

# Canterbury Community Newsletter

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## Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Canterbury Fair News

This year's Fair meetings are as follows:  
April 15 // May 20 // June 17 // July 15

All meetings are in the first floor Meeting Room of the Parish Hall and start promptly at 6:30pm.

Everyone is welcome to join in planning the Fair. If you are new to town, it's a wonderful way to meet neighbors and be part of a Canterbury tradition!



Collaboration of Elkins Public Library  
and Canterbury Country Store

## Rebecca Rule comes to Canterbury, Thurs., May 1 4:30-5:30 Book Signing, 6pm Storytelling

This is a collaboration with the Canterbury Country Store and the Community Gallery show "Funny Bones" running March 31 to May 4. Artist's inspiration: What makes you crack up? Funny signs you have seen? Your pet being stupid? A rhetorical situation? Photograph them, draw them, paint them, stitch them and share in this show! Images that make us laugh until our bones hurt!

Thursday, May 1, 4:30 – 5:30 meet Becky in the Feed Loft of the store for a book signing, then head on over to the Town Hall for her 6:00 stand-up storytelling.

### HOW TO SUBMIT TO THE NEWSLETTER:

Email your articles to  
newslettercanterbury@gmail.com

Deadline is the 16th of the month prior to the month you want your news to appear. Need more time? Contact us.

Articles may be edited to fit! Photos accepted.

Want to advertise? Email ads or questions about ads attn. Sam Murch newslettercanterbury@gmail.com

FYI: We don't accept "Letters to the Editor" or Op Ed pieces. Sorry!



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For other Elkins Public Library Speaker Series events, see PAGE 10



The Canterbury Fair urgently needs a volunteer willing to step up A.S.A.P. to orchestrate and organize Artisans and Vendors for the Fair on July 26th. Please contact Adrienne Hutchinson at 603-369-2345 or AdrienneArt212@gmail.com to find out more about what it entails and how you can get involved!

## Good News

Yes, every year it's pretty much the same thing. I'm utterly expectant and wholly surprised when spring shows up—again! Maybe it's my internal clock that moves from snow season to mud season, or from long johns to tee shirts, but it never fails. I can feel my need for light and green and growth, and every year those green leaves of daffodils and narcissus and crocus and whatever fill me with wonder and joy. Even when I know where to watch for the signs — when I look, I'm amazed — again. It never gets old. Spring arrives. Easter happens!

And just as the earth and the sky remind us that winter is not forever, CUCC and Christian churches around the world enter Lent, 40 days of preparation before the joy of Easter. You may have memories of childhood Lenten sacrifices: "giving up" meat, or candy, or TV. Or you may have taken up Lenten disciplines: daily prayer,

or a daily kindness, or a daily poem or painting. These are ways to wake up and prepare ourselves, body, mind, and spirit, to re-tell and remember and the ancient story of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. Lent is a way to prepare our hearts for the expected surprise of life- in all its wild abundance- even when the world is dark and dangerous and cruel.

So this month, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey, I invite you to join us at CUCC for Lenten reflection or practice, and of course for Easter joy.



Pastor Becky

*In peace, Becky*

## Easter at CUCC

### Easter Morning, April 20

**Sunrise Service** at 5:40 am at Shaker Village. Park in the main lot, cross the road, and walk the central gravel path to end up behind the main collection of buildings. ALL are welcome!

**Community Breakfast:** 7-9:30 am, upstairs in the Parish House Community Center.

**Easter Worship Service:** 10 am in the church. Joyful, joyful celebration for all ages!



### Easter Breakfast – All Are Welcome!

Everyone is invited to the annual community breakfast on Easter morning, no matter how else you are choosing to celebrate the day. Please invite a friend! Come enjoy a buffet style of yummy breakfast items plus the company of your family, friends, and neighbors. If you are interested in helping out for this event (*food prep, donating groceries or money, clean up, etc.*) call Polly Camire 603-848-1862 (before 9 pm please) or send an email to [morrisspolly2@gmail.com](mailto:morrispolly2@gmail.com). *Proceeds go to the CUCC.*

What: Full Breakfast, Buffet style  
When: Easter Sunday, April 20, 7 - 9:30 am  
Where: Parish House Community Center

Cost: Kids 5 and under...FREE  
Seniors 65+...\$6.00  
Kids 6-11...\$6.00  
Adults 12-64...\$10  
Families (immediate)...\$25



### Friendly Suppers for Canterbury April 11, 5-7 pm

In the Parish House Community Center. \$5.00 suggested donation. So we can adequately plan how much food to prepare, please RSVP to [mycanterburychurch@gmail.com](mailto:mycanterburychurch@gmail.com) or call 603-783-9365. A warm meal and good company will help anyone to refuel and reconnect!

## April at CUCC

**Morning Worship every Sunday** at 10 am in the Church. Open and welcoming to all.

**Open communion** is celebrated the first Sunday of every month.

**Children's Church** for ages 3-6 gathers at 9:45 in the Parish House Community Center. Please call 603-783-9365 for further information.

**Nursery Care** during church is available for infants and toddlers! Please call 603-783-9365.



**The family of Wayne J. Blais wishes to thank our friends and neighbors for their love and support since Wayne's passing.**

**A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 10, 1-4 pm, with a Eulogy at 2 pm at the Bow Community Building, 3 Bow Center Road, Bow, NH.**



# Pancake Breakfast



**Saturday,  
April 26 at the  
Fire Station.  
7:30-9:30am**

Dear friends & neighbors of Canterbury Fire & Rescue,

We will be hosting our annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 26 at the fire station at the Town municipal complex.

- \$15.00 per plate, children 8 and under are free.
- Breakfast will be served between the hours of 07:30-09:30 am.

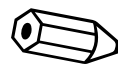
We hope that you can take the time to come have some breakfast and meet some of the members that serve our community. There will be goodies for the kids as well as opportunities for fire truck and station tours for those who are interested. We hope to see you at our one and only fundraiser and would appreciate your support.

~ Chief Michael Gamache

## Canterbury Fund: Time for Students to Apply

The Canterbury Fund is a charitable trust, administered by the Trustees of the Canterbury United Community Church who are authorized to act also as Trustees of the Canterbury Fund. The Canterbury Fund is primarily funded through the Canterbury Fair.

The Declaration of Trust of the Canterbury Fund, as amended, states that: "The purposes of this Charitable Trust are to aid financially, or in any other manner deemed reasonable and necessary by the Trustees, those Canterbury, NH residents who are in need of financial assistance due to hardship; to aid the higher education of worthy students; to make grants or loans to said individuals; and to make grants or loans to organizations in Canterbury to assist in the funding of community projects which, in the opinion of the Trustees, are in the best interests of all Canterbury residents"



**Student Application Deadline  
is May 31st (no exceptions)**

The Applicants will be required to introduce themselves at an informal meeting in June.

To Request an Application: Please Contact Jessie Tichko via email: [tshot04@gmail.com](mailto:tshot04@gmail.com)

Welcome to Spring 2025!  
Season Opening April 12th

### April Hours

Friday, Saturday & Sundays

9:00 to 4:00



Whether you're a 'perennial' friend or a new 'transplant' to our farm, we look forward to another gardening season with you.

April starts us off with Pansies & Violas in all colors of the rainbow, hardy Perennials, cool weather Vegetable starts and the first of our unique offering of Annuals, both heirloom and contemporary varieties. Check our website for more details.



So, grab a friend and stop on by for a relaxing & friendly plant shopping experience, with unique plants and plenty of helpful advice.

364 Baptist Rd  
(entrance off Abberton Rd)  
[www.canterburyplantation.com](http://www.canterburyplantation.com)

## Hop on over to see what we have for Easter!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: new take-out menu  
every month plus special events!



CANTERBURY COUNTRY STORE



3 Center Rd. - 603-783-9933  
[CanterburyCountryStore.com](http://CanterburyCountryStore.com)  
M-Sat 7-6, Sun 9-4





## Adult Clothing Swap Begins Thursday, May 1st, at Noon

ALSO Friday, May 2nd, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm  
Saturday, May 3rd, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Drop off and shopping upstairs at the Parish Hall Community Center during any of these times. You do not need to contribute in order to “shop.”

Contact Judy Nelson 603-493-4207 with questions or if you'd like to assist with the clothing swap.

~ ~ Thank you! ~ ~

## When Help is Needed — Hygiene Packs!

The Canterbury Benevolent Society is reaching out to the community to help us assemble 50 Hygiene packs for Church World Service (CWS). The kits include personal items most needed immediately by someone who has been displaced.

The following is a list of items in each hygiene kit:

- **Washcloth / Sturdy wide tooth comb** (6" minimum teeth)  
Note: CBS has managed to acquire enough combs and washcloths\*\*
- **Adult Toothbrush** in original packing, no multiple packs
- **Toenail clippers**
- **Travel size deodorant**  
(3.4 ounces or less, fragrance-free, non-aerosol)
- **Travel-size lotion**  
(3.4 ounces or less, fragrance-free, NEW only)
- **Travel-size shampoo** (3.4 ounces or less, NEW only)
- **Travel-size toothpaste**  
(3.4 ounces or less, expiration date of 1 year or longer)
- **Please, no small hotel shampoos, etc!**

We are looking for donations of any of these items — OR — monetary donations to help us purchase the items to make up these kits. Please text or call Judy Nelson @ 603-493-4207 if you want to help with this worthwhile project. We thank you in advance!

When California experienced wildfires and Florida was hit with another hurricane, did you feel like you wanted to “do something,” but didn't know what? Here is your chance to help. CWS is often first on the scene when tragedies force people from their homes

~ ~ Judy Nelson 603-493-4207

PS: By going on-line to CWS and searching for kits and the lists, you can see the items needed for other kits: School Bags, Period packs, Clean-up Buckets etc. Contact Judy if you wish to contribute to one of these kits.

# Did someone say Tricentennial? Let's plan a party!

The Tricentennial Committee, a subcommittee of the Historical Society, was formed to honor the rich history of Canterbury. Its mission is to plan, organize and conduct multiple events during 2027, our Tricentennial year.

2027 is less than two years away and we need your help planning a year-long 300th birthday celebration! The committee is already at work, planning for at least one event a month, plus the creation of commemorative items.

Projects discussed so far are a Tricentennial quilt, mugs, medallions, pewter ornaments, books, posters of historic houses, parades, road races, scavenger hunts, dinners, music, reenactments, and a time capsule. As you can see, the possibilities are endless!

### We're hoping the projects also might include YOU!

What are your thoughts and ideas? Do you have an expertise you are willing to share? Please let us know by filling out a questionnaire found at the Canterbury Store, Sam Lake House Office or Elkins Library, or email your ideas to [canterbury300@gmail.com](mailto:canterbury300@gmail.com) by **April 22, 2025**.

*Thank you, the Tricentennial Committee, and Co-chairs Naomi Scanlon and Heidi Southard*

## We have started to think about a Tricentennial logo.

Here are some samples. Let us know which one you like -OR- create something different!



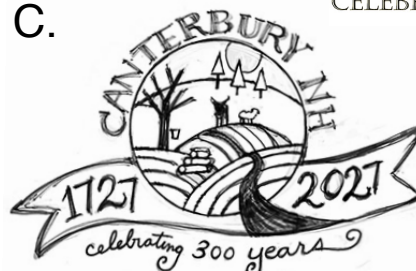
We want to hear from lots of neighbors!

Like one of these designs?  
Email us at [Canterbury300@gmail.com](mailto:Canterbury300@gmail.com)

B.



C.



**Option D.**  
Send your idea for a design to [Canterbury300@gmail.com](mailto:Canterbury300@gmail.com)



# Town Critters, **BIG** and small

## Bears are on the move!

Bears are hungry and looking for quick and easy meals. PLEASE remove your bird feeders before dusk, or take them down altogether. According to NH Fish and Game:

- Bird feeders typically are the direct cause of 25% of annual bear-human encounters.
- In addition to bird feeders, other primary bear attractants include unprotected chickens and other poultry (23%) and unsecured garbage cans and dumpsters (38%).
- You may want to temporarily fortify chicken coops with an electric barrier, as hungry bears can EASILY tear into even very well-built coops!

### Other Spring Critters to watch out for:

- Skunks and porcupines are active — be extra careful when letting dogs out after dusk.
- If you find a fawn, don't touch or move it! Check the next day if you are worried the mom deer isn't around. Still worried? Call Fish and Game.

### Animal Emergencies

- For wildlife injured or in distress you can call NH Fish and Game at (603) 271-3421.
- The closest wildlife rehabilitator to Canterbury is Maria Colby in Henniker. You can reach her at (603) 428-3723. Her website is [wingswildlife.org](http://wingswildlife.org)

~ Linda Moore

## Help Insects — Leave the Leaves

The winter snows have melted and you may want to clean out the yard. But for insect's sake, park the rake!

Recent research in Science magazine said that butterfly populations have decreased by 22% from 2000 to 2020. Where do many of these butterflies overwinter? In the leaves! Queen bumble bees, the luna moth, spotted salamander, and lightning bugs also hibernate here.

You may have heard that once we have had 5 consecutive days of 50-degree weather, insects have moved on and it's safe to rake out the gardens. This is an urban legend according to Doug Tallamy, Entomologist at Univ. of Delaware.

There are many insects that need the leaf litter until it's their time to emerge. This may be June, July, or even August! YIKES, what is a home gardener to do?

- Select areas where you want things neat and tidy and leave the leaves in the backyard, along the woodland edges, etc.
- Find a place where you can rake leaves into the woods along the edge of your property.
- Replace bark mulch with low growing native ground-covers, herbaceous plants, and ferns. For more info visit [megrownnationalpark.org](http://megrownnationalpark.org).

~ Donna Miller

## Town of Canterbury News

**Regular Meetings** of Board of Selectmen are Mon., April 7 and Monday, April 21, 5 pm, in the Meeting House.



**Thanks** to all 200 or so residents who showed up at the 2nd session of Town Meeting on March 14. Minutes of the meeting will be available on the Town website by the end of April.

**Welcome** Calvin Todd to the Board of Selectmen, and Congratulations to everyone who was voted on to all Boards and Committees in Town!

There is a link to all Canterbury election and voting results on the Town website home page. Results of the School elections can be found at [www.SAU80.org](http://www.SAU80.org)

## April is the beginning of the new tax year!

Any tax exemption or discount applications are due to the Assessor by Tues., April 15. The Assessor will be visiting properties to review completed work based on building permits that have been issued in the past year.

- If you received a postcard from the Assessor and have questions, call Mandy at 603-783-9955 ext. 4.

## Fire Permits Needed!

This is a friendly reminder that with no snow cover on the ground, **all open fires need a permit**. You can obtain a permit by visiting the fire station between the hours of 730-4pm Monday through Friday or online at [www.nh-burnsafeamerica.com](http://www.nh-burnsafeamerica.com).



## Hazardous Waste Day, May 24.

More info on "where and what" coming next month!"

### \*\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*\*

*Town Elected Officials and Appointees*  
**RTK Training, Thurs., April 17, 6pm, in the Town Hall**



Don't forget to do your homework! Check your Email for the attachments sent out on March 13.

## ALTERNATES NEEDED

It is critical for Boards and Commissions in Town to have a full roster of alternates so they can function if a regular member cannot participate. Please consider getting involved as an alternate on:

**Planning Board**

**Zoning Board**

**Conservation Commission**

# CES News



## American Heart Association - Kids Heart Challenge

Mr. McWhinnie recently completed a jump rope unit with the physical education classes. A school-wide goal was set to raise \$2,000 for the American Heart Association. CES students surpassed the goal and raised nearly \$3,000! In celebration of their efforts, we held a dance party for the K-2 students and a staff vs. students scooter hockey game for the students in grades 3-4. Thank you to everyone who supported us in raising funds for this worthy cause!

## NED's Mindset Mission

CES recently held a very popular school-wide assembly called NED's Mindset Mission. The presentation included storytelling, illusions, and yo-yo tricks as the speaker talked to our students about Never giving up, Encouraging others, and Doing your best. This engaging presentation came to us free as part of a "pay it forward" system. We conducted a sale of their yo-yos at the school store, with the proceeds from the sale being used to pay it forward to the next school. Our student delegates helped create a "NED Zone" (space outside on the playground) for students to safely practice their yo-yo skills. It was a huge success, and we hope to bring additional programs by All for Kidz back to CES in the near future.



**Students loved this high energy presentation!**



**How do you measure a snake??**

*Inches — because they don't have any feel!!*

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L-R with Mrs. Collins: Alana and Heidi (with Sam in the back)

## Kindergarten Registration

Do you have a student who will be five years old by September 30? It's time to think about registering for kindergarten! On-line kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year is open NOW!



To access the online registration,

- Go to [www.sau80.org](http://www.sau80.org) and click on Resources.
- Go to <https://sau80.almastart.com/> (If you don't already have an Alma account)
- Please call CES at 603-783-9944, or email our secretary at [rmanita@sau80.org](mailto:rmanita@sau80.org) with any questions.

**We are so excited to welcome our new kindergarten friends. Fall will be here before we know it!**

## Animal Encounters

A representative from Wildlife Encounters Ecology and Wellness Center came and shared several animals, including a tarantula, bullfrog, opossum, macaw, snake, and a rabbit. Students learned about the adaptations that these animals use to survive in the wild. Learners were invited to pet the snake and rabbit at the end of the assembly. The snake was wildly popular!



L-R with Mrs. Chubb: Brantley, Finn, Tim, James, and Ayden  
Many thanks to our wonderful PTO for sponsoring this great program.

# THANK YOU

We are so grateful for our amazing volunteers! Community and family members regularly assist us by serving as room parents, coordinating class events and parties, chaperoning field trips, providing classroom support, serving on the PTO and reading to classes during I Love to Read month. We are truly fortunate to have such amazing volunteers and we appreciate all that they do to make CES such a special school. If you are interested in volunteering at CES, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Kathryn Scanlon at [kscanlon@sau80.org](mailto:kscanlon@sau80.org).



## Canterbury 4H Cloverbuds News

In March, Cloverbuds met to learn about caring for pets. Cloverbuds learned that pets need food, water, air, shelter, space, and love. At the meeting, Cloverbud members enjoyed making healthy dog treats with the



help of 4H Rascal member, Zoe Perlet. The Cloverbuds also made their own pet rocks during our meeting.



**Cloverbud's next meeting is Monday, April 7, 5-6 pm** at the Canterbury Parish House. Our April 4H Learning Theme will be Plants and Animals: All about plants. Come and join the fun!

Cloverbuds is a 4H club for children ages 5-7. New members are always welcome. If you have questions, please contact Kate Mason or Emily Perlet at [canterburycloverbuds@gmail.com](mailto:canterburycloverbuds@gmail.com)

For links to sign up your child, go to: <https://extension.unh.edu/new-hampshire-4-h/what-is-4-h>

## Canterbury Rascals 4H News

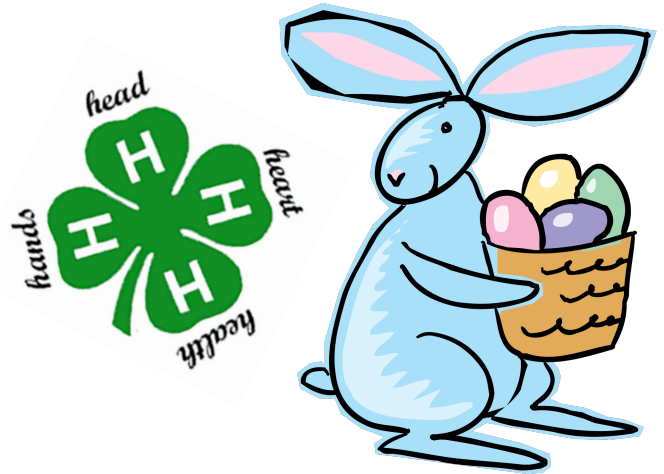
In March the Canterbury 4H Rascals were busy working to plan our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Club members were also involved in several workshops. One of those was a sewing workshop, where members learned to sew an apron. A second workshop was all about making maple syrup!

During March, Merrimack County 4H also hosted its annual Presentation Day. This was a chance for 4H members to practice their public speaking, poster making, and photography skills. This year, Cloverbud members Nancy Perlet and Joanna Cleveland did a fantastic job sharing about their pet rocks! 4H Rascal members Anna McDonald, Dahlia Beaudette, Zoe Perlet, Annie Perlet, Elizabeth Yohe, and Freddy Yohe also participated in Presentation Day in the categories of Photography and Action Exhibit. Way to go everyone!



## Saturday, April 12 4H EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Canterbury Rascals 4H Easter Egg Hunt is almost here! The egg hunt will be **Saturday, April 12** at 10 am, at Canterbury Elementary School, rain, snow, or shine. Kids will enjoy hunting for eggs, entering a raffle for an Easter basket full of goodies, and trying to guess the number of jelly beans in the jar! This fun event is for Canterbury residents only, ages 11 and under. Bring your own basket for egg collecting! If you have questions, contact Emily Perlet at [emilyperlet@gmail.com](mailto:emilyperlet@gmail.com)



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## Farmers Market News

Our weekly market is an important venue for the community to gather and at the same time connect with local food producers. But we need your help...

• **MARKET MEMBERSHIPS** represent 50% of our basic operating budget. Membership forms are available from our website and at our display in the Elkins Library.

• **MUSIC SPONSORSHIPS** support the Market AND your group or business! We will highlight your name at the musician's performance, and in all our Market promotions for that week.

• **SHOP HERE FIRST** Our mission is to promote local food and agricultural products. Try to shop our Wednesday market to get the best of what you need, and fill in the gaps from the grocery store afterwards. Your support keeps the Market and our local farming network strong!

• **IF YOU CARE, SHARE!** We work hard to put out lots of info about our great vendors and events. If you see a Facebook or Instagram post that you like, *please* share it with your friends and groups!

[www.CanterburyFarmersMarket.com](http://www.CanterburyFarmersMarket.com)



>>> **Help Wanted!** <<<

## CUCC is seeking an Administrative Assistant

~12 hours/week, \$18-\$20/ hour, depending on experience.  
Hours will be regular, with some flexibility.

- We're looking for an outgoing, friendly individual who is discreet with confidential information, a clear communicator, and able to prioritize multiple tasks.
- They will print a weekly bulletin, answer church phone and email, process snail mail, and maintain church records.
- The successful candidate will be detail oriented, organized, willing to learn, and enjoy creative problem solving.
- Required proficiency in Microsoft Office (*Word and Excel*), Google Drive (*Docs, Sheets, Calendar*), skill in managing members/mailling lists and producing community mailings.
- Comfort with and interest in social media and website management is a plus.

*Canterbury United Community Church does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, age (over 21) or genetic information.*



Now that the coldest months are behind us, the **Treasure House** is reopening with our weekly schedule on Saturdays 10am - 2pm.

In case you don't know, the Treasure House is located at the Transfer Station to the East of the recycling building. Drop off items that you DON'T need and/or take home items that you DO need. It's FREE either way. In my experience, about half the items dropped off are adopted quickly, sometimes within minutes!

Yes, items can be returned. We've had a few things though the TH cycle multiple times (*including the "boomerang candy dish"*).

### There are a few rules:

- NOTHING BROKEN or dirty .. no one wants junk.
- NO CLOTH or clothing, stuffed toys or anything that mice like to eat... there are bins for that in the recycling area.
- NO BOOKS ... the Elkins Library has a recycling book bin outside, or a book sale inside for the good stuff.
- NO CORDS ... electrical items that can't be re-homed are a liability, especially out of date electronics.

We are trying to extend the hours — I urge you to consider volunteering for a 1 or 2 hour shift per month. It's a great way to connect with people; both volunteers and fellow shoppers. BTW: The TH's greatest treasure is our volunteers!

~ Madeleine Lowe [m Lowe@lowetemp.com](mailto:m Lowe@lowetemp.com)



Join "Food for Thought," a discussion group led by members of the Canterbury Community Farmers Market Board. This monthly group will focus on developing strategies to strengthen our farmers market, our food system, and our community as a whole!

Join us on the second Wednesday of the month from 3-4:30pm in the Feed Loft, located in the Canterbury Country Store.

**April 9** – Calling all shoppers! How can we Improve Consumer Outreach?

**May 14** – Plan Ahead! Walk through the NH Food Alliance Strategic plan.

Whether you're a dedicated market member or simply curious, your voice matters!

## Stillness in the Center

7-7:30 pm Wednesday evenings  
in the CUCC sanctuary.  
Candlelight, quiet prayer, and  
meditation. All are welcome!





Drafty Windows? Want to save \$\$ on heating?

## WindowDressers info session

**April 3, 6:30pm, Town Hall**

Learn about our last Community Build (*think barn-raising or quilting bee*) where neighbors gathered to build 198 insulating window inserts that lowered heating bills, improved comfort while providing a clear view out the window. 1,297 gallons of heating oil was saved and 14 tons of carbon dioxide was *not* put in the atmosphere! \*\*

We will again be holding a Community Build this November to allow more residents to save \$\$ on energy costs and lower their carbon footprint. If you want to improve your home's energy efficiency with these low cost, lightweight storm windows, attend the April 3 event to learn more or email [MerrimackValleyWD@gmail.com](mailto:MerrimackValleyWD@gmail.com) or go to [WindowDressers.org](http://WindowDressers.org) Reduced cost or free inserts available.

Want to help but don't need windows? Our goal is also to build community while building inserts. Knowing how Canterbury is famous for volunteer spirit, we are confident we'll get lots of support from residents who can help by: measuring the windows of participants (*this summer*); working at one or more shifts at the Community Build (*you'll be trained to do one task on the assembly line*); providing food for the lunches that are served between the morning and afternoon shifts. Last year more than 75 volunteers worked on some aspect of the project.

Learn how you can be part of this fun event at the April 3 info session — OR — contact Claudia Leidinger or Ruth Heath at [MerrimackValleyWD@gmail.com](mailto:MerrimackValleyWD@gmail.com)

*\*\*All of these calculations are based on: Medium-size insert (11 sq ft); Oil-fired standard furnace; Average of single & double pane existing windows; Window insert R-value of 2.00; \$3.34/gallon oil price.*

## Town Roadside Cleanup Day

Great news! 2024 was the year everyone decided that throwing trash out their vehicle windows was a bad idea, so there's no trash on the roadsides, and therefore no reason to hold our annual Townwide Roadside Cleanup Day this spring.

April Fools, not really! We ARE holding Townwide Roadside Cleanup Day **Sat., April 19th**. Email Patrice Rasche at [mattieandriley@yahoo.com](mailto:mattieandriley@yahoo.com) to say what section of Canterbury's byways you want to remove the litter from. Then pick up some blue trash bags (*either from Patrice or from the Transfer Station*), fill them with roadside litter, and bring full bags to the Transfer Station.

You don't have to let me know if you plan on participating, but there are benefits...

- I can let you know if someone else has already signed up for that stretch of road.
- I can add your name to the list at the Transfer Station staff of people who have signed up to participate.
- I will reach out to you next year to see if you're still interested!

THANKS as always for helping keep Canterbury roadsides clean.

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# Your Library Is April "Cool"!

"The Library will be closed on Thursday, April 17 for the NH Librarian Spring Conference.

**Library Board of Trustees** meet Mon., April 21, 6pm.

**Thank you for your support at the Town Meeting.**

The passing of warrant article 12 means that work will be scheduled soon to seal up the building to make it more fuel efficient. The staff and trustees would like to thank the Community Power Committee, especially Tom and Cheryl Franco, for their tireless work in putting together the information and petitioning the warrant article.

**Story Time:** Join us Tuesdays at 10 am for stories, songs and a craft. This program is perfect for preschoolers.

**Tunes, Tales & Tumbles:** Join us on Thursdays at 10am for a program filled with singing, dancing, rhymes, musical instruments and more! This program is perfect for our littlest patrons. We are closed on Thurs., April 17.

**Chess Mates:** This youth chess club meets Mondays 3:30 - 4:30. There will be no chess club Mon., April 28th.

**On Pins & Needles:** This group meets Wednesdays at 2pm by the fireplace. Bring your work in progress and enjoy some lively conversation!

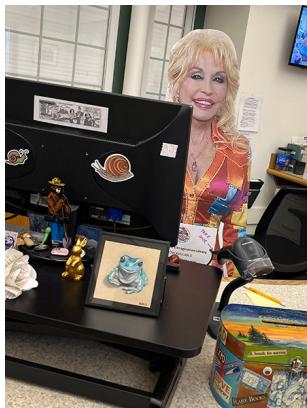
**The Old Man Boring Book Club: Thurs., April 10, 6pm.** This group meets to discuss non-fiction titles that they have read and enjoyed. The newest addition to OMBBC is Stephanie Jackson's dog MAX! Clearly this group is not boring at all. :-)

**Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure, April 22, 2:30.** We will discuss "To Kill a Mockingbird", given out at our March meeting. If you would like to join us, there are copies at the desk. A discussion of new books at the library and highlight a new mystery author.

**Evening Book Group:** Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 16th at 6pm to discuss the book: *The Beach at Summerly* by Beatriz Williams. Copies are available at the circulation desk. All are welcome.

**Dementia 101:** Come grab a cup of tea at the library fireplace on Thurs., April 10 at 2:00 pm and attend the informational session called Dementia 101. Our friends from "Home Instead" are coming to educate us.

**Free Tech Help:** 1/2 hour tech help appointments are on Thursdays between 4:00 pm and 6:00pm. No question is too small! Kal's schedule fills up weeks in advance so call the library *now* to reserve a space. Thank you Kal!



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You're not imagining things  
— Dolly is at the Library!  
Read more on page 11

## Elkins Public Library Speaker Series

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For info about Rebecca  
Rule's visit, see PAGE 1.

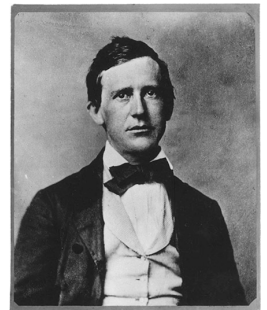
### David Tirrell-Wysocki "Telling Your Family Story," Thurs., April 10, 6:00pm, Town Hall.

Every family has a story -- and the Elkins Public Library wants to help you tell yours! Join long-time journalist and storyteller, David Tirrell-Wysocki will share proven tips on how to collect, compile and present stories of your family, your community, your organization or yourself. The program includes conducting effective interviews; suggestions for organizing documents, photos and other materials; and how to present your story.



### Stephen S. Foster and the Radical Abolitionists, Thurs., April 24, 6:00pm, Town Hall

In the 1830s and 1840s, Concord, NH was a center for radical abolitionist activities. One of the movement's most colorful and daring activists was Canterbury native, Stephen Symonds Foster, a practitioner of what John Lewis would later call "good trouble." In this presentation, Arnie Alpert will tell Stephen's story, nested in the broader story of those who took an unpopular stand against one of our country's original Sins.



### Special Children's Programs for April School Vacation

**LEGO CLUB: Tuesday, April 29.** Join us from 10am to 12pm, for Lego Club, an April school vacation favorite! We will have DUPLOs out for our youngest patrons.

**SPECIAL MOVIE SHOWING: Wed., April 30, 2pm.** Join us for a special viewing in the Children's Room of the motion picture based on an adaptation of the popular children's book series by Dav Pilkey. WOOF, WOOF!

\*\*\*SUPER Special Program!\*\*\*

**TINY CREATURES SHOW, Thursday, May 1, 10am.** This super sensory show includes a visit from an Armadillo, Chinchilla, Python, Tarantula, Tortoise and a Bullfrog! This is a show for all ages!





# Dolly's Come To Town

The Friends of Elkins Public Library (FOEPL) are very excited to announce that **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** program is now available for Canterbury residents! Children aged 0-5 receive a **FREE BOOK GIFT** each month. Sign up at [imaginationlibrary.com](http://imaginationlibrary.com).



Also, keep an eye out, you may see Dolly (or a likeness of her) around town to help spread the word about this incredible program which currently spans five countries and is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading.



Dolly showed up at Town Meeting with Rachel Eades

## FOEPL Says Thank You to All

FOEPL would like to express our gratitude for the support, kindness and generosity of all who attended the Irish Pub Night. The volunteer effort for this fundraising activity was outstanding and a good time was had by all.

The event was a huge success and the funds raised through the sale of raffle tickets and the donation jars will all be used to support the library's growth. This could not have been accomplished without the support of FOEPL members, library staff and the wonderful people in attendance. And, of course, the *fantastic* performance by Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki!



## What is FOEPL anyway?

FOEPL is a registered 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to support Elkins Public Library. We raise funds through membership dues and fundraising campaigns and then vote on purchase requests presented by library staff. Beyond fundraising, members of FOEPL support the library by maintaining the garden, placing seasonal decorations inside and outside the Elkins building, and supplying refreshments for events upon request.

If you are interested in joining us, or you need to renew your annual membership, please pick up a registration/renewal form at the library.



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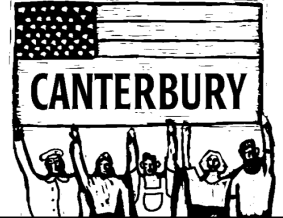
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**Parish House rental:** 603-783-9365.  
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**Online:** canterburychurch.org  
facebook.com/MyCanterburyChurch

### Community Newsletter:

Deadline is 17th of month before publication. For events that are very early in the month we suggest submitting news 2 months ahead. Editor: Beth Blair, 603-783-4333. Submit news by Email to newslettercanterbury@gmail.com

### Canterbury Fair:

Twitter.com/CanterburyFair  
Facebook.com/CanterburyFair

### Town Email List:

Managed by Kal McKay. Join or submit news by Emailing canterburytownemail@gmail.com  
• Deadline for submitting news is Tues. evenings at 8 pm. The email is sent out Wed. at 4 am.  
• Unless something is urgent (e.g. snow storm), no special editions.  
• Please keep your news Email as plain and small as possible. No pictures or file attachments.

### Post Office:

603-783-4158  
**Hours:** Mon.-Fri., 10 am to 5 pm (closed 12:30 to 1:30 pm);  
Sat., 8:30am-Noon

### Elkins Public Library:

603-783-4386.

### Hours:

Mon. & Tues., 9-5  
Wed. & Thurs., 9-7  
Sat. 9-12.

Online: elkinspubliclibrary.org  
elkinspubliclibrary@gmail.com

### Stores

#### Canterbury Country Store:

Mon.-Sat., 7 am to 6 pm;  
Sun., 9 am to 4 pm; 603-783-9933

#### Brookford Farm Store:

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### Wildlife

#### Questions / Concerns

NH Fish and Game (603) 271-3421  
www.wildlife.nh.gov

#### Wildlife Rehabilitation

Maria Colby, Henniker. (603) 428-3723. wingswildlife.org

## Town Offices and organizations

### EMERGENCY? Dial 911

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

**Town website:**  
canterburynh.gov

**Transfer Station:** Tue. and Wed., 4 to 6:45 pm; Sat., 8 am to 5:45 pm. Call 603-783-9980 or email transferstation@canterburynh.gov

#### Town Clerk/Tax Collector:

783-0153. // Mon. and Wed., 9 to 3; Tue. and Thur. 12 to 7.  
spapps@canterburynh.gov

#### Selectmen's Office, Town Administrator, and Assessor:

603-783-9955.  
Mon. and Wed., 9 to 1;  
Thur. 10 to 2.  
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assessing@canterburynh.gov  
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**Building Inspector:** 603-783-9033  
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**Highway Dept:** 603-783-4123  
canterburyhighway@canterburynh.gov

**Planning Board:** 603-848-2059  
planningboard@canterburynh.gov

#### Monthly Meetings

(Check town website for details, agendas, and minutes.)

**Planning Board:** 2nd Tue., 7 pm; 4th Tue. as needed, MH

**Conservation Commission:** 2nd Thurs., 7 pm, MH

**Historic District Commission:** 3rd Wed., 7 pm

#### Selectmen:

1st and 3rd Mon., 6 pm, MH

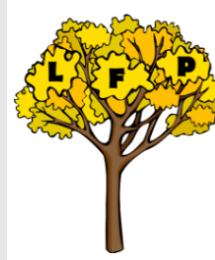
#### Solid Waste Committee:

Monthly on 2nd Monday, 3:30 pm, Library

**Zoning Board:** As needed.

#### Energy Committee:

2nd Mon., 7 pm, Library



## Loudon Food Pantry

We supply food to anyone who qualifies and resides within Canterbury, Belmont, Chichester, and Loudon NH. There is never any fee or charge for receiving food.

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### How we helped our communities:

In February 2025 Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 259 individuals for them to prepare 6,950 meals. Of these people, 144 were aged 60 and older (56%), 41 were aged 18 or under (16%), and 74 were between those ages (29%).

### Time Off – April 29, 30 and May 1, 2025

We will be closed and unavailable on April 29, 30 and May 1, 2025. This gives our volunteers some time to recharge after the holiday season. We will reopen on Tuesday May 6, 2025.

**Call (603) 724-9731** to schedule your first appointment and know what documents to bring.

If you have all your paperwork, you'll receive food the day of your appointment!

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

**Service:** By appointment only at same hours as above.

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