



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

March 27, 2024

2024 Solar Eclipse



On April 8, northern New Hampshire will be in the path of a total solar eclipse – the first since 1959. In Weare, around 3 p.m. a partial solar eclipse will be visible; skies will dim, temperatures will sink and the moon will pass over the sun to block its light. The next one of its kind won't happen again until 2079.

Where to watch nearby:

-Weare schools will release students two hours early. A viewing event is being planned at the JSRHS football field. School communications will provide event updates.

-“Great American Eclipse Viewing Party,” McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, Concord. 12-5 p.m. Reservations:

<https://www.starhop.com/countdowntoeclipse>

-Community Viewing. Arms Park, Manchester, 2-4:30 p.m. Weather permitting. Protective eyewear required.

Other viewing events:

<https://www.visitnh.gov/solareclipse/eclipse-events>

Protective glasses:

<https://indepthnh.org/2024/03/20/time-to-get-your-solar-eclipse-glasses-for-april-8/>



Weare Board of Selectmen seated left to right are Janice Mathews, David Pratte, Benjamin Knapp, Salim Blume, and James Drury (Tom Clow photo).

New Board of Selectmen Seated; Mathews Elected Chair

By Tom Clow

The newly seated Weare Board of Selectmen held its first meeting since the March 12 election on Monday, March 18. New to the board are James Drury, elected to a three-year term, and David Pratte, elected to a one-year term. Janice Mathews, who was appointed to finish out one year of a term vacated by the resignation of Kevin Cahill, was beginning her own three-year term. Highlighting the meeting was the election of officers and appointment of members to serve on other boards, committees and commissions.

Janice Mathews was elected to serve as chairperson and Benjamin Knapp as vice chair. Salim Blume will serve as ex-officio member of the Planning Board. Drury will assume that role on the Parks and Recreation Commission, Mathews

on the CIP and Knapp on the Stone Fund Committee. Pratte will serve as a liaison to the Weare Conservation Commission.

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“Talk” To Us
More Poetry
Deadline: April 5
weareintheworldnews@gmail.com

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Two Positions Filled

Two employee positions were filled: one as a new hire and one as a reassignment. Logan Bannister was hired to fill one of the much-needed truck driver positions in the department of public works. Matthew McLain was reassigned from the highway department to serve as temporary foreman of the transfer station, a position he has held before. McLain will serve in that job until a permanent replacement can be found.

Cemetery Mapping

Betty Straw, Chair of the Mildred Hall Committee, reported that the committee had approved the expenditure of \$2,500 for cemetery mapping. The project will include the East Weare, Pine Grove, and Johnson Cemeteries, all on Buzzell Hill Road. Straw said there had been two bids on the job and explained that mapping involved identifying the proper location of all gravesites.

PARC Appointment

Shelby O'Donnell was appointed and sworn in as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. She joins another new member, Matthew Bieler, who was appointed at the March 11 board meeting.



On March 25, with many homes in Henniker and Weare were still **without power**, the Henniker Community School and Weare Middle School opened their cafeterias for members of the community to warm up, charge phones and have some hot pizza: a true community effort by our knowledgeable problem solvers. The pizza was heated at John Stark, delivered and served by the SAU 24 leadership team. *Courtesy photos: SAU 24 Assistant Superintendent Natasha Kolehmainen serves pizza. Left: Some of the families enjoying hot pizza and a drink at an SAU 24 school during the massive power outage from the March 2024 storm.*



The **JSRHS Model UN Club** traveled to UNH on March 9 to participate in the Model United Nations Conference. Model UN conferences simulate the UN General Assembly and its other multilateral bodies while students act in ambassador roles to learn about principles and functions. The JSRHS club joined with 85 other students from high schools across New Hampshire and Maine for the conference.



Tess Mosher, Autumn Duquette, Jacoby Baron and Morgan Locke participated in the General Assembly representing nations discussing natural disasters and climate change. Autumn Duquette received an honorable mention for her participation and Morgan Locke won for best position paper.

Representing members of the Security Council were Evan Browne, Rio Calle and Anna Gardner. This group worked on the problem of food insecurity. Rio Calle won an honorable mention award for his participation in the Security Council. *Courtesy photo: Left to right: Evan Browne, Rio Calle, Morgan Locke, Anna Gardner, Autumn Duquette, Jacoby Baron and Tess Mosher.*

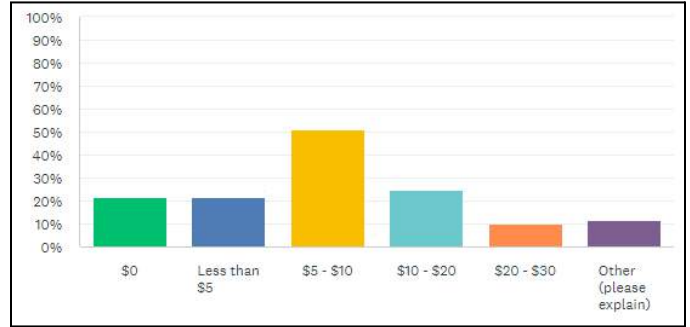
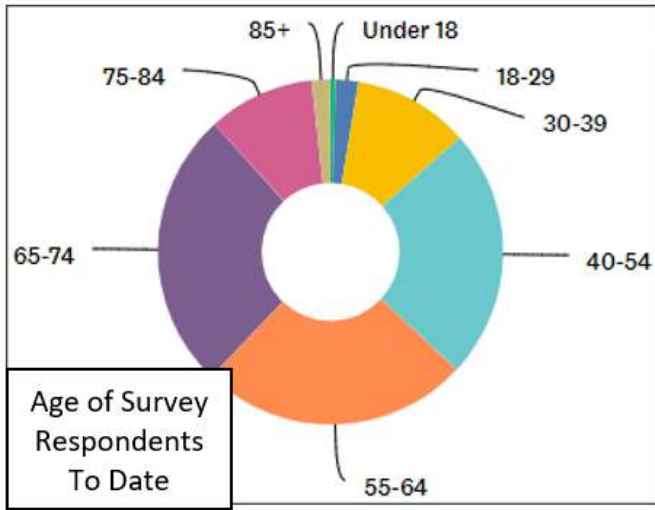


WMS chorus students headed to the New Hampshire Music Educators' Association Southwest District Festival on May 11.

Photo L to R: Thomas Stevenson (bass), Jordan Baker Cromwell (tenor), Bella Yeargeau (soprano), Aimee Larrabee (alto), Caitlyn Paulhamus (soprano), Grace Meisser (soprano), Sofia Griffin (soprano), Abby O'Shaughnessy (soprano). Not pictured: Kennedy Bauers (soprano) and Marissah Nichols (soprano).



In celebration of pi, the irrational number (approximately 3.14) that results from dividing the length of the circumference of a circle by the length of its diameter, John Stark math students this year participated in the new high school **"Pi in Science"** competition. Freshman Evan Furness was able to tell JSRHS math teacher Elizabeth England the first 154 digits of pi. *Courtesy photo: Furness holding the top prize --a pie!*



For any questions or comments, reach out to me, at bherbert@snhpc.org or (603) 669-4664.

Transportation Survey

By Ben Herbert, Regional Mobility Manager

As of the writing of this article, 233 Weare residents of various ages have responded to the transportation survey. People of ALL ages are encouraged to fill out the survey. Please note: the survey is still open until May 1, and we hope to double this number of participants. **Your participation is important. Please take the survey at this link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/62CFKKH>

Preliminary results indicate that 35% of participants live in North Weare, 40% live in South Weare and the remaining participants live in Weare Village Center, Lake Horace, East Weare and elsewhere. Although only 2% don't drive, 12% anticipate not being able to drive within the next several years. When asked if they struggle getting to places, 8% said yes. When asked if a friend, neighbor, or family members struggled getting to places, 17% said yes. Also, 16% of the participants admitted they or someone they know has difficulty getting out to shop while 20% said they or someone they know have difficulty getting to medical appointments.

When asked to provide the reasons why, the most common answers included: no transportation options, not knowing who to call, friends and family not available and not being able to drive at night. When asked which type of program they would support for Weare residents who cannot drive, 90% said a volunteer driver program, 45% said a town-owned van service with town-supported drivers and 40% said a voucher program supporting discounted rides. 15% of the participants could see themselves using a volunteer driver program while 32% were unsure. 27% of the participants could also see themselves volunteering to become a driver.

Should a transportation program be established in Weare and how much can you afford to pay for each trip you take? Select all that apply. Answered 186; skipped 47

Eclipse Quilts

For their 2024 challenge quilt, Concord's **Capital Quilters Guild** picked the solar eclipse as their theme, and they chose the McAuliffe – Shepard Discovery Center to display their beautiful pieces! The quilt pictured to the right is by Ellen Reed.



Now through April 28, view this special exhibition of local solar science-themed art. The quilts will be on display in the Discovery Center's exhibit galleries and admission to the exhibition is included with general admission. Visit the Discovery Center's website for more information about operating hours and general admission costs: www.starhop.com.

March 20 - April 28 / 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center / Concord

JOIN OUR
EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY MARCH 30TH
10AM-12PM

FREE DONATIONS APPRECIATED
PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
DRINKS AVAILABLE
OTHER ACTIVITIES

John Stark High School
 618 N Stark Hwy, Weare, NH

RAN BY JOHN STARK STUDENT COUNCIL
ALL AGE GROUPS WELCOME



Weare Community Theater Is Growing!

By Connie Evans

We have produced two successful plays on Weare history, "Pine Tree Riot" and "The Lost Village," and are working toward the third, "Time Will Tell". Our goal is always to make Weare's rich history come alive—and the feedback we have gotten has told us we should keep going! More importantly, participation in The Weare Community Theater is a way to get involved in the community while having a great time. Whether working on stage or behind it, everyone has fun. They must, because they keep coming back! Several of the people who showed up at our March 17 interest meeting were part of the previous plays. We also had some newcomers to town who knew this would be a wonderful way to get involved in the community and meet people.

There was a lot of energy in the room at the interest meeting for our third historical play. Approximately 20 people tossed around good ideas as we discussed the tasks involved with the production aspect of the play. We were thrilled Molly Brennan came and provided some creative ideas from her experience working in Chicago theater for 30 years.



Director Kenny Cahall

We hope you will join us whether you want to act or work behind the scenes. Let us know if you have experience or want to help in the following areas: fundraising, lighting, costumes, set design, publicity, or props. If you just want to dip your toes in the acting pond, we will have non-speaking parts in a crowd scene. Be part of the fun! All are welcome!

NEXT INTEREST MEETING:

Sunday, April 7, 1-2 p.m.

Weare Public Library Sawyer Room.

Correction

According to Town Clerk Mareen Billodeau, upon review, the total number of votes cast in the March 12 election, including absentee ballots, was 1,979.



Rabies Clinic: Dogs and Cats

Thursday, April 8 / 5:30 --6:30 p.m.

Old Town Hall, 16 N. Stark Highway

\$10 per animal

It would be helpful to know your pet's age and weight.



Vendors Wanted

Farmers Market/ Craft Fair

May 4th 9 AM to 2PM

Rain or Shine

Deering Fish and Game Club

Fish and Game Road

Deering NH

Please call Ed 603-464-4088

or

email: geoserve@tds.net

Outside \$20.00

Inside \$30.00

Under pavilion \$25.00

Weare Public Library News



UPCOMING EVENTS

For Kids and Teens:

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

Baby & Toddler Playgroup. Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:30-12 p.m. An informal gathering. Books, puzzles, early literacy toys and music. Get out of the house; meet new friends!

Springtime Storytimes. Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Join us for stories, songs, and movement followed by a craft or activity. Recommended for ages 3-5, but all are welcome.

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

Read with the Ruff Readers. Wednesdays, 5 p.m. Read with friendly dogs! Call us at 603-529-2044 to register.

Resilience & Goal Setting Workshop. May 9, 6:30 p.m. (For ages 11 and up). With inspiration from book "The Running Dream," high school transition specialist, bioethics instructor, and life coach Dr. Tiffany Campbell will lead empowering activities and discussion on how you too can rewrite the script of your journey.

For Adults:

Pinochle & Cribbage. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. Meet and play with other card game enthusiasts.

Craft Group. Thursdays at 1 p.m. Learn a new craft. Space is limited. Call us at 603-529-2044 to register.

Friends of the Library: Spring Bake Sale. March 27, 5 - 7 p.m. Treat yourself to a plethora of decadent pies, cookies, cakes, breads, muffins, and more! Are you a baker? Contribute your goodie by signing up at the library or email friendsofwearepl@gmail.com. Raised funds will go towards passes for our patrons at the Montshire Museum of Science in Norwich, VT.

Breath Training Basics. March 28 at 6:30 p.m. See left.

Master Your Finances: Identity Theft. April 18 at 6:30 p.m. In this free educational workshop you'll learn different types of identity theft and fraud, how to identify the signs of common scams, the laws that protect consumers and strategies to protect yourself. Presented by Modern Woodman.

Book Group. March 27 at 7 p.m. We're reading "The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman. Call us at 603-529-2044 to reserve your copy.

Now Hiring: Circulation Librarian (Part-Time)

<https://www.wearepubliclibrary.com/employment>



Tips for Caregivers Upcoming Granite VNA Programs

Caregiver Connection: A Virtual Caregiver Support Group. March 28, 10 - 11 a.m. Caregiver Connection is an opportunity 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 required.:

<https://www.granitevna.org/content/online-caregiver-connection-328>

Death Over Dinner. Bennett Funeral Home, Concord. Wednesday, April 17, 6 p.m. Death can be an uncomfortable topic to discuss with loved ones. Let us give you permission to laugh and find joy as we hold these engaging and important conversations over dinner! Meals generously provided by Bennett Funeral Home. Pre-registration is required.

Walk-In Wednesday. Fourth Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Location varies (Concord, Laconia, Wolfeboro). A Granite VNA social worker / notary public

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is available to connect with you to discuss your end-of-life wishes and assist in completing advanced care planning documents (durable power of attorney for healthcare and /or living will).

Courageous Conversations: Navigating Life's Final Journey. Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m. Patricia O'Connor, nurse practitioner, end-of-life expert and author of "Navigating Life's Final Journey" will share her knowledge and experiences supporting families through these difficult, yet important conversations. Pre-registration is required.

Complete program list: www.GraniteVNA.org/calendar



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 - Saturday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 603-529-4263 / [facebook.com/hihsc.org](https://www.facebook.com/hihsc.org)

Hand in Hand Senior Center is here for you! Are you retired and want to make some new friends, or just spend an hour or two with others? Share a talent? Join in an activity or get involved in running the center? All that is right at your fingertips. Call us at (603) 529-4263, or stop in Wednesday-Saturday 11 a.m. to -4 p.m. at the Thrift Shop to let us know.

Friendship is an essential part of the human experience. In fact, studies have shown strong social support can increase self-esteem, ease anxiety, and improve overall health. Hand in Hand Senior Center to the rescue! A place to be with others and make friends.

YARD WORK HELP weeding, planting, etc.
 3 Saturdays from 11 AM to 2 PM
 April 6 & 20 & May 13
 First Come, First Serve - Contact Melody at coutume24@sau24.org or 603-325-1296

April is bringing some new opportunities for the community.

Melody Couture is a high school student who is offering yard

work help to a few lucky people. (See her ad lower left.) We're thrilled that she has reached out to give a Helping Hand.

Join us Wednesday, April 10 at 12:30 p.m. to hear about the **Americorps Senior Companion Program**. Learn how you or someone you know can receive a companion or become one. It's a great program that can benefit a lot of people.

The Hand in Hand Senior Center schedule will soon include an **Eye Glasses Clinic**, so you can get your eyeglasses adjusted and cleaned. Gale Parent (you'll love her) will offer this service once a month beginning Wednesday, April 17 at 1 p.m.

Don't forget: if you have difficulty using your mobile devices (computer, cell phone, tablet) Roland Beauregard, our **tech support** person, is available to help you. You can sign up for a one-on-one Saturday morning session at the Thrift Shop (\$5 donation to reserve your time).

Please, if you haven't already done so, fill out a transportation needs survey. **We need residents of ALL ages to fill out the survey.** Hard copies and QR code cards are available at Hand in Hand Senior Center, the Library, the Town Clerk's office or go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/62CFKKH>.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Wednesdays 11- 1. Dine in, take out or free delivery. One of our regular cooks is taking a much-deserved break. Check our Facebook page for menu updates. www.facebook.com/hihsc.org

- March 27:** American Chop Suey
 - April 3:** Garlic brown sugar chicken, pasta salad and potato wedges
 - April 10:** TBA
- Coffee, tea, and various desserts are also available.

WHAT'S IN THE SHOP?



We have dresses, spring tops and shoes, capris and more, including bright spring décor. Did you know that we sell houseplants, and a great variety of greeting cards for just 50 cents? Come in and stock up!



Veteran Voices

By Bernie Bond

My name is Bernard Bond. I joined the United States Marine Corps on July 21, 1955 at the age of 17. I was released from active duty on June 26, 1959. I am a disabled veteran and a life member of the DAV (Disabled American Veterans).

I was schooled to become a jet engine mechanic. After schooling, I was sent to a Marine Air Station in southern California where I spent about a year working in a jet engine repair shop.

Next, I was transferred to a Marine Air Group in Japan where news was received that the Chinese communists, on the Mainland of China, were shelling two outer islands claimed by the Chinese nationalists on the island of Formosa (now Taiwan). The Chinese communists were also threatening invasion. This all took place at the start of the "Cold War," which was always an undeclared war.

A decision was made to send a Marine squadron to Formosa as a show of support. Our unit was set up on the northern part of a Chinese air base, separate from the main base. The runway was short so Seabees were sent in to set up arresting gear. The Marine squadron that followed us landed using their tail hooks to stop them when they landed. The planes had afterburners that were used to get airborne.

We spent several months on the island supporting the Chinese nationalists until the threat abated. We then returned to Japan. This fight continues today as the Chinese communists still push for unification with Taiwan.

Shortly after returning to Japan, I was sent to San Francisco and released from active duty.

**If you are a Veteran, please share a portion of your story with us. Contact Sharon at czar5@comcast.net



Looking for Something to Do?

Compiled by Sharon Czarnecki



Capitol Center for the Arts

603-225-1111

www.ccanh.com

Chubb Theatre 44 S. Main St., Concord

Bank of NH Stage 16 S. Main St., Concord

See website for events



Clough State Park

455 Clough Park Road, Weare

603-529-7112

www.nhstateparks.org/

April 6 * 9 a.m. Nature Journaling with Heidi



Concord City Auditorium
2 Prince St., Concord
603-228-2793

www.theaudi.org

Mar 27 * 7:30 p.m.

An Evening of A Capella featuring Tonehenge (men) and Afternotes (Women)

April 3 * 7:30 p.m.

Harold Lloyd in "Kid Brother" (comedy/musical)

Both FREE as part of the Walker Lecture Series



150 Ash St. Manchester
603-669-6144

www.Currier.org

NOTE: Our library has discount passes!
See website for events



Fox State Forest

(N.H. Dept. of Natural & Cultural Resources)

309 Center Rd., Hillsboro

603-464-3595

March 27 * 7 - 8 p.m. Monadnock Herb Society

Local Medicinal & Pollinator Plants

April 2 * 7- 8:30 p.m. Forest Carbon Primer (lecture)

w/UVM Prof. Dony D'Amato

April 9 * 7-8:30 p.m.

Building with wood (lecture)
The environment & the economy
UNH Extension Service Andy Fast



Fuller Public Library

29 School Street, Hillsborough

603-464-3595

www.fullerlibrary.info

Apr 1 & 8 * 2-4 p.m.

Tech Help

April 2 * 1-2 p.m.

Sourdough Starter (Reg. req.)

April 5 * 1-2 p.m.

Chat N' Chew for Seniors

April 8 * 2-3 p.m.

Military Book Club

Hillsboro Deering Elem. School / 4 Hillcat Dr., Hillsboro

Mar 30 * 9 a.m. -12 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Smith Memorial Church / 30 W. Main St., Hillsboro

Mar 30 * 7-8 p.m.

Open Door Acoustic Music



Hampshire Hills Athletic Club

50 Emerson Rd., Milford

603-673-7123

www.hampshirehills.com

Mar 31 * 9-11:45 a.m.

Easter Brunch Buffet

Tickets online (adult \$25/child \$12)

Apr 6 * 6-9 p.m.

Murder Mystery Dinner

("Best Laid Plans...") Tickets \$60 online



2 Institute Drive,
Concord
(603) 271-7827x113
www.starhop.com

April 5 * 6:30 p.m. Biofabrication (lecture)

Creating personalized tissues and organs for people who need them, and it's happening right here in New Hampshire!

April 8 * 12-5 p.m. Great American Eclipse Viewing Party
Reservations online

Now - April 28 Eclipse quilts display



1 Central Wharf
Boston, MA 02110
617-973-5206 www.neaq.org

NOTE: Our library has discount passes!

Featured Exhibits Amazon Rainforest; Blue Planet Action Center; Giant Ocean Tank; Sea Jellies
Now showing: "Arctic: Our Frozen Planet," "Incredible Predators," "Sea Lions: Live by a Whisker," "Great White Shark," and "Blue Whales: Return of the Giants."
(Tickets required. See website.)



80 Hanover St.,
Manchester
603-668-5588

Main Stage – 80 Hanover St. Manchester

March 29 & 30 * 7:30 p.m. Killer Queen: Rock Band

April 5 * 7:30 p.m. So Good! - Neil Diamond

April 6 * 2 - 7:30 p.m. Stayin' Alive: Bee Gees

April 7 * 1-4 p.m. "Bonjour Butterfly" (Fancy Nancy) by SNH Youth Ballet

Rex Theatre - 23 Amherst St., Manchester

Mar. 26 & 27 * 7 p.m. Les Misérables (youth theatre)

Mar 28 * 7 p.m. The Ten Commandments
(Silent Film with Live Music)

Mar 29 * 6-8:30 p.m. Candlelight: A Tribute to Coldplay
(Rock Music)

Mar 30 * 7:30 p.m. Souled Out Band (Mixed Music)

Apr 4 – 14 * 7 p.m. N.H. Jewish Film Festival
Remembering Gene Wilder & Other Films

Apr 5 * 7:30 p.m. Drew Dunn & Friends (comedy)

Apr 6 * 7:30 p.m. No Shoes Nation Band:
Tribute to Kenny Chesney

Apr 10 * 11 a.m. A Midsummer Night's Dream
& 7 p.m. (Palace Youth Theatre)



686 Flanders Road, Henniker
603-428-3245 www.patspeak.com

April 6 * 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pavement Ends Gravel Bike Race
www.bikereg.com/pavement-ends



200 Bedford, St. Manchester
(603) 669-0400
www.see-sciencecenter.org

NOTE: Our library has discount passes!

April 3 & 4 * 5-8 p.m. 23rd Annual Champagne Putt
(21+ event; must register to participate)

Arms Park / 10 Arms St. Manchester

April 8 * 2-4:30 p.m. Community partial eclipse viewing
(Weather permitting; protective eyewear required.)

2024 Summer Camp Registration OPEN. Visit website.



23 Science Center Road
Holderness, NH
603-968-7194 www.nhnature.org
NOTE: Our library has discount passes!

April 3 * 7 p.m. Woodcock Watch: Guided Spring courtship display with Iain MacLeod

April 4 * 10 a.m. Hands on for Homeschoolers
Ages 4-6 or ages 7-10

Register online: *Cost: \$12 member/\$15 non-member*

Walter's Basin Restaurant / 859 US Rte. 3, Holderness

April 9 * 5:30 p.m. Science Pub: Limnology for adults
The Fascinating lives of Lakes
No charge; pre-registration required.



White Birch Community Center

51 Hall Ave, Henniker
(603) 428-7860 www.whitebirchcc.org

April 3 * 10 a.m. Knit Wits Knitting Group

April 4 * 9:10 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Bus Trip
Hobby Lobby & Mall of NH

April 9 * 1 p.m. Everything, Everywhere, All At Once (Film)

April 10 * 1 p.m. Team Trivia

Bone Builders 10 a.m. March 28, April 1, 4, & 8
9:30 a.m. April 2, 5, & 9

Gentle Chair Yoga 8:45 a.m. March 28 & April 4
10:45 a.m. on April 2 & 9

Cribbage 1 p.m. March 29 & April 5

Fitness Class 2 p.m. on March 29 & April 5

Bridge 1 p.m. on April 1, 3, 8, &

Mah Jongg 1 p.m. April 2 & 9

Tai Chi 8:30 a.m. on April 3 & 10



Asked and Answered: April Is National Poetry Month

Who Will Tell Our Stories

When We're Gone?

Albert's garden fallow
tangled dewy grasses in his field
at eighty-nine his knees gave out
summer was too much for him.

Winter winds tore clapboards
from the weathered house
shudders racked its frame
what's not repaired
unseen by eyes
focused inward toward his past.

Who knew him when this farm
was Uncle Duane and Herman's
when their sheep barn stood
where now a tractor wheel remains
a birch tree growing
through its rusted spokes?

Who heard Al say, "This year's been dry
but I got beans enough
the woodchuck didn't get.
Heah, take some 'fore your own come in."
- Chris Hague

Friend Drift

We were peas in a pod. That's what they'd say,
But then things changed when you moved away.

When we were young, so much was the same.
I guess there's really no one to blame.

Now, you think like this and I think like that.
How did we get on such opposite tracks?

Those tiny changes one here and one there
Meant disagreements that used to be rare.

Once time had passed – a number of years,
We drifted apart. And there weren't even tears.
-Sharon Czarnecki

Stripes in the Road

It's that time of year,
street sweepers appear,
motorized machines
travel city streets
and country streets, too,
their brushes sweep sand
and other debris,
while water washes
making stripes in the road,
that soon disappear
as they dry.

-Marge Burke

Meditating

I watch the pine branches
sway slowly with the wind
like gentle ocean waves
lapping against rocks,
open my palms in a
welcoming manner, and
simply watch, meditate,
opening my heart and soul,
embracing peacefulness,
inhaling calm beauty
giving thanks for all that is.

-Marge Burke

There Was a Struggle

Long expected spring
arrived in Weare right
on time, as it should,
however, when night
fell, winter said "no,
I am not ready
to let go just yet,"
so, we had snow, just
enough to cover
the emerging green
of grass and early
spring flowers, wind blew,
fluffy spirals of
swirling snow through the yard,
struggle of seasons
continued into
the next day, winter's
grasp slowly losing
strength, spring will win out.

-Marge Burke



**Tell Us About:
Poetry !**

Let's continue with National Poetry Month. Let your inner voice speak to you as spring makes an appearance and write something poetic about what you see. Don't worry about whether you think it is perfect or worthy of publication. Just tell us how spring speaks to you. Or write to us on another subject entirely. As long as it's a poem, free verse rhyme or haiku, send it to us!



POETRY CORNER

Death and Destruction

The wind blew at gale force strength
leaving death and destruction
coursing through the neighborhood,
power lines downed, trees toppled,
limbs and twigs lay in wild array,
driveway littered by countless
pine cones lying like tipped over
tombstones in a cemetery,
death and destruction indeed,
against all odds though, there was
survival of the small ash trees
with their light amber leaves still
in place after the long winter days.

-Marge Burke

Weare Business Corner



High Tide is Now Hiring
Weekday/Daytime Window and Kitchen Positions!
All Other Positions and Shifts are also Available.



- No Experience Necessary - but a Plus
- Management & Employee Growth Program
- Flexible Scheduling
- Pay Commensurate with Experience

Apply www.HighTideTakeout.com



Why We Love Living in NH
An occasional column featuring readers' reverent observations of our natural surroundings



Kasey Czarnecki photo.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, March 26

6 p.m. – Weare School Board meeting

Thursday, March 28

7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Monday, April 1

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

Tuesday, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 3

6 p.m. – Mildred Hall Advisory Committee meeting

Thursday, April 4

7 p.m. – Public Library Trustees meeting

Friday, April 5

11 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

Monday, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 10

3:45 p.m. – Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting
6:30 p.m. – John Stark School Board meeting
7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting
7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting

