

Canterbury Community Newsletter

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There's plenty to do this month!



Saturday, March 4: Cabin Fever Antique Mart, Canterbury Town Hall, from 9:30 to 3. Just the reason you need to get out of the house!

Wednesday, March 8: Game Night makes its debut at the Elkins Public Library. Details, *Page 9*.

Thursday, March 9: Moved and Seconded ~ Town Meeting in New Hampshire with

Rebecca Rule at 6 pm at the Town Hall. This talk in the Elkins Public Library Speaker series features stories of the rituals, traditions, and history of town meeting, including the perennial characters, the literature, the humor, and the wisdom of this uniquely New England institution. You may know Rebecca for her work on New Hampshire public television. She's been telling stories in and about New England for thirty years!



Saturday, March 11: Community Ice Fishing.

Remember the event planned for February? It was too warm. But it's on again ... assuming there's ice. Sign up by typing this link — <https://bit.ly/3KK9lor> — in your web browser and organizers will let you know if it's on!

Monday, March 13: Tai Chi at the Canterbury Shaker Village. This 8-week class runs Mondays at 5 pm through May 1. The cost is \$120 for members, \$140 for non-members. The instructor is Darcy Cushing, a student of the Tung family T'ai Chi Style since 1991. To register, visit shakers.org.

Monday, March 20: Kindergarten registration for the fall begins, and runs through March 24. *Page 8*.



Saturday, March 25: The Canterbury Rascals 4H Easter Egg Hunt begins at 10 am at Canterbury Elementary School, rain, snow, or shine. This fun event is for Canterbury residents only, ages 11 and under. Bring your own basket for egg collecting! If you have questions, please contact Emily Perlet at emilyperlet@gmail.com.

Town meeting season is here!

Tuesday, March 14, is Election Day! Ballot voting for town officials and open school board seats as well as the 2023-2024 Shaker Regional School District budget. Voting is at the Canterbury Town Hall, 1 Old Tilton Road, from 7 am to 7 pm.

Friday, March 17, is the in-person, deliberative session of town meeting at the Canterbury Elementary School, 15 Baptist Road, starting at 7 pm.

Meet the town and school candidates on the evening of Wednesday, March 8 at 7 pm at the Canterbury Town Hall. To participate by Zoom, contact dorishampton38@gmail.com before 6 pm on the 8th for a link. Sponsored by Canterbury Citizens for Democracy.

The three candidates for the Board of Selectmen introduce themselves in writing. *Page 5*.

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CANTERBURY TAVERN is open Thursday and Friday nights from 4:30-9 for dinner. Kitchen closes at 8 pm. Prime Rib every Friday night while supplies last!

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Lent: The Season for Attending to Our Invisible Streams

Dear Friends,

Even though the calendar still says winter, we've entered those weeks of freezing and thawing. I'm hearing some new sounds as Henry and I explore our favorite Canterbury trails and roads.



Pastor Becky

When the growl of a passing car fades, or when the wind dies down and the spruce trees stop whispering so insistently, lately I hear the laughing gurgle of flowing water. Sometimes I spot it right away—a rivulet trickling down a bank or a stream running over a rock. A fresh stream is working its way across the bottom of the field into Kimball Pond. But some gurgles are harder to see, especially in the Center. In town,

running water echoes up through drain grates or through hidden culverts under roads. Finding these subterranean trickles requires quiet of course, but also a willingness to imagine something invisible. We hear it, but then we have to infer the moving water we can't yet see.

I suppose our maple syrup producers are pretty good at this. They watch the ambient temperature and infer the invisible flow within a trusty maple. And this gets me thinking about our own invisible streams—moving within us as we navigate our days. So many things shape us, mold us: relationships, experiences, reason and emotion. Sometimes we need to pause to connect what's happening outside to what's going on inside. In the Christian tradition we are entering the season of Lent, 40 days of preparation and introspection that resonates with other faith traditions, like the High Holy Days of Judaism and Ramadan in Islam. Some Christians use this season to listen for the invisible movement of Spirit and connection running through our lives. Some may "give up" some delight, but others may add a new practice! A Lenten intention might be a new spiritual practice or a new challenge in our daily routines. Ideally, Lenten practices help us re-center ourselves in what is ultimately important: you might take a walk every day, or sing or pray or meditate, or even say five nice things before you say something critical!

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, marked the beginning of this season of awareness. Why not commit to a meaningful challenge for Lent's remaining days? Treat yourself to some intentional growth and change!

In Peace,
Becky

The Love Is All You Need! Masterpiece Mystery Theater, a fundraiser to benefit the church held in February, was a resounding success! For a photograph of the spectacular cast—can you guess who the killer turned out to be?—and a list of generous local donors who made the silent auction possible, see *Page 10!*

CUCC March highlights

The DEADLINE for your **EASTER FLOWER ORDER** is **April 2!** *The coupon is on Page 12.*

Every Wednesday evening: Stillness in the Center, candlelight and contemplation / meditation in the church. 7-8 pm. Come for a few minutes or an hour.

Every Sunday morning: Worship and Children's Church 10 o'clock. All are welcome! Open communion on the first Sunday of every month.

March 11, ice permitting: Ice Fishing Workshop on Kimball Pond. *See Page 1 for more!*

Welcoming a special guest from Zimbabwe

Following Sue Heppenstall's trip to Zimbabwe in November, we were excited to welcome Prosper Sidhuli to the area as a guest of A Light for Zimbabwe (ALFZ) for a month. Prosper is a beneficiary of ALFZ.



Prosper Sidhuli

He was orphaned in second grade after losing both of his parents. He lived with relatives through secondary school and helped to support himself and assist with his school fees by herding cattle.

Sue met Prosper when he was struggling to find a way to go to university and through the generosity of a sponsor, he graduated from University of Zimbabwe as a lawyer. He has since also obtained a master's degree.

CUCC welcomed Prosper, who shared his story in church and at fellowship. He has loved meeting so many members and new friends. Pastor Becky has been especially welcoming. In addition to trips to the Lakes Region and Boston, he really enjoyed an opportunity to visit the courts in Concord, which was made possible by Howard Moffett.

Prosper returned to Zimbabwe on Feb. 15 and extends his thanks to the Outreach Committee and church as a whole for their support.

For more information on our organization, find us at facebook.com/ALightforZimbabwe/

~ Sue Heppenstall

Tuesday, March 14: Town and School Ballot Voting

Where and when to vote on March 14

Ballot voting for town officials and open school board seats as well as the 2023-2024 Shaker Regional School District budget will be held at the Canterbury Town Hall, 1 Old Tilton Road, from 7 am to 7 pm on Tuesday, March 14.

Can't make it to the polls?

The application for an absentee town ballot can be found on the town website under Town Clerk-Tax Collector: canterbury-nh.org/town-clerk-tax-collector. Please call 603-783-0153 with any questions. The Town Clerk's office will be closed on March 14 for the town election.

Individuals who qualify for absentee voting for the Shaker Regional School District may contact Stacy Kruger, District Clerk, at 603-267-9223 ext. 5314. Belmont residents will vote at Belmont High School and Canterbury residents at the Old Town Hall.

School Budget Committee members urge support for 'fiscally responsible' budget

As members of the Shaker Regional School District's Budget Advisory Committee, we are asking voters of Belmont and Canterbury to support the proposed 2023-2024 budget. As established by a warrant article, the Advisory Budget Committee comprises three members from Canterbury and four members from Belmont. Each member must submit a letter of interest. This year one member of Canterbury and two members of Belmont submitted letters of interest and were accepted by the school board.

As members of the Budget Advisory Committee, we attended and engaged in the School Board budget discussions. The budget was scrutinized to look for savings that would not directly impact the quality of education. The School Board committed to hours of discussion and difficult decisions, always with taxpayers, students, and district employees in mind.

As members of the Budget Advisory Committee, we ask for your support of the proposed SRSD budget, which will support appropriate funding for all programs preparing the students for careers following graduation—college, military service, vocationally oriented education, and direct to work.

Funding is a central component to providing a high-quality education and the goals of public education must evolve with the changing world. Supporting quality education and preparing students for the changing world is a fundamental responsibility of our communities. We feel the proposed budget is fiscally responsible and supports appropriate funding for all programs benefiting the students.

~ Heidi Chaney, Jay Grafton and Kevin Nugent
SRSD Budget Advisory Committee Members



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Ballot Voting, Continued: Candidates for Selectman

We asked the three candidates for a single open seat on the town's Board of Selectmen to introduce themselves to voters. Here's what each of them had to say. The winner of voting on Tuesday, March 14, will serve a three-year term.

Scott Doherty

Canterbury voters: My name is Scott Doherty and I am a candidate for Canterbury Board of Selectmen. I believe that my long history of public service will be an asset to Canterbury residents. I retired as a Deputy Chief from the Schenectady, NY, Fire Department after 25 years and have been a licensed paramedic for 36 years. I created and commanded a fire investigation bureau within Schenectady FD, became a certified police officer and served as a patrol officer in Canajoharie, NY. I currently serve as a Bureau Chief with the New Hampshire Fire Academy. I have experience managing large public funds and working within budgetary limits as well as working with the public to achieve desired goals.

Canterbury Service:

Interim Fire Chief of Canterbury Fire & Rescue: shared duties for approximately 14 months
Deputy Chief – Canterbury Fire and Rescue
Vice Chair – Canterbury Planning Board
Cemetery Keeper – Pickard Road east and west cemeteries

Education:

Empire State College, Bachelor of Science, Business Management and Economics
Marist College, Master of Public Administration (MPA)
National Fire Academy, Executive Fire Officer (4-year program)

My wife Kathy and I live on Sanborn Road. Kathy runs Sanborn Meadow Farm, volunteers as Assistant Town Moderator, Canterbury Community Farmers Market Treasurer, Cemetery Keeper and on the Community Power Committee. We have 2 adult children and 4 grandchildren.

I ask for your vote on March 14. I can be reached at scottmdoherty@me.com or by phone: (603) 340-1191.

Sumner Dole

Hello to Canterbury Voters: I am running for Canterbury Selectman and Shaker Regional School District Moderator. I believe I can contribute to sound decision-making to help solve problems and to seize opportunities for the benefit of our community.

Previously, I have served on these town committees:

Cable TV Committee
Industrial Land Committee
Agricultural Commission
Class VI Roads Committee
Shaker Regional School Board
Advisor to the Board of Selectmen on the trees in the Center Trust for NH Lands

I have served on these boards: NH Maple Producers Association, International Maple Syrup Institute, Lakes Region Community College, Belknap Range Conservation Coalition, and the NH Tree Farm Committee.

I retired after 33 years as a County Extension Forester/County Office Administrator for the University of New Hampshire. I remain a Licensed NH Professional Forester and a Certified Tree Farmer. I also worked for the Suffolk County Council (NY) Boy Scouts of America, US Trust Company of New York, Norton Brothers Engineers and Surveyors and was in the Brookhaven Fire Department.

My educational background includes a BS degree from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of New Hampshire.

My wife of 35 years, Kathleen Glines Dole, and I have 3 married daughters and 8 grandchildren. I am originally from Pembroke. Feel free to email me at sumner.dole@gmail.com. Thank you.

Calvin Todd

I've been a resident of Canterbury since 2014 when my wife Alice and I built our home following my medical retirement from the Army as a result of wounds sustained overseas. During my enlistment, I served as a combat medic in Afghanistan and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Medal with Valor.

Since moving to Canterbury, I have served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment since 2019 and more recently I was appointed to the Budget Committee. Outside of our community I serve on the Concord Crush Lacrosse Board of Directors and volunteer for various veteran service organizations in varying capacities.

I'm running for the Select Board in hopes of addressing the desire for more educational opportunities for students in town; specifically, opportunities that geographically make sense for students and families but are also fiscally responsible for all Canterbury residents. Additionally, I hope to encourage more community involvement on boards and committees. I feel that finding ways to include all residents is an important factor in maintaining a strong community. Through responsible spending and controlled growth, we can allow Canterbury to be a town that residents can age in place which is necessary to sustain our town and the community that we all know and love.

I feel that my goals, experiences, community involvement, and military service aid in my ability to view issues through a wider lens and would help our community thrive as a whole. You can reach me at calvintodd10@gmail.com or 603-370-1861. Thank you. I hope to see you on Election Day.

You can meet the candidates on March 8! See Page 1.

Friday, March 17: In-Person Town Meeting at CES

Community Power addresses utility rates

On Feb. 6, Canterbury's Select Board voted unanimously to continue moving ahead with Community Power, approving a warrant article for voters at Town Meeting to adopt the "Electric Aggregation Plan" developed by the Canterbury Community Power Committee. If adopted, the many benefits of Community Power will include:

- Lower rates for electric energy than those offered by Unitil and Eversource respectively, based on the combined purchasing power of Canterbury residents with those of other towns in the nonprofit Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire;
- The delivery system ("poles and wires") will continue to be owned, operated, and maintained by the incumbent utilities, which will also continue sending our monthly bills for both energy and delivery services;
- Faster access to innovative technologies like renewable energy rate options, time-of-use rates, and battery storage;
- The build-up of excess funds in town-controlled reserve accounts (to be used for local generation projects and/or even lower rates), rather than continuing to send those "profits" to investor-owned utilities;
- Amplified, unified public advocacy for ratepayer benefits at the Legislature and PUC, in concert with other Coalition member towns; and
- No financial cost or obligation to Canterbury taxpayers, and the ability of individual electric ratepayers to "opt-out" of Community Power and return to utility default energy service or competitive energy suppliers at any time on 30 days notice.

If these benefits sound good to you, please vote yes to adopt Canterbury's Electric Aggregation Plan at Town Meeting.
~ The Canterbury Community Power Committee

Shaker withdrawal study needs funding

At last year's town meeting, the people of Canterbury voted to instruct the school board to form a study committee to explore Canterbury's withdrawal from the Shaker Regional School District. The 2022 Withdrawal Study Committee collected a lot of information but needed experience and legal guidance to complete the study and better answer the question, is this in Canterbury's best interest?

As a community member, I attended almost every meeting and read the minutes for those I was unable to attend. The group sought guidance from multiple local resources and encountered barriers to progress due to bias and conflicts of interest. The committee was dissolved effective Jan. 12 as time had run out and the NH State Board of Education denied their request for an extension to secure additional funding.

The issues on this page will be decided on Friday, March 17, in the in-person, deliberative session of town meeting at the Canterbury Elementary School, 15 Baptist Road, starting at 7 pm.

Free babysitting at Town Meeting: Danielle Krautmann is organizing babysitting for ages 4 and up in the CES Library starting at 7 pm so that parents who would like to attend Town Meeting can do so. Bring your children in their pajamas for a movie and game night. Please RSVP to Danielle at dlkrautmann@gmail.com so she can get a head count.

Warrant Article 10 will restart the committee and give it the needed funds to complete the study, with guidance of a consultant and education lawyer to determine whether or not it is in our best interest to remain in the Shaker Regional School District.

I encourage you to vote for Warrant Article 10 on March 17 at the Town Meeting and to read the committee's Dissolution Statement & Withdrawal Feasibility Initial Study Report located at https://www.sau80.org/school_board/withdrawal_committee
~ Danielle Krautmann, resident and parent

Solid Waste Committee opts to plan and adapt

Last month's newsletter gave a brief update on the investment that last year's town meeting approved to upgrade the transfer station's electric system and to purchase a new baler. It also mentioned that at this year's town meeting, the solid waste committee is asking for funds to replace the diesel packer truck with an electric compactor.

The main problem with the packer truck is that in order to run the compactor, the engine needs to be running, which means long-term exposure to diesel exhaust for the transfer station staff. It is a threat to human health. In addition, in order to fight air pollution and climate change, the world is in the early stages of switching from internal combustion fossil fuel power to electric power. The switch to an electric compactor is one way to think globally and act locally. It puts us on the right side of history.

That being said, we are planning a short-term fix, which is to run an extension pipe from the tailpipe and run that extension above the roof line. That should greatly improve the air quality in the building. So we won't be putting out a warrant article to switch to an electric compactor this year.

In the longer run we will still want to do that, but this buys us some time to fit the compactor placement and infrastructure into a long-term transfer station building plan. And hopefully as well, we can ask for those building upgrades in a year when there are not a lot of competing projects.

~ Stephen Rasche, for the Solid Waste Committee

A Bit More Town ~ And Town Meeting ~ News

Town report available at multiple spots

The 2022 Town Report and sample ballots are on the town website at canterbury-nh.org.

Town Report copies are available at the Town Office, Municipal Safety Complex, Transfer Station, Elkins Library and Canterbury Country Store. Thank you to the Board of Selectmen and the staff at the town office for all the hard work that goes into putting the report together.



I applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$4,340 from Northeast Resource Recovery Association to be applied to the cost of the new baler at the Transfer Station. We are still waiting for electrical components in order to install the new baler. Apparently 400 amp meter sockets are in short supply.

We added Public Wifi to the Sam Lake House, Meeting House and Town Hall. The login is "Public Wifi" and the password is "Guest".

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator

Historic District Commission to hold hearing on revised regulations, guidelines

The Canterbury Historic District Commission (HDC) will be holding a public hearing regarding the redrafting of its Regulations and Guidelines, as well as discussion of possible amendments to the zoning ordinance for future consideration. The meeting will be held on Wednesday April 19, in the Meeting House, at 7 pm.

The HDC was formed back in 1990. The details of its purview lie in Article 13 of the zoning ordinance. Its main mission was "to recognize and preserve" the "structures, sites and views" within the designated historic districts—one of which is the Town Center, and the other of which is the Shaker Village overlay district.

Members of the HDC have worked on updating HDC regulations and guidelines since early 2020. The final draft will be available in several places prior to the hearing. Hard copies will be available at the Town Office and Library, while a digital copy will be on the town's HDC webpage. Questions may be emailed to Chairman Kevin Bragg through planningboard@canterbury-nh.org.

The intent behind this work has been to produce an updated document for guidance and process, clarifying the procedures and criteria adopted by the HDC to be fair and effective for residents within the districts, and ultimately upholding the spirit of purpose behind the ordinance.

As residents look at the draft document, they will see that it is divided into 4 sections. (1) the Ordinance, which is currently unchanged, (2) the revised Regulations section, (3) the revised Application form, which has new elements to it, including notices, fees, and decisions, and (4) the revised Guidelines, intended to be user-friendly for applicants and the Commissioners alike.

If this draft is acceptable to the Board of Selectmen and the public, the HDC will vote on a final adoption at its June meeting. Additionally, there are two amendments to the town ordinance that may be proposed next year.

One is to replace the "metes and bounds" language describing both historic districts in the ordinance with the new maps prepared recently by the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. These maps show lot lines and are much easier to understand. Secondly, it is proposed to include a new "waiver section" in the Guidelines, with the ordinance granting the HDC the power to issue waivers for minor work, through a specific process.

~ Kevin Bragg, for the Historic District Commission



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Let's Talk About Our Wonderful Children

CES celebrates spelling bee winners

Congratulations to our CES spelling bee winners! Here they are by class:

Mrs. McCauley: **Rowan Melanson**

Mrs. Whitney: **Timothy Slayton**

Mrs. Briggs: **Pemberley Lane**

Mr. Bailey: **Amelia Krautmann**

Mrs. Gosselin: **Ella Walsh**; Runner Up: **Amelia Perron**

I Love to Read and Write Month: Last month we celebrated "I Love to Read Month!" Students participated in a bookmark challenge, book trivia, and "drop everything and read." We had a special visit from Slider, one of the mascots for the NH Fisher Cats. He told us about the Fisher Cats Reading Challenge! We also had a special visit from NH author Marty Kelley! We appreciate the many community members who served as guest readers throughout the month. The students enjoyed hearing all of the fun stories!

Winter Sports Day: CES students enjoyed some special activities in the days leading up to February break. Our 3rd-5th graders traveled to Manchester and went bowling and ice skating. It was the first time for several students. Our younger learners stayed at CES and enjoyed several fun indoor activities, such as yoga and an obstacle course! They all had a wonderful time.

Kindergarten registration: Do you have a student who will be 5 years old by Sept. 30? It's time to think about registering for kindergarten! An online kindergarten registration for the 2023-2024 school year will be open during the week of March 20-24. You can also register in person at CES during this week from 9 am to 2:30 pm. To access the online registration, please go to www.sau80.org, click on Resources and then on Kindergarten Registration/ALMA Start

~ Erin Chubb, Principal

Cloverbuds plan busy spring schedule

We had a wonderful introductory meeting with the Canterbury Cloverbuds on Monday, Feb. 6! During the meeting we focused on the 4H learning theme of Community and Expressive Arts. The participants, children ages 5 to 7 years old, learned about the 4H pledge and 4H core values, decorated Valentine's Day cookies, created bead bracelets, and crafted Valentine's Day bookmarks to give to members of the community. Look for their festive bookmarks at Elkins Public Library.

Upcoming Cloverbuds meetings and themes are listed below. New members are always welcome! Monday evening meetings are held at the Canterbury Parish House (6 Hackleboro Road, Canterbury) unless otherwise noted.

Monday, March 6, at 5 pm: 4H Learning Theme Healthy Lifestyle. We will learn about healthy food and lifestyle choices,



Two of Canterbury's Cloverbuds in action!

make healthy foods collages, do silly exercises to get our blood pumping, and create food art!

Monday, April 3, at 5 pm: 4H Learning Theme Plants and Animals. We will learn about animals and plants that live in our region, paint birdhouses, plant seeds of plants that are beneficial to native wildlife, and do animal and plant themed yoga activities.

Monday, May 1, at 5 pm: 4H Learning Theme Citizenship and Civic Education.

Monday, June 5, at 5 pm: Field trip to a dairy farm!

If you have questions or would like more club information please contact Kate Mason and Emily Perlet at canterburycloverbuds@gmail.com Find more information about 4H and links to register your child at: <https://extension.unh.edu/new-hampshire-4-h/what-is-4-h>

4-H Rascals will hold elections, stuff Easter eggs

Canterbury Rascals 4-H Club will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, March 13, (a week later than usual) starting at 6:30 PM at the Parish House. We will be holding elections for officer positions, and will be stuffing Easter eggs to prepare for the Annual 4-H Community Easter Egg hunt on March 25. (See *note on Page 1.*) Upcoming Club events include terrarium making, Highland Cattle barn visit/workshop, beginner sewing and knitting, candle making, and more.

The Rascals welcome members from age 8 to 18. Questions? Contact Kim Scamman at kimscamman@hotmail.com.

This Month at the Library: Read All About It!

Director's Note: On behalf of the entire staff, we want to thank the "Love Your Library" committee of Friends of Elkins Public Library for pampering us for the entire month of February. The balloons, flowers, delivered lunch, gift bags, plants and cards made us feel very appreciated and supported. Thank you!

So many of our patrons show us love and support each and every day. Your attendance at the Town Meeting on Friday, March 17 at 7 pm and the support of our budget is the ultimate display of support for the library you love so much. Have questions about the budget? Step right into the director's office, I would love to explain it to you.

~ Rachel Baker

The next Board of Elkins Public Library Board of Trustees is on Monday, March 20, at 6 pm.

Programs

The Old Man Boring Book Club will meet on Thursday, March 2, at 6 pm. This group enjoys titles from our collection but also maintain their own collection of private books. Come see what it's all about.

Evening Book Group meets on Wednesday, March 22, at 6 pm. We will be discussing *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk or downloadable on Hoopla. Please note: this is one week later than our usual date (the fourth Wednesday instead of the third).

Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure: We will each be reviewing a different Diane Mott Davidson mystery book and perhaps (no pressure at all) bring in a recipe from the book. Come to the Library and pick up a book from the desk. This is a participant-driven endeavor around the MMM theme, so come join us Tuesday, March 28, at 2 to see what we are all about.

Elkins Café. We start with coffee, tea, biscuits and conversation. We will meet on Thursday, March 2, at 2 pm for a special guest. The special person is a very special friend of Elkins Public Library who usually fills the house! Thursday, March 16, at 2 pm is "All Things Yarn." Come show your fiber crafts or come to see the work of others. Want to try your hand at learning, we will be able to help you with that as well.

Sweet Grass Group: Thursday, March 16, at 5:30 pm. Come see what this group is all about. Wonderful discussions come from the book *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

Phone: 603-783-4386 **Website:** elkinspubliclibrary.org

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NEW: Game Night! Come join your friends and neighbors for an evening of games on Wednesday, March 8, at 5:30 pm. We'll play Scrabble or Catan or whatever you fancy! Bring your favorite along as well. Our hope is to perhaps do this twice a month depending on your feedback. Thank you, Molly Spurduto, for facilitating this program!

Free tech help! Thursdays from 5 to 7 pm, in half-hour time slots, Katie McKay offers free tech support at the library. Please schedule an appointment and give a brief description of the nature of the issue. Katie's appointments fill up quickly so be sure to sign up.

The Elkins Public Library Speaker Series runs through the year! In addition to Rebecca Rule's Moved and Seconded program on Thursday, March 9—see *Page 1 for details!*—here are more upcoming talks. Mark your calendar!

Becoming Wolf: Eastern Coyotes with Chris Schadler on Thursday, April 13, at 6 pm.

Beech Hill: the Reconciliation of Hervey Elkins and the Enfield Shakers with Galen Beale on Thursday, April 20, at 6 pm.

Digging into Native History in NH with Robert Goodby on Thursday, May 11, at 6 pm.

The Children's Room

~ School Vacation Week! ~

Tuesday, Feb. 28: Join us for a drop-in Lego time from 10 am to 12 pm. There will be a table of Duplos for our younger patrons.

Thursday, March 2: Dr. Seuss's birthday celebration at 10 am. Help us celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday at 10 am by coming into the library to find a spot and read a book. It's also Read Across America Day!

Thursday, March 2: Movie Day. Join us at 2 pm for an afternoon movie. We'll be showing *The Bad Guys*, rated PG, 1 hour 40 minutes. Popcorn will be provided.

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**Story Time:** Join us Tuesday mornings at 10 am for stories, songs and a craft. This program is perfect for children 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 mornings at 10 am for songs, stretching, stories and more! This program is perfect for our youngest 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.



## Here's to those who made a spectacular night ~ and our silent auction ~ happen!

"Thank you" isn't even close to expressing our appreciation for the cast, crew and generous donors as well as the amazingly generous participants who attended the Love Is All You Need! Masterpiece Mystery Theater last month.

The silent auction was a huge success! Proceeds from the event benefit the Canterbury United Community Church and all that it does for our splendiferous community.

Thanks to the following donors and to those who purchased their products ...

Bob Drew, Brian Magoon of Magoon Tree Services, Brookford Farm, Canterbury Aleworks, Canterbury Center Bed and Breakfast, Canterbury Historical Society, Canterbury Plantation, Canterbury Shaker Village, Canterbury Woods Country Club, Capital Center for the Arts, Chuck and Wendy Sanborn, Cold Garden Spirits, Dave Emerson, David Balshaw, Debbie Allen, Debbie Snow, Denise Sojka, Diane Hufstader, Diane Modugno, Don Welch, EJ's, Zack Bacon of Bacon Electric, Faith Berry, Fox Country Smoke House, Gerri Harvey, Ginny Litalien, Grappone Automotive Group, Gunstock Mountain, Hackleboro Orchard, Hannaford, Holiday Inn-Concord ...

Also, Janet and David Lamb, Janet King, Jessie and Rich Tichko, John and Joan Leggett, Judy Nelson and Ron Turcotte, Kent Ruesswick, Linda Kotusky, Liz Van Hoven, Loudon Country Club, MAQ Design, Mark Travis, Market Basket, Mary Witschonke (Sanborn Mills Farms), Meadow Pond Soaps, Mel Burrowes, Mike Bertolone of American National Insurance, Millstream Yoga, Molly Grant, North Family Farm, Ocean State Job Lot, Pat's Peak, Peggy Scott, Push Me Pull You Llama Farm, Red River Theater, Sarah Tirrell Wysocki, Shaw's, Signature Nails, Sloping Acres Farm, Stephen Buchanan-Parker, The Dewey School, Tom and Kris McLaughlin, and Top of the Hill Disc Golf.

*Love Is All You Need!*

~ Mindy Beltramo

## Farmers Market set to spring into action

The Vernal Equinox is upon us, days are getting longer, farmers are planning for the upcoming season and so is the Board of the Canterbury Community Farmers Market! There are several ways that anyone can help to keep this vital community service strong:

- **Join our volunteer team.** We are looking for additional people to help with set up and break down. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ruth Smith at [ruthnaturally234@gmail.com](mailto:ruthnaturally234@gmail.com).

- **Join as a supporting member for \$25 per year.** Membership helps pay for our insurance, market promotion, weekly musicians, activities, demonstrations and more. Visit our website [www.canterburyfarmersmarket.com](http://www.canterburyfarmersmarket.com) to get a membership form OR come visit our table at the upcoming Town Meeting and say HI! to us in person.

- **While you are at the website, subscribe to the Market News!** This short weekly email will give you the latest info about our vendors, musicians and activities.

Opening Day of Market will be Wednesday, May 31, 4 to 6:30 pm at our traditional spot in the field and parking area adjacent to our friends at the Elkins Public Library. This will be our 17th year in this location! New to town? You'll meet many a neighbor at the market!

~ Beth Blair

## Food pantry serves 338 people in January

In January, the Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 338 individuals for them to prepare 6,606 meals. Of these people, 168 were age 60 and older (50 percent), 61 were age 18 or under (18 percent), and 109 were between those ages (32 percent).

**Support the community and the environment:** The food pantry has been selected as the beneficiary of the Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program! During the month of March, each time the \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag is purchased at the Hannaford at 73 Fort Eddy Road in Concord we will receive a \$1 donation.

**It's time for us to take a break.** So, Loudon Food Pantry will be closed and unavailable from March 11-March 20. We will reopen on Tuesday, March 21. If you come to the pantry for food, make sure you make an appointment the week before we close to receive enough food to cover for that week.

**Volunteer missed:** During my article about my volunteers last month, I inadvertently left out a name. Breda, thank you for your help and support!

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

## Canterbury United Community Church

**How to reach us:** By phone, 783-9365. By email, mycanterburychurch@gmail.com

**Parish House rental:** By phone, 783-9365. By email, mycanterburychurch@gmail.com

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twitter.com/CanterburyFair  
facebook.com/CanterburyFair

## Town Email List

Rachel Baker manages the Canterbury Town Email List and posts Canterbury happenings to the Concord Monitor. 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

## Stores

**Canterbury Country Store:** Mon.-  
Sat., 6:30 am to 6 pm; Sun., 8 am  
to 5 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:** 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 4th Thursday, 3:30  
pm, Library, or as needed.  
- **Zoning Board:** As needed.  
- **Energy Committee:** 1st  
Tues., 6 pm



*Who knows all the stories Canterbury's cemeteries can tell?*

## A bit of naval lore in a Canterbury cemetery

The naval war during the American colonists' fight for independence is less celebrated but no less significant. The American navy, though a substantial force but outmatched by the formidable British Royal Navy, consisted of the Continental navy, "state" navies, (Benedict) Arnold's Lake Champlain fleet, and privateers.

American privateers were privately owned vessels issued commissions, or letters of marque, by the Continental Congress (according to International Law) to engage in seizure of the enemy's valuable cargo, even whole ships.

Most privateers were small ships, lightly armed (6 guns) and manned by a crew of 24. In the early years of the conflict many sailed out of Massachusetts ports with a mission to prey on British supply ships headed for Boston and General Thomas Gage's army. Privateers wished to avoid combat; their motive was profit—seizing cargos and ships as "prizes." The crew split 50 percent of the prize money as determined by Admiralty Courts established along the New England coast.

It is estimated that as many as 3000 rebel privateersmen went to sea during the American Revolution. One of these privateersmen was Lieut. Moses Cogswell.

Born in Haverhill, Massachusetts in 1757, he was one of 8 brothers who served during that war. Moses settled in Canterbury in 1781, marrying Hannah Foster. Until his death in 1811, he served his community with distinction and, with his wife, kept a tavern in their dwelling house, approximately a quarter mile south of Hill's Corner on the road to Shaker Village.

Though no headstone exists, it is speculated that Moses Cogswell is buried in the Cogswell Cemetery. A flag placed there commemorates his military service.

If you wish to know more about privateering, you can stop by the Canterbury Library and check out *Rebels at Sea: Privateering in the American Revolution* by Eric Jay Dolin.

*~ John Goegel  
Canterbury Cemetery Trustee*



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**We hope you enjoyed your Canterbury Community Newsletter!**



## Easter Flower Order Form

**\$12.99 per plant, \$29.99 for Bulb Basket**

(Bulb Basket is a combination of hyacinth, tulip, daffodil and crocus!)

Easter Lily (\$12.99/plant) \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth (\$12.99/plant) \_\_\_\_\_ Bulb Basket (\$29.99) \_\_\_\_\_

Tulip (\$12.99/plant) \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodil (\$12.99/plant) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Donna Miller. Mail them to her at 126 Baptist Road, Canterbury, NH, 03224

**DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, APRIL 2!**

**Please check one of the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my plant after Easter Service

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my plant delivered to me after Easter Service

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like the flower committee to deliver my plant to someone in the community

Order placed by (your name): \_\_\_\_\_

Given in Honor or Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_