



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

April 10, 2024

Lundeen Named First-Ever Educational Support Professional of the Year

Weare Middle School's Kristen Lundeen has been named the 2024 Educational Support Professional of the Year, the first time this honor has been presented, according to a school release.



Lundeen will be recognized with all the 2024 EDies Award recipients at the Excellence in Education Award Ceremony (EDies) at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown on June 8. The National Education Association of New Hampshire (NEA-NH) is the sponsoring organization of the award.

Lundeen is a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) and Paraprofessional II at WMS. She began as a paraprofessional in 2016 and has continued as both a para and RBT at the school since earning her RBT certification in 2020.

"Kristen is such a passionate and caring professional who desires the best outcome for all students in our community," said Principal Jon Barry in the release. "It is no surprise to me or anyone at WMS that she would be chosen for and receive this honor," Principal Barry continued.



Town Is Seeking Volunteers for Many Boards and Committees

By Tom Clow

Article 25, submitted by petition, on the 2024 town of Weare warrant, asked voters to limit the ability to serve as an appointed member of a committee to two consecutive terms. There was other language as well specifying that a person would then have to wait three years before being reappointed. The article was amended at the deliberative session to read as follows:

"To see if the town will vote to study restricting eligibility for appointed positions to Town Boards and Committees to two (2) consecutive terms, which shall include any part of a term served, and shall remain ineligible for the next succeeding three (3) years?" Despite the town attorney cautioning that the restriction could not apply to positions created by state statute, the article, as amended, passed by a margin of 959 to 870.

Ironically, less than one month later, a posting appears on the homepage of the town website requesting volunteers for a number of committees. **See VOLUNTEERS, page 2, for the full listing.**



Pack 24 Cub Scouts observed the solar eclipse on April 8 from a hike near Mt. William Pond (Bailey Theriault photo). For more eclipse images, see page 11.






"Talk" To Us
Siblings
Deadline: April 19
 Weareintheworldnews@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS, continued from page 1

- Agricultural Committee – currently no members
- Cable Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Economic Development Committee – currently no members
- Heritage Commission – currently no members
- Parks & Recreation Commission
- Planning Board
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

The posting goes on to explain how to go about volunteering and where on the town website (www.weare.nh.gov) to find additional information on each committee.


School News




The New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association and New Hampshire Athletic Directors Association held the annual **Scholar Athlete Awards** Ceremony on April 1 in Concord. High school student athletes from throughout the state were recognized for achieving academic and athletic excellence. Award recipients are nominated each year by their school principals based on criteria, which require the high school seniors to have a B+ or equivalent grade point average, letter and be currently active in at least two varsity sports, participate in community service activities and serve as role models to their peers. Each student athlete received an award certificate. JSRHS recipients were: Rachel Berube, Lukas Boulanger, Hailey Brisson, Melody Couturier, Madelyne Cyr, Hayleigh Dennis, Abby Duclos, Edie Fischer, Lucas Gagnon, Avery Geaumont, Elizabeth Hatfield Caleb Hauptman, Natalie Jensen, Stephen Johnston, Hunter Keim, Alex Keirstead, Izabel Korbet Reaghan Lamonthé, Eli Lemire, Rory Magoon, Ava Martin, Maggie McGinty, Logan Montgomery Madelyn Morette, Rebecca Mussey, Merisa Nock, Olivia Nock, Katie Patterson, Lillea Perkins, Sawyer Peterson Deltyn Williams.



The John Stark Stage Band and Weare Middle School combined chorus performed March 27 in front of the State House in Concord for the celebration of **“March Music in Schools**

Month,” an event that aims to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all students. It was sponsored by the New Hampshire Music Educators' Association. 131 WMS students performed and more than 60 Weare parents and friends came in support of their performance.



Students and teachers from the JSRHS **Western Civilization and Painting** classes posed for this picture during their fieldwork at [Currier Museum of Art](http://www.curriermuseum.org) in Manchester.



Help save lives by donating blood! The John Stark Leo Club is sponsoring a **blood drive** on Friday, April 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at JSRHS. Schedule your appointment online at this link and help the Leo Club reach their goal of filling all appointments:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=JOHNSTARK>



Weare Pink Ladies Group March Meeting

By Lily Tang Williams

ATTENTION WORKING LADIES

This one is especially for you. We picked a Saturday lunch this month, hoping more of you can join us and make friends. Our luncheon will be **Saturday, April 27** at Country Spirit Restaurant, 262 Maple Street in Henniker from 12- 2 p.m. This is a fun get together for members of Weare Pink & Friends to get together when we can, form friendships, and support each other in this busy world.

Please RSVP To Lily at lily4liberty@comcast.net so we can make reservations.

♥ Earth Day Roadside Cleanup 🌍

Saturday, April, 20, 8 - 10 a.m.

(Rain date) Sunday, April 21

Mark your calendar 📅 The Weare Dems are preparing for the April roadside cleanup. Kids between the ages of 11 and 15 may participate with parental permission and with a parent present. Meet at Center Woods Elementary School by 8 a.m. Safety vests and bags provided. Bring gloves, wear long sleeves, long pants and work shoes/boots. To participate **RSVP (we need to know how many bags to get.)** by April 16: WeareDemCom@comcast.net

diy gift making Fair

FREE

April 28th *All Ages Welcome* **Noon to 4 PM**

FREE

Henniker Community School
Henniker Lions Gift Making Fair!
Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduation & Teacher Gifts.

Five creative Stations

- Printmaking & Painting – Cards & Wrapping
- Planting – Decorated pots & plants
- Woodworking – precut & freelance projects
- Cloth – T-Shirt repurpose
- Mixed Options – Free style Art Choices

*Brought to you by the Henniker Lions and the Lions Green Team. For more information please contact:
nhlionsgreenteam@gmail.com*

Saturday, April 13th from 10 - 4

Saint Anselm College

120+ Vendors and Crafters

Offering product demonstrations, free samples, discount coupons, and homemade goods

Dedicated Kids Zone

Sponsored by Village Jdloitz Party Rentals
* Additional charges will apply

Enjoy bounce houses, slides, glitter tattoos, face painting, games and more

Food Court

Meals, snacks, drinks, and desserts

Prizes

Door prizes, raffles, and a silent auction

And a visit from Fungo and a WZID Morning Host

Scan the QR code or go to
<https://goffstowncitizenscommittee.ticketspice.com/springfest>
for discounted ticket sales or vendor information

Brought to you by the Goffstown Citizens' Committee. Proudly supporting Goffstown Scouts BSA for over 100 years.

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

IDENTITY THEFT




Mastering Your Finances

Learn how to spot
online fraud and
protect your privacy.

Thurs, Apr 18 6:30 PM at the Weare Library

10 Paige Memorial Lane
603-529-2044
wearepubliclibrary.com

Modern Woodmen
FRATERNAL FINANCIAL



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.

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. April 24 at 7 p.m. We're reading "The Wager" by David Grann. Call us at 603-529-2044 to reserve your copy.

Now Hiring: Circulation Librarian (Part-Time)

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



Cookies for Linemen

Abby O'Shaughnessy from Girl Scout Troop 10932 of Weare collected donations from the neighborhood so she could give the linemen free cookies after the storm we had in late March.



Check out past issues of *Weare in the World*, our Business Issue (listing more than 75 local vendors!) and

more at www.weareintheworldnews.com

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

Wednesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

603-529-4263 / [facebook.com/hihsc.org](https://www.facebook.com/hihsc.org)

We've all been focused on the weather and hoping that spring will finally come to stay. We're always appreciative of the help and services we have. Weare Police Chief Moore reminded all of us, young and older, that the police are just a call away if anyone needs help, especially during these unpredictable storms (603-529-7755).

On to what's going on at **Hand in Hand Senior Center**. On **Wednesday, April 10 at 12:30 p.m.**, Kathleen Stuart from Americorp Senior Companion Program will talk about how people in the area who are homebound could benefit from visits, and also how to become a companion to those people. Join us as we all learn more about this program.

Wednesday, April 17 at 1 p.m., our own Gale Parent will begin a monthly eyeglass clinic. All are welcome to bring in eyeglasses to be adjusted, fixed and cleaned.

Movie afternoon features Matt Damon in "The Martian" on **Thursday, April 18 at 4 p.m.**. The story is about what happens during a manned mission to Mars when an astronaut is presumed dead after a fierce storm and left behind by his crew. His survival and the rescue mission tell the stories of incredible bravery and how the world comes together to root for the astronaut's safe return. Refreshments are always on hand to help enjoy the movie.

Chair Yoga continues **Mondays at 10:30 a.m.** And, don't forget we are offering a bit more advanced yoga on **Mondays at 11 a.m.** Drop in and check it out.

This is a call to everyone in the Weare community. If you have not filled out the transportation survey, please try to do so. We need everyone's voice. You can find hard copies and QR code cards at the Clerk's office, the library and the Senior Center or fill out directly on line: <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

April 10: French onion meatloaf, roasted broccoli and carrots, dilled cucumber salad

April 17: Memphis Philly sandwich, potato salad

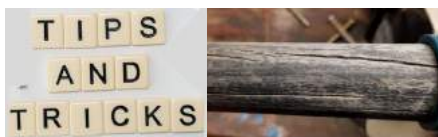
April 24: Red lentil soup, tuna melt sandwiches, fruit salad

Coffee, tea, and various desserts are also available.

WHAT'S IN
THE SHOP?



Let's put that nasty snowstorm behind us. Come in and see all our lovely spring décor and clothing. We've even put out shorts and t-shirts!



Of Blisters and Tool Handles

By Michael Collins

I have a few tools older than 100 years and many that are 40 to 50 years old. Several years ago, I was getting blisters from using my garden hoe. The handle had weathered and long cracks ran along the length of the handle; the blade was fine. I decided to improve the handle with electrical tape. This tape is very inexpensive, but I worried that it would not last a season. It is in fine shape three years later. I began wrapping all my old handles showing split or rough handles.



I assume that most of the longer handles will be worked and left in the weather with the blade down, so I start my tape at or near the head and work the tape to near the end of the handle. Rain is less likely to enter under the tape.

In the example in the photos, you can see that I overlap the tape about half the width of the tape. I keep tension on the tape as I wrap but do not stretch it. Be sure to use a blade to cut the tape from the roll when done wrapping and smooth the last inch of tape to the handle without touching the tacky side.



Lookin' for Love

By Cathy Bailey

If you'd like to adopt any of the pets pictured here, please complete an adoption application at <https://www.heartsandtails.org/adoption-application>



Meet TEDDY! He is a Pug/Boxer mix and is friendly, affectionate, gentle, smart and quiet. He is house-trained, his vaccinations are up to date and he has been neutered and microchipped. He is good in a home with other dogs, and children. He loves to go for walks and is very good on a leash. This gentle boy is longing for affection and will sit quietly, hoping for just a little bit of your time. He's just an all-around sweetheart. Teddy is about two years old and weighs just 35 pounds.



Meet SERENITY! She is a [Plott Hound/Labrador Retriever](#) mix. She is friendly, affectionate, gentle, playful, smart and quiet. She is house-trained, her vaccinations are up to date and she has been neutered and microchipped. She is good in a home with other dogs, cats and children. This sweet girl was found with her siblings, one of whom she misses terribly, and is hoping to find her forever home so that she can have her own family to love. Serenity is 10 months old and weighs 45 pounds. She has a wonderful temperament, and she's happy to spend time with humans, playing, learning new tricks and cuddling on the couch!



Meet PRECIOUS! She is a Terrier mix and is friendly, affectionate, gentle, playful, smart and quiet. She is house-trained, her vaccinations are up to date and she has been neutered and microchipped. She is good in a home with other dogs, and children. She is four years old, crate trained and weighs 37 pounds. Precious is ready to be the center of attention as your go-to couch companion, chew toy enthusiast and lap-loving snuggle bug. She loves humans but is also content with some down time in her crate.



Meet ARNOLD! He is a Plott Hound/Terrier mix and is friendly, affectionate, gentle, playful, smart, and quiet. He is house-trained, his vaccinations are up to date and he has been neutered and

microchipped. Arnold is a spicy and smart little guy and a LOT smaller than he looks in photos. He is a super people lover, high energy, loves sturdy chew toys and sits at rapt attention trying to figure out what you want from him. Because of the high energy, small children are not recommended. He would love to share a home with Precious if you have room for two as they are lifelong companions.

For more information on these and other dogs: <https://www.heartsandtails.org/petfinder-list/>



Looking for Something to Do?

Compiled by Sharon Czarnecki



AG Paintball

603-529-3524

www.agpaintball.com

Apr. 14 * 8-5 p.m. BYOP (Bring Your Own Paint)

Apr. 16 * Super Mario Scenario Game

Apr. 21 * Sonic the Hedgehog Scenario Game

Events are \$40/day; Registration required. See website.



56 Mt. Vernon St. Milford, NH
(603) 672-1002 x38

<https://amatocenter.org/>

Apr. 11 * 7 p.m. Alice in Wonderland

Riverbend Youth Company. Donations @ door



Capitol Center for the Arts

603-225-1111

www.ccanh.com

Chubb Theatre [44 S. Main St., Concord](#)

Apr. 11 * 7:30 p.m. Golden Girls (comedy)

Apr. 12 * 7 p.m. Buddy Guy (Renowned guitarist)

Apr. 13 * 3 p.m. Popovich Juggling & Pet Theatre

Apr. 15 * 7 p.m. Gile Series (US Army Field Band & Chorus)

& **Apr. 16*** 10 a.m.

Apr. 20 * 7 p.m. Gregorian: Pure Chants in Concert
(Merging pop/rock music with chorale in the style of medieval chants)

Apr. 21 * 7 p.m. David Sedaris (humor)

Bank of NH Stage [16 S. Main St., Concord](#)

Apr. 13 * 12:55 p.m. The Met: Roméo et Juliette
High Definition Video

Apr. 14 * 4 p.m. Capitol Tea Dance
(Open Dance floor)

Apr. 14 * 7 p.m. The Free Range Revue
(Celebrate diversity)

- Apr. 15** * 7 p.m. Julia Alvarez on Main
(Discussion with author)
- Apr. 18** * 7:30 p.m. Chris Smither with Cloudbelly
(Blues musician)
- Apr. 20** * 12:55 p.m. The Met: La Rondine (Opera)
High Definition Video
- Apr. 20** * 8 p.m. Dueling Pianos
- Apr. 21** * 12 p.m. The Rock and Roll Playhouse –
Music of The Beatles for Kids



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

www.theaudi.org

- Apr. 13** * 7:30 p.m. William Florian in Concert
(Minstrel sing-along) \$20@door/\$23 online
- Apr. 17** * 7:30 p.m. "Why Calvin Coolidge Matters Today"
(Documentary film & discussion)
- Apr. 18** * 6:45 p.m. Dr. Doug Tallamy Video
(Using natural local plants for landscaping)
Pre-registration online required
- Apr. 24** * 7:30 p.m. Shana Stack Band (modern country)
Apr 17 & 24 are both FREE due to Walker Lecture Series



150 Ash St. Manchester
603-669-6144

www.Currier.org

NOTE: Our library has discount passes!

- Apr. 13** * 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Slow Art Day
Free admission tours
- Apr. 13** * 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Art Activities Day
(Free for NH residents)
- Apr. 17 & 24** * 1- 1:30 p.m. "Art from Home"
(Virtual discussion of a piece in our collection)
- Apr. 22 – 26** * 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. School vacation camp
Register online

EXHIBITS

- Now-May 27** "Harper's Pictorial History of the Civil War"
Artists Kara Walker & Winslow Homer
- Now-June 23** Artist Raphael Barontini
20 pieces on exhibit
- Now-Oct 18** "Stories of the Sea"
Artists Van Gogh & Andrew Wyeth

Classes and Workshops: A plethora of classes explore and teach with considerable expertise. For children and adults. Registration required. See website. Cost range is \$150 to \$375 for non-members.



Fuller Public Library
29 School Street, Hillsborough
603-464-3595 www.fullerlibrary.info

- Apr. 11 & 18** * 1 p.m. Board games
- Apr. 23** * 6 p.m. Piano bar sing-along
- Apr. 15 & 22** * 2 p.m. Tech help



Hampshire Hills Athletic Club
50 Emerson Rd., Milford
603-673-7123 www.hampshirehills.com

- Apr 23** * 5 p.m. Taco Tuesday Pool Party
(Members only)



Henniker Brewing Co.
129 Centerville Road, Henniker
(603) 428-3579
www.hennikerbrewing.com

- Apr. 11, 18, & 25** * 6-9 p.m. Trivia Night
- Apr. 13** * 3-5 p.m. Brother Seamus (folk rock)
- Apr. 20** * 3-5 p.m. Cosmic Blossom Duo
(Progressive Soul)



Hillsboro Moose Lodge
15 School St., Hillsboro
603-464-6024

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

- Apr. 11, 18, & 25** * 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Zumba w/Lisa \$5
- Apr. 12, 19, & 16** * 6-7 p.m. Queen of Hearts Drawing
(Trivia & Dinner)
- Apr. 14** * 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Hands-on technology training
- Apr. 14 & 21** * 12:30 p.m. Cribbage
- Apr. 15 & 22** * 7-8 p.m. Line dancing \$5
- Apr. 21** * 8-11 a.m. Breakfast



Majestic Theatre
880 Page Street, Manchester
(603)669-7469
www.majestictheatre.net

- Apr. 12 & 13** * 7 p.m. Birthday Club (play/comedy)
Also **Apr. 13 & 14** * 2 p.m. (Tickets \$15-\$20 online)
- Apr. 23-26** * Vacation Workshops/Ages 5-7; 8-13; teens
Check website for details.



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

- Now-Apr. 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 / Atlantic Harbor Seals / Giant Ocean Tank / Indo-Pacific Coral Reef / Marine Mammal Center/ Olympic Coast Sanctuary / Penguin Colony / Sea Jellies / Science of the Sharks / Shark and Ray Touch Tank.

Now showing: "Arctic: Our Frozen Planet," " Incredible Predators, "Great White Shark," and "Blue Whales: Return of the Giants" and "Secrets of the Sea."
(Tickets required. See website.)



80 Hanover St.,
Manchester
603-668-5588

Main Stage – 80 Hanover St. Manchester

Apr. 11, 12, 14 * 7:30 p.m. Bob Marley (Comedian)
Apr. 13 * 5:30 & 8 p.m. Bob Marley (Comedian)
Apr. 19 & 20 * 7:30 p.m. Beautiful: The Carole King Musical
Apr. 20 & 21 * 2 p.m. Beautiful: The Carole King Musical
Apr. 24 * 7 p.m. Postcards from Heaven w/ Maureen Hancock (spirit medium)

Rex Theatre - 23 Amherst St., Manchester

Apr. 10 & 11 * 7 p.m. A Midsummer Night's Dream (Youth Theatre)
Apr. 12 * 7:30 p.m. Dueling Pianos (Live Music)
Apr. 13 * 7 p.m. Skynyrd's Hatchet (Music)
Apr. 14 * 2 p.m. The Love Dogs (Musical)
Apr. 17 * 6 p.m. Candlelight: Vivaldi's Four Seasons and More (Music)
Apr. 17 * 8:30 p.m. Candlelight:Tribute to Adele
Apr. 18 * 7:30 p.m. Patty Larkin and Robbie Fulks (Music)
Apr. 19 * 7:30 p.m. Rafi Gonzalez and Friends (Comedy)
Apr. 20 * 7:30 p.m. Tribute to Simon & Garfunkel



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

Apr. 13 * 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pavement Ends Gravel Bike Race. Registration:
www.bikereg.com/pavement-ends

Apr. 20 * 5-10 p.m. Childhood Cancer Lifeline Dinner & Auction. For tickets:
bit.ly/CCL-Dinner-Auction-2024



200 Bedford, St. Manchester
(603) 669-0400
www.see-sciencecenter.org
NOTE: Our library has discount passes!

Apr. 17 * 10 - 11 a.m. Storytime Science
Manchester City Library. Reg req.
2024 Summer Camp Registration NOW OPEN.
Visit website for more information.



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

Apr. 20 * 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Pruning Trees and Shrubs for beginners w/ Horticulturalist Emma Erler
Cost: \$25/member; \$30/non-member.

Currently registering for summer programs. See website. Also seeking **volunteers** 14-17 to serve as First Guides. Training is provided. More info here:
<https://www.nhnature.org/who/volunteer.php>



<https://beirutjen.wixsite.com/weareareawriters>
St. Anselm College, Sullivan Arena, Goffstown

Apr. 13 * 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Goffstown Spring Fest
(Local author book sales)
Also 120 vendors / kid zone / food court / raffles



White Birch Community Center
51 Hall Ave, Henniker
(603) 428-7860 www.whitebirchcc.org
\$ = donations accepted.

Apr. 11 & 18 * 8:45 a.m. Gentle Chair Yoga. \$
Apr. 11, 15, 18 & 22 * 10 a.m. Bone Builders
Apr. 12, 16, 19 & 23 * 9:30 a.m. Bone Builders
Apr. 12 & 19 * 1 p.m. Cribbage
Apr. 12 & 19 * 2 p.m. Forever Young Class. \$
Apr. 16 & 23 * 10:45 a.m. Gentle Chair Yoga. \$
Apr. 17 & 24 * 8:30 a.m. Tai Chi (strength & balance) \$
Apr. 17 & 24 * 1 PM Bridge

OUTINGS

Apr. 11 * 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Pickity Place Bus Trip to Mason, NH. Gardeners & Foodies Delight
Apr. 18 * 8:25 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Vermont State House Tour Bus Trip. Lunch at the Skinny Pancake



Asked and Answered: April Is National Poetry Month

Holdfast

The beach at morning light
swept clean
wind from the north,
sea-swells
flood tide sizzles
onto hard packed sand.
steep scarp storm-stripped
of mussel shells, wrack, pebbles

Just beyond the high tide swash
brick shards, boards, a single shoe,
a milk jug, faded rope
and this unlikely partnership—
prehistory from ancient cliffs.
One granite fragment rocked and tumbled
corners softened into curves, surface smoothed
until in time too short to measure
roots of kelp held it fast.

Together rocking with the tides
together shifting with the sea-floor sands
together hurled beyond the reach
of morning waves, half- dry
in the returning sun
the partnership endures.

Held fast the rock remains
its weight a force for young boy's play
seaweed swung above his head
let fly
toward the returning waves.

-Chris Hague

Spring Snow Storm

Snow, sleet, rain and wind,
Power outages galore
Caused by a spring storm.

-Marge Burke

On the Edge of My World

Life has a core of people and things
Regular, solid, to which we all cling.

But out on the edge, I depend on you too
Not every day, but you're part of my crew.

Thoughts of you bring a smile.
When we connect for awhile.

We have things that we do.
I expect them from you.

They aren't every day, but just on the edge.
You're important to me. That's what I allege.

I don't take you for granted.
Just want you to know.
And take that with you if ever you go.

-Sharon Czarnecki

Requiem: A Farewell to Five Friends

I don't know how old they are,
I've known them for almost
sixty years, stately, tall pine
trees standing in the grove,
they've lived through blizzards,
hurricanes, heat and cold,
their pine needles gone now,
chunks of bark, missing,
showing bare spots in
their trunks, it is time
to say good-bye to
these five friends,
other pines in the grove
pay homage to them,
dropping myriads of
cones at their base,
arborist arrives
with scissor lift, chipper,
saws and other tools,
watching is like seeing
a finely choreographed
dance, sections of trunks,
fly through the air, land
in the appointed place,
pulled by a special tool,
they slither through the
grove like a sneaky, snake,
to the awaiting chipper,
there are empty spaces
now in the pine grove,
farewell my five friends.

-Marge Burke

Overflowing

Small lake, banks overflowing,
sated after snow run offs,
water of darkest blue just
released from winter's coat of ice,
I shiver it looks so cold, yet
two brave souls launched their boats,
one a paddle boat powered
by feet, the other with a motor,
eager to be on the river,
even though open water
fishing season was weeks away,
they had been ice fishing all
winter, their bob house now perched
precariously on shore just
above the overflowing water line.

-Marge Burke

This years new verses for

"Green Grow the Lilacs"

(You younger readers can search up Johnny Cash or
Virginia Lee singing a song with that title.)

The buds on the lilacs are sparkling with ice,
This year it's happened not just once but twice.
By the end of April, I hope it proves true,
that the icy lilacs will be violet in hue.

We used to have crocus but now we have none.
Spring's gone and left us, soon as it's begun.
Dropping a heavy wet blanket on these flowers so new,
and the poor budding lilacs will be broken and blue.

-David Erickson

The Empty Mug

Clear glass mug is empty,
my mocha latte gone,
each day a new design
on the foamy top,
a coil, a leaf, a feather,
then a surprise is left
when the mug is empty,
foamy designs inside
ice crystals, lace curtains,
ocean white caps just let
your imagination
run wild, see something new
every day just like the
foamy top creations.

-Marge Burke



Tell Us About:

Siblings !

Did you know that April 10th is "Siblings Day" and
89% of us have a sibling?

Tell us about a fun or exciting time you have had
with yours or something you like or admire about
them.

Weare Business Corner

D&F Custom Embroidery Closing

By Diane Fortin

After over 28 years, I have decided to close my business. I am truly grateful for the trust and faith of my wonderful customers. I will be liquidating the remainder of my embroidered New Hampshire apparel and gifts. You can check out the website for online items in stock at www.dfembroidery.com or contact me at 603-582-1921 for an appointment.

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2024 Solar Eclipse

More than 150 people went to JSRHS on April 8 for the SAU 24 eclipse viewing party. This historic event, which is not scheduled to happen again in this area for decades, included free eclipse viewing glasses, a live feed of the eclipse from NASA, telescopes for viewing with SAU 24 science teachers and sun-themed snacks, like eclipse donuts, Capri Sun drinks and Starburst candy. Of course, there was the big event: the eclipse! According to a school release, the day was full of warm sunshine, music, laughter and a very real sense of community giving and sharing in SAU 24.



Eclipse watchers at a community viewing event at JSRHS (courtesy photo).

An eclipse veteran!



Allie Li, a first grader at CWES, and her dad.



JSRHS baseball team ready for action.



JSRHS science teacher Andrew Sheard assists with the telescope.



Asst. Superintendent Natasha Kolehmainen, JSRHS Principal Beth Dooly, science teachers Andrew Sheard and Elizabeth England, part of the planning team for the eclipse viewing event. Missing from photo: JSRHS science teacher Kevin Munroe, WMS math teacher Michael Costanzo, HCS science teacher Abigail Blais and instructional coach Phil Matzke.



JSRHS Athletic Director Rodney Brown and Athletic Trainer Jon Paven.

For more eclipse images, see page 12



Officer Chad Averill and Corporal Mike Muise take in the view.



The Czarnecki family and their snowman, "Eclipse Bob" (courtesy photo).



Friends viewing in Weare (Karen Lovett photo).



Why We Love Living in NH

An occasional column featuring readers' reverent observations of our natural surroundings

Why I Live in Weare

By Marge Burke

Weare is my home, my "belonging" place, where I am one with creation. It is the place where friends and neighbors check on me regularly, especially during spring snowstorms with power outages. They connect my generator, make frequent runs to fill the gas jugs, shovel and chip ice. I hope everyone is as lucky as I am with friends and neighbors who volunteer and don't wait to be asked to help out. This is one of the reasons I live in Weare. Thank you, my friends.

Mark Your Calendar

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

Thursday, April 11

- 7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Monday, April 15

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

Tuesday, April 16

- 6 p.m. – Weare School Board meeting
- 7 p.m. – Cable Committee meeting

Thursday, April 18

- 6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting

Friday, April 19

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

Monday, April 22

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

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