

# Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents June 28, 2023

## **Plans for Library Expansion Presented at Public Meeting**

By Tom Clow

About 50 people gathered in the Weare Middle School Cafetorium on June 13 to hear a presentation by Jason

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Architecture on expansion

plans for the town's public LaCombe

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beginning in November

2022, each time making modifications to the plans

based on feedback at those

meetings. He showed the

latest version of the plans

as the basis for his

presentation. He said that

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Jason LaCombe of SMP Architecture, at podium on right, presents conceptual plans for library expansion at June 13 public meeting (Tom Clow photo).

conceptual drawings were the first step in a long process. The plans as presented would approximately double the floor space of the library and would extend into the area between the present building and the Stone Memorial Building.

There were several questions raised by those at the meeting, including a concern about parking spaces and a main entrance near the American Legion Hall, since that is already a busy area. There was also a question about roof design, asking if the addition could have a hip roof to match the old part of the library and the Stone Building. The color of the bricks shown in the drawings was questioned; however, LaCombe said that would not be the color used for the building, it would be like those on the present building. Concerning cost, LaCombe said the project would be in the area of \$5.2 million and would require a substantial fundraising effort.

Library Director Clay Kriese opened the meeting by introducing the library trustees and members of the See LIBRARY, page 2

## Weare Patriotic Celebration

2023 WEARE PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION Weare Center - July 7th & 8th

## Friday, July 7th

- Miller Amusement Rides Open @ 5:00 p.m. Bracelet Night - Pay one price (\$25) and ride all night!
- Parade Pre-Registration 5:00pm 8:00pm
- DJ in the Gazebo @ 6:00 p.m.
  - Food and Games

#### Saturday, July 8th

- Parade Theme "Tribute to Disney" @ 10:30 a.m. (Line up begins at 9:30 a.m. @ Brownies Gravel Pit)
- Endless Skies Band @ 11:30 Gazebo
- Police K9 Demonstration @ 11:45 Library Lawn
- American Legion Chicken BBQ @ Noon
- Weare Historic Society Open House -Strawberry Shortcake & Lemonade
- Penny Sale, Silent Auction, Food, Games, Axe Throwing, & Free Entertainment
- DJ in the Gazebo beginning at 6 p.m.
  - Miller Amusement Rides Open All Day Bracelet Prices - \$25 from Noon - 5:00 p.m. and \$25 from 5 p.m. closing. (Morning bracelets are not valid after 5 p.m. - you must purchase a new one to continue riding) Individual ride tickets will also be available.

#### WEARE'S SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS @ DUSK!!

Special Thanks to our major firework sponsor, Dave Porter.



## "Talk" To Us Camping ! **Deadline – July 7th** Weareintheworldnews @Gmailcom

#### LIBRARY, continued from page 1

Friends of the Library who were present. He went on to explain the increase in programs at the library. He said the library is a community hub – a place to bring people together – and when school is not in session, it also provides educational support, he said.

A video on the library website shows a 3-D rendering of the design of both the interior and exterior of the building as it will appear after the expansion. In addition it has the answers to frequently asked questions about the project. Go to wearepubliclibrary.com/expansion to view the video.



## 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.

If you went to the Weare High School up through 1987, you are invited! We will have a food truck to serve steak or sausage sandwiches, burgers, dogs, fries and chicken. There will be music and a display of cars from that period. If desired, this is a BYOB event.

You pay for the food that you order, but a headcount is needed in advance so there is enough for everyone. We will also have a tip jar to cover some expenses.

#### Please send reservations to:

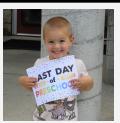
Dave Rogers 166 Rockingham Road Auburn, NH 03032

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

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/events/688435956377593

P.S. Ilsley's Ice Cream is nearby on your way home!

## School News, Continued \_\_\_\_\_



Here's Daniel Daigle on June 15, the **last day of preschool** at Center Woods Elementary School (courtesy photo).



Denise Burke's third grade class at CWES is the first class to have EVERYONE finish the **typing program** Type to Learn 4. All the students know the alphabet keys, punctuation keys and how to make capital letters (shift key). Type to Learn is taught by digital learning teacher Christine Rand (courtesy photo).

#### PUBLIC NOTICE FOR RECORDS DESTRUCTION

School Administrative Unit 24

(Henniker, John Stark and Weare School Districts)

Notice to all persons born in or prior to 1996 who attended John Stark Regional High School, Weare School District or Henniker Community School, and was identified as a Special Education student or received special education services or was identified as a 504 student, or to their parents/guardians:

The John Stark School District may have special education records and 504 records in its possession for those students and will destroy such records after September 1, 2023. If you would like to have these records rather than having them destroyed, please contact the main office secretary at 618 N. Stark Highway, Weare, NH 03281, 603-529-7675 or email at Kathryn.cyr@sau24.org prior to August 31, 2023, to make arrangements for obtaining these records.

\*The school district shall maintain, permanently, a record of a student's name, address, phone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed. \*



## Winning Scholarships

By Chris Hague June 6 was a celebratory evening at John Stark Regional

High School. After being canceled during the Covid outbreak, a public awards night returned to honor graduating seniors with scholarships.

The Eleanor Campbell Charitable Fund awarded scholarships to 12 college-bound students. These young people were selected from 108 applicants for qualities much like the fund's namesake, Dr. Campbell, exemplified nearly a hundred years ago. As an heiress living in Manhattan, she could have spent her life doing other things than earning a medical degree, opening health clinics for New York's immigrant populations and local women in Deering, and founding the Deering Community Center, where families could enjoy recreation and cultural events.

From the small private foundation she established in 1932, the fund has expanded and renamed itself, awarding \$40,500 this spring to students from John Stark and Hillsboro-Deering High Schools, as well as to students already in college. Selection continues to be based on academic excellence, community engagement and financial need, as it has been since the fund's inception.

The Tyrell Award for a prospective business student was given to Olivia Hargreaves. Other scholarships were awarded to Samantha Veilleux, Natalie Smith, Katelyn Pinter, Sophia McGinty, Loren Ballou, Kiera Briggaman, Jacqueline O'Donnell, Kadie Forrestall, Logan Grant, Ruby Dykstra and Emma Dobbins.

The Eleanor Campbell Charitable Fund's Board of Directors congratulates the class of 2023, and thanks the members of the public whose contributions enable the fund to continue the work Dr. Campbell began.



## Town of Weare Transfer Station Stickers

Get your sticker at the Town Clerk's office. As of Oct. 1, residents will have to have

one of the new stickers on vehicles in order to use the transfer station. For more information, visit the town web site at: <u>https://www.weare.nh.gov/transfer-station</u>.



## News from the Weare Police Department

By Sharon Czarnecki

**SOS Program**. Did you know that our police department has a program called "Supporting our Seniors?" As part of this

program, you can check in with the department once a day between the hours of 8 and 11 a.m. If they do not hear from you, they will follow up to determine if assistance is needed. For more information: https://www.weare.nh.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif5161/f/uplo ads/supporting our seniors 2023\_0.pdf

VPC Program. Vacant Property Check is a program whereby you can let the police department know you will not be at home and periodic checks will be made while you are away and the home is unoccupied. For more: https://www.weare.nh.gov/weare-police-department/safe

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Secure Medical Drop Box. The safety complex lobby now has a box for depositing unwanted/expired medications with no questions asked. The lobby where this box is located

is open 24/7, 365 days a year with video monitoring. **Campground Map.** Campground maps for all Weare camp grounds (All Seasons, Autumn Hills and Cold Springs) are available on the police website at the following link:: <u>https://www.weare.nh.gov/weare-police-department-sub</u> <u>page/safety/pages/weare-campground-maps</u>

For more from the police department, you can call their business line at 603-529-7755, or go to their website at <u>www.weare.nh.gov/weare-police-department</u>. Don't forget the "Officer Feedback" tab to let the police know your thoughts on community interactions. Also, find more information on their Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/wearepolicedepartment



## **Keeping Weare Beautiful**

By Suzanne Couhie Saturday, July 15, 8 - 10 a.m. Rain date: July 16

Bring your smiles, enthusiasm, and gloves to clean up the roadside in town! The meet up location is at Center Woods Elementary School parking lot. Contact Suzanne Couhie to sign up: <u>scouhie@gmail.com</u>. The sign up is needed in order to have the right number of safety vests and bags for the participants. Ages 16 and older will be permitted to participate. Thank you in advance for your support! Organized by the Weare Democratic Committee.

## Weare Public Library News

## Summer Reading 2023: "All Together Now"

**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!

**SkyWatch**: June 29 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. (Rain date: July 20)

**Board Game Night**: 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.

**Family Fitness Fun**: July 6 at 6:30 p.m. Join Briana Gomez of Gom-EZ Fitness as we move our bodies through dance, relay, and light competition.

**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.

#### ADULTS

**Craft Group**: Thursdays at 1 p.m. A new craft every week. Space is limited. Call library at 603-529-2044 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.

#### **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,

coloring, and Legos. July 3: Spirited Away / July 10: Minions: The Rise of Gru

**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 at 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. Register by calling the library 603-529-2044.

**Kids Crafts: Japanese Fish Printing**. July 5 at 2:30 p.m. Decorate your own canvas book bag using Gyotaku: the ancient Japanese art of printing fish. All supplies provided – for grades K-5.

**Kids Crafts: Messy Art**. July 12 at 2:30 p.m. Dress for a mess! Join Ms. Karen & 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! Messy Art Day is all about the process of art making - ages 5+

**Teen Craft: 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+

Friends of the Weare Public Library Annual Silent Auction Saturday, July 8, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Weare Patriotic Celebration See page 5 for details!

## Friends of the Weare Public Library

## By Dianne Hathaway

Silent Auction. The silent auction team has been working hard gathering donations of goods and services for our next fundraiser during the Weare Patriotic Celebration! We have received more than \$3,100 worth of donations, thanks to the generosity of many people. Please plan to stop by our booth throughout the day to see what we have and make a bid! **New telescope!** At our May 23 meeting, we received a presentation from Steve Rand, who represented the N.H. Astronomical Society. Steve gave the Friends an overview of their telescope program that places telescopes in public libraries around the state. The Friends voted to spend \$400 to purchase a telescope for the library to circulate to the community. Please ask to borrow it the next time you visit the library!

**Passes for Summer Fun.** The Friends also approved spending money on additional passes: SEE Science Center in Manchester, the Squam Lake Natural Science Center, and the N.H. State Parks pass. The passes, along with others, are available at the Weare Public Library with your library card.

How funds are used. All money raised by the Friends of the Weare Public Library goes directly to resources and services outside the library's operating budget. We fund museum passes, children's events, adult crafting programs, and more!

**2023 Officers:** Nancy Zienkiewicz, President; Suzanne Belanger, VP; Debbie Farr, Secretary; Helen Dutton, Treasurer; Lea Anderson-Smith, Member-at-Large.

**To join**. Interested in joining us? We meet on the fourth Tuesday evening of January, March, May, July, September, and November at 6:30 p.m. at the Weare Public Library and through Zoom. **Our next business meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023.** If you would like more information, please email us at friendsofwearepl@gmail.com.



## Weare Pink Ladies Group By Lily Tang Williams

Thursday, June 29. Potluck 4 to 7 p.m. at Nancy Kramer Pichie's house.

Come to meet local ladies, make friends and have fun. For directions, please email Lily at: <u>lily4liberty@comcast.net</u> or find us on Facebook at: <u>www.facebook.com/groups/285603816508112</u> Hope to see you then!



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** 

Wednesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 603-529-4263

**Summer is blooming** at Hand in Hand Senior Center. With food and laughter and feeling the warmth of new and old friendships, the Center is a great place to gather. Wednesday lunches continue to be popular, with more people enjoying the homey atmosphere and comradery.

**The four-class session** "Fun with Arts and Crafts" is filling up. The group will meet on Saturdays at 1 p.m. (June 24, July 8, July 22, August 5). If you're interested, please call 603-529-4263.

We have another movie afternoon planned for Thursday, July 20 at 3 p.m. This time, we've had a request to watch John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara in *The Quiet Man* directed by John Ford. This 1952 movie is the winner of two Oscars. One critic wrote, "This is a robust romantic drama of a native-born's return to Ireland. Director John Ford took cast and cameras to Ireland to tell the story [by Maurice Walsh] against actual backgrounds." Put the date on your calendar and join us at the Center.

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?



Wednesdays 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Dine in, take out or free delivery. June 28: American chop suey; garden salad, garlic bread

<u>July 5:</u> Tuna veggie pasta bake; apple cole slaw <u>July 12:</u> Cuban sandwich with summer slaw and chips Coffee, tea, and various desserts are also available.

## WHAT'S IN THE SHOP?



THURSDAY, JUNE 29 ONLY ALL WOMEN'S TOPS ARE 50% OFF! Check out some of the inventory in images on page 6.



Donations can be placed in our new gray bin at the front door, or dropped off during business hours. We accept <u>gently used</u> clothing, kitchen and housewares, games, books, and movies. Unsure? Just ask us.

## Pack 24 Cub Scout News

#### By Alyssa Small

On Saturday, July 8, Pack 24 Cub Scouts will be marching in the parade at the Weare Patriotic Celebration. The theme of their float is the film, "Up!" The Scouts will also be selling concessions at the fair on Friday and Saturday, so please come say hello and support the Pack.

The Cub Scout program is open to all boys and girls in grades K-5, and the Pack welcomes new members year-round. Regular den meetings take place every other week. If anyone is interested in joining, learning more about the program, or checking out an upcoming event, please reach out to our new Pack 24 Cubmaster, Matt Bieler, at <u>matthew.bieler.bsa@gmail.com</u>. Thank you for your years of service, Bill Theriault!



## Lock Up the Chief at the Weare Patriotic Celebration

Look for the "jail" the Boy Scouts have built and for \$1 per minute, you can lock up our police chief, Christopher Moore. Weare food banks will receive 100% of the proceeds.



## By Anne Wirkkala

Be sure to check out the Friends of the Weare Public



Library's silent auction on July 8 for wonderful options. The Weare garden Club, for instance, has contributed a wonderful succulent dish and these are easy to grow and enjoy.





## Asked and Answered: Summer



## **Summer Day**

By Sharon Czarnecki I know for a fact what was the best – the very best – day of summer. The day

school got out.

You were a whole new creature with absolutely no constraints; sprung, free, jubilant!

What would you do with your summer? Well, clearly, you would find the biggest toad in the whole forest. You would go to the drive-in movies every week and eat limitless popcorn from the bag Mom brought along. You would learn bike tricks that would make other kids take notice. You might write a best-selling novel before September and be declared a child prodigy. You would do jobs around the house so that you *always* had money for the ice cream truck. (If it was a good day, you would even get some for your little sister). You would catch lightning bugs every night in June.

You would go on vacation and your grandparents would declare you the brightest, most attractive and attentive child in the whole world. You would visit aunts and uncles and play in the fields, the woods, the brooks with cousins. You would catch so many fish mom would have to freeze them for winter chowders.

You would eat as many toasted marshmallows as you could before falling asleep around the campfire. You would catch butterflies and build homes for fairies.

There would be no news, no internet, very little asphalt and careful, but minimal, adult supervision. You could feel it in the air – that day when school let out - childhood would last all summer.



## Being Present with the Past – Walking the Brook

By Jeanloretta

The brook has dwindled to mostly a rock bed and as I watch

the slender stream dividing and joining, going in and out, searching for passages to some far away destination I remember how once I waited for just such a diminished waterway when I was a child. That is when I would tell my mother that I was going to walk the brook. Boulders and rocks would have taken on new shapes without the spring torrent surging over them. Little mossy gardens and a miniature fern forest had crowned some of them, an occasional leopard frog leaped before me, his spots glistening jewel-like in the sunlight. My bare toes clung to the rocks as I made my way downstream, stopping occasionally to test a pool. Even in late summer the water was cold and soothing to summer blisters and scrapes.

This time of year I would also be looking for the cardinal flower often found along the way. Lobelia cardinalis: a member of the bell family and a subfamily of the lobelia. This slender spike of intense scarlet was a delight found on the



stream bank as I slipped and slid over rocks barely veiled with water. Often only a single stalk of this brilliant flower could be found and its solitary presence matched my own being, this particular highway mine alone.

Eventually the brook would widen and deepen; my journey would take me through the woods to the road where others traveled. I had resisted picking the cardinal flower to bring to my mother, its stature so brave, blooming there alone, but blackberries hung over the sides of the road toward home. My pockets and hands were full as I passed the barn, its loft overflowing now with hay. Mother was making pies in the kitchen, and she handed me a bit of dough to fold around the berries. Soon the baked pies along with my little blackberry one were set to cool in front of the open window, their freshness mingling with the scent of phlox by the door.



Camping !

Tell Us About:

For next time, "Talk to Us" is looking for poems or pictures about camping ! Or maybe you have been "glamping," and that's fun too. (Definition: a form of camping involving accommodation and facilities more luxurious than those associated with traditional camping. In other words - "glamping is likely to satisfy any city slicker seeking a little refuge in nature—without foregoing any of life's luxuries.") We are expecting so many entries we are using this subject for the entire month of July. Going to camp as a child, camping in tents with family, camping in RVs, your pet peeve about camping, camping emergencies with happy endings, wildlife encounters etc. We are excited to read about them, so send them in to us!



## Looking for Something to Do? Compiled by Sharon

Czarnecki

#### Squam Lakes Natural Science Center 23 Science Center Road (Rte 113), Holderness, N.H.

#### Birthday Bash for the Animals Thursday, July 6, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visitors will learn how animal care staff provide a rich and stimulating environment for the animal ambassadors through daily enrichment activities. Watch the animals open their birthday presents at special "Up Close to Animals" presentations held at different animal exhibits throughout the day. Visit the "Giving Tree" to make the animals' wishes come true. Select an item featuring an enrichment toy and donate to allow the Science Center to purchase it as a gift to our animals. Docents will be on hand with touchable objects and to answer questions. All Birthday Bash activities are included with regular trail admission.

## Lecture Series: Tracking Ticks in New Hampshire Through Community Science

## Wednesday, July 12, 6 to 7 p.m.

A lecture for adults about ticks in New Hampshire. BeBop Labs, a New Hampshire non-profit and the only organization tracking ticks in NH, has created a globally recognized tick research program and database with the help of community scientists. Dr. Kaitlyn Morse, executive director and founder, will present the findings of the project, including what ticks are in NH, when they are found, what diseases they carry, and how they are linked to climate change. This project sparks hands-on science within the community, empowering all who engage to take charge of their health every day. *No charge to attend but advance reservations are required as capacity is limited.* 

To register or to learn about upcoming programs and membership, go to <u>www.nhnature.org</u>.



# POETRY CORNER

#### The Inlet - Morning

Tide is in, brackish water fills the inlet, ripples slowly with the current,

clumps of seaweed float with the current,

buildings reflections shiver with the current,

mud from bottom swirls like marble frosting with the current,

sea gulls soar above oblivious to the current. *-Marge Burke* 

## The Inlet - Afternoon

Tide is out, brackish water receded, there is no current,

muddy bottom, oozy, gooey, occasional puddles, there is no current,

no buildings reflections there is no water, there is no current,

seaweed clumps nestle around emerging rocks there is no current,

rotting piles in rows rest exposed, there is no current. -Marge Burke

## Thank You

## By Sharon Czarnecki

I want to be sure we recognize assistance from local



who are handing out our flyers to their customers. For this the issue, vou thank goes to

Marc Phillips Automotive Service. Again, thank you.



There is no charge for ads posted here. It is a free public service for the Town of Weare.



DUNKIN DONUTS in Weare is looking for full time afternoon closing shift leader. 11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Starting pay \$17-\$18 dollars per hour depending on experience. Good leadership skills required. One weekend day required. Please see the manager for more details. 427 S. Stark Highway, Lanctot's Plaza.



## **Town of Weare**

The Town of Weare is seeking a full-time Department of Public Works Director and a part-time Building Inspector. For complete listings and

application details, go to the town website at https://www.weare.nh.gov/node/111/news.

## **Mark Your Calendar**

Monday, July 3

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

**Tuesday, July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY** 

#### Wednesday, July 5

6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting 6 p.m. – Mildred Hall Advisory meeting

Thursday, July 6

7 p.m. – Public Library Trustees meeting

#### Friday, July 7

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

Friday, July 7 – Saturday, July 8 WEARE PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

#### Tuesday, July 11

7 p.m. – Cable Committee meeting 7 p.m. – Park & Recreation meeting 7:30 p.m. – Zoning Board meeting

#### 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

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