



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

March 25, 2026

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Approved Zoning Amendments Explained on Town Website

By Tom Clow

All but one of the proposed amendments to the Weare Zoning Ordinance were approved by voters on March 10. Unlike spending articles, changes to the zoning ordinance are moved to the ballot without discussion at the town deliberative session. Each article as it appeared on the ballot was fairly brief; however, a detailed explanation of the amendments was made available in the town clerk's office and is still available on the town website (weare.nh.gov) by clicking on "planning board" under "boards and committees".

The purpose here is not to repeat what is available on the town website, which is quite lengthy, but to bring it to the reader's attention. Perhaps of most general interest will be changes regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) and permits for building on Class VI roads. In both cases the changes parallel legislation passed at the state level.



News from Weare Fire & Rescue

By Chief Trevor Anderson

Things have been very busy at the Weare Fire Department. But some time

ago, one of the town's residents asked some important questions. Some of them, along with the answers, are listed below, as it seemed many readers would have an interest in these matters, which is much appreciated.

Response times are a very difficult matter to address because they have a lot of possible variables. They are affected by weather, road conditions, staff availability, and traffic to name a few. These are all factors that are very much out of our control. We can, however, give a few diverse areas throughout town and provide "average" response times from our center station with "great" conditions:

| Location | Minutes |
|--|---------|
| 114 and Henniker town line | 5 |
| Flanders/Hodgdon Rd and Thorndike intersection | 6 |
| Hatfield Rd and Hopkinton town line | 7 |
| Reservoir and Cottage Rd | 9 |
| Dustin Tavern Rd and New Boston town line | 10 |
| S Sugar and Sewell Hoyt | 10 |
| Concord Stage and the Dunbarton town line | 10 |
| Mountain Rd and Bogue Rd | 12 |
| 114/Riverdale Rd | 12 |
| 149 to Deering town line | 12-14 |
| Clough Park | 15 |

Response times are one of many of our obstacles, unfortunately we cannot overcome geography or weather. Those factors are a reality when you live in a community as rural as Weare.

Cost of the service varies depending on a person's insurer or lack thereof. The ambulance rates have recently been adjusted as they had not been done since 2018 and were adjusted this September and approved by the selectboard. They are as follows:

| Services/fees | Rate |
|--------------------------|------------|
| BLS EMERGENCY BASE RATE | \$1,490.68 |
| ALS1 EMERGENCY BASE RATE | \$1,770.18 |
| ALS2 EMERGENCY BASE RATE | \$2,562.14 |
| MILEAGE | \$29.25 |
| INTERCEPT FEE | \$550.00 |
| NH NON-COVERED MILEAGE | \$29.25 |

Our services are included under the Fire Department budget. All ambulance billing goes into the revolving fund to order apparatus or durable equipment such as cardiac monitors.

For Parents of College-bound Seniors

Scholarship Applications Open

By Christine Hague

College is expensive, BUT there's help available for those who want it. College bound seniors and students already



enrolled at accredited post-secondary schools may apply for scholarships from The Eleanor A. Campbell Charitable Fund. Awards are made each year to students from Weare, Henniker, Hillsboro, Deering, Washington and Windsor whose applications have been received by April 15.

Last year, the fund awarded \$58,000 in scholarships, **reaching a million-dollar mark** in awards since its inception under the name of the Deering Foundation. Eight seniors and four students already in college from the Hillsboro-Deering area received scholarships in 2025. Seven John Stark High School seniors and three Weare students already in college received awards.

The fund's namesake, Dr. Eleanor Campbell, left a legacy of philanthropy carried on by her friends, who formed the Deering Foundation. Now renamed the Eleanor A. Campbell Charitable Fund, this nonprofit organization has helped students who show academic success, community engagement, and financial need. Applications are available through John Stark High School and online. Over time, awards have gone to public and private school students and home schoolers. Details and applications can be found at www.eleanorcampbellcharitablefund.org

Applications must be mailed before **April 15**. Contributions in support of scholarships may also be made through the website.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Weare in the World,

I know some people were frustrated by their wait to cast a ballot at Town Meeting this year. I'm not discounting any frustrations and I hope they are addressed. I wanted to give a thank you to everyone involved in the voting process. From the voters to the ballot clerks to the election officials, people put in the time and effort to make democracy work.

Thanks to everyone who came out to vote. People came with different opinions, but almost everyone was kind, patient, willing to laugh at a tough situation, and happy to be with others from town. I was there from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. as a ballot clerk and was exhausted when I got home. But other ballot clerks, the Town Moderator, the

Town Clerk and some Select Board members were there FAR longer – the ballot results came out at midnight!

To have an accurate election, all ballots were counted twice before they were handed out. Ballot clerks made the packets so you got 5 ballot pages each & checked in each voter. The moderator or town clerk helped when you make an error on a ballot. The Supervisors of the Checklist helped everyone who had changed their name or address, moved to town, or forgotten to bring required identification. Members of the Select Board worked all day to ensure your ballots were accepted by the machine. The Town Clerk and her designees ensured each absentee ballot was recorded and counted. At the end of the night, all election officials ensured an accurate count of ballots cast and votes on each warrant article.

There are probably even more tasks of which I'm unaware. Until I volunteered as a ballot clerk two years ago, I only saw voting as a voter – I'd walk in, present my id, get a ballot, vote, and head out. I now know how hard all the election officials work to ensure a clean, fair, & accurate election. Thank you to our Town Clerk, and all the unpaid volunteers who serve in all the other roles. Our right to vote demands a lot of them. Thank you to them, and to everyone who voted.

Sincerely,
Beth Salerno

FRIENDS OF THE WEARE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

ANNUAL SPRING BAKE SALE

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND
5:00-7:00 PM
WEARE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us for this delicious event to help raise funds to support purchase of museum/park passes, the summer reading program, and programs for patrons of all ages.

Want to donate some baked goods? Sign up at the library or contact us at: FriendsofWearePL@gmail.com



Celebration! -Songweavers 35th Anniversary Concert

April 18 @ 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
South Congregational Church
27 Pleasant St. Concord

Please join The Songweavers Women's Chorus with Director Jennie O'Brien for a concert of songs and drumming to lift your spirits, to bring in the spring, and to feel community. Joining the singers will be the Songweaver drummers performing West African style rhythms, co-directed by Grace and Lindsey Schust.

Songweavers is New Hampshire's first all-women's chorus and all women's drum group and is an ensemble of the Concord Community Music School. Founder Carolyn Parrott strongly believed that everyone can sing and created an ensemble and community where all women are welcome. Songweavers has been singing and creating community ever since!



Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children (under 18), older adults (65+), and former Songweavers. Tickets can be purchased below via credit card, in person at the Music School or by calling us at 603-228-1196. Purchase Tickets Online: [link](#).

Please note: online and phone ticketing closes at 5 pm on Friday, April 17, and then tickets must be purchased at the door. We will not be creating physical tickets for this concert. Once your tickets have been purchased (online, by phone or in person) we will add you to our list and check you in at the door!

Why Poetry

By Marge Burke

Why read or write poetry? Well, why not? Poetry is an expression of feelings and ideas. It evokes imagination, intensity of emotions, creativity, awareness of the world around you. **April is Poetry Month**, a good time to immerse yourself in some quiet reading time, or writing time. New Hampshire has a plethora of famous poets, Robert Frost, Donald Hall, Jane Kenyon, Maxine Kumin, Charles Simic, to list just a few. Some other poets I am drawn to are Mary Oliver, Wendell Berry, Maya Angelo, Amanda Gorman. Who inspires you? Why? Share your thoughts with our readers during April.

Now, if you want to try your hand at writing a poem to share with us, here is a writing prompt, "write about the weather." That should be an easy topic, New Hampshire does not lack for interesting weather conditions. So, pick up your pen and write something, don't worry about rhyming or a certain meter, just let your thoughts and pen flow.

The Weare Area Writers Guild

By Sharon Czarnecki

There are a lot of exciting things happening in the writers group. Some members of the group write for publication, and some write for themselves or immediate family.

One of our newest members – Michael Skinner - has just published his memoir and has spent years helping others learn how to deal with childhood trauma. The book is titled *The Lunchbox Theory: Lessons*

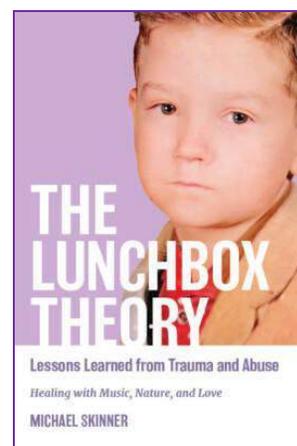
Learned from Trauma and Abuse. You can get a copy of the book from this website: <https://perpublisher.com/portfolio-item/lunchbox-theory/>

Or, Michael would love to meet you and sign a copy of the book for you. He will be available at these locations and times coming up:

April 9 - Gibson's Book Store, Concord 6:30 p.m.

April 11 - The Aplomb Art Gallery, Dover 2:30 p.m.
(262 Central Ave)

April 14 - Goffstown Public Library, 6:30 p.m.





Help Wanted: Costumer for The Pine Tree Riot Play!

We're looking for someone to join our team as a costumer for our upcoming production of *The Pine Tree Riot*. Our current lead costumer has a full plate and will be stepping into an assistant role, so we're hoping to find someone to take the lead.

The good news: many of our cast members already have appropriate 18th-century costumes from previous productions. The main tasks will involve helping outfit new actors, taking measurements, and coordinating with costume rental companies.

If you enjoy collaborating with an enthusiastic, supportive group of people, we'd love to have you join us! **Show dates: April 17–18** Interested? Please reach out to Connie at cke1@comcast.net

This is a volunteer position, but please come be part of the fun we all have and help bring this story to life!

White Birch Center Saddles Up for 7th Annual Kentucky Derby Party

Community Fun and Derby Excitement, All for a Great Cause!

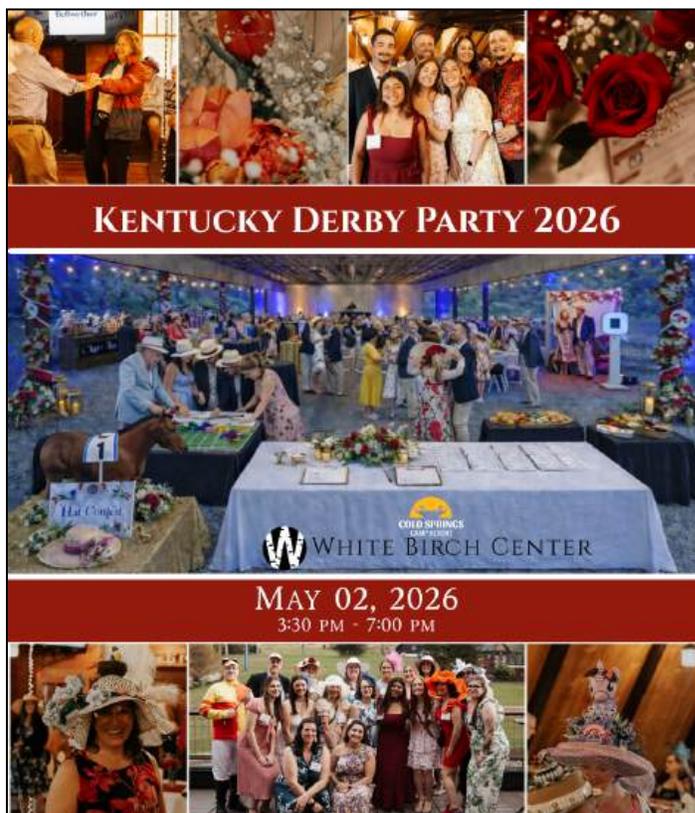
White Birch Center, the Henniker-based nonprofit supporting children, families, and seniors, is hosting its 7th Annual Kentucky Derby Party on **Saturday, May 2, 2026**, in the Grand Pavilion at Cold Springs Camp Resort in Weare, NH, proudly serving as the host sponsor.

"This highly anticipated event is more fun and accessible than ever, with tickets starting at just \$50 and optional add-ons that allow attendees to tailor their experience," notes Kimber Raymond, Director of Development & Community Relations. Guests will enjoy catered southern-inspired hors d'oeuvres, themed cocktails, live music, Derby-themed contests, and live painting by a local artist, with the finished piece raffled off during the evening. The celebration culminates with the thrilling two minutes of the Kentucky Derby on the big screen, with hats and festive attire encouraged.

Guests can browse and enter to win an amazing array of raffle prizes such as a KitchenAid Espresso Machine, Amazon Kindle, a select Bourbon & Whiskey Basket, local Restaurant Gift Card assortment, Gardener's Delight Gift

certificate, and more — including the grand prize of a Ring Whole Home Bundle 8-Piece Security System.

Tickets are available now and make great special occasion gifts too, such as for birthdays and Mother's Day! Don't miss this fun-filled event at a beautiful venue with friends, family, and neighbors while supporting White Birch Center's programs and services that enrich life and strengthen community. For tickets and information, visit the event link: [7th Annual Kentucky Derby Party](#) or contact Kimber Raymond at 603-428-7860 or kimberr@whitebirchcc.org.



A Rye Look at Life

By Diane T. Padilla

My college years introduced me to the dreary joys of academia: research papers, 8 a.m. classes, the freshman 15 extra pounds. And my first experience with the jagged joys of whiskey. I sampled those fun, classic cocktails, whiskey and ginger ale, seven and seven—a mix of Seven Up soda and Seagrams 7 whiskey. I stayed with whiskey for years, then branched out into bourbon.

Later in life I stumbled across rye. My first—and still favorite—was Old Overholt; it's been around since the early 19th century, and like bourbon, it has a history in America's timeline.

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I enjoy rye's spiciness and peppery overtones; it has more of a blue collar edge and taste than its bourbon counterparts. Whenever I'm sipping, I let my thoughts ebb and flow, touching a variety of topics. Here's one of my wry/rye life observations.

Recent online chatter: who obeys speed limits, and those in a hurry to get where they're going. It's gotten so contentious that our local television station had an editorial about this, using the phrase "those who think speed limits are a suggestion."

A need for speed seems baked into our American psyche and became a de facto way of life in our country. Get up and go is our unofficial motto. Sometimes we're in so much of a hurry, we go right past our destination. Patience may be a virtue; it's just not a key part of our being. I propose a balance to speed: slow and steady.

Our 250th anniversary, an important milestone, should serve as a reminder that compared to other nations, we're a young country. We're barely out of our teens, heading into young adulthood, facing the world that seems to be going faster each day. And there's no brakes.

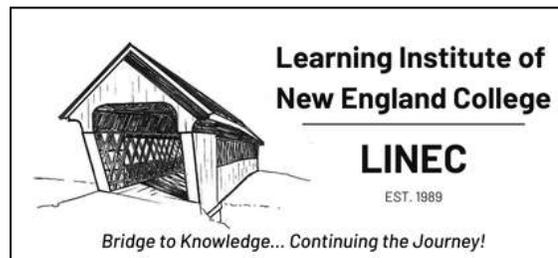
In Europe people take long lunches, hang out at coffee shops, and get far more vacation time off than we do. Their cultures emphasize enjoying life with friends and family. That makes it easier for healthier ways of living to grow. Perhaps we can absorb and expand these ideas, and make them part of our daily American life. It would go a long way to building a healthier and more united country.

While celebrating 250 years, I'd like to see us balance speed with a slower pace. It would help get through dark times and enjoy more good times. So, sit back, sip your favorite drink and enjoy life a bit more slowly. Here's a cocktail from our 25th President, William McKinley. Please drink responsibly.

McKinley's Delight

3 oz. rye whiskey (at least 100 proof)
1 oz. sweet vermouth
2 dashes of cherry brandy
1 dash absinthe

Combine ingredients into a mixing glass. Half fill with ice, stir for 20-30 seconds. Strain into an old-fashioned glass over a large ice block or ice cubes, then stir.



Spring Is Here! And So Is Our Spring 2026 Term!

This term, we have a wonderful lineup of 9 courses starting in April:

📖 **Dante's Inferno** — Epic poetry with Professor Don Melander (Zoom, Mondays)

🎭 **Measure for Measure** — Shakespeare's timeless themes of justice & mercy (In-person, Hopkinton, Tuesdays)

🎵 **The Symphony, Part II** — Great music from 1860 to the present (In-person, Hopkinton, Wednesdays)

🔬 **Alexander von Humboldt's Hero's Journey** — Science, nature & adventure (Zoom, Tuesdays)

🧠 **Philosophy in the 20th Century, Part 2** — Heidegger, Sartre, Derrida & more (Zoom, Wednesdays)

📖 **The Art of the Novel** — Virginia Woolf & beyond (Tucker Free Library, monthly, 1st Wednesday)

🔬 **Science & Technology Discussion Group** — Informal monthly discussions (Tucker Free Library, Thursdays)

📖 **Misplaced & Unresolved: Varina Howell Davis** — A fascinating Civil War story (Zoom, Thursdays)

➕ **Recreational Math** — A fun one-day workshop for everyone (In-person, Hopkinton, May 8)

Register here:

www.linec.org/courses

Online via Zoom or in-person. Starting at just \$15.

🕒 **Registration closes Friday, March 27th.**

We can't wait to see you this spring!

LINEC Registrar

Weare's First Annual Top Dog Raffle

All it takes to be a cool dog in Weare is to get your license and be sure your rabies shot is up to date. Make sure your dog is part of the "in" crowd.

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

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I'm sure you will agree, Tilly is one smart dog. Not only does she have ribbons, but she considers her Weare dog license even more important.

Owner Kathy Lorenz of "Just Like Home" Pet Sitting was proud to offer this photo.

Rose has a favorite pastime. Riding anywhere and anytime in the car with her best friend Jade Malcolm. She was happy to take a minute to pose with her tag on for this photo.

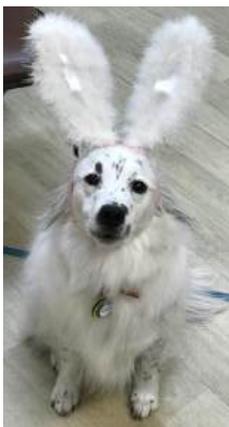


Like so many of us, Lola is getting ready for Easter and is bonding with her little sheep. She is happy to know she belongs in Weare and her tags prove it. Her wonderful owner Kate Rhodenizer took her picture.



Hazel is a one-year-old German Shepherd. She brings pure joy to so many situations...even March snow. Her jingling tags let everyone know she's coming. Photo by Alyssa Small

Tillie – see above – just wanted to remind everyone it is almost Easter. Photo by Kathy Lorenz



Weare Public Library

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

- 2:30-4:30 p.m.: Pokemondays (kids). Drop in to meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card enthusiasts.

TUESDAYS

- 10:30 a.m.: Mother Goose Storytimes (ages 0-2). Rhymes, stories, and songs for babies and toddlers – followed by playtime.
- 2:15-4:30 p.m. (1st & 3rd of the month): Anime + D&D Club (ages 12-18). Like anime? Like D&D? Stop by after school to watch your favorite anime shows OR play D&D OR watch anime and play D&D AT THE SAME TIME!

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

- 10:30 a.m.: Pre-K Storytimes (ages 3-5). Enjoy longer stories, fingerplays, flannel, and songs followed by a craft or related activity.
- 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

- Thursday, Mar 26 at 7:00 p.m. (adults). **Book Group: The Bullet That Missed**. We're reading a mystery by Richard Osman. It is an ordinary Thursday, and things should finally be returning to normal. Except trouble is never far away where the Thursday Murder Club is concerned. Call the library to reserve your copy.
- Starting Wednesday, April 1. **Plant A Seed, Read**. Check out a book (or DVD, 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!
- Thursday, April 2, 5:00–7:00 p.m.. **Friends of the Library: Spring Bake Sale**. Treat yourself to a plethora of decadent pies, cookies, cakes, breads, muffins, and

more! Raised funds will go towards museum passes for our patrons. Are you a baker? Contribute your goodie by signing up at the library. Questions? Email: friendsofwearepl@gmail.com.

- Thursday, April 9, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. (adults). **Tax Help.** Free and open to everyone from the AARP — schedule your appointment by calling 603-230-4121.
- Tuesday, April 14 at 3:00 p.m. (grades 4 & 5). **Kids Book Club.** Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month to talk about a book you've read. April's theme: MYSTERY. Pick a book from home, from school, or from the library and come to share your thoughts and hear about what others are reading. Call the library to reserve your spot.
- Thursday, April 16 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 Marusz.
- Saturday, April 18 at 12:30 p.m. (adults). **Crafts and Conversations.** Bring your own crafting project to work on with fellow crafters for a fun time. Knitting, crochet, sewing, diamond dotz, drawing, or whatever you're into.
- 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.
- Tuesday–Thursday, April 28–30 (times TBA) (kids). **Life-sized Candyland.** School's Out! Play a life-sized version of the classic board game with family and friends! Race to be the first to reach the castle! Everybody gets candy! Call the library to register.
- 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.

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!

JOIN US FOR AN

Easter Egg Hunt

Facepaint!
Games!
Indoor & Outdoor
Rain/Snow/Shine

March 29th, 2026
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Deering Community Church, UCC
763 Deering Center Rd
Deering, NH 03244
Cost: FREE!

**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

As we get nearer to spring let's hope April showers bring May flowers.

Rain or shine, a variety of things will be happening at Hand in Hand Senior Center. This Wednesday a team of cosmetology students organized by Kaylee, a JSRHS senior, will be offering a "spa" experience for many who signed up. What a treat!

April 1 won't be April Fool's Day at the Center. Instead, Sharon Czarnecki will bring everything at **1 p.m.** for an hour of **Easter egg coloring**. What a fun way to begin the month.

This month (**April 14**) the **noon book group** will read "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. Lea Anderson-Smith will lead the discussion. Interested in joining us? Stop by the Center to pick up a copy.

After lunch at **1:00 p.m. on April 15**, Jamie Seagle, past president of Rogerson Communities, will share stories about his help and involvement in senior care for over 37 years titled, "Surviving the Third Quarter". All are welcome to join in the conversation.

Over the past 9 months a half dozen people formed an **activities committee** with hopes of figuring out what the retired community members need and want and how to reach them. The committee is looking at ways to involve more volunteers to help us grow and to build an even stronger community. Do you have ideas? Are you interested in being part of this team? Let us know. Stop by or call and leave a message (603-529-4263).



Activities Committee brainstorming

Unfortunately, Melody and Danielle, our Thrift Shop co-managers, both had surgeries this week. Please note that the **Thrift Shop will be closed on Thursdays for the month of April**. Wednesday, Fridays, and Saturdays the Shop will be open as usual. We all wish Mel and Danielle each a successful and speedy recovery.

Check in with us in the next issue of WITW to find out what's happening the rest of April at Hand in Hand Senior Center.



All are welcome to lunch every Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dine in, take out, or free delivery (call 603-529-4263).

March 25: Breakfast casserole, fruit

April 1: Hot turkey sandwich, stuffing, fruit

April 8: Meatballs and pasta; bread, salad
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**

Tai Ji Quan for Better Balance

Classes start Tuesday, April 28th

Weare Senior Center

33 North Stark Hiway

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

Let's Decorate Eggs !!!



Wednesday April 1

At the wonderful Senior Center

33 N. Stark Hiway, Weare

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.





**Hand in Hand
SENIOR CENTER
& THRIFT SHOP**

Check out our ongoing programs and join in the fun!

**Weare Garden Club:
first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm**

**Writers' Guild:
first and third Friday of the month at 11 am**

**Book Club:
third Tuesday of the month at noon**

**Yoga:
every Monday and Thursday at 10:30 am**

**Crafts & Conversation:
Mondays at noon**

Visit our website to learn more!
www.hihsc.org
33 N Stark Hwy, Weare 603-529-4263




POETRY CORNER



Downsize

It's too much to care for, I sometimes lament
Just downsize they say, with all good intent.
But things would need places assigned all anew.
"Well, *that's* not so hard. It's easy to do."
But things didn't fit when I first moved here.
It took lots of "spot finding" over the years.
The broom fits so nice there, and no one can see.
But it's convenient and handy for me.
And those bells on the cabinets with each lovely tone.
They make this kitchen so much my own.
The wood-stove, it warms me and puts on a show.
I can't even take it wherever I go.
The dishes the cats use, tuck away in the bricks.
No dog can steal food with all of their tricks.
And what of the kid-art on old closet walls?
Can't be replaced; so you see why I've stalled.
And what of those risers upon my front stairs -
The ones that I wood burned with such loving care?
The entry mosaic, that hand crafted floor,
It won't be there behind a new door.
And then there's the outside, oh goodness, oh my.
MY birds need their fuel in order to fly.
Would I find others? Do I want to try?
Roses, hydrangeas, azaleas, and more,
They're such a comfort when I'm out of doors.
Took 30 years to get where they're at.
They won't be there – you know it's a fact.
So, I don't know. Not sure what to do.
Guess I can wait for a year – maybe two.
Besides, I'll be busy - with no time to pack.
Got to clean windows, stack wood, mow the lawn,
Stain the deck, prune the bushes, weed the flowers,
Wash the siding, fix the railing, paint the trim.....
I wonder if I should have listened to them?

- Sharon Czarnecki

A Matter of Balance

Holy Cross Episcopal Church
118 Center Rd, Weare
**Mondays,
April 27 - June 22, 2026
10 a.m. - Noon**
(No class on May 25-Memorial Day)

You're as young as you feel!

Don't let the fear of falling limit your activities!
"A Matter of Balance" classes provide you the tools needed to gain confidence and learn simple fall prevention strategies including home safety and physical activity. Registration required.



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Frolicking Flock

River still mostly frozen,
 little trickles of water
 seep out beneath ice surface,
 nothing over the dam though,
 not even a slow flow, yet,
 abundant life frolics there,
 paddling, quacking ducks,
 some swim in open water,
 others dance for joy on snow
 still blanketing ice cover,
 feathers fluff as eiderdown
 expands insulating them
 against world woes everywhere,
 finding comfort together,
 oh, that the world might absorb
 their kindness and respect for
 each other in peace and love.

- Marge Burke

His Hands

Countless wonders of his hands
 yes, his hands, long slim, graceful
 that barely moved at times, but
 conducted the orchestra
 with a flair all his own, each
 gesture conveyed meaning,
 to musicians, andante,
 allegro, pianissimo,
 strings, brass, wind, percussion,
 he had their rapt attention,
 he never turned a page in
 the score, or used a baton,
 his hands and fingers conducted,
 seamless performance earned him
 standing ovation, shouts of
 bravo, countless hand wonders.

- Marge Burke

This poem was written in honor
 of conductor Herbert Blomstedt,
 who recently conducted an all
 Brahms concert with the Boston
 Symphony Orchestra at the age
 of ninety eight. Remarkable.



Church Corner



Deering Community Church Celebrates Poetry Month

763 Deering Center Rd,
 Deering, NH 03244

The Women's Guild invites you to come listen or read
 your own poetry. **April 12 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

Jeanne Bartlett will be reading poems from her book,
[A Voice Downstream](#) and there will also be an open mic
 period. Please bring your own work or that of your
 favorite poet. Refreshments will be available. This event
 is free and open to the public. Donations will be gladly
 received to benefit the Deering Meditation and
 Memory Garden. For more information, please call
 Jeanne at 603-933-2967



Holy Cross Episcopal Church

118 Center Rd, Weare, NH 03281

Services for Holy Week and Easter at Holy Cross:

Palm Sunday, **March 29, 2026 at 10:00 am**, beginning
 with the Liturgy of the Palms.

Wednesday, **April 1, 2026**, concludes our Lenten study
 program, at **7:00 pm**, on the Beatitudes, using materials
 provided by the Society of Saint John the Evangelist,
 (SSJE), Cambridge, MA.

Maundy Thursday, **April 2, 2026, at 7:00 pm**, Holy
 Eucharist and the traditional washing of the feet.

Good Friday, **Friday, April 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm**, solemn
 liturgy.

Easter Sunday, **April 5, 2026, at 10:00 am** Holy
 Eucharist.

All are welcome to join us.



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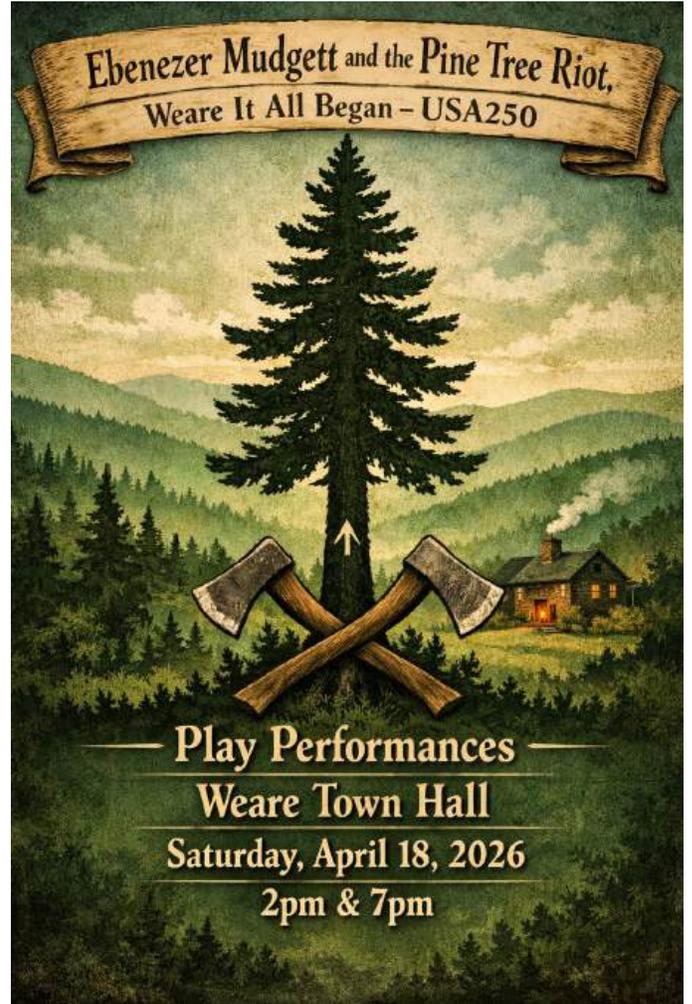
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- Tues., March 24**
6 p.m. – Weare School Board meeting
- Wed., March 25**
6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting
- Thurs., March 26**
7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting
- Mon., March 30**
6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen meeting
- Wed., April 1**
7 p.m. - Master Plan Subcommittee meeting
- Thurs., April 2**
6:30 p.m. – Cemetery Advisory Committee meeting
6:30 p.m. – Library Trustees meeting
- Fri., April 3**
11 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting
- Mon., April 6**
6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen meeting
- Wed., April 8**
6 p.m. – John Stark School Board meeting
7 p.m. - Conservation Commission meeting
7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting

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DUNKIN'S

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