



# Weare in the World

*For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents*

January 22, 2025

## AUDITIONS!

SUNDAY, JAN. 26TH

5 P.M.

733 S. STARK HWY.,

WEARE

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FOR A COPY OF THE SCRIPT CONTACT:  
TEXT 603-345-9466 OR LWILBER@AOL.COM

Acting roles are available for the upcoming play, "Time Will Tell," by local playwright Connie Kellogg Evans. Organizers are looking specifically for two teenage girls, a teenage boy, and adult men and women to fill roles for the ensemble cast. Come join this third production from the Weare Community Theater!

### Editor's Note:

When our group of five volunteers took on this newsletter in 2020 after the passing of late Weare Public Library Director Mike Sullivan, we had no idea what to expect. In time, we proudly grew Mike's excellent four-page digest into a 10+page publication that reaches more than 1,000 subscribers. We haven't missed an issue in five years.

In recent months, our group has determined a need to streamline. We surveyed you on your most-read sections; more than 100 people responded. That helped guide some decisions, the results of which you see starting in this issue. We will continue to publish town, school, library and senior center news, along with the community events, fundraisers and activities of our local civic organizations and clubs. Occasionally, we may feature prose, images and other items, as we can reasonably manage.

We want to thank everyone for their continued readership and support. Like you, we love living in this community and reflecting back all the wonderful things about it.

*Karen Lovett, Editor*

## Board Approves Draft of Town Warrant for Public Hearing

By Tom Clow

Please note that the information in this article is from drafts of the proposed 2025 operating budget and town warrant presented at the Jan. 13 meeting of the Weare Board of Selectmen. A public hearing on the budget and the warrant was scheduled for Jan. 20, which was after the *Weare in the World* deadline for this issue. The board may make additional changes after the public hearing and before posting the warrant. Voters may also propose amendments at the town deliberative session on Feb. 1.

The proposed operating budget for 2025 is \$9,146,004, which represents an increase of 7.55% over the 2024 approved budget. The default budget would be \$8,914,515.

A major item on the warrant that has been in the capital improvement plan for several years is the purchase of a fully equipped fire engine costing \$1.25 million. The board is proposing to use \$1 million to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Replacement Vehicle and Equipment Fund as a down payment and financing the remaining \$250,000 over three years. The yearly payments would also be withdrawn from the special revenue fund.

Fire Rescue is also asking to purchase two Lucas CPR devices at a cost of \$45,000. Funds for the Lucas devices would also be withdrawn from the special revenue fund indicated above.

Several warrant articles deal with employee raises or changes in compensation. The major proposal is for a cost-of-living increase of 5% for all non-union town and library employees, except the town administrator. A different article calls for increasing the annual stipend for the PARC director from \$5,000 to \$7,000. The increase would impact the 2025 budget by \$1,615 because it would be for only part of the year. The police department is asking to establish an ancillary position of detective, which would cost \$5,171 for nine months in 2025 and \$6,720 in future operating budgets.

Another police initiative is a program focusing on the physical and mental health of officers to reduce illness and increase career longevity. The cost of \$7,150 for 2025 will

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also become part of the department operating budget beginning in 2026. Other spending articles by department are as follows:

**Department of Public Works.** A 10-wheel dump truck, \$280,000; road reconstruction, \$650,000 (Highway Block Grant \$284,000, from taxation \$366,000); roadside mower, \$175,000 (to replace 1995 mower purchased used in 2019); Transfer Station scales, \$90,000 (Includes \$45,000 from Transfer Station Recyclable Special Revenue Fund and \$45,000 raised through taxation).

**Police Department.** A fully outfitted and marked Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4 police pursuit vehicle, \$84,276 (\$15,000 from Police Detail Fund, \$6,000 from unassigned fund balance representing money received from Everett Dam patrols; \$63,276 to be raised by taxation); police tasers, \$11,439 (to be raised by taxation and added to the annual operating budget in future years); a five-bay carport with one bay fully enclosed and securable for bulk item evidence/property storage, \$30,000 (\$2,500 from Weare PD budget account 431 Police Evidence Recovery Storage, \$27,500 from taxation) (Passage will permanently reduce PD budget line 431 by \$2,500); police body worn cameras, \$8,411 (Includes docking bay, media storage and licensing for fifteen personnel).

**Conservation Commission:** To secure contracted services with a licensed forester, \$25,000. (Funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Account.)

**Cemeteries:** \$3,500 to be withdrawn from Cy-Pres account for cemetery improvements.

**Petition Article:** Patriotic Celebration Fireworks, \$11,000 (To be withdrawn from undesignated fund balance.)

Two additional warrant articles deal with special funds. Voters are asked to change a warrant article passed in 2022 that established a Transfer Station Recyclable Special Revenue Fund from 50% to 100% of revenue from recycling to go into the fund.

An unrelated article calls for establishing a Community Safety Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95h.

Upcoming Public Hearings			
Feb. 1	9 a.m.	Town Deliberative Session	WMS Cafeteria
Feb. 5	7 p.m.	Weare School District Deliberative Session	WMS Cafeteria
Feb. 7	7 p.m.	JSRHS Deliberative Session	JSRHS Cafeteria
Mar. 4	6 p.m.	School board candidates' and school budget forum	JSRHS
<b>Voting Day: Tuesday, March 11 WMS Gym</b>			

Town and School Filing Periods	
<b>Open: Jan. 22</b>	<b>Close: Jan. 31, 5 p.m.</b>
<b>Town of Weare</b>	
Board of Selectmen	One three-year term
Moderator	One one--year term
Town Clerk	One three-year term
Treasurer	One three-year term
Library Trustee	One three-year term
Trustee of Trust Funds	One three-year term
Ethics Committee	Two three-year terms
<b>Weare School District</b>	
School Board Member	One three-year term One one-year term
School District Moderator	One three-year term
<b>John Stark School District</b>	
School Board Member Weare	One three-year term
School Board Member Henniker	One three-year term
School District Moderator	One one-year term



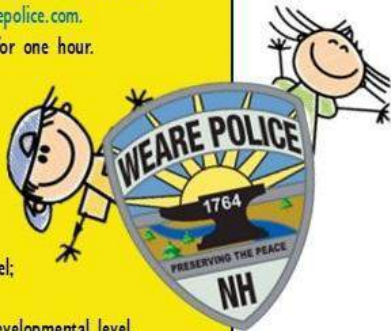
## One Member of the Weare Police Department is a Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician!

Are you a Weare resident?  
Are you struggling to install a car seat?  
Do you have a question about the process?  
If so, Officer Maguire can help!

To schedule a mutually convenient appointment with him simply email [austin.maguire@wearepolice.com](mailto:austin.maguire@wearepolice.com).  
Appointments are expected to last for one hour.

Please have with you at the time of your appointment:

- The vehicle's make/model/year;
- The vehicle's owner manual;
- The car seat's manufacturer/model;
- The car seat's manual;
- The child's age, weight, height, developmental level.



To schedule an appointment with Officer Maguire just send an email to: [austin.maguire@wearepolice.com](mailto:austin.maguire@wearepolice.com)  
Please be sure to bring with you the items listed above



## School News



**Owen Schofield** found a winning "solution" at the Center Woods Elementary School spelling bee on Friday, Jan. 17, spelling that word in the final round of the school-wide contest. First grader Maverick Grenier was runner up. Two winners from each first-, second- and third-grade class competed in the bee, which was watched in-person and on livestream by friends, family members and CWES students. Schofield will move on to a regional qualifier next month.

Photo above: Third grader Owen Schofield at the CWES spelling bee on Friday, Jan. 17. Below: Third grader Greyson Briand at the CWES spelling bee on Friday, Jan. 17. Credit: Sebastian Heyman, grade 3.



John Stark Regional High School is sending many students to major auditioned **music festivals** this season, marking them among the

best performers in the region and state of New Hampshire. Pictured L to R are this year's festival attendees: Dylan Burke (Classical All-State), Eloisa Osgood (Jazz All-State), Zane Talbot (Classical All-State, All New England), Elizabeth Westfahl (Classical All-State, Chamber festival) and Nick Tetro (Classical All-State, All New England).

Several band and choral students attended the 20th annual Granite State Invitational Music Festival, where they had fun



making music with students from seven other New Hampshire schools. Pictured L to R are band students Alex Cloud, Theresa Mosher, Emmerson Brown, Nick Tetro, Zane Talbot and August Evans. Front row: Elisabeth Westfahl and Hailey Leung.



Pictured L to R are choral students Richard Desforges, Dylan Burke, Elka Fuller and Eloisa Osgood. Front row: Charlotte Matzke, Giana Farren, Rebecca Scoledge,

Berkley Newcomb, Elena Hernandez, Emily Taylor and Blair Schou.



Congratulations to John Stark Regional High School senior **Alex Descoteau** for earning his 100th career wrestling win at a meet against Pelham High School on Jan. 11. Alex is only the fifth General in JSRHS history to achieve this milestone.

**“Wildcat Robotics”** kicked off at WMS last week with 13 students and their advisor, Mark Boucher, the school’s Technology Education, STEM and Industrial Arts teacher.

“I’m feeling really excited about it,” Boucher said. “We are going to hit the ground running.”

WMS had a robotics club when Boucher joined the staff seven years ago, he said, but it disbanded at some point, the materials tucked away into a school closet.



That is until recently.

At the SAU 24 Common Day Workshop in November, Boucher said, a robotics session was offered in which attendees each received a complimentary set of robot kits from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He picked up 20 (now destined for Wildcat Robotics

members). Then, in recent weeks, WMS administrators began searching for someone to reboot a new club.

Boucher considered his own interest in robotics, which traces back 17 years to when he was a Technology Education teacher at Merrimack Valley High School. There, Boucher and his students would scavenge the local dump in search of VCRs – gold mines for robotics creators. They would tinker with the motors, pulleys and gears, constructing machines that were then challenged to pull a load or climb a slope. Boucher said his students also explored hydraulic arms and hosted rounds of “battlebots” (think robot combat.)

Wildcat Robotics will focus more on digitally-driven robots, Boucher said, using computer technology that is “a little out of my wheelhouse.”

“These kids are going to teach me a thing or two,” Boucher said with a laugh. “I’m in a time capsule, just waking up.”

Boucher said he also looks forward to his students collaborating and building their goals from the ground up.

“I want to empower the kids to brainstorm and imagine what this will be,” he said. “I want to have the kids buy into the vision. We can grow it.”

As for Boucher, he has already taken a peek into future possibilities.

“In year three,” he said, “I want us to be flying (their own) drones.”

*Photo L to R: Boden Lavallee and Elijah Lepine, both grade 6, and Cooper Lees (behind, grade 7) begin construction on their first robots as part of a new club at Weare Middle School. Credit: Mark Boucher.*



JSRHS Senior **Emma Guillemette**

(seen left giving opening remarks) directed a one-act comedy show, “Knock Knock,” on Jan. 17 and 18 for her senior capstone project. The show, by Kathryn

Funkhouser and Jason Pizzarello, was about two delivery people going through a series of arduous tasks and dealing with impossible people. *Photo L to R: Sophomore Alexis Gelinias and junior Charlotte Matzke on stage during “Knock Knock.”*



## Clothing Drive to Benefit Eighth Grade Class Trip

**SAU 24 8th Grade Trip  
to Washington DC**



**Fill a Bag & Make a Difference!**



**Join our  
Clothing Drive!**

**To Benefit: HCS & WMS 8th Graders**

**Date & Time: Friday January 24th  
2:15pm-8pm**

**Location: 16 East Rd Weare NH 03281**

**For questions- contact:**

**603-933-0687**

[SAU24.WashingtonDC@sau24.org](mailto:SAU24.WashingtonDC@sau24.org)

**Acceptable Items:**

- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Outerwear
- ✓ Shoes & slippers
- ✓ Accessories (belts, socks, ties, scarves, hats, etc.)
- ✓ Backpacks & handbags
- ✓ Costumes & dress-up clothes
- ✓ Fabric household items (bedding, tablecloths, sofa covers, towels, etc.)

Acceptable items: clothing, outerwear, socks, slippers, accessories (scarves, hats, etc.), backpacks, handbags, costumes/dress up clothes, household linens (towels, tablecloths, bedding, etc.)

WMS is collecting items for its **makerspace** in the library. Items can be dropped off in the main office.

#### WMS Makerspace Donations Needed:

- Ribbon
- Yarn
- Raffia
- Popsicle Sticks
- Q-Tips
- Wire
- Burlap
- Felt/ Buttons
- Macrame or chunky string
- Scrapbook Pens
- Old Board Games
- Old Holiday Cards
- Perler Beads
- Posters
- Batteries
- Empty Milk Cartons
- Old Stamps
- Rubber Bands
- Old CD's
- Puzzles
- Legos
- Shoelaces
- Ping Pong Balls
- Old Magazines
- Newspapers
- Fabric
- Bottle Caps
- Old Trains/Tracks
- Springs
- Crossword puzzles
- screws/ screwdrivers
- Brown paper bags
- Tinker Toys
- Old soda bottles
- hot glue guns
- magnets
- duct tape
- pipe cleaners
- marbles
- crayons
- old magazines
- paper plates
- glue
- wooden beads
- zippers
- markers
- corks
- empty cereal boxes
- tweezers
- scissors
- coffee filters
- old keyboards
- old computers
- empty toothpaste
- dominoes
- empty pringle cans
- old jewelry
- old bike parts
- hot pads
- old frames
- scrap wood
- Rubix cubes
- plastic bags
- paper towel rolls
- hammer/ nails
- paint/ brushes
- coloring books

In October, students in Dawn Spring's seventh grade English class were given



the opportunity to write a scary story and submit it to the **Young Writer's Club Contest**, a nationwide writing contest that supports creative writing for students of all ages. Seven WMS students had their stories chosen to be published in a book with other student work from around the country. Each received a certificate and a bookmark, and WMS will receive a copy of the book for the library. The school with the best set of entries will receive the Young Writers Award of Excellence and the top published students will each receive a \$50 Amazon gift card. *Photo L to R: Mikayla LeRoy, Abigail O'Shaughnessy, Gwen Rygiel, Carter Peterson, Kiersten Woods, Myla Small and Katelynn Helm.*

**Contest**, a nationwide writing contest that supports creative writing for students of all ages. Seven WMS students had their stories chosen to be published in a book with other student work from around the country. Each received a certificate and a bookmark, and WMS will receive a copy of the book for the library. The school with the best set of entries will receive the Young Writers Award of Excellence and the top published students will each receive a \$50 Amazon gift card. *Photo L to R: Mikayla LeRoy, Abigail O'Shaughnessy, Gwen Rygiel, Carter Peterson, Kiersten Woods, Myla Small and Katelynn Helm.*

## Weare Public Library



### Herbal Mocktails!

COME JOIN US AS WE BLEND  
AND PLAY WITH HERBAL  
MOCKTAILS!

Get inspired and take your drinks to a delicious new level, using your favorite plants. Sample delicious mocktails and leave with recipes to try at home!

**Thursday January 23rd 5:30-7:30pm  
and January 25th 11-1pm**



Please register by calling  
**603-529-2044**  
Weare Public Library

### Special Upcoming Events

**Messy Art** (ages 0-6). Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 10:30 a.m. Create your own masterpiece using a variety of craft materials.

**Glow Lanterns** (grades 3-8). Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 3:30 p.m. Make your own glowing lantern with a dinosaur or fairy garden theme. Call us to reserve your spot.

**Tax Help** (adults). Feb. 11, 13, 18 & 20. Free from the AARP. Schedule your appointment by calling Jim Luckern at 603-765-0558.

**Book Group** (adults). Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. We're reading and discussing "The Parable of the Sower" by Octavia Butler. Call us 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 Feb. 4). Simple rhymes, stories, and songs for infants and little ones! Afterwards caregivers and children can stay and play.

**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 Feb. 5). 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. (starting Feb. 5): 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.

*For registrations, the library phone # is: 603-529-2044.*

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



## Herbal Mocktails and New Year Resolutions

By Sandy Turcotte

If you have decided to join the many who are cutting back on alcohol for 2025 here are a few good ideas to aid in finding success. Keep alcohol out of the house, and try to find (or better yet, make) a substitute nonalcoholic drink.

Mocktails, for example, are perfect for social situations, or when there is a craving for a good drink. Making mocktails is fun and people can be very creative with the ingredients they use. Mocktails can taste like the drinks that some are drawn to, or they can taste like something they never thought would taste so good! As an added benefit, one can also include all kinds of medicinal and culinary herbs in their drink. If you are interested in learning how to make mocktails, join me at the Weare Public Library on **Thursday, Jan. 23 at 5:30 p.m. or Saturday Jan. 25 at 11 a.m.** for some fun herbal mocktail making! Please register by calling 603-529-2044. Space is limited.

Good luck with your New Year Resolutions!

## Weare Flags Fly

By Sylvia Beaupré

The first flags posted around town as part of the South Weare Improvement Society's (SWIS's) Weare Flags Fly program will fly during an event and date important to Weare history: The Pine Tree Riot, **April 14, 1772**. Weare citizens were among those who had refused to save white pine trees fit for masts for King George III's



ships. When the sheriff came to fine them, they beat him, crossed out their accounts on his back, set him on his horse, and jeered him out of town. A millstone near the Avon Store in South Weare marks the site of this event, which preceded the famous Boston Tea Party (1773). You can read more about the Pine Tree Riot in William Little's *History of Weare, New Hampshire* and *The Pine Tree Riot* by Weare author Connie Evans.

Flags will be placed around town from April 12 to April 16 to commemorate this early act of rebellion against the crown. The flags fly from ten-foot poles in people's yards, next to mailboxes, and in public places during the following significant dates that honor America's history: The Pine Tree Riot, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Purple Heart Day, 9/11, and Veterans Day.

SWIS will post over 150 flags throughout Weare this year, including three donated by the organization to display on town property in Weare Center. You too can participate.

Proudly fly the Stars and Stripes and in the process also help the continuing restoration of Osborne Memorial Hall (aka The Grange Hall) in South Weare.

To participate in Weare Flags Fly, you supply the location; SWIS supplies the flag. A volunteer will come out and install a temporary stainless steel ground stake at your Weare location. Then, two days prior to each of the commemorative dates listed above, SWIS will come and place your 3'X5' flag on a 10' pole in the holder. Two days after the event the flag and pole will be removed and stored by SWIS until the next time. (Post cards are mailed at the beginning of each year as a reminder.)

Don't miss out! Please call 529-7282 or email [cslindh@gmail.com](mailto:cslindh@gmail.com). The fee for the entire year is \$50 for businesses and individuals up to age 60, and \$35 for seniors. SWIS is a nonprofit and proceeds benefit Osborne Memorial Hall. (To rent for your event, please contact the telephone number above.)

**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)**

Hello out there. Take a minute to look under the

covers of **Hand in Hand Senior Center and Thrift Shop** to see how it works and is thriving to serve Weare. There are two keys to our success: volunteers and fulfilling a need in Weare.



Let's look at our volunteers. These are your neighbors and friends, from all

walks of life and all ages. They are passionate about helping our community. They embody the characteristics of successful volunteers: being patient, creative, energetic, positive, compassionate and willing to help wherever help is needed. These volunteers bring their skills to Hand in Hand to make our community a better place.

Consider all the behind-the-scenes organizing, decorating and serving at the Thrift Shop. Any idea how many volunteer hours have been logged in there? Stop in and let us know how many you think. How many volunteer hours does it take to provide lunch each week? Remember, there is organizing, planning, shopping, prep, cooking, serving, setting up, cleaning up and providing an atmosphere that's a bit like home. Add to that the work that keeps our small food pantry stocked, that keeps the place clean, and provides activities and programs. All aspects of this little jewel of a place are run 100% by volunteers.

Want to join us? Drop in anytime the Center is open, and we'll show you around.

Look at how Hand in Hand Senior Center and Thrift Shop is fulfilling a need in Weare. The Center provides a fun, happy, safe place for social engagement, activities and resources, geared to those over 60. New

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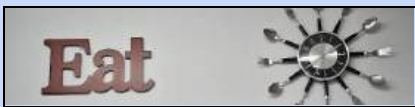
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friendships and support systems have developed. Where else in Weare can you enjoy a lunch, sit and chat for another couple of hours, or gather a group to play cribbage or share a craft? Where else can you walk through the door and be welcomed with a smile and a hug and feel part of something special, where not long ago you were a stranger? Weare doesn't have any other place where seniors can reach out to each other and enjoy comradery and community.

Think about the benefit of the **Thrift Shop** to the whole community. You can give a second life to items you no longer need. You can shop locally and find things you need as well as things you dreamed about. It's a win-win for the Weare community.

**Reminder** about things you won't want to miss during the rest of this month:

1. Make some pipe cleaner flowers on Tuesdays at 10:30 this month. They'll brighten up your home during these cold winter months.
2. Fire Chief Roarick will join us for lunch on Wednesday, Jan. 22 to talk about home heating safety during these cold winter months. (We don't want to lose anyone due to carbon monoxide poisoning!)
3. Learn more by "Exploring Forgetfulness as We Age." This program is presented by Granite Visiting Nurse Association on Monday, Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. It's open to the public. Come and bring a friend!



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

**Jan. 22:** Ham and pea soup, rolls, mixed salad

**Jan. 29:** Breakfast for lunch! French toast, sausage, mixed fruit



**Caregiver Connection: A Virtual Caregiver Support Group**  
Thursday, Jan. 23, 10 - 11 a.m.

Caregiver Connection is a virtual group for family caregivers to support one another and connect with our professional staff. We look forward to providing a safe space to connect with other caregivers facing similar challenges. [Registration is required.](#)

**Looking for Something to Do?**

Compiled by Sharon Czarnecki

*Individual events will no longer be listed in this column, but don't fear...Below are links to venues and activities that have been of interest. This list will be available here through February. It also has a new permanent home on our [website](#). Also check out page 6 for locations with library passes!*

**Ace Hardware**

[www.goffstownhardware.com](http://www.goffstownhardware.com)

**AG Paintball**

[www.agpaintball.com](http://www.agpaintball.com)

**The Amato Center**

<https://amatocenter.org>

**Capitol Center for the Arts**

[www.ccanh.com](http://www.ccanh.com)

**Concord City Auditorium**

[www.theaudi.org](http://www.theaudi.org)

**Deering Community Church**

[www.facebook.com/DeeringCommunityChurch](http://www.facebook.com/DeeringCommunityChurch)

**Fuller Public Library**

[www.fullerlibrary.info](http://www.fullerlibrary.info)

**Hampshire Hills Athletic Club**

[www.hampshirehills.com](http://www.hampshirehills.com)

**Henniker Brewing Co.**

[www.hennikerbrewing.com](http://www.hennikerbrewing.com)

**Hillsboro Moose Lodge**

<https://www.facebook.com/hillsboro.mooselodge/>

**Majestic Theatre**

[www.majestictheatre.net](http://www.majestictheatre.net)

**NH Audubon**

[NHaudubon.org](http://NHaudubon.org)

**Palace Theatres**

[www.palacetheatre.org/calendar](http://www.palacetheatre.org/calendar)

**Pat's Peak**

[www.patspeak.com](http://www.patspeak.com)

**Poetry Readings (Various)**

[www.exeteruu.org](http://www.exeteruu.org) [www.frostfarmpoetry.org](http://www.frostfarmpoetry.org)  
[www.bookerymht.com/open-mic-night](http://www.bookerymht.com/open-mic-night)

**Southern NH University Arena**

[www.snhuarena.com/events](http://www.snhuarena.com/events)

**Stark Brewing Co**

[www.starkbrewingcompany.com](http://www.starkbrewingcompany.com)

**White Birch Community Center**

<https://mailchi.mp/e808d844cb02/81922-weekly-newsletter-12772976>





## POETRY CORNER

### Sunset in a Snowstorm

Road conditions problematic,  
visibility poor with aura  
of smoky swirls of sprites dancing  
a tarantella in front of me,  
high velocity wind bursts  
shuddered against the car as it  
gave in to outside forces,  
my hands clung to the steering wheel  
my foot eased on the gas pedal,  
there I was, caught by surprise in a  
late afternoon snowstorm,  
suddenly, while snow continued  
to fall there appeared a sunset,  
straight across the horizon,  
layers of color like a slice  
of Neapolitan ice cream,  
light emerald, thin yellow line,  
shades of pink, fading to grays,  
into darkening dusk, and the  
sprites still danced to rhythm of the wind.

-Marge Burke

### The Struggle

Grandparents' drama,  
collapsible stroller,  
first, she then he tried  
to open and secure  
it without success,  
a modern gizmo,  
a puzzlement,  
folded it up, put  
it back in the car,  
grandson went from  
grandpa's arms to  
grandma's, he wanted  
no part of, wouldn't  
even hold her hand,  
once grandpa was free,  
toddler gleefully grabbed  
his hand, so they walked  
with the collapsible stroller.

-Marge Burke



### Pat's Peak

Now hiring – multiple positions. Fill out applications online at [www.patspeak.com](http://www.patspeak.com).

### Pampered Pooch Grooming Salon

Table renter wanted. Plenty of customer parking. Right off the highway. Two large tubs, one small. Location: Warner. Contact Nicole at 603-391-7685.

### SAU 24

Various coaching, teaching, paraprofessional, substitute teaching, tutoring and custodial positions available. See listings [here](#).

### Town of Weare

Current openings: full-time truck drivers/laborers; part-time truck driver/laborer; full-time administrative assistant in the land use department; full-time fire captain/paramedic; full-time building inspector; and part-time minute taker. For information, go [here](#).

### Mark Your Calendar

#### Tuesday, Jan. 21

6 p.m. - Finance Committee meeting

#### Wednesday, Jan. 22

7 p.m. - Planning Board meeting

#### Monday, Jan. 27

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

#### Tuesday, Jan. 28

6 p.m. - Finance Committee meeting

#### Wednesday, Jan. 29

6:30 p.m. - Energy Commission meeting

#### Saturday, Feb. 1

9 a.m. - Town Deliberative Session

#### Monday, Feb. 3

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

#### Wednesday, Feb. 5

6 p.m. - Weare School Board meeting

7 p.m. - Weare School District Deliberative Session

#### Thursday, Feb. 6

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

#### Friday, Feb. 7

11 a.m. - Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

6 p.m. - John Stark School Board meeting

7 p.m. - John Stark School Board Deliberative Session

#### Monday, Feb. 10

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

#### Tuesday, Feb. 11

6 p.m. - Finance Committee meeting