

# Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents March 13, 2024



Top of Mt. Hunger in Henniker (Terri Trier photo).

#### Transformation

Begun in darkness secret filaments in frozen earth awaken to transform nothing into something pushing toward the light

Silent, the remains of winter bones of past lives shrink in the careless thatch of grasses from a season long since dead, beaten down.

No sign of life, we say: we are wrong. Beneath the dirty tangle something small and green emerges, drawn by ancient energy toward widening sky; leaves, then stalk, then buds until, defiant of the lingering chill on dull hillsides bursts of gold surprise us, bob in wild exuberance in the wind their ruffled trumpets play the song of life renewed.

-Chris Hague

See page xx for more.



# Fossiano Wins Checklist Seat Budget and Contract Votes Split

By Tom Clow (REAL RESULTS TUESDAY)

It was a year with little interest in running for public office, with only one contested race on the town and school ballots combined. In that one race, Maria Fossiano defeated Kristen Lundeen for a six-year term as a supervisor of the checklist. The complete results of town and school voting, including warrant articles, are in the tables on page 2.

There were split decisions on operating budgets and labor contracts. The Town of Weare will have to again get by on a default budget, since the proposed operating budget was rejected by voters. Voters approved the Weare School District proposed budget but rejected the John Stark proposal.

Weare voters approved a three-year contract with the police union but rejected a two-year agreement with the Weare Education Association. The Weare teachers' contract was structured with emphasis on keeping present staff by offering higher increases to the more experienced teachers. A contract for support staff at John Stark was approved by Weare voters.

Articles 24 and 26 both dealt with the use of town-owned property on East Road. The results of voting on these articles are in the accompanying tables; however,

in all likelihood, legal opinion will prevail in the final decision as to how the property can be used.



"Talk" To Us Poetry Deadline: March 22 Weareintheworldnews @gmail.com

Town Voting Results			
Article	Description	Yes	No
2	Private road zoning change		
3	Development amendment		
4	RV amendment		
5	Abijah petition		
6	Operating budget		
7	Police contract		
8	Town employee raises		
9	Highway dept. wage adjustment		
10	Fire dept. wage adjustment		
11	Library staff position		
12	Police vehicle		
13	Public safety fund		
14	Cable access fund		
15	Building inspector position		
16	Highway equipment fund		
17	Bridge fund		
18	Road fund		
19	Roadside mower		
20	Transfer station caddy		
21	Landfill maintenance fund		
22	Cemetery funds		
23	Forester		
24	East Rd. conservation conveyance		
25	Term limit petition		
26	East Rd. recreation petition		
27	Land use change petition		

Town Voting Results Continued		
Selectmen	<i>Three-year term</i> Janice Mathews James Drury <i>One-year term</i> David Pratte	
Moderator	Jonathan Morton	
Supervisor of the Checklist	Kristen Lundeen Maria Fossiano	
Trustee of Trust Funds	Beverly C. Cotton	
Library Trustee	Joshua Hilliard	
Ethics Committee	Carl Warren Hallstrom	

# Weare School District Voting ResultsArticleDescriptionYesNo2School board salaries--4Operating budget--5Teacher contract--School<br/>BoardSarah Button<br/>Daniel Recupero--

JSRHS District Voting Results				
Article	Description	Yes	No	
2	School board salaries -Weare -Henniker			
3	<b>Operating budget</b> -Weare -Henniker			
School Board	Deborah Urbaitis -Weare -Henniker			
Moderator	Luther Drake -Weare -Henniker			

# School News



Center Woods Elementary School officially **named the school's eagle mascot Shadow** by a majority student vote. The winning name was submitted by second grade student Tony D'Oleo and was

one of eight names on the ballot. The process of naming the mascot began earlier this year as a reward in a 5-week initiative to promote 12 positive traits like kindness and responsibility. In all, eight students, two from each grade selected at random from the student population, were invited to submit their choice of name for the mascot for the school to vote on. In addition to the winning name of Shadow, the other names on the ballot were Allie, Eddie, Hallie, Mighty, Eagley, Eggsin and Lilac. *Above: D'Oleo with CWES Principal Jess Potter after it was announced his name choice of "Shadow" was the winner of the most votes in the school-wide election to give the school's eagle mascot a name (courtesy photo).* 

The **Hopkinton High School/John Stark Regional High School Robotics Team**, Oz-Ram 1922, competed in the New England FIRST Granite State District

Competition March 1-2 at Salem High School. Thirty-five teams from all around New England



showcased their competitive robot and battled for a win. Oz-Ram 1922 ranked seventh and captained the fourth-seed alliance in the final rounds. They finished in third place and won the coveted "Imagery Award," given to honor the dedication to art and illustration and devotion to FIRST. This award celebrates attractiveness engineering and outstanding visual aesthetic in integration of machine and team appearance. The team was recognized for their "Wizard of Oz" theme: spirited costumes, pit design, and robot aesthetic featuring signature yellow components. Courtesy photo: Team Oz-Ram 1922 L to R: Logan Kaynak, Julian Zanetti, Bourne Spooner, Brad Dickinson, Judah Vendt, Eli Sarasin, Sara Vargas, Teddy Ehrmanntraut and Owen Horne).

#### JSRHS Student Art



The **Best Buddies Chapter at JSRHS** was just awarded a pizza party by the Best Buddies organization for having registered the most walkers to date for the coming Best Buddies Friendship Walk on May 11 in Concord. The walk is held in locations across the



country on that date and is the leading event supporting inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The John Stark Chapter is made up of 48 students and nine adults who focus on one-to-one friendships with people with intellectual and

developmental disabilities. *Above: JSRHS Best Buddies Savanah McLaughlin and Megan Flaherty (courtesy photo).* 

# BOS Approves New Fee Schedule For Items at Transfer Station

#### By Tom Clow

At a public hearing held by the Weare Board of Selectmen on Feb. 26, Weare Department of Public Works Director Jason Fiske presented a new fee schedule for items disposed of at the transfer station. Fiske emphasized that the town only charges the amount that vendors charge to accept the items.

The disposal cost for most items either increased or stayed the same, with the exception being truck tires (22.5" to 26.5") which went down from \$65 to \$35. The cost for passenger tires (which includes pickups and motorcycle tires) increased from \$4 to \$5 each. Large tractor tires went from \$65 to \$85. There were also increases for the disposal of wood/siding, asphalt shingles/sheetrock, mattresses and box springs and overstuffed chairs and couches. One speaker at the hearing expressed a concern that the fee for all mattresses was the same regardless of size. Fiske said that's the way the town is charged.

The complete fee schedule, which took effect on Feb. 27, is available on the town website <u>www.wearenh.gov</u>.

#### **Building Inspector Position**

At the same meeting, board members had a lengthy discussion on the need to fill the building inspector position, with the likelihood that contractors will have longer wait times as the building industry picks up in the spring. An article on the town warrant called for making the position full-time, but board members are concerned that it could take as long as three months to fill the position even if the article passes.



# **Transportation Thoughts Needed**

If you or someone you know has difficulty finding transportation in Weare, you have the opportunity to share your experiences using our "Weare Transportation Needs Survey." Whether you, or someone you know, can't find a ride, or had difficulties finding rides in the past, we want your voice to be heard. To access the survey, please:

- Scan the QR code to the left, OR
- Click: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/62CFKKH</u>

The results of this survey will highlight the transportation needs of Weare residents and lead to possible solutions that address those needs. This survey was created through a collaborative effort between the Hand in Hand Senior Center, the Town of Weare, the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission and the Region 8 Mobility Manager. The survey will be open from **Feb. 28 to May 1.** 

Ben Herbert, the Region 8 Mobility Manager, will also be at the Hand-in-Hand Senior Center on **March 6 at 12 p.m.**, to talk more about the survey and to collect responses in-person. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Ben Herbert at 603-669-4664 or <u>bherbert@snhpc.org</u>.



### "Time Will Tell" Interest Meeting

The interest meeting will be <u>March 17 from 1-2 p.m.</u> in the SAWYER ROOM downstairs in the Weare Public Library. Be sure to attend whether you are interested in being cast in the play, want to work on the crew, want to help with fundraising or work on any part of the production. Lots of jobs in lots of areas to fill!



# **Chili Friday**

#### By Connie Evans

Sample all kinds of chili on **Friday, March 22 at the Old Town Hall from 4- 7 p.m.** Enjoy all types of chili: regular, vegan, vegetarian, spicy, medium or mild. Try them all and vote on one. Then, sit back with a bowl of your favorite with some cornbread or biscuits and top it all off with a bowl of cobbler. Water and cider provided. Adults \$10,



children (under 11) \$5, and children under 5 eat free. Maximum for a family is \$30. E-mail Connie Evans (<u>cke1@comcast.net</u>) if you want to enter the contest. You could win a \$50

gift card! Plus, anyone entering the contest with a crockpot of chili or a fruit cobbler will get in free! Raffle tickets will be sold for 3/\$10 You could win a \$199 air fryer toaster oven. Hosted by the Weare Democrats.



# **Scout News**

#### Troop 24

By Marsha Lanier Last month, Troop 24 had a visit from Selectman Salim



Blume. He is a former Life Scout and is dad to Henry, who is a Lion Scout. He was happy to join our troop meeting and discussed everything from what it means to be

a citizen and our rights, to how our town government works. Scouts were able to ask many questions about concerns they have in our community.

On another occasion, Scouts went night sledding and had a lot of fun together. We also enjoyed "Bowl til Midnight" as another special outing in February!

Next, we are participating in the annual Chuckwagon Campout at Camp Carpenter in Manchester on April 5. New members are always welcome. To join Troop 24, email to: <u>wearetroop24@gmail.com</u>

#### Pack 24 Cub Scouts

#### By Alyssa Small

On Mar. 10, Pack 24 Cub Scouts participated in the Pinewood Derby, racing their customized wooden cars on a track set up in the Weare Middle School Cafetorium. The Pinewood Derby has been a creative, competitive Scout tradition since 1953. Each Scout turns a wooden block into a race car by sawing, sanding, painting, and adding axles, wheels, weights, stickers, and other embellishments. Then they get to race their creations against their friends' cars! It's always a highly anticipated event. For more information on Cub Scouts, 24 Cubmaster Matt contact Pack Bieler at matthew.bieler.bsa@gmail.com.

#### Troop 529

By Marc Payeur On March 6, Spencer Jones went before the Massabesic District Eagle Board of Review and earned the rank of Eagle. Spencer built four benches for the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School's new outdoor pavilion.



#### 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.

**Storytime on the Road.** Visit to the maple syrup shack. March 20 at 10:30 a.m., 41 Tirrell Hill Rd, Goffstown. Join Ms. Karen and Ms. Sandy for stories, songs, and a tour of Nature's Sweet Sugar House. Maple products will be available for purchase.

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

<u>Read with the Ruff Readers</u>. Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m. Read with friendly dogs! Call us at 603-529-2044 to register.

Kids Graphic Novel Club. March 14 at 4 p.m. We're reading "Little Robot" by Ben Hatke. Call Ms. Karen at 603-529-2044 to reserve your copy.

#### For Adults:

**<u>Pinochle & Cribbage</u>**. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. Meet and play with other card game enthusiasts.

<u>Craft Group</u>. 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.

**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.

**Breath Training Basics.** March 28 at 6:30 p.m. With Breath Coach Cheryl Lundgren, learn how improving your breathing can enhance sleep and reduce stress. With some simple tips and techniques, incorporate breathing exercises into your routine and cultivate a deeper sense of calmness and well-being in your daily life.

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.



Now Hiring: Circulation Librarian (Part-Time): https://www.wearepubliclibrary.com/employment



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

There are so many things to say and share about Hand in Hand Senior Center and Thrift Shop that it's hard to know where to begin. I'll focus today on the kindness that permeates to and from those who walk through the doors. For those of us who volunteer, helping others gives us joy because we are giving the best of ourselves. It's addictive to help to make someone's day better. We find that small acts of kindness can go a long way to make a difference and bring a smile. There's an emotional and physical benefit to being kind or helpful. There are so many people, organizations and businesses that have spread their acts of kindness towards Hand in Hand and have made it possible for us to provide a place for healthy social interactions, physical and creative activities and lunches and a small food pantry.

Please mark your calendar and join us for an hour with Shaunna from the Granite Visiting Nurses Association for a program on *Better Balance, Better You* on Monday, March 18, at 10:30 a.m. It's free, it's informative, it's fun. Refreshments will be available.

The movie this month is "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World." The showing will be on Thursday, March 21 at 4 p.m. Popcorn, hotdogs, and cookies are always part of the experience.  $\bigcirc$ 

Please help us get as many Weare residents as possible of all ages to fill out the transportation needs survey. We need to find out if there is a need before trying to tackle a solution. Hard copies are available at the library and at the center, or scan the QR code (page xx), or https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/62CFKKH. The more people who fill out the survey the better understanding we have of the transportation needs in Weare.

Working together, we strive to make a better, more fulfilling, and kinder environment for all.



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 13: Corned beef and cabbage; homemade biscuits

March 20: Farmers pie and salad

March 27: TBA

**<u>April 3:</u>** Garlic brown sugar chicken, pasta salad and potato wedges.

Coffee, tea, and various desserts are also available.



Winter is ending and spring is around the corner, so we are bringing out lightweight and brightly colored clothing. Come on in and get in the spring mood.





# Better Balance, Better You



# FREE March 18, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Hand in Hand Senior Center 33 N. Stark Highway

Learn the importance of balance and how it affects our physical, emotional, and social well-being. Discover ways to incorporate balance training in your

daily routine. This program is offered at no charge. Masks optional. Registration NOT required.



# Weare Pink Ladies Group March Meeting

By Lorraine Westfahl

Our gathering in March will be a lunch at The Country Spirit Restaurant in Henniker (262 Maple St.) on **Tuesday**, **March 19 from 12-2 p.m.** This is a fun get-together for members of Weare Pink and Friends. **Please RSVP** To Lily at <u>lily4liberty@comcast.net</u> so we can make reservations.

# What a Crowd!

#### By Sharon Czarnecki

Wednesday lunches at the Hand in Hand Senior Center are the place to be! (I only saw six empty places). Not only do they serve you a wonderful homemade lunch, but they have speakers of interest as well.

For instance, on March 6, the speakers were from the Southern NH Planning Commission. Benjamin Herbert, their enthusiastic Mobility Manager, and Sylvia von Aulock, their earnest Executive Director, spoke to us about anticipating transportation needs in Weare as the population ages. Some possible solutions being considered are already in use in neighboring communities. They include: a town van for weekly shopping trips, local volunteer drivers and other creative options.

There are many concerns for our area seniors. If help is not available, they may feel they have no choice but to drive even when it seems unsafe to them. Or they may feel compelled to move away from the friends they have known for many years just to be near transportation.

Some of the questions raised concerned how drivers would be vetted for competence and vehicle safety. Who would pay for the system? Who would coordinate this? As it turns out, neighboring towns have already found workable solutions to these issues which we can adopt.

The big question is...*How big is the need*? For that, we need you and any other senior in town that you know, to fill out the survey. See item on page 4.



#### Hints & Tips Hints & Tips Separating Sweet from Niter By David Erikson

The sap ran early this year and now the nights are staying above freezing and I wonder whether the season is over. I only drilled in two taps this year and boiled it on my wood cookstove, which I have going anyway because it's been enough to keep the house comfortable for this generally warm winter. I end up with about a quart of syrup after boiling down four or five gallons of sap. Many readers will know that a brown layer of "sugar sand," or niter, will settle to the bottom of that jar. I have poured the hot sap through a felt filter in past years when I had more taps, but with just a quart of syrup every few days, I lose a cup or more saturating that filter!

I have tried out a simple solution for small-scale home syrup-makers like me. I just pour the clear syrup off the top, slowly enough to leave the niter at the bottom, and stop pouring when I see the brown sludge approaching the lip of my jar. At this point (March 7), I have four quarts of amber syrup and almost a pint of brown "sandy" stuff. I use the niter syrup when I make granola or baked goods and I'm not dead yet, though I'll leave it to you to research the health effects of the stuff. Perhaps it's a new miracle mineral health supplement I could sell for a big profit!

The smaller jar is filled with the maple sand. The open quart jar is syrup with the niter settled to the bottom. The three quarts behind are the fruits of my boiling and have almost no sediment. The stainless pot in back has the thermometer I use to determine when the sap has become syrup at 219 degrees.

#### Lookin' for Love By Cathy Bailey

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



Meet DAISY MAE! She is a Labrador Retriever and is friendly, affectionate, gentle, playful, smart and quiet. She is house-trained, her vaccinations are up to date and she has been spayed and microchipped. She is good in a home with other dogs, and children, but she would prefer a home without cats.

This precious girl is truly the epitome of good nature; she loves ALL people and gets along well with all the dogs she meets. She loves to play and cuddle. If you're looking for a dog with a perfect temperament, look no further! Daisy Mae is good on a leash and she loves to go for walks. She's crate trained, and incredibly quiet. She'll whimper when she needs to go out to potty, but she very rarely barks. She has a beautiful, shiny coat and sparkling eyes. She is a lot SMALLER than she appears in her photos. She's a very intelligent girl, and she's eager to please her human(s).

This precious baby was on death row in a high kill facility in South Carolina where her chances were slim. We decided that we couldn't let this sweet young girl lose her life, and we committed to getting her out of that terrible predicament. Daisy has arrived in New England and she's anxious to have her forever family come and whisk her away to a better life! Daisy Mae is 18 months old and weighs 42 pounds. For more:

https://www.heartsandtails.org/petfinder-list/



# Looking for Something to Do?

Compiled by Sharon Czarnecki



# **Capitol Center for the Arts** 603-225-1111

www.ccanh.com

Chubb Theatre 44 S. M	lain St., Concord
Mar. 16 * 8 p.m. Justin Mar. 16	McKinney (comedy)
Mar. 17 * 7 p.m. Kenny	Wayne Shepherd Band
(blues a	& rock)
Mar. 18 * 10 a.m. & 12 p.m.	Giraffes Can't Dance
	(for kids)
Mar. 22 * 7:30 p.m. Celtic V	Voman (singing)
Mar 23 * 7.30 n m Game (	Nor(turo)

#### Mar. 23 7:30 p.m. Game Over(ture) (music of video games) Mar. 27 \* 7 p.m. Sing & Swing (jazz)

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

Lauren Rainbow & Cindy Kaza
(mediums)
Muse Divas of Rock
Music of Johnny Cash
Waking Finnegan (Celtic rock)
Free Range Review
(celebrating diversity)
Mark Lettieri (guitar)
The Met Live - Romeo & Juliet
Rock Star Karaoke
Music of Phish for Kids & More
Sing-A-Long Piano Bar
Chris Bohjalian On Main
(author – discussion)



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

Mar. 13 \* 7:30 p.m. "Man on the Hill" (musical) Mar. 16 \* 7:30 p.m. Mia Massilev & Co. (music & dance). Tickets at the door \$20. Mar. 20 \* 7:30 p.m. Exotic and Tropical Asia (Travelogue) Free.

150 Ash St. Manchester CURRIER 603-669-6144 MUSEUM www.Currier.org ART **NOTE: Our library has discount passes!** Mar. 13, 20 & 27: "Art from Home" Free, registration required

Now - March 31: "Toward the New – a Journey into Abstraction" Now - May 27: "Harper's Pictorial History of the Civil War" Artists Kara Walker and Winslow Homer Now - June 23: "I Live a Journey of a Thousand Years" Artist Raphael Barontini Now - October: "Stories of the Sea" Artists Vincent Van Gogh and Andrew Wyeth March 4 – "Yoga and Art" Classes and Workshops 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 Mar. 14 \* 6 p.m. "Queen Bees" (Topic: female blues singers) Mar. 18 & 24 \* 2-4 p.m. Tech help Mar. 23 \* 10-11 a.m. Seed starting Hampshire Hills Athletic Club 50 Emerson Rd., Milford 603-673-7123 Hampshire Hills ATHLETIC CLUI www.hampshirehills.com

Mar. 13 - Apr. 27 11-12:15 p.m. Yoga (register at desk) Non-members \$250

Mar. 14 \* 6-9 p.m. CPR Certification **Registration required** \$100 for non-members



129 Centervale Road, Henniker (603) 428-3579 www.hennikerbrewing.com

Mar. 13, 20 and 27 \*6-9 p.m. Trivia night



15 School St., Hillsborough 603-464-6024

#### https://www.facebook.com/hillsboro.mooselodge/

Mar. 15 & 28 \* 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. **Mar. 16 \*** 5 to 11 p.m. Mar. 17 \* 8-11 a.m. Mar. 18 & 25 \* 7-8 p.m. Mar. 24 \* 12:30 p.m.

Zumba Classes \$5 St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance Breakfast (seniors half price) Line dancing Cribbage



880 Page Street, Manchester 603-669-7469 www.majestictheatre.net

Derry Opera House 29 W. Broadway, Derry Mar. 22 & 23 7 p.m. "Anastasia the Musical" Mar. 23 & 24 2 p.m. "Anastasia the Musical" June & July Summer camp. Ages 5- 14. (Scholarships Available)



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

Open Wed. – Sun. 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Eclipse glasses now on sale \$2.50 (\$3.50 shipped)



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

#### NOTE: Our library has discount passes!

**Now showing** at Simons Theater – "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.*)



#### New Hampshire Department of Natural & Cultural Resources

Fox State Forest309 Center Road, HillsboroCottrell-Baldwin Lecture Series

Mar. 19 * 7-8 p.m.	The Forgotten Forest Primeval
	(Film & lecture)
Mar. 26 * 7-8 p.m.	Remember Winter?
	(Film & lecture)
Mar. 27 * 7-8 p.m.	Monadnock Herb Society
	Local medicinal & pollinator plants

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#### Main Stage – 80 Hanover St. Manchester

Mar. 13 and 14 \* 7 p.m. Finding Nemo Jr. (Youth theatre)
Mar. 15 and 24 \* 7:30 p.m. The Prom (musical)
Mar. 15 \* 7:30 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Annie (Youth theatre)
Mar. 24 \* 10 a.m. Palace Academy Dance Showcase

Rex Theatre - 23 Amherst St., Manchester

Mar. 15 \* 7:30 p.m. St. Patrick's Day with The Spain Brothers (music)
Mar. 16 \* 7:30 p.m. Divas with a Twist (music)
Mar. 19 & 20 \* 7 p.m. We Will Rock You (youth theatre)
Mar. 21 \* 7:30 p.m. Altan (music)
Mar. 22 \* 7:30 p.m. New York City Comedy Night
Mar. 23 \* 7:30 p.m. Les Misérables (Youth theatre)



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

#### Mar. 16 \* 1 - 2 p.m. Pond Skim

(A ski contest that involves dressing up in a costume – the more outlandish, the better – and attempting to ski across a relatively small, freezing pool of water.)



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

passes!! See next issue for eclipse plans.



23 Science Center Road Holderness, NH 603-968-7194

<u>www.nhnature.org</u>

NOTE: Our library has discount passes!

Mar. 16 \* 10 a.m. Wild Winter Walk



# Art of the Barista

I order a mocha latte, a favorite drink of mine when at the café writing, skim milk, dark roast, aroma of grinding beans fills the air, pleasant, intoxicating, it comes to me in a glass mug with sturdy base and handle, steam rising above the mug's rim, aha, frothy, feathery design swirled atop the chocolaty liquid below, perfection to behold, fine art at the hands of the barista. *-Marge Burke* 



# Asked and Answered: First Signs of Spring

#### **First Signs of Spring**

Tiny frogs hopping across the road amongst the rain Early buds bursting with promise on rhododendrons Tips of branches with tiny green shoots. If you but look, it is everywhere. -Sue Canella

#### Welcome Spring

Lo, the winter is past, all eighty-nine days, seven minutes, welcome spring, it has sprung, sun rises higher, warming the atmosphere, light lasts longer each day, stirring begins beneath the earth, bulbs eager to break forth, bringing color of rebirth. -Marge Burke



#### **Mud Season**

#### March

snow higher than the woodpile wet squish of fresh-sawn mudboards on the walk, rutted roads we dare not trust, gurgling runoff under crusty melt-and-freeze. Not winter, not quite spring. The last late snow Falls in torn paper flakes Bending the hemlocks.

We are restless with earth's schedule. Waiting is an art lost after gasoline engines and rural electrification. -Chris Hague



#### Tell Us About:

Poetry !

April is National Poetry Month. We here at Weare in the World are certain our town is just full of poets. So let's fill the paper with your poems for the whole month of April!

Either send us a poem you have written yourself, or send us a favorite poem written by a family member (with permission, of course).

If you do not write poetry yourself, send us a stanza from your favorite poem with the author's name.



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



"Dominating Tree" (Kasey Czarnecki photo)

"On a Country Road in Hopkinton" ( Joe Czarnecki photo).





Editor – Karen Lovett Assistant Editor – Alyssa Small Town News – Tom Clow School News – Marge Burke Community Outreach – Sharon Czarnecki

# **Mark Your Calendar**

#### Wednesday, March 13

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

#### Thursday, March 14 7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Friday, March 15 11 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

Monday, March 18 6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen meeting

**Tuesday, March 19** 7 p.m. – Cable Committee meeting

Wednesday, March 20 7 p.m. – Parks and Recreation meeting

Thursday, March 21 6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting

Saturday, March 23 9 a.m. – Weare Republicans meeting

Monday, March 25 6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen meeting

Tuesday, March 26 6 p.m. - Weare School Board meeting



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