

Canterbury Community Newsletter

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Celebrating Our Graduates

A big shout out of congratulations and love to our **Belmont High School 2024 graduates from Canterbury.** We're proud of you and wish you well in the next chapter of your life journey!

**Evan Christensen
Claire Crockford
Nicholas Daigneault
Hutch Haskins
Jonathan Holmes
Baidyn Lewis
Emanuel Mahoney
Cate McDonald
Boston Messier**



For a list of this year's **Belmont Middle School graduates** from Canterbury, see *Page 6.* Our fifth-grade **Canterbury Elementary graduates** are also on *Page 6!*

We're sure we missed some Canterbury graduates who attended other high schools. We'd love to honor you too! Send us their names for recognition in the July issue by emailing the editors at newslettercanterbury@gmail.com.

Wait. There's fresh pizza at the Farmers Market?!

It's finally here! The Canterbury Farmers Market Opening Day is **Wednesday, June 5**, from 4 to 6:30 pm. Join us in the center next to the Elkins Library. Live music by our friend Don Bartenstein!

Check out new and returning vendors and see what local goodness they have for you. Bring a friend and bring your appetite – new this year is fresh pizza!

As always, dogs are welcome on leash (please be mindful of the heat). Wear your fanciest "Happy Hat," or stop by the Kids' Activity Table and make one on the spot. Can't wait to see you all!

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~ Beth Blair for the market

Impulse clothes shopping ~ at no cost!

Spring is here, so it's time to clear out that closet! If you have clothes that no longer fit or do not need, bring them to a Clothing Exchange dropoff time — and then, on **Wednesday, June 5**, from 3 to 7 pm at the Town Hall, come find something you like at no cost!



The rules are simple.

Anything not collected by the end of the exchange goes to the clothing box in the Canterbury Elementary School parking lot. Women's and men's clothes ONLY. No nightwear, swimwear, or underwear. Slightly used shoes, handbags and scarves are fine.

We will be accepting clothes on Saturday, June 1, from 9 to 11 am and Monday, June 3, and Tuesday, June 4, from 5 to 7 pm at the Town Hall.

If you would like to help, or have clothes to exchange, but can't make the evening collection dates, please call 603-387-5380 or email Denise Sojka at denisesojka297@gmail.com.

The Clothing Exchange is hosted by the Canterbury Benevolent Society.

~ Denise Sojka for the Benevolent Society

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Summer Has Returned to Canterbury

Dear Friends,

Last week, as I cut behind Canterbury Elementary School on my way home, I had one of those moments where time seemed to slow down for me while the world seemed to keep moving. I paused to watch three girls flying through the air on the playground swings. These were power-swingers, pumping and pulling themselves up into the sky and then falling back and rising backwards up the other side of an ark, pulling their long legs underneath them and then stretching them forward again as they fell forward then rose up into the sky.



Pastor Becky

At first I couldn't hear them; they were a trio of silent movie actors, hair streaming out behind and then rushing over their head and shoulders. Their sneakers looked like pendulum weights on the ends of skinny legs. Maybe they were 11 or 12, in bright T-shirts and shorts. Then, I could hear their voices, but not the words. They had an easy rhythm of give and take: one voice, then another, then laughter, then a pause. Riding an arc of gravity and momentum, they soared up and back with as much purpose and carelessness as waves on a beach.

Then time started up again for me: twittering swallows bisected the blue sky; maples and oaks, leafed-out now, whispered around me, around the three wiry girls. And a message came as clear as the church bell: Summer!

Even after a long year of school and work and long nights and cold days, summer has returned to Canterbury. The Farmers' Market resumes, CUCC will worship outside under the maple tree, and together we'll pitch in and recreate that Brigadoon of friendship and work and love – the Canterbury Fair! But let's make sure we also pause – for some effortless flight, like friends soaring on swings – for those life-giving moments of summer freedom, fresh air, and friendship.

In Peace, Becky Josephson
Pastor, Canterbury United Community Church

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Community fellowship offering following. Coffee, snacks and friendly conversation in the Parish House.

Strength and Stretch classes, Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 am. (See Page 9 for more.)

Second Sunday Contra Dance, June 9, 4:30 pm

Avaloch Summer Concert, June 12, 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Shaker Hand Pie construction, June 15. (See Page 7!)

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Remembering a Beloved Neighbor: Joan K. Leggett

Joan K. Leggett passed away peacefully on May 6, 2024, at Granite Ledges in Concord, N.H. Her loving husband John was with her holding her hand.

Joan was born on December 19, 1939, to Ruth (Dosch) and Edward Keller and was raised in Caldwell and Essex Fells, N.J. Predeceased by her parents, her sister Christine Keller and her step daughter Eleanor Sweeney, she is survived by her loving husband John D. Leggett, her beloved children Scott, Bryan and Heather McFarland, and stepchildren Susan, Caroline and John Leggett, and by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She graduated from Wellesley College with a BA (art history and botany) in 1961 and received a Masters in Education degree from Springfield College in 1986. Before marrying John and moving to New Hampshire in 1986 she served as the school librarian and headed the Career Center at Minnechaug High School in Wilbraham, MA.

Joan spent her life enriching the lives of others. After marrying John she moved to New Hampshire, living in Bow, Canterbury and East Concord before spending her last years at Granite Ledges in Concord. She volunteered as a family mediator with New Hampshire Mediation, and was active in the Canterbury United Community Church, the Canterbury Fair, and the Ladies Benevolent Society. She will be remembered for restoring the Canterbury One Room Schoolhouse to its former purpose with the old materials and the help of some residents who attended as children. She received a national award in 2012 from the Country School Association of America.

Joan started a small enterprise "E Is For Everything" making a variety of creative objects which she sold through a number of group shops. She was known for her expertise on old tools. Her creative talents were also exhibited in her lovely flower gardens which she planned, planted and maintained. A commercial breeder named the lily variety "Joan Undaunted" after her.



She and her husband traveled widely in the U.S. and abroad. Favorite trips were to Newfoundland-Labrador, the UK, France, and down under to Australia and New Zealand. A favorite photo is of Joan with a very large snake draped over her shoulders and around her waist. Her fondness for such things were manifest in her home freezer. Upon seeing frozen snakes and skeletons adults would often recoil and say "ick" while children

would exclaim "wow, cool." The scales on snakes helped preserve them from freezer burn, but their colors did fade over time.

She would urge you: "Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow ... I am the gentle autumn's rain. I am the soft star that shines at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there. I did not die."

Her final wish was that donations be made to yourself. Go out, have fun, laugh. It's okay to tell Joan Leggett stories. She sends her love.

~ More on Joan and the One Room Schoolhouse, Page 12.

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June at the Farm

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Sunday 10:00 to 4:00

June is a great time in the garden, with the mad rush of May and sketchy weather now behind us. Come for a visit and slow down a bit to "smell the roses" and see what's "growing on". We'll have plants to fill in those empty spaces you missed earlier, or help you to create new planters or garden nooks.

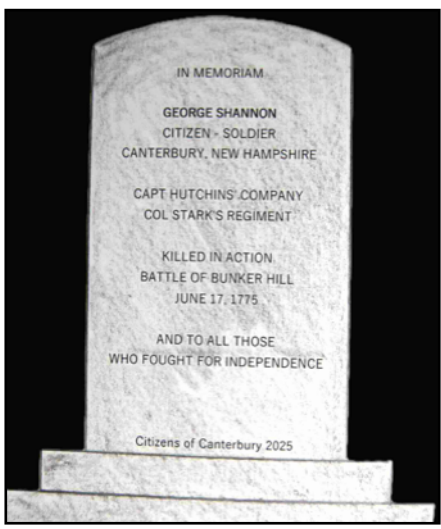
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George Shannon Gave His Life for Us; Let's Honor Him

Memorial Day is a day to reflect on the sacrifices of those who fought and died to safeguard the essential principles upon which our country was founded.



George Shannon is not unlike tens of thousands of other citizen-soldiers who left their home to fight for those principles but did not return. With 2025 marking the 250th anniversary of the onset of the American Revolution, the town of Canterbury will honor Shannon, one of its citizens and a neighbor had we lived in his time. He lived on the east end of Ayers Road with his wife, Mercy, and their 6-

year-old son, John, when he left for Boston after the battles at Lexington and Concord. He was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775.

This fall the citizens of Canterbury will place a memorial stone in the northeast corner of the Center Cemetery honoring George Shannon and those who fought for our country's independence. It will be dedicated on Memorial Day 2025. The stone will be gray granite, 42" high with an arched top, 18" wide, 4" deep.

We wish to express our appreciation to the twenty-seven town citizens, the Canterbury Historical Society and the Canterbury Cemetery Association who have to this date supported this project. We have not yet reached our goal of raising \$2,500. Please consider making a contribution in your name or in honor of a family member or friend who served in the military. Here

Water tank added at Maple Grove

A water tank was recently placed at Maple Grove Cemetery. Those wanting to water plants will now be able to fill plastic jugs to carry to flowers on gravesites. Thank you to Sherry Halliburton Dickert for funding this project. Thank you to Mike Cote for obtaining and placing the tank in a convenient location at Maple Grove, and thank you to the Canterbury Fire Department for keeping the tank full of water.

~ Jan Cote, Cemetery Trustee

are two examples:

- * In Memoriam: Francis Egan, Capt. USAF (KIA, 12/19/1972)
- * In honor of John Forbes, 1LT, USA (Vietnam, 1970-71)

Contributions can be sent to the Canterbury Cemetery Association, 34 Iris Lane, Loudon, NH 03307. Checks should be made payable to Canterbury Cemetery Association and "George Shannon" should be placed on the memo line. 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 at jtgoegel@gmail.com.

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Congrats to Canterbury's Younger Graduates

Our fifth grade promotion night will be held on Wednesday, June 12, at 6 pm. Please join us in celebrating our wonderful scholars. For our planning purposes, please contact the school office to RSVP at 603-783-9944. This will be an indoor event.

Congratulations to **Haven Adams, Katie Beauchemin, Connor Burkowski, Elijah Cole, Madeline Escamilla, Aurora Hopkins, Amelia Krautmann, Penelope Lemay, Max Marino, Anna Mason, Raegan Melanson, Hazel Rivera, Angus Todd, Liam Treadway, Abraham Wright and Jackson Wright.** I am so proud of each of you.



Earth Day: CES students and staff celebrated Earth Day on May 3 with a school-wide cleanup effort. Our K-1 students worked hard to take care of the garden beds at CES. They also helped to clean up trash on school grounds. Our 2nd and 3rd graders collaborated with Canterbury residents Jim and Donna Miller to spruce up the town center. Fourth grade students did some painting and gardening, and our fifth grade students gave the area around the one-room schoolhouse some TLC. It was a wonderful collaborative effort to give back to our community and take care of our town and school grounds.

End of the Year: We have several fun end-of-year events scheduled, such as a field day and some outdoor field trips. We are excited to be continuing a special

school tradition, the whole school field trip. On June 14, we will head to the Stone Zoo in Stoneham, Mass.!

As we look forward to the last weeks of the school year, CES staff members continue to remain focused on supporting students and helping them to achieve their best. I wish you all a healthy, happy summer.

~ Erin Chubb, Principal



Everyone played their role in growing the school community spirit — and more — this year at CES.

Next stop for these grads: high school!

Here are the Canterbury eighth-graders who are graduating from Belmont Middle School this year:

**A'marie Ahrent
Sean Andrews
Willow Cochrane
Aaryn Durand
Mia Ellis
Dustin French
Brodie Henry
Amber Matott**



**Elisia Perillo
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Kira Perry
Tristan Safi
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Ethan White**

Well done — and best of luck in high school!



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* **Hideaway Circus:** 3 shows! Saturday, July 13, and Sunday, July 14.

* **Sunflower Soiree:** Saturday, Aug. 10, through Sunday, Aug. 18.

* **Pumpkins and Puppets:** Saturday, Oct. 12, through Monday, Oct. 14.

* **Christmas with the Cows:** Saturday, Nov. 30, and Sunday, Dec. 1.



Now's the Time to Lend a Hand for the Fair

We have you covered for a day of down-home hospitality and fun at the 66th annual Canterbury Fair on July 27 from 9 to 4 in the Center. There's something for everyone!



Your children will enjoy the day's activities with games, prizes, and face painting! As usual, we have a wonderful lineup of artisans and crafts sharing their talent and wares. The book sale will be in full swing at the Town Hall, and will have many titles to add to your home collection.

Start your day with our freshly made baked goods. Remember, the Shaker Hand Pies go fast! Stay for lunch and fill up on burgers and dogs, or treat your entire family to our famous Chicken BBQ! Don't forget a homemade frappe or ice cream to cool you off.

You won't be disappointed with all to see and do as we celebrate another year of community, family fun, and tradition. Always the last Saturday in July!

Come help meet the hand pie demand!

At last year's close out meeting for the Canterbury Fair, the Bake Table people were informed: "We need more Shaker Hand Pies!", so we've set two dates for learning and helping to make these well-loved treats.

On Saturday, June 15, and Saturday, July 6, from 8 am to noon, Debbie Snow and Judy Nelson will be instructing and making Shaker Hand Pies in the kitchen of the Parish Hall. Please sign up for one or both dates if you would like to learn to make or assist in helping us beat last year's total of 175 pies.

Contact Judy Nelson at 603-493-4207 via a call or a text to let us know which dates you'll be joining us. And thank you to all who helped us last year!

~ Judy Nelson

The next planning meeting for the fair is Tuesday, June 11, at 6:30 in the Thunberg Room, upstairs in the Parish Hall behind the country store. After that, you'll have only one more chance to attend a planning meeting, on July 9. And then it's show time!



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

canterburyfair@gmail.com

2024 WHAT NOT CES SCHEDULE

- Sunday, July 14th -move tables 10:15-11:30am (after church),
- Tuesday, July 16th -move items from barn 5-7pm
- Saturday/Sunday July 20,21 Sorting/pricing 12-5pm and item drop off
- M/T/W July 22,23,24 Sorting/pricing 4-7pm and item drop off

**** Thursday, July 25th -Last day for drop off/sorting/pricing 4-7**

Saturday, July 27th-fair day help 7am-6pm

Sunday, July 28th -break down/clean up 10am-noon

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Town Looks to Hire for Highway Department

Selectmen to host community meeting about Shaker-built Lyford Pond Dam

We still have vacancies at our Highway Department. The posting for the vacancies is on the town website.

Lois Scribner has tendered her resignation as the Planning Board secretary. Lois has also done recording secretarial work for the Conservation Commission, Historic District Commission and the Solid Waste Committee. We want to thank her for her hard work and wish her well in the future. We are looking for someone to replace Lois as the Planning Board secretary. This would be a "recording secretary" position, as our new Land Use Administrator will take over the clerical duties that Lois did in preparation of Planning Board meetings. The job posting is on our town website.



The Board of Selectmen will be hosting a community meeting on June 6 at 7 pm at the old Town Hall to discuss the issues with **Lyford Pond Dam**. Representatives from N.H. DES and Shaker Village will be attending.

The gate at the Riverland Recreation Area is open from 7 am to 8 pm. Please remember that the river current can be unpredictable and use safe swimming practices.

One of the large maple trees in the Center near the cemetery has been determined to be a danger to both the utility lines and cemetery because of disease and rot. The removal of the tree was approved by the Board of Selectmen, Historic District Commission and Cemetery Trustees. A replacement tree will be planted in the future.



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Heads up! Last day to change party affiliation before primary draws near

A reminder that the last day to change your voting party affiliation prior to the September primary will be June 4. This can be done in the Town Clerk's office during their office hours or with the Supervisors of the Checklist on Tuesday, June 4, from 7 pm to 7:30 pm at the Sam Lake House.

The clerk's office will be open on Friday, June 14, from 12 to 5 p.m. to receive any last-minute filings for state office.

Absentee Ballot applications are available with the Town Clerk to be placed on file ahead of time, or can be found on the clerk's web page at www.canterbury-nh.org. Please call with any questions.

The regular Board of Selectmen meetings are June 3 and June 17.

The deadline for registration of dogs was April 30 so if you have a dog and have not registered them for 2024, please do so as soon as possible.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator

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Let's Talk About Energy

It's warm now, but what about next winter?

Merrimack Valley WindowDressers is looking for people who would like to make their homes warmer this coming winter. Are you one of them? We are holding a Community Build event that will provide low-cost, custom-built window inserts that can be easily installed as interior storms. These lightweight, well-made inserts will save homeowners money on heating while making homes more comfortable. They pay for themselves in two years! It is expected that 1/3 of them will be free or discounted to ensure that everyone who needs them can lower their energy bills. Do not let cost keep you from ordering!

Windows will be measured this summer by community volunteers. With the help of the WindowDressers nonprofit, the windows will be built during a six-day community "build" (think barn raising) at the Canterbury Town Hall in mid-November. Everyone getting windows will volunteer in some way, either at the build itself, or providing some food for the meals for the builders. See the WindowDressers.org website for more info and pictures of the window inserts and the build event.

If you have questions or want to sign up to get windows, email the local Merrimack Valley Team at MVWindowDressers@gmail.com. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please call Ruth Heath at 603-724-4343 or Claudia Leidinger 603-568-4713. This is sponsored by the Canterbury Energy Committee, the Loudon Lions Club and the Loudon Energy Committee.

If you'd like more information, come to the information session on Monday, June 10, at 7 pm at Charlie's Barn (the Loudon Community Center and Historical Society building) in Loudon Village.

~ Ruth Heath for the Energy Committee

Strength and Stretch to begin at 8:30!

On Monday, June 3, the Strength and Stretch classes will begin at 8:30 am – yes, that's morning! – and run for exactly one hour, ending promptly at 9:30. Classes meet two days per week on Mondays and Thursdays in the Parish Hall community center. (Enter through the kitchen near Hackleboro Road.)

Exercises include free weightlifting for strength-building and stretching exercises for flexibility. Extra mats and weights are available. Classes are free and led by experienced instructors. Individuals proceed at their own pace and all are welcome.

Contact Judy Nelson at 603-493-4207 if you have any questions.

Community Power yields \$200,000 benefit

We're pleased to announce that through the end of February, customers of Canterbury Community Power (CCP) have benefited from \$129,000 in rate savings



compared to Unitil, Eversource and NHEC default energy rates, and an additional \$82,000 in Canterbury's allocated share of Coalition Joint Reserves, which amounts to our share of equity in the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire's net assets.

This amounts to total accumulated Community Benefits of over \$211,000 since the program launch in June 2023. Since Feb. 29, that total will have risen further!

Meanwhile, new electric energy rates for CCP customers will be set at the end of June, effective Aug. 1. Look for more details on rates, and a status report on the unresolved dispute with our delivery utilities over net metering rates, in the digital version of the newsletter and the town email.

~ Howard Moffett and Ellen Scarponi



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Summer Adventure. Of Course It Begins at Our Library!

The next meeting of Elkins Public Library Board of Trustees is on Monday, June 17 at 6 pm.

The library will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, for Juneteenth.

Story Time: Join us Tuesday, June 4, at 10 am for stories, songs and a craft. This program is perfect for children ages birth 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, June 6, at 10 am for songs, stretching, stories and more! This program is perfect for patrons ages birth through preschool. Come enjoy this active and music-filled program and help your children nurture their love for the library, books and their community.

Teddy Bear Picnic: Join us on Tuesday, June 11. or Thursday, June 13, for Teddy Bear Picnic! Bring a stuffed friend and a blanket and a snack to eat, we'll have games, songs, stories and more!

Adventure Begins at Your Library!

There will be no Children's Programs the week of June 17-20 as the library staff will be preparing for our Summer Reading Program: Adventure Begins at Your Library! This summer our adventures will take us outside; fishing, hiking, nature journaling and so much more. Stop in the library on June 24 and pick up an activities calendar, or visit our website at elkinspubliclibrary.org, or follow us on Facebook and check out our events page. **Here are June's events:**

- **Monday, June 24, 10 am:** our first summer Story Time and a Nature Walk around the library grounds.
- **Thursday, June 27, 10 am:** the Children's Museum of NH will be at the library with their program, Adventure All Around: Earth, Sea, and Sky.
- **Saturday, June 29, from 10 am to noon:** join us at Petals in the Pines for a Nature Scavenger Hunt and open play in the Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom and Pavilion.

Teens: We know summer can be pretty busy, but we're hoping you can make it to some of our scheduled activities. Any time you stop in to the library through the month of July, make sure to grab a scratch ticket. You can win an instant prize or put a "non-winning" ticket into the raffle for a chance to win a prize basket including gift certificates to local businesses.

Programs

The Old Man Boring Book Club: This group reads and reports on favorite nonfiction titles. Join them on Thursday, June 6, at 6 pm back by the fireplace.

Evening Book Group: In June we will read *Where You'll Find Me* by Ty Gagne. We meet for discussion by the fireplace on Wednesday, June 12, at 6 pm. Copies are available at the

The Elkins Speaker Series presents ...

Covered Bridges of NH, Covered Bridges Near Canterbury, Past and Present. Thursday, June 13, 6 pm at the Town Hall. Join Kim Varney Chandler as she presents an overview of the historic covered bridges near Canterbury and shares information on others that have been lost to time. She will be available to sign copies of *Covered Bridges of New Hampshire*. This event is made possible by a grant from New Hampshire Humanities.

Frederick Douglass's "What to the Slave is your Fourth of July?" Saturday, June 29, at noon in the Shaker Village's 1792 Meeting House. For the past several years, on the Saturday before July 4, the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire has collaborated with community leaders around the state to bring people together to read Douglass's historic protest speech and to reflect on its meaning. If you are interested in being one of our community readers, please contact Kyle Sandler at ksandler@shakers.org or Rachel at the library.

Save The Dates

Tuesday, July 23, 6 pm: Ty Gagne presents his book, *The Last Traverse*.

Thursday, July 25, 5 pm: Screening of *The Quiet Epidemic*, a documentary film about Lyme and tick-borne diseases, with Lyme ecologist Kathie Fife and Lyme and tick-borne disease specialist Dr. Lynn Durand.

circulation desk, on Libby and Hoopla. This is in keeping with our Summer Reading Theme of Adventure.

Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure: In keeping with our Summer Reading theme, at our Tuesday, June 25 meeting at 2:30, we will give out the book *The Last Traverse* by Ty Gagne and talk about the author. On July 23 the author will be at the library for a presentation and to answer your questions.

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

Material requests: elkinslibrary@elkinspubliclibrary.org, 603-783-4386 or our catalog link at elkinspubliclibrary.org

All Around Our Very Special Town

Your Farmers Market needs you!

We are a fun group of dedicated volunteers working together to make the weekly Canterbury Farmers Market possible. Just like it takes a community to feed a

community, it also takes a community to operate the market!



There are many opportunities to lend a hand:

Set up: Every week we could use help with setting up tents/tables for the market, musicians, and vendors.

Wednesdays, 2:30 to 4 pm,

Signs: If you are old enough to drive, you could put road signs up around town on Monday and take them down after the market on Wednesday. We have several routes to choose from. Might take an hour total. We also put up signs and a banner in the center on market day, starting at 2:30.

Clean up: Help take down tents and signs, pack up the vendors, etc. 6:30 to 7 pm.

Events: We have a "Sandwich Slam" the 3rd Wednesday of the month, where we make sandwiches to order using products from the vendors. This is always a busy day and extra help is appreciated! 2:30-4.

Long term: The Board of the farmers market is also looking to fill the long term positions of Treasurer and Market Administrator. You are welcome to sit in on a monthly board meeting to check us out, or stop by the Market Info Tent any Wednesday to say "Hi!" and ask questions.

We can be reached at CanterburyFarmersMarket@gmail.com, message us through FB, or "contact us" through the website www.CanterburyFarmersMarket.com.

We are grateful for help weekly or less frequently – whatever you have time for. Volunteering for the market is a great way to meet neighbors and help support a valuable community event. Thanks!

Calling all teen musicians: The July 24 Farmers Market will be featuring local teen musicians! Each performer gets 25 minutes on the stage, and \$30. Interested? Send your contact info to CanterburyFarmersMarket@gmail.com, attention Ray Craigie. Three spots left! Last summer this was one of our more popular events.

~ Beth Blair, for the Farmers Market

Cloverbuds are heading to the Glines Farm

In May, the Cloverbuds worked to prepare for the town Memorial Day Parade. The Cloverbuds made T-shirts with the 4H emblem, the four-leaf clover. The Cloverbuds also crafted flags and pinwheels to wave and carry during the parade. As a club, we talked about why we celebrate Memorial Day, and why it is important to honor those who have served our country. The children are very excited to march in the parade in Canterbury! We thank the town for inviting us to participate in this special event!



On Monday, May 27, at 9:30 am, the Cloverbuds will meet at the Canterbury Elementary School parking lot and walk in the Canterbury Memorial Day Parade. We will then stay for the Memorial Day events at the gazebo in the center of town.

On Monday, June 3, at 5 pm, we will meet on the theme of plants and animals at the Glines Farm to learn about dairy farming. Cloverbuds will learn about how the farm cares for the cows and will get to watch cows being milked. Participants will also learn to make butter from the fresh milk. This is by far our favorite meeting of the year! 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 club information, please contact Kate Mason and Emily Perlet at canterburycloverbuds@gmail.com.

~ Emily Perlet

Kevin Fife to lead Stone Wall Workshop

On Saturday, June 29, and Sunday, June 30, from 9 am to 4 pm, the Canterbury Shaker Village will host its popular Stone Wall Workshop, a two-day experience in which participants help restore sections of deteriorating stone walls under the leadership of master stone artisan and mason Kevin Fife. Registration is \$250 for new participants and \$150 for prior participants. The workshop includes materials and lunch each day. To enroll, visit shakers.org.

Save the date for the annual Town Yard Sale!

Time to clean out for the Annual Town Yard Sale on Saturday, July 13, from 9 am to noon in the Center by the gazebo. All are welcome to bring their treasures, own table and own cash box. There is usually a small fee of \$3 to \$5 for advertising in the *Concord Monitor*. Rain or shine event. For additional information, contact Jessie via email tshot04@gmail.com.

Here's to Understanding ~ and Appreciation

Canterbury Historical Society seeks to document town's history in stone

Join us on Monday, June 3, at 4 pm as the Canterbury Historical Society Board of Trustees conduct their monthly meeting in the Elkins Memorial building. You can listen to the committee reports and check out the latest artifacts on display.

The society has established a committee chaired by Bill Adams of Hackleboro Road to identify and document abandoned cellar holes, barn foundations, and other historic stone artifacts to aid historians and residents of Canterbury in gaining a more complete understanding of the town's history. Cellar holes are the in-ground remains of old homes, barns, sheds, mills and other stone structures that once covered Canterbury's countryside and a vital link to Canterbury's past.

Our goal is to identify as many abandoned historic stone artifacts in the town as possible. The information gleaned from this survey will help create a more complete understanding of our town and how it has changed over the years. This information can be used by historians as well as residents to learn more about the history of Canterbury.

Anyone interested in learning more about this survey is invited to contact the Historic Stone Foundations Committee Chair Bill Adams, either at canterbury.nh.historical.society@gmail.com or at earthechoes.adams@gmail.com.

~ Ron Routhier, President

Thank you, Ginger, for your years of service

The Canterbury Historic Commission (HDC) wishes to thank Ginger Laplante for her many, many years of service spanning over two decades. Her name is listed in Town Reports going back to 1992. Ginger served under several different chairs during that time and with different members.

Ginger retired from the HDC at the end of April. Her distinctive voice, her knowledge, and institutional experience will be missed. HDC members have sent their thanks and good wishes. In her place, they voted to elevate Harry Kinter to full member, pending selectboard approval.

~ Lois Scribner

Brian and Helena Titilah will be missed

The Canterbury Historical Society reports with sorrow the passing of Trustee Brian Titilah and his wife, Helena Titilah. Brian became a member of the Board of Trustees in 2007, and over the past sixteen years generously shared his vast knowledge of antiques and his love of local history with the society in various ways. These included organizing the popular CHS program, "Antiques Appraisal Day," staffing the Houser One Room Schoolhouse during the Canterbury Fair, and participating as a member of the Collections Committee for the archives. When there was a need, Brian was often the first to raise his hand and volunteer his time and, when critical questions were posed during meetings, his insight was always accompanied with a smile. The Board of Trustees and staff of the Canterbury Historical Society wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the Titilahr's sons, Ross and Douglas, and wish them comfort during this time of profound loss in their family and in their Canterbury community.



A Joan Leggett legacy: our One Room Schoolhouse

With the recent passing of former Canterbury Historical Society trustee and long-time friend Joan Leggett, the following reflections are offered on her substantial contribution to the formation of the One Room Schoolhouse Program that the Historical Society cultivates annually in partnership with the Canterbury Elementary School:

Everyone in Canterbury knows the brick one room schoolhouse located at Canterbury Center. It is a much loved building, having been built in 1844, serving Canterbury students as the "Center School" until 1956. In 1971 the building was dedicated as the Houser Museum to house the Historical Society's Archive Collection.

In 2005, Joan Leggett suggested that the Historical Society "should re-invent" the Center School as a living example of what an education in a one room schoolhouse in

Canterbury was like in the early part of the 20th century. Joan was named to lead the committee and worked tirelessly with the staff at the Canterbury Elementary School as the curriculum was developed. After two years in development and much hard work, Mary Ellen Fifield called the first class to order on Nov. 18, 2007.

Joan attended many meetings of the National Association of One Room Schoolhouses to gather information about what others were doing. It turned out that no one was doing what we in Canterbury were doing and we won a national award as a result.

It has been 17 years since we held our first class in the One Room Schoolhouse. Every Canterbury student since 2007 has shared in the experience and joy of attending year after year. Joan Leggett could not have left a greater legacy.

Canterbury United Community Church

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Town Email List

Kal McKay manages the Canterbury Town Email List. Join or submit by emailing canterburytownemail@gmail.com

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

Elkins Public Library

Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays, 9-5, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 7, Saturdays 9 to 12.
603-783-4386. Online at elkinspubliclibrary.org.

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

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. Merrimack County Sheriff's Office 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

Food pantry provides for 6,671 meals

In April the Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 302 individuals for them to prepare 6,671 meals. Of these people, 138 were aged 60 and older (46%), 68 were aged 18 or under (23%), and 96 were between those ages (32%).



The Food Pantry will be closed and unavailable for the week of June 17. We will begin servicing again on Tuesday, June 25. Per usual, our customers will be given enough food for the week we're closed.

Fill a Cruiser Event: The Loudon Police Department stuffed a cruiser with food for us on April 27. We received 263.30 pounds of food. This equates to 219 meals. Great job!

Do you need food? One phone call is all it takes. The process is simple and if you have all your paperwork, you'll receive food the same day as your appointment! To see if you qualify, go to LoudonFoodPantry.org and click on Need Help? or call Sue at (603) 724-9731.

~ Sue Houck

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Town news worth celebrating!



Sisters Leni and Luci, Thomas, and Emma showed off their volunteer spirit at the Canterbury Fire Department pancake breakfast back in April. With Chief Gamache and Lieutenant Bickers along for the "ride," the kids in their very official (plastic) fire helmets put the department's utility vehicle through its paces. They even learned how to work the compressor and airbag that would help lift a vehicle off a trapped person or obstacle. In about 18 years the Fire Department might have some more fantastic firefighters!

A bouquet of thanks: Check out the water trough on the edge of the cemetery lawn next time you drive through the center. The beautiful petunias, marigolds, red grass, and one mystery plant were donated by Kevin Bragg of Canterbury Plantation. Watch them grow!

~ Beth Blair

Soccer program needs help with fields

Please help! The Canterbury Recreation Committee is seeking a dedicated volunteer to line the soccer fields several times this fall. Training and equipment will be provided and your help will grant you gratitude from many children and families in town. If you are able to help, please email dkrautmann.canterburynh@gmail.com.

Registration for the 2024 soccer season will open up in July. Stay tuned for details.

Pre-Season Skills Days and Cleat Exchange: Jorge Pardo from Caramba Soccer camps will be doing 2 free soccer skills days for registered soccer players in grades 2-5. Skills days will take place on Sept. 4 and 5 from 4:30 to 6:30. Save the date and join us!

~ The Canterbury Recreation Committee

Trying times for Zimbabwe's children

I am recently back from five weeks in Zimbabwe. It was discouraging, as most of our students, with a few exceptions, are doing poorly in school. The teachers are not motivated due to poor salaries. A Light for Zimbabwe does provide extra lessons but only for those taking state exams. Drought and poor harvests are impacting our food program too.

I am very grateful for the support of sponsors for about one-third of our students. Currently we send 17 to primary, 19 to secondary and two to trade schools, plus six at college or university. Learn more and support our efforts at alightforzimbabwe.org. **Below:** three students, orphaned since childhood.

~ With gratitude, Sue Heppenstall

