Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

August 12, 2026

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Heleen Kurk Honored by Rotary Club of Goffstown

The Rotary Club of Goffstown is proud to announce that Heleen Kurk of Weare has been named the Richard C. Hopf Citizen of the Year for 2025-2026. According to Rotary President, Robbie Grady, "Each year the club's members nominate, and after deliberations, select the person they feel most exemplifies Rotary International's philosophy of Service Above Self, and Heleen certainly meets that criteria. Heleen's work on the Hand in Hand Senior Center, the expanded transportation plan, and the Weare Garden Club, among other projects, were cited by the club's members as reasons why she was worthy of this honor. True to form, Heleen recognized the work of all the volunteers in the community who make things happen as she thanked the club for the honor.

At a ceremony held during one of the club's meetings, Heleen received the honor as well as a donation from the club to the Hand in Hand Senior Center. The award is named after one of the founders of the club, the late Rich Hopf. Club members remembered Rich for his generosity and enthusiasm for building a strong organization as well as strong communities. "Even though our name says Goffstown Rotary, we cover Weare and New Boston as well," Robbie explained. The club also donates an annual scholarship to a Weare graduate from John Stark Regional High School and partners with the Garden Club to provide and fill flower barrels with seasonal plantings in the town center.

The Rotary Club is open to all people who would like to work with a group of dedicated citizens to improve their communities. For more information, visit www.goffstownrotary.org

Town Clerk News

By Pamela J Moul – Town Clerk

CLOSED: The Town Clerk's office will be closed from August 10th through the 14th due to training.

RENEWALS: Online & mailed renewals - as well as renewals dropped in our mailbox on the front of the building - **will still be processed** during the week. If you leave a renewal in the drop-box, **please include a self-addressed,** stamped envelope so the registration and decals can be mailed back to you. Otherwise, they will be held in the office to be picked up the following week.

URGENT RENEWALS: If you have a new or transfer registration to complete **that cannot wait** until the Weare Town clerk reopens on August 17th, these transactions **ONLY** may be processed at the Henniker Town Clerk. This is for emergency situations where a temporary plate will expire during this week.

The Henniker Town Clerk's office is located at 18 Depot Hill Rd #2, 603-428-3240. The office hours are Monday 8:00-4:00, Tuesday 10:00-6:00, Wednesday 8:00-4:00, Friday 8:00-4:00. They are closed on Thursday.

Before beginning the transaction, inform the clerk that you are a Weare resident. *When the Weare town clerk's office is open,* renewals must be completed in Weare, or online.

Many Hands Are Needed

By Ellie Chapman – Member Philbrick-Clement Post 65, Weare NH

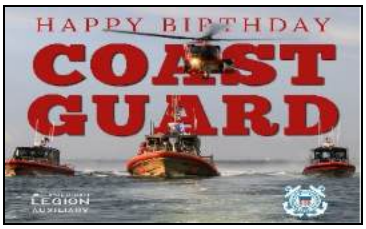
Summer is winding down faster than most of us would like. This month, the Auxiliary will begin planning our next community donation of backpacks for our local students. This is a long standing and much appreciated donation.

We continue to welcome new members to the Auxiliary as it can take many hands to keep our regular events going. How can you become a member? You qualify if you are a grandmother, mother, sister, or spouse, and direct or adopted female dependent of the men and women who served in either of the following periods: Apr. 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 and any time after Dec. 7, 1941 on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States.

In 2019, at the American Legion Auxiliary Convention, it was voted to change a part of the eligibility requirement wording from 'wife' to 'spouse'. This has since allowed the husbands of service women to join our organization to show support for their military wives, and increased diversity in our organization.

Let's not forget our junior members. As a junior member, newborn through age 17, you are welcome to participate in meetings and help with many of the Auxiliary's activities through the year. We offer junior members of age opportunities for scholarships and participation in 'Girls State', which is a weeklong leadership and citizenship program. For more details on these memberships, you can go to www.ALAforVeterans.org and fill out a membership form online.

A reminder that we are collecting much needed hygiene and clothing items for the residents of the Tilton Veterans Home. You can view the complete list at https://bit.ly/4aH9ZVf Go to donate/volunteer heading or their Amazon wish list. We also have bins in the Legion entrance for you to drop off donations during the weekly Legion Breakfasts on Sundays from **8:00am – 11:00am**.



The United States Coast Guard was formed on August 4, 1790 when then Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton ordered 6 cutters for the initial fleet. Duties of this branch of the service include: Search and rescue, port security, marine environmental protection, and drug interdiction.

Thank you to all who serve in this capacity.

Free Energy Audits for NH Businesses

Clean Energy NH is helping eligible agricultural producers, small businesses, and co-ops in rural NH gain free Level II energy audits this month. You'll get an on-site visit and a full report on energy use, upgrade recommendations, savings, and payback. Click here to learn more about this opportunity.

This is a limited-time opportunity and requires audits to be **completed and finalized before September 30th.** Spots are limited, so reach out and contact Gabe Chelius (gabriel@cleanenergynh.org) today to get started as soon as possible.

WHO DONE IT?

By Sharon Czarnecki

One of our readers has sent a picture asking for help. She was out walking her dog and they found this nest by the side of the road. But she has never seen anything like it before. Does anyone know what kind of bird (or other critter) has made this nest? She reports that they have turkey and Canada geese as well as mallard ducks in the area. If you know the answer, please send an email to me at czar5@comcast.net.

Volunteers Needed!

The Crafts/ Photography/ Woodworking and the Baking/Canning departments at the Hillsboro County Fair need volunteers to "sit and watch and talk to the public" for two hours. For your volunteer service, you will get a free pass to the fair for the day.

The fair is on **Friday, Sept. 11, Saturday, Sept. 12, and Sunday, Sept. 13**. Friday night features the bands, and Saturday night the fireworks.

We would certainly welcome high school students to help out for two hours!

Please contact Ronda Gregg at 603-529-2630 or rgregg456@comcast.net.

GraniteCon XXXIII

IPMS/Granite State Modelers

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Greetings prospective vendors! This year's show will once again be held at the Weare Middle School, 16 East Rd, Weare, NH 03281

There is no limit to the number of tables you can reserve. Please specify a wall or island location, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

The cost is $35.00 per table. No price Increase! No tables can be guaranteed until payment is received.

*DUE TO ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS VENUE **YOU MUST** RESERVE WITH PAPER PAYMENT AND PAPER RETURNED FORM. NO EMAIL REPLIES OR TEXTS*

Please make checks payable to Granite State Modelers! Please return your payment along with your completed vendor form to the address below. Contact me if you have any questions. We hope to see you in October!

John Rauscher / Vendor Coordinator
email: jvr@gsinet.net phone: 603-529-5644

IPMS/Granite State Modelers/ GraniteCon XXXIII 2026 Vendor Initial Interest/Reservation Form

DATE :_____
Business Name: _____
Proprietor's Name:_____
Address:_____
City, State & Zip :_____
Phone:_____
Email:_____
Number of tables*:_____ X $35.00 Table = $_____
Location Req.: Wall ___ Island___Doesn't Matter___

You must submit the information requested above & the full amount due to be considered reserved!

* If you would like to rent more than three tables, please call me before sending payment as space is limited and we'd like to have as large a selection of vendors as possible while still meeting your merchandising requirements.

Please mail your reservation to: **John Rauscher**
273 N. Stark Hwy, Weare, NH 03281

WEARE ATHLETIC CLUB HAPPENINGS

Celebrating a Successful Spring Sports Season

Spring sports have officially come to a close, and the Weare Athletic Club would like to thank all our coaches, volunteers, families, and supporters for helping make this another successful season!

Our athletes worked hard, developed their skills, supported their teammates, and, most importantly, had a lot of fun. Congratulations to all our players and coaches!

BASEBALL SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

Our WAC baseball teams had an outstanding season, earning one championship and two second-place finishes!

- **ROOKIES DIVISION**
  WAC Rookies – First-Place Champions
- **MINORS DIVISION**
  WAC Hagman – Second Place
- **MAJORS DIVISION**
  WAC Smith – Second Place

Congratulations to all our baseball players and coaches on a fantastic season!

SOFTBALL SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

Our softball teams also had a successful season, with two teams advancing to the semifinals and one team earning a league championship!

- **8U SOFTBALL**
  Advanced to the Semifinals
- **10U RED SOFTBALL**
  Advanced to the Semifinals
- **12U SOFTBALL**
  League Champions – First Place

Congratulations to all our softball players and coaches on their hard work and accomplishments!

LACROSSE SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

Our lacrosse teams had a season filled with growth, teamwork, and several exciting accomplishments.

BOYS' DIVISION

- **8U:** Finished 5–3
- **10U:** Finished 6–2
- **12U:** Finished 4–4
- **14U:** Finished undefeated at 8–0!

A special congratulations to our 14U boys on their outstanding undefeated season!

GIRLS' DIVISION

Many of our girls' teams welcomed players who were new to lacrosse this year. We are proud of their hard work, continued development, and dedication throughout the season.

- **8U:** Finished 1–7
- **10U:** Finished 3–5
- **12U:** Finished 5–3, showing tremendous improvement from last season!
- **14U:** Finished 0–8 after facing challenges with player availability throughout the season

All our lacrosse teams attended the end-of-season festival. Results were not formally tracked, as the festival is intended to be a fun and positive way for players to celebrate the season together.

Congratulations to all our lacrosse players and coaches!

WEARE ATHLETIC CLUB HAPPENINGS

Celebrating a Successful Spring Sports Season

FIELD CLEANUP DAY

At the beginning of the season, WAC hosted a field cleanup day to prepare our facilities for spring sports.

Volunteers helped:

- Spread new infield mix
- Clean and rake the fields
- Repair and reset bases
- Pick up trash and debris

Thank you to everyone who came out to lend a hand!

We would also like to extend a very special thank-you to Eastpoint Equipment Rentals for generously donating equipment and manpower to help spread the new infield mix. Your support made a tremendous difference!

WAC would also like to thank Weare Parks and Recreation for its continued partnership and support of our programs and facilities.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Weare Athletic Club is pleased to welcome the following new board members:

- **Colleen Kosowicz** – Softball Director
- **Kyle Mason** – Soccer Director
- **William Riley** – Baseball Director
- **Bryan Stockhaus** – TBall Director
- **Amanda Simpson** – Team Fundraising Director
- **Jenn Babicz** – Safety Director

Thank you for volunteering your time and talents to support our athletes, families, and programs!

THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING DIRECTORS

WAC would also like to recognize and thank our outgoing directors for their hard work, dedication, and service:

- Sean McKillop
- Jess Fuller
- Miranda Anderson
- Jillian Arsenault

Thank You!

Your contributions have made a lasting impact on our organization and the families we serve. We sincerely appreciate everything you have done for the Weare Athletic Club.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Weare Athletic Club is a volunteer-run organization. Our officers, board members, coaches, and volunteers generously dedicate their time to creating positive opportunities and enriching experiences for the children and families in our community.

Every practice, game, fundraiser, field cleanup, event, and successful season is made possible because of your commitment and support.

To all our coaches, officers, board members, parents, and volunteers—thank you for everything you do for WAC!

Area Band Concerts

Deering

763 Deering Center Rd. **at 6.30 p.m.**

Aug 29: Jazz Sanctuary House Band

Email: dccnhadmin@gmail.com

Henniker

57 Main St. (If rain, we will use the community center) **at 6:00 pm**

Aug 18: Waking Finnegan – Celtic Rock
Aug 25: Studio Two – Early Beatles
Sep 1: Nick's Other Band – Party Band

www.facebook.com/hennikerconcert

Hopkinton **at 7:00 p.m.**

Done for the Season

Milford

6 Mount Vernon St. (If rain, concerts are held at the town hall **at 7:00 p.m.**

Aug 12: True Diamond – Neil Diamond Songs
Aug 19: The Party Crashers - R&B Soul Classic Pop
Aug 29: Studio Two – Early Beatles

New Boston

2–6 River Rd. **at 6:00 p.m.**

Aug 19: Endless Skies Band – Sing-A-Longs

To Learn More: Contact NH Lions Green Team
207-596-3073 or NHLionsGreenTeam@gmail.com
www.windowdressers.org

First come/first served – cut off 225 inserts. Beyond that, there will be a wait list for next year. To keep our costs low and build community, all participants will also volunteer; training will be provided, and all abilities are welcome. This project helps people stay warmer, save money, build community, and protect the environment by reducing fuel usage! We are taking orders now!!

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Weare Public Library

SUMMER READING IS ON: Read for Prizes!

Kids & Teens: Log the minutes you read (along with other activities), and turn them in for prizes! Pick up your logs and event guides at the library or at https://bit.ly/wearesummer2026. Finish a row from your log and bring it to the library for a prize (books, bags, gift cards, and more). You'll also get an entry into our Grand Prize Drawing: A New Bike!

Adults: Each time you return your books, you get an entry for weekly prize drawings.

Deadline for Prizes: **August 22**.

Thank you to our Summer Reading Sponsors: ACE Goffstown, Country Three Corners, Dimitri's, Dunkin', Ilsley's Ice Cream, Masons Harmony Lodge #38F & AMs, Putnam's and Sawyers Restaurant, Sully's Superette, The Sweet Spot, Zoomies, and the Friends of the Weare Library!

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
• 2-4 p.m.: Cards! (adults). Meet and play pinochle or cribbage with other card game enthusiasts.

WEDNESDAYS
• 10:00 a.m.: Stories & Singalongs (starting Aug 12) (kids) What's the best way to learn? Through song, of course! Join Children's Librarian Will for delightful stories and lively sing-alongs.

THURSDAYS
• 2:30-3.30 p.m. Lego Club (Aug 13 – Aug 27) (kids). Drop in and build it your way with self-directed fun! You and your fellow builders decide what to create and how to build it. Make awesome creations and new friends!

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

• Aug 18 at Noon (adults). **Senior Book Group at Hand in Hand:** We're reading and discussing the epic historical fiction novel "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee. Pick up your copy at the Senior Center.
• Aug 19 at 2:00 p.m. (all ages). **Squishy Share & Swap**. Get squishy with it! Make your own, swap with fellow fans, and chat with other squishy lovers at the library! Enjoy squishy snacks and fun books to read or check out. Space is limited. Call the library to register.
• Aug 20 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 Marusarz.
• Aug 27 at 7:00 (adults). **Book Group**: The Lion Women of Tehran: We're reading and discussing historical fiction by Marjan Kamal. Call the library to reserve your copy.

For programs that require registration, call 603-529-2044.

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, Fri, Sat, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
603-529-4263/ www.facebook.com/hihsc.org

Granite State Plumbing and Heating employees, Justin Dobens, Eric Carroll, and Cam Desilets. All photos by Heleen Kurk

The gift that will keep on giving! Thanks to Ken Duchesne, President/CEO of Granite State Plumbing and Heating, Hand in Hand Senior Center will have a new heating system and ADA bathrooms in its future building. Alan Poitras, project manager, worked out the plan for the project, and Field Supervisor Justin Dobens and his team, Eric Carroll and Cam Desilets, installed the furnace and prepared the plumbing. Once the bathrooms are ready for fixtures they'll come back again. Thanks to this gold star company!

Cam DeSilets, Justin Dobens, and Eric Carroll, posing by the Granite State Plumbing and Heating truck

Mike Pellitier, owner of Tech-Built Inc., is the volunteer project manager, working with volunteers Greg Walthers, Joe McCarron, and Parker Brown. They have been busy framing, adding supporting beams and preparing to put up fire walls. Their sweat, talent and hard work are making it possible for us to move forward. Thank you!

So, you see that things are progressing, but it is taking more time than estimated. We have had to push back when we hope to move into this new space. There are a lot of fire safety requirements to meet. **And we could use more volunteers to help in just about any capacity**. For example, the Thrift Shop floor needs work laying carpet or vinyl tiles, and we need someone who is experienced with putting up drywall. If you can help or know someone else who can, please contact us (hkurk@hihsc.org). We can use your skills!

Volunteers Greg Walthers and Parker Brown

Reminder: the Thrift Shop will be ending its **50%-off sale** in the middle of this month. Then it's back to good quality things at bargain prices.

Today's quote for each of us. "Be so happy that, when other people look at you, they become happy too." —Anonymous

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)

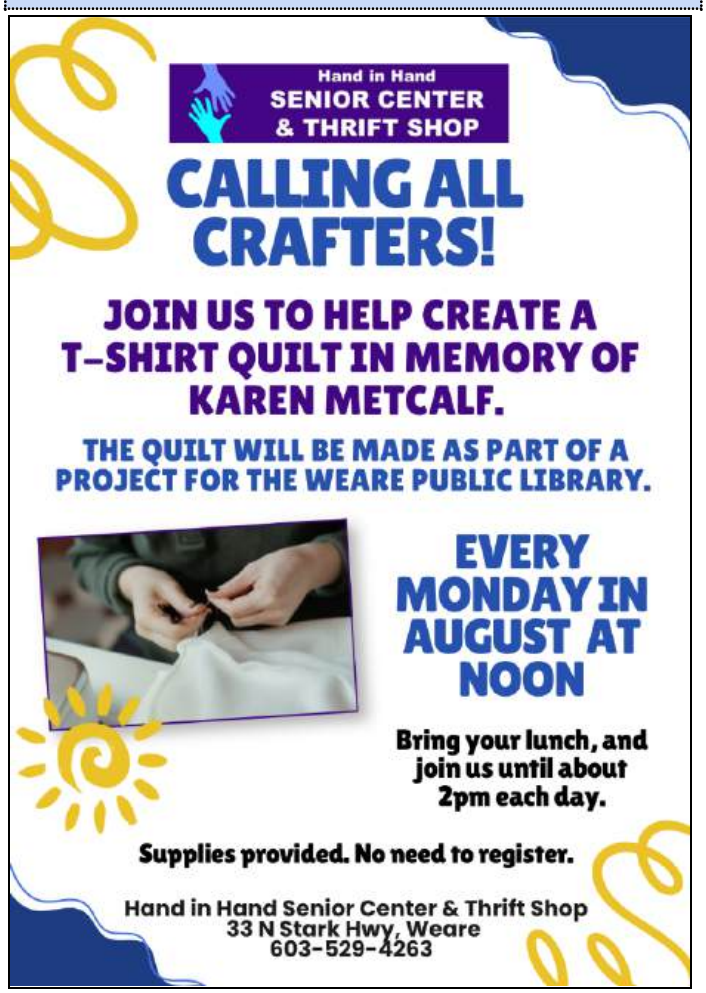
August 12: Italian sliders, pasta salad

August 19: Pilgrim roll ups (turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce in a wrap) with gravy dip

August 26: French toast, sausage, fruit

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.



Dogs on Vacation

By Sharon Czarnecki

Turns out, Weare NH is a dog-gone good place to take a "staycation".

Elvin Gilman is having a very good time inspecting the foot pedal on the sewing machine, swimming in the pool on the hottest days, and practicing his life-guard duties. He especially loves being in the pool with his best friend (a granddaughter) shown below.

Photos by Elvin's "Mom" Rosemarie Gilman.

What is *your* dog doing for fun? Send us a picture.

The Weare Area Writers Guild

By Sharon Czarnecki

WHAT'S IT ABOUT? Kingman Steeves was born and raised on a family ranch in Western Montana riding horses, shoveling manure and helping his father repair old worn-out machinery. He grew up to become one of the world's most recognized and admired writers of horror stories. Now middle aged, he decides to give back to the craft that made him rich and famous by establishing a writer's colony on a remote and isolated island...with one caveat...it has to be haunted. Release date 8-27-26 available for pre-by on Amazon.

REVIEW: Watch for one in a future issue.

REVIEW: by Sharon Czarnecki

Quick read. I like the science behind it. The author provides detail to explain the basics we now take for granted and reminds us of how we got from primitive to here. Reminds us to be humble. My favorite part of both books in the series is asking myself the question, "Would I be a survivor?"

WHAT'S IT ABOUT? A malfunctioning alien-dimensional weapons test on a faraway planet had a horrible side effect. Thousands of planets had sections that had been swapped at random. Scott Walker and Sara Jones suddenly find themselves on a new planet. It's not Earth, and they are not alone.

They encounter other stragglers from different species, a 2-armed, 6-legged centaur-like race. After a rocky start, the stragglers join forces.

Not all the creatures on this scattered world are peaceful, and some are very hungry. There are dinosaurs of various sizes, as well as massive wolves.

For more information, please join us on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month at the Senior Center, 33 North Stark Highway, Weare or visit our website. at:
www.bit.ly/weareareawriters or
FaceBook – weareareawritersgroup
Or email at czar5@comcast.net

Poetry Corner

The Kindness of Strangers

It happens more often these days,
perfect strangers offering me
some help, they ask first, they don't just
assume I need help, I like that,

a hand when navigating stairs,
eighteen steps down, she lent her hand,
I appreciated her kindness,
a hand and a rail made the trip
less ominous, she said, "no problem"
when I thanked her, I wonder how
many times a day she does that,
her office is in the building,

a biker man with white hair like
mine noticed the three bags of corn I
just purchased, a dozen in each bag,
he asked if he could help carry them to

my car, I accepted his offer thinking
he might take one bag in each hand
leaving me to take the third bag,
but no, he took all three in one hand,
we chatted about the proper way
to freeze corn, both of us learned
how from the farmer at this stand,
then he asked if there was anything
else he could help me with, jokingly
I said unload the car when I get home,
he smiled when I said "thank you"
as if he did this every day,
probably he does, he seemed
like that kind of person, paying
attention to the world around him,

paying attention, asking first,
not assuming, honoring the
dignity of the other person,
the world needs more kindness
from everyone, not just strangers.

- Marjorie Burke

The Gleaning

Fields have been transformed
from growing grass to
height just right for haying,
before Queen Anne's lace
form lacey flowers,
cutting machines come,
rows of furrows now
neatly lined up to dry
troughs like fluffy piles
tempting jumping in,
balers next to come,
rolls and rolls of baled
hay dot the fields, soon
to be carried off
to winter storage
meanwhile fields alive
hungry crows, dozens
of them pecking for
gleanings of hay specks,
then fields start again
growing second crop
of grass into hay,
if lucky maybe
a third crop but no
Queen Anne's lace flowers.

- Marjorie Burke

Kindness of Strangers Too

By Sharon Czarnecki

Thank you Marge for sharing some uplifting moments. Kindness does seem to flourish in our little corner of the world.

At Sullys loading groceries into the car… a sudden cloudburst… a man jumps from his truck next to me and says, "Quick get in the car! I've got this." Just like that.. groceries loaded, carriage returned to the store, and a smile bestowed as well.

If something random and nice like that has happened to you, send me a note and we will start to recognize the "kindness of strangers" on a regular basis.

Church Corner

Weare Bible Baptist Church

82 N. Stark Hwy. Weare, NH

WORSHIP: **SUNDAYS 11 a.m.**
Changing lives one verse at a time.
Sunday School at **10 a.m**.
Fellowship Service **12:30 p.m.**
Wednesday prayer meeting **7:00 p.m.**
Live streaming on YouTube @wearebiblebaptist for most services

TEEN GROUP: End of summer party **August 29**. Cook-out, water activities and more. Contact us for more information.

GAME NIGHT: Young adults (college to age 30) **September 4 from 7-10 p.m.**. A good time to meet others and have a lot of fun.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Thank you to all the parents who shared their children with us this week! We had so much fun between lessons, with crafts and outside games.

For more information contact us: (603) 212-1600
email: office@wearebiblebaptist.com
Website: wearebiblebaptist.com

Mark Your Calendar

Wed., August 12
10 a.m. – Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting
7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting

Thurs., August 13
7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Sat., August 15
9 a.m. – Weare Republicans meeting

Tues., August 18
3:45 p.m. – Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting
7 p.m. – Parks & Recreation Commission meeting

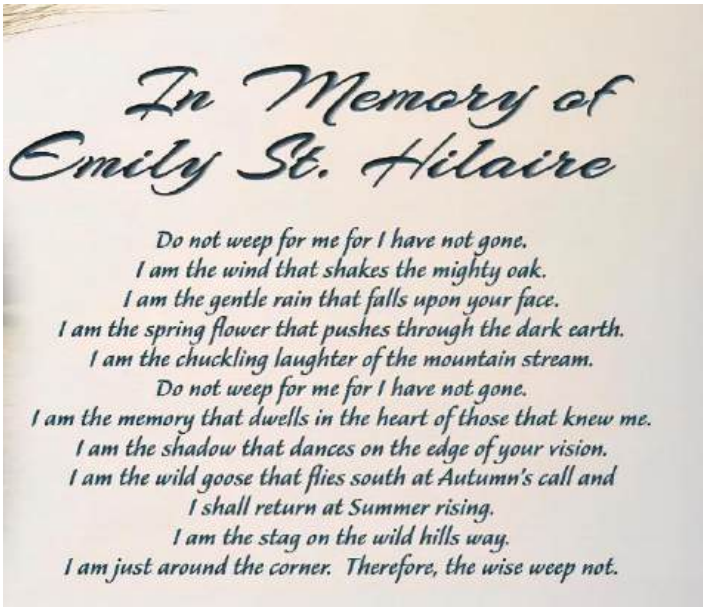
Wed., August 19
7 p.m. – Energy Commission meeting

Mon., August 24
6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen meeting

Fri., August 21
11 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

Obituary Emily St. Hilaire

Emily St. Hilaire was a prominent local dog breeder ("Brown Hill Shepherds") known regionally for her work with German Shepherds and American Kennel Club (AKC) events. She was recognized for exemplary canine breeding, herding trials, and her work as event secretary within the New England dog handler community.



Job Opportunities

Where Did You Go on Vacation?

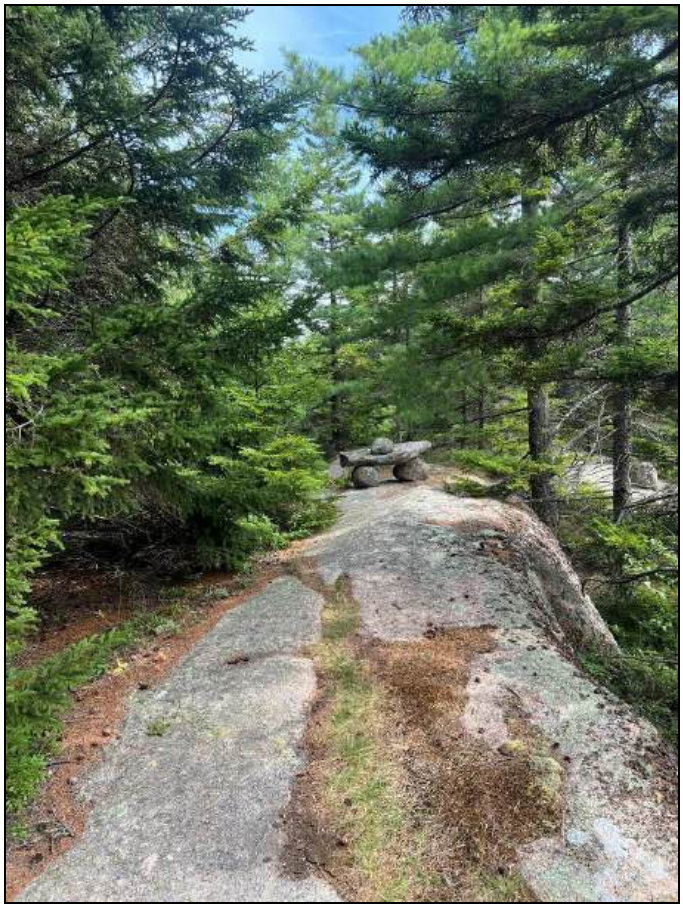
By Sharon Czarnecki

Here are 3 photos taken by Beth Salerno from a recent trip to the Bay of Fundy (New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Canada). The trip included Chocolate Park (next to the Chocolate Museum of Canada in St. Stephen).

The tide coming UP river as it does twice a day in Moncton, Canada

Tod Ramseyer at Chocolate Park

315 million year old plant fossils found everywhere on the beach at Joggins Fossil Cliffs in Canada



The Triad Peaks, Acadia National Park. Photo by Joe Czarnecki

Thuya Gardens, Northeast Harbor, Maine
Photo Collage by Sharon Czarnecki