air still with fresh aroma,
 bird song the only sound heard,
 their chorus one of joyous
 thanksgiving for spring's return,
 rare moments of perfection to
 hold dear, moments that fill the soul
 with peace, joy, moments when
 stars and planets are aligned,
 moments to savor earth's gifts,
 the newness of life.

- Marjorie Burke

The Vapor Trail

Sky, an undefinable
 blue, an unspoiled canvas,
 except for a fleeting
 feathery vapor trail,
 sailing with elan
 across the firmament,
 a perfectly shaped feather
 from narrow stem to
 flowing fluffs, towering,
 reaching, then fading into
 the atmosphere moving
 onward, westward, free to be,
 sharing joy with observers
 like me, inhaling lightness,
 freedom, wide eyed to
 engage in the unknown.

- Marjorie Burke



Church Corner



Holy Cross Happenings in April

118 Center Rd, Weare, NH 03281

Join us at noon on **Sunday, May 24, 2026** for a Neighborhood Pilgrimage at the Barbara C. Harris Center in Greenfield, NH. Members of Holy Cross will join with our sisters and brothers from St. Andrew's of Hopkinton, St. John the Evangelist of Dunbarton, and St. Matthew's of Goffstown for an afternoon of lunch, fellowship, music, and worship by the lake. Bishop Rob Hirschfeld will join us. All are invited to join us for this exciting event with our neighbors.

Mark Your Calendar

Tues., April 21

- 3:45 p.m. – Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting
- 6 p.m. – Weare School Board meeting
- 7 p.m. – Parks and Recreation Commission meeting

Thurs., April 23

- 7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Mon., April 27

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

Fri., May 1

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

Mon., May 4

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

Tues., May 5

- 7 p.m. – Garden Club meeting
- 7:30 p.m. - Zoning Board meeting

Wed., May 6

- 6 p.m. – Master Plan Subcommittee meeting
- 6:30 p.m. – American Legion Auxiliary meeting

Thurs., May 7

- 6:30 p.m. – Cemetery Advisory Committee meeting

Mon., May 11

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

Wed., May 13

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