

Canterbury Community Newsletter

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Shaker deliberative session, town budget hearing in early February

A deliberative session for the 2024-2025 Shaker Regional school budget will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Belmont High School beginning at 6 pm. All warrant articles will be considered at this session. There will be opportunities for explanation, discussion and amendment of each article. The conclusion of each article will result in voting either to add the article to the ballot for voting on Election Day in its original form or to add the article to the ballot for voting as amended. When the deliberative session is adjourned, the language of each article will be finalized, but there will be no decision on whether or not it is passed.

On Election Day, Tuesday, March 12, voters will mark “yes” or

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“no” on each warrant article in the voting booths with the outcome of each article being decided. Candidates for the open school board seats will also be on the ballot. Belmont residents will vote at Belmont High School and Canterbury residents will vote at the Town Hall. Individuals who qualify for absentee voting may contact the SAU Office at 603-267-9223 for information.
~ Erin Chubb, CES Principal



Deepwood Forest: a gift to the community

Working with the N.H. Forest society, Ken and Ilene Stern have conserved nearly 400 acres on Bean Hill Road for the public to enjoy, featuring 3.5 miles of trails for walking, cross-country skiing, and more. *Details on Page 4!*

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Canterbury's Community Church: Here for You!

Shadows and Light

We are out walking in the predawn cold. The setting moon and the porch light up on the hill shed just enough light to create texture in the dark. We aren't exactly walking, more like



Pastor Becky

browsing; Henry is examining every scent left since midnight. I sigh and wish I could warm up my feet as I wait for him again and again. Then, across the road — one shadow, then another. Two fox shadows trot across the slope. Suddenly I'm awake, alert, but Henry is oblivious, carefully smelling twigs and blades of grass up one side and down the other. One fox follows the other across the road, and back again, through light into shadow, and then is

gone. I scan the darkness for movement. Then, like a tumbling wave, I see one then the other materialize on the stone wall, just at the edge of the light, they are running along, then they disappear again, shadow lost in shadow. A whisper of breeze carries their scent down the hill, and a growl and a ripping hound-dog howl tears open the moment. Henry is awake: all bluster and urgency, he pulls me up the hill, but the foxes are gone.

In February, on the edge of light but not yet there, we practice various ways of tasting the days and nights. Black History Month helps us wake up to our diverse human experience, Valentines Day helps us wake up to the joy of friendship and love. In Christian churches, the Lenten season helps wake us up to our connection with one another and with God. For forty days, we take on some practice to deepen our spiritual lives and to grow in curiosity and wonder. Some people practice giving up some material pleasure; others practice taking up a new behavior, like daily gratitude, or daily singing. Lent is not so much the gloom and doom that we might have experienced as kids. It's a season when we practice seeing shadows and light, when we examine what it means to taste grief and hope, and to live most fully when we love and serve others.

Perhaps you'll consider taking on a Lenten challenge this year, starting on Feb. 14. You'll find me offering "Blessings to Go" that day at 7 am outside in front of the church, and at 7 pm inside the candlelit church. Stop by, say hello, and share your Lenten intentions. You are already blessed, but if you like, I'll bless you with ashes or oil, or simply with words.

In Peace,
Becky

Coming in 2024: a Canterbury Newsletter website! It'll give you another option for reading all the information we pack into each monthly newsletter. We're excited! Stay tuned ...

February at the church

Sundays

- **Children's Church** at 9:45 in the Parish House, 6 Hackleboro Road
- **Worship** at 10 in the church, in the Center. All are welcome!
- **Open Fellowship** at ~ 11 back in the Parish House, please stop by for coffee, conversation and snacks.

Feb. 14, Ash Wednesday: Blessings to Go from 7-8 am in front of the church. Evening prayer and meditation, Lenten blessings.

Saturday, Feb. 17: Morning: Winter Tree and Track Walk. Afternoon: For the Love of Painting. *For more, see Page 5!*

Ongoing

- **Strength and Stretch Classes**, Mondays and Thursdays, 9 am in the Parish House
- **Walkin' Wednesdays**, 9 am. Meet at the Gazebo
- **Stillness in the Center:** Quiet Meditation and Contemplative Prayer, Wednesdays, 7 pm in the church.



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There's So Much Happening in Town!

You bet it's time to plan the next fair!

Winter took a while this year but now that it's here, time to think about this year's Canterbury Fair – the Last Saturday in July! The first meeting of the Fair Committee will be Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 in the Thunberg Room upstairs in the Parish House at 6 Hackleboro Road. If you're a newbie and wonder what all the fuss is about, come see us – we'll put you to work!

Here is the complete list of Canterbury Fair meetings. Please come and join us!

- Feb. 13
- March 12
- April 9
- May 14
- June 11
- July 9

Like the February meeting, all that follow will be held in the Thunberg Room of the Parish Hall and start promptly at 6:30 pm.

~ Lisa Carlson, for the Fair Committee



Deepwood photos taken by Ryan Smith of the Forest Society.

400 acres for everyone to explore

Working with the N.H. Forest Society and the Canterbury Conservation Commission, Ken and Ilene Stern have conserved nearly 400 acres of forestland on Bean Hill Road in the northeast corner of town. This wonderful conservation project conserves important wildlife habitat, soils, wetlands and special natural areas, and the Sterns have made public access and enjoyment a priority by creating 3.5 miles of trails for walking, hiking, and cross-country skiing. Deepwood Forest is within the headwaters area of the Soucook River and includes streams and wetlands, black gum swamps and vernal pools, and a wide range of wildlife. The trails range from relatively short, level, and smooth, to longer, more rugged walks that lead to higher, remote areas.

The Sterns sold a conservation easement to the Forest Society at below market value, making a significant gift to conservation. The Conservation Commission contributed to the project, which also received funding from LCHIP, other state programs, and private foundations. The Stern family continues to own the land, with the goal of maintaining a healthy forest, vibrant wildlife habitat and welcoming place for outdoor recreation. "The creation of Deepwood Forest encompasses much of what I have learned about the forest's past, present and potential future," said Ken Stern. "It also represents our goal for our community and region to have a special place to enjoy the forest that will be conserved forever. Our gift to the community will provide a place for nature to thrive and where people can explore, learn, love and be healed by their experiences."

In the spring, the Sterns, the Forest Society and the Conservation Commission will celebrate the project with an event at the property and will have maps to share. The property is open year-round, but please don't visit during mud season or when the trails are soft. No wheeled vehicles please! Details of the event will be shared via the town email and the newsletter.

~ Kelly Short, Conservation Commission

Next market trip, pick up an extra can of beets

In December, the Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 245 individuals for them to prepare 8,524 meals. Of these people, 111 were age 60 and older (45%), 64 were age 18 or under (26%), and 70 were between those ages (29%). Most holiday baskets were given out by vouchers.

Gift of Lights at NH Motor Speedway: Thanks to the generosity of the donors and everyone involved we received 2,342.90 pounds of food from the Gift of Lights.

Foods we always seem to need: There are some foods that leave the pantry as soon as they come in. Here comes the list ... canned asparagus, canned beets, canned spinach and canned pumpkin. Who knew, right? So, if you can pick up an extra can when you're shopping and toss it our way, we would be thankful.

Running a food pantry can be very labor intensive (not to mention the paperwork). Doing this work just wouldn't be as enjoyable as it is without my core group of volunteers. For our guests, they help them laugh so they can forget their problems for a while. Personally, for me they have become people I can depend on and call friends. Big cheers and many thanks to Bill, Glenda, Jon, Sandy, Deb E., Deb D., June, Breda, Brenda, Elaine, and Eric.

Do you need food? Call Sue Houck at (603) 724-9731 to see if you qualify. *For our hours and location, see Page 11.*

Who Says There's Nothing to Do in February?

Connect with nature ~ and enjoy hot chocolate! ~ in the town Center

Join UNH Natural Resource Stewards Jim and Donna Miller for a free Winter Walk in our town's center.

Learn how to identify trees using their bark and canopy rather than leaves as well as follow tracks and scat to see what creatures call Canterbury Center home.

Meet at the gazebo on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 10 a.m. dressed for the weather. We will end back at the Parish House, behind the Canterbury Country Store, for some hot chocolate and Q&A! Come and connect to the environmental diversity here in Canterbury!

Park at the Center or by the Town Hall. Gather at the gazebo at 10 a.m. Restroom available at the country store. Dress for the weather elements (snowshoes if we get snow to warrant them, waterproof cold-weather boots, and hand warmers if needed), and binoculars if you have them.

Please complete the registration using bit.ly/3SjN8pT for this free multi-age community event.

For questions or comments, please email Mindy Beltramo at mindy.beltramo@gmail.com



Eat. Chat. Be Merry!

Polished Silver is a new senior social group inspired by comments suggesting a need for more social opportunities for seniors. On Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 11 to 1 pm, lunch (soup, salad, dessert, and beverage) will be offered without charge to Canterbury's seniors at the Parish House. Plan to come for a bit and stay a while! Kindly let us know if you will be attending by Friday, Feb. 9! Email Mindy at mindy.beltramo@gmail.com or call 603-731-8091. Transportation will be available if needed.

For the Love of Art: A Community Paint Party

Come for an afternoon of artistic expression as we create messy masterpieces on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 3 at the Parish House.

This guided experience, appropriate for all levels of artists, will be centered around love and connection.

Find out more at bit.ly/3O4g0zQ or contact Mindy Beltramo at mindy.beltramo@gmail.com.

Space is limited.



Cabin Fever Antique Mart

Canterbury Town Hall
Canterbury Center

Saturday, Feb. 24
Sunday, Feb. 25
10-3 each day

No admission fee

~ Judy Egan

A Town With a Rich History, Still Being Written

Here's to Ben Davis and Wayne Mann, two advocates for Canterbury farmers

Recognition and thanks are owed to two of our Agricultural Commission members for work they've done representing Canterbury farmers at the state level.

For their outstanding achievements and contributions to NH agriculture, Vice Chairman Ben Davis was recently awarded the Kenneth R. Marshall Memorial Award, and former chairman Wayne Mann was posthumously bestowed with the President's Award by the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation.

The Kenneth R. Marshall Award is awarded annually to a Farm Bureau member who embodies the spirit of volunteerism. This award was created in memory of former NHFB administrator Ken Marshall and recognizes someone who selflessly shares their time, energy and agricultural knowledge with others without expecting anything in return.

The President's Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional service to the Farm Bureau and the agricultural community. In addition to his many years of service as Chairman of Canterbury's Agricultural Commission, Wayne was also a former president of NHFB and was recognized for his leadership and unwavering advocacy for NH farms.

I believe the NH Farm Bureau selected two excellent recipients for these awards and our Canterbury agricultural community is fortunate to have benefited from their representation at the State level.

Thank you, Ben and Wayne.

~ Mark Stevens, Chairman

A remembrance of a hockey showdown

The Fifield brothers were the front line, Stewart, John and Ollie. Hugh was on defense with Jim Albert and I minded the nets with my strapped-on old telephone books for pads. The brothers would not wear gloves. Ten below and no gloves. I suggested they cut out the palms but nope, no gloves. Hugh smoked a corn cob pipe while he played.

We took on the Concord Blackhawks at White Park. They beat us 9-7. Bad boy Phonze bumped into Hugh, who said "Watch it." The Phonze took one look at Hugh and skated to the other side of the rink. Big Red Brochu stole the puck from Jim Albert, came around in back of the net, and before I could flash the old pads he tucked it into the far corner, chuckling to himself.

We had a good time.

~ Dudley Laufman



Schoolhouse restoration nears completion

By spring, a multi-year renovation of the Schoolhouse at the Canterbury Shaker Village should be completed. The work included a new roof, repair and partial replacement of deteriorated clapboards, gutters, rainwater leaders and the repainting and restoration of 26 windows.

The project was funded by a variety of donors. Among those who participated in the work was Jake Farmer of Farmer's Historical Repairs, who was responsible for the windows. For Farmer, the work was personal. His great-grandmother stayed at the village in the 1920s.

"My great-great-grandparents had a house fire and lost everything," he said. "They could only afford to keep the younger siblings, so the Shakers took my great-grandmother in before she went back ... after two years."

~ Robert Levey, for the Village

Shaker Village hosts snowshoe race!

The Delta Dental Snow or No We Go Trail Series returns to the Canterbury Shaker Village on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 10 am. Participants choose either a two- or four-mile course. If we don't have snow, then we will use trail sneakers instead.

The registration fee of \$25 will be donated to Canterbury Shaker Village. Top 5 overall men and women will receive awards.

Thank you to Dion Snowshoes for being our snowshoe loaner sponsor. Event sponsored by Northeast Delta Dental.

Sign up at:
<https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Canterbury/NHSnoworNoWeGo1>

2 Chilly Months, 3 Hot Events in Elkins Speaker Series

On Thursday, Feb. 15 at 6 pm in the Town Hall, Steve Blunt presents "Liberty Is Our Motto! Songs and Stories of the Hutchinson Family Singers." Originally from Milford, the Hutchinson Family Singers were among America's most notable musical entertainers for much of the mid-19th century, with songs advancing social reform and political causes such as abolition, temperance, women's suffrage, and the Lincoln presidential campaign of 1860. In this living history program, Steve Blunt portrays John Hutchinson. This is a NH Humanities Program. **Director's note:** *I've asked Abe Lincoln and a friendly Civil War soldier to come enjoy the evening as well.*

Plus, save these March dates:

Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki on Wednesday, March 6, at 6 pm in the Town Hall for **Irish Pub Night**.

David Tirrell-Wysocki on Thursday, March 21 at 6 pm in the Town Hall for **The NH Primary: A Dream and \$1000, You're on the Ballot**.

Plus, come enjoy our monthly programs!

Story Time: Join us Tuesday mornings at 10 for stories, songs and a craft. This program is perfect for children from infancy through kindergarten. Come to the library and meet your children's future classmates while fostering a love of reading.

Tunes, Tales and Tumbles: Join us Thursday mornings at 10 for songs, stretching, stories and more! This program is perfect for our youngest patrons from infancy through preschool. Help your children nurture their love for the library, books and their community.

LEGO club: Join us Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 10 am to noon! We will have DUPLOs out for our youngest patrons.

Teddy Bear Sleepover: On Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 5 pm, bring a stuffed animal for a special story and craft before we tuck the teddy bears in and say goodnight. Caregivers, please make sure this is not a favorite stuffie as the library will be closed until Thursday morning! Harold is so excited for his first sleepover and he can't wait to meet some new friends!

On Thursday morning, the 29th, pick up your teddy bear and join us for brunch; come see what your teddy bears were up to at the sleepover!

Teen Night: Wednesday, Feb. 28, we need your help with a special task. Stop in at 6pm for a bite to eat and then we'll give you further instructions ...

The Old Man Boring Book Club: This group reads and reports on favorite non-fiction titles. Join them on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 6 pm back by the fireplace. It's worth reporting that these members are not all boring nor are they all men. The books? Those are boring and they like it that way.

Seed Library seeks some seed-packers!

Help us get the Seed Library ready for 2024 by joining us for a seed-packing session!

- Monday, Feb. 12: 11:30 am to 3 pm
- Thursday, Feb. 15: 11:30 am to 3 pm
- Saturday, Feb. 24: 9 am to noon

Come to the Elkins Library Conference Room during these hours and spend whatever time you can helping fill and prepare seed packets. You don't have to stay the entire time. We are so grateful for your help!

Our Seed Library is accepting donations of vegetable, herb and flower seed. Consider donating your expired seed packets.

Our anticipated opening of the Elkins Public Library Seed Library is Monday, March 4.

Elkins Cafe: On Thursday, Feb. 1, at 2 pm we get out the coloring pages to add a bit of bright colors to a winter day. On Thursday, Feb. 15, at 2 pm. Ginny Litalien leads us in a game of Qwirkle, a tile-laying game that combines strategy, matching and pattern recognition.

Evening Book Group: In February we will read *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. We meet for discussion by the fireplace on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. Copies are available at the circulation desk or on Libby or Hoopla.

Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure: This month we will finish discussing the 100 Best Mysteries of all time and end with solving a few "5 Minute Mysteries." Join us on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at our new time of 2:30.

Free Tech Help: Thursdays from 4 to 6 pm, in half-hour time slots, Kal McKay offers free tech support at the library. Please schedule an appointment and give a brief description of the nature of the issue. Kal's appointments fill up quickly so be sure to sign up.

Pins and Needles meets by the fireplace every Wednesday at 2 pm. Bring your latest work in progress; all levels are welcome!

The next meeting of Elkins Public Library Board of Trustees is on Monday, Feb. 26, at 6 pm.

We will be closed Monday, Feb. 19, for Presidents Day. A daily calendar and list of programs and events can be found at www.elkinspubliclibrary.org or on Facebook or Instagram. Our hours are Mondays and Tuesdays, 9 am to 5 pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 am to 7 pm and Saturdays, 9 to noon.

There's Something for Every Grade in Arts Program

Arts Integration at Canterbury Elementary School has continued this school year, allowing classroom teachers to collaborate with the visual arts teacher to achieve curricular goals and to promote learning through, about and with the arts. Here are a few highlights from this year:

In late October, CES students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades hosted the annual Harvest Supper. Each student created a handmade clay bowl for soup. This activity was inspired by the Empty Bowls project, developed by an art teacher to promote art learning, community involvement and service. The soup bowls symbolize both full and empty bowls, helping learners empathize with others in need of food. Students created an original clay bowl using clay and a slab technique. The bowls were decorated with stamped patterns and colored glazes, requiring 2 firings in our kiln. Each student wrote an artist statement and wove a display placemat for their bowl. Families enthusiastically brought the bowls home to use and or display in their homes. This is a wonderful community tradition at CES that also allowed us to raise funds that were donated to a local soup kitchen.

During arts integration, first-graders created puppet characters and learned paper sculpting skills to create features (ears, horns, legs, eyes, etc.) on their puppet. Once

the puppet was completed, they practiced storytelling skills including character development, setting and major events. Working in partners, learners were challenged to orally present their puppet characters and provide feedback. Such fun!



The principal and 2023 Kid Governor candidate Angus Todd.

Second-graders have started an integrated unit focused on the books of Jan Brett. They are learning about narrative writing and wrote their own original stories, which will be included in a handmade illustrated book. Learners are using their knowledge of the style of Jan Brett's books to create detailed borders, sidebar story panels that tell a second story or foreshadow events, and illustrated pages including characters, setting, events, problems and solutions. In addition to working on these books, students will be learning the art of bookmaking and will craft several book structures during their weekly art classes.

Kindergarten learners will also have the opportunity to take part in integrated arts activities. The teachers are currently crafting a plan that will allow students to learn about mapping. They will be mapping the Canterbury town center!

Special recognition goes to Angus Todd, our 2023 CES Kid Governor candidate. Angus competed with other fifth-grade students from schools around New Hampshire. Mrs. Baldi, our fifth-grade teacher, and Mrs. Gingrich, our enrichment teacher, both collaborated with Angus on his platform, which was focused on reducing homelessness in the state. Angus presented his platform and community projects to the Shaker Regional School Board at one of their recent meetings. Angus showed leadership, maturity and passion in his campaign, and we are proud of him (and his classmates for their wonderful support)!

~ Erin Chubb, Principal

Happy Day!

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4H Clubs Are Alive with Activity

There's nothing like playing with food!

At our January Cloverbuds meeting, the children loved playing with their food! We worked on food art at this meeting to help prepare members for the upcoming Merrimack Valley 4H Food Show. Cloverbuds made teddy bear toast, bugs on a log, and other one-of-a-kind creations with healthy food options like rice cakes, cream cheese, sunbutter, fruits and veggies. Members also created beautiful place-setting designs. We also constructed 3-D food structures using toothpicks, mini marshmallows, and cheese squares. This meeting was a blast!



Our upcoming Cloverbuds meeting and 4H Learning Theme is:

Serving Our Community. On Monday, Feb. 5, at 5 pm at the Canterbury Parish House, 6 Hackleboro Road. We will create Valentine bookmarks, which we will share with others at the Elkins Public Library. We will write valentines cards for senior citizens. Members will also make Valentine suncatchers to brighten up their own homes. This month we will also begin a food drive for the Loudon Food Pantry. Come and join the fun!

Cloverbuds is a 4H club for children ages 5-7. New members are always welcome. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kate Mason and Emily Perlet at canterburycloverbuds@gmail.com.



4H Rascals, from left to right: President Cate McDonald, Treasurer Elisabeth Yohe, Secretary Anna McDonald, Vice President Lucas Condi, Reporter Aurora Hutchinson, and Historian Dahlia Beaudette.

Rascal officers bring devotion to their duties

Joy Potter, board member from Merrimack County 4H, was present at the Jan. 8 Rascals meeting to present club members with certificates for their years in 4H. In this picture, club officers participate in a ceremony where they acknowledge the importance of being devoted to their official duties. From leading club meetings, planning community service and learning activities, tracking club funds, to taking minutes and documenting members at work for the history books, all our club officers do their part. We look forward to meeting again on Monday, Feb. 5, and preparing for the many spring activities and projects 4H offers.

~ Aurora Hutchinson, Rascals Reporter



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Remembering Jean Dockray (Carr)

Jean Dockray (Carr) of Loudon, N.H., 64, passed away on Jan. 17, 2024, peacefully at home surrounded by her loved ones after a courageous 3-year battle with Glioblastoma.

She was born in Stoneham, Mass., on Jan. 24, 1959 to Claire B. Dockray (Donovan) and John E. Dockray of Tewksbury, Mass. She was also predeceased by her father-in-law, John P. Carr II.

Jeanie is survived by her three children and their families: Johnny, Carolyn, Charlotte, and Owen Carr of Loudon; Jennie, Keith, and Emersyn of Canterbury; Jill Carr and their beloved dog Ellie of Loudon; her four sisters and their husbands: Diane and Peter Hallahan of Haverhill, Mass.; Michele and Harvey Sullivan of Tewksbury, Mass.; Marie and Cris Cole of Bluffton, S.C.; Allison and Tim Otis of Litchfield, N.H.; her mother-in-law Joan Carr of York, Maine; her four brothers-in-law and their wives of York, Maine, Jim and Jeanne Carr, Joe and Kate Carr, Jerry and Sandi Carr, and Jeff and Vicki Carr; and her many, nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

Jeanie grew up in Tewksbury, Mass., and attended high school there where she was a majorette with her best friend, Peggi Sawicki (Brothers). They remained best friends and shared many wonderful adventures together, up into her final days. This friendship is a true testament to how devoted Jeanie was to her relationships with friends and family.

Upon getting married in 1982, she moved to New Hampshire with her former husband, where she raised her family, devoting herself entirely to being an incredible Mom. She was an active member of St. Marks Church for many years where she walked to mass with her kids each Sunday. In 2000 she moved to Canterbury, N.H., where she was involved with all activities her kids were interested in. She was active in the local snowmobile club, helping regularly with fund-raising events. Later in life she worked as an office manager at K&M Drywall, and then as an office manager for Energy Improvements in Concord, N.H., before retiring early due to her diagnosis. Jeanie was the epitome of class and dedication and was always incredibly hard-working in every aspect of life. She was kind and friendly to all who had the opportunity to know her.

During her childhood, Jeanie would spend summers at the family's camp on Northwood Lake. She shared many wonderful memories of growing up with her sisters on the lake, from waterskiing behind her Dad's boat to dressing up and decorating for the boat parade. The lake became a special place to then share with her children, nieces and nephews, and grandchildren. She loved spending summers and sometimes a few winter days by the lake. She loved working on projects around the camp to make it more enjoyable for all, much like her Dad. She enjoyed sunset cruises on the pontoon boat with family, kayaking around the island, and watching the dogs and kids jump off of the dock and diving board. "Auntie J" made the

camp on Northwood Lake a home and thanks to her, the camp will always be a special place for friends and family.

Jeanie's life was full of love for her family. She was a Mom and Nana above all else and her generosity showed no bounds. She never missed an opportunity to support those she loved and was always willing to help, whether it be by opening her home to friends and family, making delicious meals to share, or just being a friend. She will forever be remembered for her loving, caring, and gentle ways, her kind words in every thoughtfully written note, her Tewksbury Treats, and her beautiful personality.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the amazing staff of Granite VNA Hospice for their compassionate care.

A celebration of life for Jeanie will be held at Pembroke Pines Country Club on Feb. 5, 2024 from 2 to 6 pm. Please join us in celebrating a beautiful person with a heart of gold. We invite you to share stories and photos of your own great times shared with Jeanie and her family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Jeanie's memory to the Granite VNA Hospice or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



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Town Email List

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Post Office

Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10 am to 5 pm
(closed 12:30 to 1:30 pm);
Sat., 8:30 am to noon; 783-4158

Stores

Canterbury Country Store: Mon.-Sat., 7 am to 6 pm; Sun., 9 am to 4 pm; 783-9933

Brookford Farm Store: 7 am to 7 pm daily; 783-4084

106 Beanstalk: 6 am until midnight daily; 783-4305

Loudon Food Pantry

Hours: Open for donations and volunteers Tues. 10-6, Wed. 10-1, Thurs. 10-4.

Service: By appointment only at same hours as above.

Location: Huckleberry Business Park, Unit D, 30 Chichester Road, Loudon.

Contact: 603-724-9731, on Facebook at LoudonFP, or on our website: loudonfoodpantry.org.

Town offices and organizations

EMERGENCY? Dial 911

Police Department: Call 783-0433 for non-emergencies. Concord police dispatch: 228-1010 for non-emergencies.

Fire Department: Call 783-4798 for non-emergencies. Email chief at canterburyfire@canterburynh.gov

Town website:
canterbury-nh.org

Transfer Station: Tue. and Wed., 4 to 6:45 pm; Sat., 8 am to 5:45 pm. Call 783-9980 or email transferstation@canterburynh.gov

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: 783-0153. Mon. and Wed., 9 to 3; Tue. and Thur. 12 to 7. Email: spapps@canterburynh.gov

Selectmen's Office, Town Administrator, and Assessor's Office: 783-9955. Mon. and Wed., 9 to 1; Thur. 10 to 2. Emails: selectmen@canterburynh.gov
assessing@canterburynh.gov
kfolsom@canterburynh.gov

Building Inspector: 783-9033
buildinginspector@canterburynh.gov

Highway Dept: 783-4123
canterburyhighway@canterburynh.gov

Planning Board: 848-2059
planningboard@canterburynh.gov

Monthly Meetings (Check town website for details.)
- **Planning Board:** 2nd Tue., 7 pm; 4th Tue. as needed
- **Conservation Commission:** 2nd Thurs., 7 pm
- **Historic District Commission:** 3rd Wed., 7 pm
- **Selectmen:** 1st and 3rd Mon., 6 pm
- **Solid Waste Committee:** Monthly on 2nd Monday, 3:30 pm, Library, or as needed.
- **Zoning Board:** As needed.
- **Energy Committee:** 1st Mon., 7 pm

Selectmen plan 2024 budget hearing

The selectmen will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2024 budget on Monday, Feb. 5, at 6 pm at the Meeting House. The proposed budget and warrant articles are posted on the town website and at the town office. The selectmen will also meet on Monday, Feb. 26, for a regular meeting. Please see the town website for details and how to join via video or phone.



The Town Office and Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19, for Presidents Day.

The First Session of Town Meeting, the election of town officials through ballot voting, will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 12, from 7 am to 7 pm. The Second Session of Town Meeting, the deliberative session on budget and warrant articles, will be held on Friday, March 15, at Canterbury Elementary School at 7 pm.

A copy of "Important Dates for Town Meeting and Elections" can be found on the town website.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator

Historical Society elects new officers ~ and offers thanks to two longtime leaders

The Canterbury Historical Society Board of Trustees elected new officers for 2024!

President – Ron Routhier
Vice President – Jeff Leidinger
Recording Secretary – Fred Brewster
Corresponding Secretary – Sandy Scripture
Treasurer – Mary Ann Winograd

The board sends a big thank you to our outgoing president, Bob Scarponi. The Historical Society would not be where it is today without your leadership and guidance.

We also want to thank Pam Jackson for her years of service as Recording Secretary and for volunteering to give us a few more years of your knowledge and experience.

Check out our website for more information and upcoming events: Canterburyhistory.org

~ Ron Routhier

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Please join us in honoring a Canterbury Revolutionary War patriot

The year 2025 marks the 250th anniversary of the opening stage of our country's fight for independence as patriotic citizen-soldiers fearlessly fought the British regulars at Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775. Later that spring, our town history records that George Shannon and 13 additional townsmen left Canterbury to join Captain Gordon Hutchins' Company in the state capital of Concord. As part of the New Hampshire 1st Regiment under the command of Colonel John Stark, they assembled in Medford, Massachusetts.

On June 17, George Shannon and 32 other New Hampshire patriots were killed in a bloody confrontation against a superior British force on Bunker Hill in Charlestown, Massachusetts. His remains were either buried on the battlefield or interred in the Salem Street Burying Ground in Medford. His name and his/our town are memorialized on a monument on the Bunker Hill Training Field. George Shannon was survived by his wife, Mercy, and a son, John, age 6, who resided near the east end of Ayers Road. Though numerous citizens of Canterbury fought in many of the major engagements in the American War for Independence, George Shannon is the only known resident of Canterbury to have made the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of our country's sovereignty.

The Canterbury Cemetery Association, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, is planning to raise \$2,500 to have a memorial stone designed to honor George Shannon and those who fought for our country's independence. The stone will be gray granite, with a 42-inch high arched top, 18 inches wide and 4 inches deep, placed in the northeast corner of the Center Cemetery with this inscription:

IN MEMORIAM

**GEORGE SHANNON
CITIZEN - SOLDIER
CANTERBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**CAPT HUTCHINS' COMPANY
COL STARK'S REGIMENT**

**KILLED IN ACTION
BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL
JUNE 17, 1775**

**AND TO ALL THOSE
WHO FOUGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE**

CITIZENS OF CANTERBURY, 2025

The memorial stone will be dedicated at the town's Memorial Day Remembrance in May 2025.

Checks should be made payable to the Canterbury Cemetery Association with "George Shannon" placed on the memo line, and forwarded to the Canterbury Cemetery Association, 34 Iris Lane, Loudon, NH 03307. All contributors will be publicly acknowledged (unless otherwise requested) and contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law. *If there are any questions, please contact John Goegel, Canterbury Cemetery Trustee, at jtgoegel@gmail.com.*

Honoring George Shannon ~ Canterbury Citizen ~ American Revolutionary War Soldier

Contributor(s): _____ Amount: _____

Mailing address (optional): _____

Email address (used to acknowledge receipt of contribution; optional) _____

*Please mail your generous contribution to **Canterbury Cemetery Association, 34 Iris Lane, Loudon, NH 03307**. Make checks payable to **Canterbury Cemetery Association** with "George Shannon" in the memo line. All contributors will be publicly acknowledged (unless otherwise requested). Contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.*