

Canterbury Community Newsletter

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Celebrating Our Graduates!

A big shout out of congratulations and love to our **Belmont High School 2023 graduates from Canterbury.** We're proud of you and wish you well in the next chapter of your life journey!

Spring Batchelder
Adam Holmes
Hayden Howes
Michael Howes
Matthew Krasnecki
Gavin Rattigan
William Riley
Ronan Taylor
Liam Waldron



For a list of this year's **Belmont Middle School graduates** from Canterbury, see *Page 7.* Our fifth-grade **Canterbury Elementary graduates** are also on *Page 7!*

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.



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Please help give the Parish House a little TLC

After 65 years of love and use, the Parish House in Canterbury's center is in need of some updates, repairs and energy-saving improvements so that it may sustain its service to the greater community—its vital role as a public meeting place, a place where neighbors meet, friendships grow, and community is cultivated—for the next 65 years. (Can you find it in the drawing above? It's between the church in the center of the image and the County Store on the right. Right in the heart of our community!)

On June 6 and 7, you can contribute to supporting the Parish House through the NH Gives program. For more on NH Gives—and the building!—see *Page 14.*

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CANTERBURY COUNTRY STORE: We're open 6:30-6 on Monday-Saturday, 8-4 on Sunday. You'll find quality local foods and products as well as a variety of convenience store items (and your Canterbury neighbors)—and fresh-picked produce is beginning to appear. If you don't see something you'd like, ask! Call us at 783-9933 if you'd like items bagged for pickup.

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George Glines: Passionate About Farm and Family

Concord, NH — George Raymond Glines, 69, of Canterbury, passed away on May 11, 2023, surrounded by his family.

as the Deacon of the Canterbury United Community Church, and many others.

George was born on November 30, 1953, in Concord, NH to Raymond and Norma Glines. He was part of the 4th generation to be raised on their family dairy farm in Canterbury. He attended elementary school in Canterbury, and graduated with the class of 1971 from Tilton-Northfield High School. During his school years, he was diligently involved in 4-H and Future Farmers of America, winning several awards.

George took over ownership of the farm from his father at the age of 18, and the passion he had for his farm and all animals was infectious. His registered Holstein dairy cattle were his pride and joy, and he carefully bred generations of cow families with descendants still present on the farm today. His wisdom and love for agriculture passed on to his children, allowing the farm to continue into a 5th generation.

George was also an active and beloved member of the Canterbury community, serving many years on the NH Holstein Board, Granite State Dairy Promotion Board, Canterbury Planning Board, Canterbury Board of Selectmen,



Above all, George was the type of family man and friend that you are only lucky enough to meet a few times in life. His friends and family will always remember his genuine smile and welcoming presence, his willingness to listen, his heartfelt advice and his love for telling stories. Despite the demands of farming, he was never too busy to stop and visit, or drop everything to help someone in need. He made sure his family always knew they were his highest priority, and later in life, being an adored “Poppa” to his grandchildren brought him endless joy.

George is survived by his children, Kate Mason (Jacob), Peter Glines (Nicole) and Eric Glines (Fiina); grandchildren, Anna, Allison, Nora, Lillian and Hayley; his beloved companion of 8 years, Kathy Dickson and her children, Corey, Mark, Erin and Ryan and their families; his brother, Roy Glines and sister, Kathy Dole; his father-in-law, Frank Erickson; his brother-in-law, Robert Erickson; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his cherished wife of 30 years, Susan Erickson Glines.

For Canterbury's farmers, it's time for the first cutting of hay

As I write this people all over town are preparing their gardens, flower beds and window boxes. June is a busy month for all of us—however, it is especially busy for farmers. The orchardists have set the bees into the orchard to aid in pollinating, while the vegetable and dairy farmers are busy getting their soil prepared and seeds planted.

Hay producers are busy getting their equipment ready for the first cutting which, depending on the desired product and weather permitting, will be cut between mid-May and hopefully mid-June. Hay requires at least three full days of dry sunny weather. In recent years it has been hard to find three days in a row that cooperate to make nice hay. If the hay is cut and then gets rained on, it will extend the drying time and leach nutrients from the hay.

Dairy farmers and beef producers may chop or wrap their hay to create what is known as silage, haylage, or baleage. This allows for a shorter weather window as the hay is put away with a higher moisture content. The feed ferments while in storage, which then provides a higher nutrient value product.

I would like to remind our readers that from now until fall, there will be an increase in farm equipment using the public roads. This equipment is often large and usually travels below 20 mph.

It is important to slow down and give plenty of room to this equipment and to only pass in a designated passing zone. We are all in a hurry to get to our destination, but nothing is worth an accident.

Remember to support the local farms in the area this season and buy local!

*~ Ben Davis, Vice Chairman,
Canterbury Agriculture Commission*



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How About Taking Off Your Shoes and Socks?

Dear Friends,

Have you gone barefoot yet this spring? It's time! The kids at the Whole Child Center have been kicking off their shoes and socks for a couple of weeks now, laughing as the grass tickles their toes and slowing down in the sun-warmed dirt. Why do we leave this delight behind when we grow taller, wrinklier, and creakier?



Pastor Becky

Even though we've been wearing shoes for centuries, going barefoot has been with us even longer, and it stays with us in our complex cultural heritage. In many religious traditions, both western and eastern, removing shoes is a sign of respect. In Exodus Moses takes off his

sandals before the burning bush because it is holy ground. In Joshua, an angel tells the warrior to remove his sandals before the capture of Jericho, because he stands on holy ground. Many Muslims take off their shoes at the entrance to the mosque, and Christians, too, may shed their shoes for sacred rituals such as baptism, Lenten foot washing, and prayer. In the Parish House last month, several of us, younger and older, removed our shoes before walking into the center of a canvas labyrinth and then back out again.

It's mysterious. Going barefoot seems both to ground us and wake us up to the transcendent. For years I studied with a voice teacher who insisted that I practice barefoot. Many actors and painters remove their shoes to rehearse and create. Gardeners,

The Canterbury Church in June

Stillness in the Center, Wednesday evenings, 7-8 pm: Candlelight and quiet for meditation and prayer. Come for a few minutes or an hour, as you wish!

Sunday morning worship, 10-11 am. **Children's Church**, 9:50-11am.

Sunday fellowship, coffee, snacks, and friendly conversation: 11:10-11:45 am. Please join us!

Worship and Holy Communion, June 4, 10 am

Celebrating Fathers and Fathering, June 18, 10 am worship

too, extoll the feel of dirt between their toes. What is it about being barefoot that wakes us up to the holy? Maybe it's just that we're a little more vulnerable, a little more open to what is waiting for us, calling us. It might be a bee sting, but it might be the soft caress of clover. I suspect it's a connection and blessing. We feel more barefoot—and that's a good thing. Kids get it. And they love to paint their toenails, too!

In peace,
Becky

Speaker, garden visits will highlight Flower and Garden Festival!

Save the date for a Flower and Garden Festival on July 15, hosted by the Canterbury United Community Church!

Be inspired by guest speaker John Forti, author of *The Heirloom Gardener*, who will be presenting outside Elkins Library, before heading out to visit 10-plus gardens around Canterbury. Meet their creative gardeners, who offer a variety of expertise from cut flowers, permaculture, herb gardening, themed gardening, fresh produce for sustainability, native species and retail sales to certified pollinator gardens.

Special guest artists and musicians will be scheduled at various gardens along the way, as well as light refreshments. Preorder a box lunch or bring your own and then travel the tour at your own pace.

Beginning June 1 through July 14, tickets will be available for purchase for \$20 on Eventbrite. The day of, tickets will



be available at the library for \$25 via Venmo or cash. John Forti will also have his book, *Heirloom Gardener*, available for purchase.

~ Mindy Beltramo

Understanding Your Community Power Choices

Canterbury residents have until May 31 to get answers to questions and take any action they want to take with respect to Community Power in Canterbury. As noted in the printed mailer you received from Canterbury Community Power in early May, Canterbury residents fall into several groups. This influences your choices. Which group are you in?



Default customers without PV

Solar: If you are among the great majority of Canterbury residents and businesses who take Unitil or Eversource default energy service, and you don't have PV solar, you will automatically be enrolled in Canterbury Community Power. The rate you pay for energy supply will drop in June to the "Granite Basic" rate of 15.8 cents/kWh (or a

comparable monthly rate for certain businesses) without any further action on your part. The rate change will take effect on the day in June when Unitil or Eversource reads your meter (the exact date is shown on your utility bill)—although you won't see the rate change for another month, when you get your July bill.

If you are in this largest group of Canterbury electric customers, you don't need to do anything at all unless you don't want a lower electric rate (in which case you'll need to "opt out") or you want to select a higher percentage of renewable energy than the legally required "Granite Basic" at 23.4 percent. If you want to go greener, you can "opt-up" to "Granite Plus" (33 percent renewable) at 16.2 cents/kWh, "Clean 50" (50 percent renewable) at 16.9 cents/kWh, or "Clean 100" (100 percent renewable) at 19.1 cents/kWh. You can compare those kWh rates with what you're paying now by looking at your most recent electric bill.

NHEC customers: If you are among the 75 Canterbury customers of the NH Electric Cooperative, you probably want to stay with NHEC, because it currently offers a default energy rate lower than Canterbury Community Power's. Unlike Unitil and Eversource customers, you won't be automatically enrolled in Community Power, and you will continue to receive your energy supply from NHEC unless you opt in to Community Power.

Competitive Energy Supply customers: If you buy your electric energy from a Competitive Energy Supplier listed on the NHPUC website, check the rate you're paying per kWh on your most recent bill. If it's lower than 15.8 cents/kWh, you'll probably want to stay with your current energy provider. But if it's higher than 15.8 cents/kWh, or if you'd rather contribute to a reserve fund allocable to future Canterbury electric projects than to a for-profit company's bottom line, consider opting in to Canterbury Community Power.

PV Solar customers: If you get your electric bill from Eversource or Unitil and pay their default rate for any energy

Going green: Canterbury Community Power offers residents the opportunity to buy more power from renewable sources. If you'd like to contribute to Canterbury's efforts to reduce global warming, we'd love to talk with you! Please join us at 7 pm on Thursday, June 22, in the Fire Department Training Room at the Canterbury Municipal Complex, 26 Baptist Road. We'll be discussing our new directions for the fall and beyond.

they provide, but you offset some or all of your energy consumption with power generated from your own solar panels, then you are considered a "net-metered customer-generator" and you will not be automatically enrolled in Canterbury Community Power.

Your delivery and billing utility is legally required to provide Canterbury Community Power with monthly data on the total number of kilowatt-hours (kWh) you consume and the total number of kWh you generate from your own solar panels, so you can be credited or paid for any net exports of energy to the grid. However, Eversource (and to a lesser extent Unitil) have said they lack the capacity to produce the required data, and the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire has now taken the dispute to the NH Public Utilities Commission. We believe Canterbury Community Power will ultimately be able to serve net-metered customer-generators on terms more favorable than your delivery utility—but we may still be months away from the resolution of this dispute.

In the meantime, if you consistently use more power than you produce on your own PV solar panels, you would still benefit from Canterbury Community Power's low energy rates, and we encourage you to "opt in" to either Granite Basic (15.8 cents/kWh) or one of our other renewable power options. But if you are a net exporter of surplus power back to the grid, for even a single month of the year, we will not be able to account for and credit or pay you for surplus power sent back to the grid until our dispute is resolved. In that case, we recommend for now that you do not opt in to Community Power. We'll keep you posted on this issue and other Community Power news through the Newsletter, the Town Email, and our new Canterbury Community Power web portal (see URL address below).

Here's how to opt in or opt out, and how to get help in making a decision:

- **Access our web portal**—www.CommunityPowerNH.gov/Canterbury—at any time with the account number from your latest utility bill at hand; or
- **Scan the QR code** at the bottom of page 1 of the mailer you received from Canterbury Community Power in early May; or
- **Call our Contact Center** weekdays from 8-5 if you want to talk with a live person at 1-866-603-7697 (POWR), with your electric bill at hand.

~ The Canterbury Community Power Committee

The Farmers Market: Always There, Always Changing

Some things about the Canterbury Community Farmers Market are always the same: **Starting on May 31, you'll find us Wednesdays, 4-6:30 pm, next to the Elkins Library.** The only exception is if there are big thunderstorms!



There will always be a great selection of vendors featuring fresh and local fruits, veggies, eggs, maple products, baked goods, crafts and more. While the musicians change every week, there is always great live music, free for the listening. We are now always able to accept SNAP/EBT! Just stop at the Market Info Tent.

Dogs are welcome, so long as they are always on their leash. While there's always a water bowl at the Info Tent, please be mindful of the heat!

Some things are a little different each week:

- **First week** of the month we'll have a kids' activity.
- **Second week** of the month, the NH Master Gardeners will answer questions.
- **Third week** of the month we'll host our famous "Sandwich Slam."
- **Fourth week** of the month we all help fill "Mary Ellen's Basket."

You never can tell when we might schedule a special guest or a demonstration, so check us out on Facebook, Instagram, or visit the website www.CanterburyFarmersMarket.com and sign up for the weekly Market News!

Thanks to the Merrimack County Conservation District, the NH Food Bank, and our market members for helping support the *community* of the Canterbury Community Farmers Market!

~ Beth Blair

A heartfelt thanks from the orchard

Hackleboro Orchards would like to give a heartfelt thank you for all of the support we have received over the last 16 years at the Canterbury Farmers Market. Many a friend and customer stopped by on a Wednesday eve to pick up fruit, veggies, and yes, cider donuts, or to just say hey.

We have decided not to attend the market this year, but will have produce and some fruit in our farmstand at the orchard starting in blueberry season, around the second week of July. Hopefully we will see you at the farm sometime in July and into the apple season this fall. Thanks again. ~ The Weisers, Hackleboro Orchards

3 ways to stretch your market money

Visit the Market Info Tent to use these benefits:

Veterans' Market Dollars: You can get \$20 worth of market tokens per month by showing your Active Military or VA Card, the veterans logo on your NH State Driver's License, or your DD214. Tokens are good at any vendor at the Canterbury Farmers Market all season long.

Granite State Market Match: Use your SNAP/EBT card and this program will match the first \$20 with \$20 in market tokens. Tokens are good at any food vendor at the Canterbury Farmers Market. This Market Match is available every week all summer long.

Loudon Food Pantry: If you use the Loudon Food pantry, check with them about Canterbury Farmers Market vouchers. They come in increments of \$20 and can be turned in for market tokens that can be used at any food vendor at the Canterbury Farmers Market all summer long.



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A Standing Ovation for Canterbury's Kids



Congrats to Canterbury's fifth-graders!

Save the Date! Canterbury Elementary School's fifth-grade promotion night will be held on Monday, June 19, 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 **Wyatt Ahern, Zafirah Allard, Riley Anderson, Faelyn Archer, Logan Barrett, Dustin Bell, Theo Bernard, Jovilee Boysen, Joseph Bryant, Amdyn Hall, Aurora Hutchinson, Lucia LaChapelle, Ava Mackie, Nicholas Magoon, Ava Makris, McKinley Mercier, Amelia Perron, Josephine Shoemaker, Sebastian Vaughan** and **Ella Walsh**. I am so proud of each of you.

School Nurses Day: CES celebrated our fabulous school nurse, **Karen Decker-Gendron**, on May 12. We appreciate Mrs. Decker-Gendron and all of the ways she takes care of us.

CES Outdoor Classroom: CES is building an Outdoor Classroom to connect learning to nature. We want to raise approximately \$2,500 to clear trees, buy wood chips, make seating and build an instructional area with a whiteboard. With luck, we will raise enough funds to begin construction in June. We would greatly appreciate your donation. Checks can be made payable to CES and dropped off or mailed to Canterbury Elementary at 15 Baptist Road. Please indicate "Outdoor Classroom" on the memo line. If you would prefer to send cash, please send it in an envelope marked "Outdoor Classroom donation." Thank you in advance for your support!

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 Boston Museum of Science!

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.

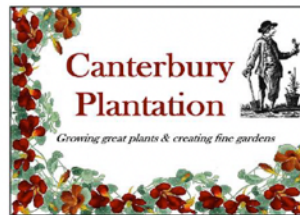
~ Erin Chubb, Principal

A salute to our BMS graduates!



Congratulations to Canterbury's Belmont Middle School graduates! You've done great ... and now it's on to high school!

**Jack Crockford
Brody Ennis
Haleigh Flynn
Emerson Hastings
Zdeno Hills
Mia Kenison
Finn LaDue
Hailey Matava
Fred Maynard
Wady Minaya Jr.
Madelyn Moorehead
Kailey O'Brien
Harmony Rivera
Kyle Waldron
Isabella Wright**



June at the Farm

Thu-Sat 10:00 to 5:00

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.

So, grab a friend and stop by for a relaxing & friendly plant shopping excursion, some unique plants and helpful advice...see you soon!

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Feel It? The Canterbury Fair Frenzy Is Building!

How many years have you attended the Canterbury Fair? Do you have any pictures or memorabilia from fair years (or decades) gone by? Maybe you have boxes of photos in your attic or a Canterbury Fair T-shirt from 20 years ago. We'd love to see!

We'll see you at the historic Canterbury Fair on Saturday, July 29, in the town center. It's always the last Saturday in July!

If you are able to scan or turn your snapshots into .jpgs, please send them along to canterburyfair@gmail.com with as much detail about them as possible. If you have a box full of snapshots and you need some

help getting them copied, please let us know. We would love to see 65 years of Canterbury Fair—and we'll be looking for that one picture that really captures the fair's spirit!

Volunteer opportunities

Want to do some interesting volunteering before the fair to help ensure the success of three major fair sales? Check out one (or more) of the options below:

Sorting and pricing the amazing variety of What-Not Sale items. Contact Sally Hayslip at sfh1957@msn.com or 603-848-6408.

Organizing the great supply of books and media for the Book Sale. Contact Stephanie Jackson at sfjackson130@comcast.net or 603-783-0495.

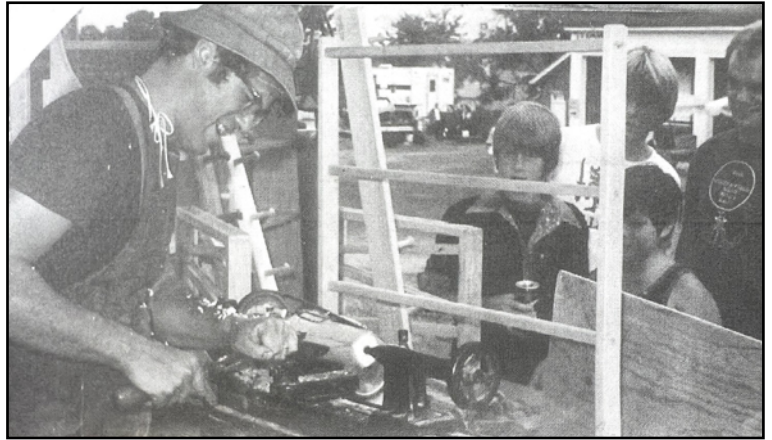
Preparing delicious baked goods for the Bake Sale table. Contact Debbie Snow at mmequilt@comcast.net or 603-568-3341.

Speaking of the Bake Sale table ...

How can it be the Canterbury Fair without Shaker Hand Pies at the Bake Sale table! Last year, 175 of these delectable pastries were made and were almost all gone by noon. Let's not disappoint fairgoers this year. The mornings of Friday, June 30, and Saturday, July 1, from 8:30 to noon in the kitchen at the Parish House will once again be devoted to making and baking Shaker Hand Pies. If you've ever wanted to learn the art of creating a delicious Shaker Hand Pie, please contact Judy Nelson (603-493-4207) letting her know which day you'll be coming. And thank you to all who came to help out last year. Many hands make light work!

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**Parking:** Have an hour or two to spare on Fair Day? The Parking Tsar could use your help! As long as the cars can see you, age doesn't matter; old or young, a little extra help in the parking lot makes it a great day for everyone! Contact (call or text) Jeff at 603-731-8313 to volunteer!



*How many years ago do you figure this picture of you at the fair was taken, Dave Emerson?*

**Got stuff for the What Not or books to share?** Details about July drop-off and sorting times at the elementary school for the What-Not Sale and at the Town Hall for the Book Sale will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Canterbury Country Store at the beginning of June. Please keep an eye out!

**Race registration:** Run, run as fast as you can in the Woodchuck Classic (or the Chipmunk Scramble for the young ones). Are you registered yet? All the info you need is on the fair webpage at [www.canterburyfair.com](http://www.canterburyfair.com)!

**Find out more:** The schedule for the fair is on the website, [www.canterburyfair.com](http://www.canterburyfair.com). Updates roll out through Facebook and Instagram. Follow us for the most complete information.

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# This Month at Elkins: It's Time for Summer Reading!

The next meeting of Elkins Public Library Board of Trustees is on Monday, June 19, at 6 pm.

**Save the date for an amazing program** by John Forti as Elkins Public Library is participating in the CUCC Flower and Garden Festival on Saturday, July 15, at 10 am. John will be presenting outside in our Memorial Garden, which was just certified as a pollinator garden by UNH Cooperative Extension. *(There's more on this event on Page 4!)*

**It's a matter of balance:** Don't let the fear of falling limit your activities. "A Matter of Balance" classes provide the tools needed to gain confidence and learn simple fall prevention strategies. This virtual program will be offered through Granite VNA on Mondays, July 10-Aug. 28. Contact the library for times and registration information.

## Programs

**The Old Man Boring Book Club** will meet on Thursday, June 1, 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:** On Wednesday, June 21, at 6 pm, we will be discussing the book *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. This book is still popular after 38 weeks on the bestseller list and Rosie was able to get multiple copies, available at the Circulation Desk. This group meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

**Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure:** On Tuesday, June 27, at 2 pm, we will start exploring historical mystery novels. Mystery genres quite frequently end up being crossed over with other genres, and one of the most popular of these crossovers is the historical mystery. This genre places detectives investigating crimes into different times in history. Sound interesting? Come and see what the sleuth will come up to pique your interest. No matter what the subject, we always have a good time.

**Elkins Café:** We start with coffee, tea and conversation. We will meet on Thursday, June 1, at 2 pm for a live reading of the special book, *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and The Horse* by Charlie Mackesy. On Thursday, June 15, at 2 pm, Louisa Simpson of WellSense will be back to present a short PowerPoint about Medicare and to answer questions. This will be the last presentation of this important information, you don't want to miss it.

**Game Night!** Come join your friends and neighbors for an evening of games on Wednesday, June 14 and 28, at 5:30 pm. We decide as a group what to play so bring your favorite along as well. This group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

**Free tech help:** Thursdays from 4-6 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

## Summer Reading Program kicks off with Wildlife Encounters on June 24!

Summer! This is when our focus turns to Summer Reading. Come in and get involved with our 2023 Summer Reading theme of "All Together Now," which celebrates kindness, friendship and unity. Come help support Miss Cheryl as she hosts a wonderful summer of fun.

This year's program begins on Saturday, June 24. Join us for our kick-off event, Wildlife Encounters, at 10 am. The presenter/educator will lead the audience on an imaginary safari around the world! Seven globally and biologically diverse Ambassador Animals are featured for an exceptional experience.

nature of the issue. Katie's appointments fill up quickly so be sure to sign up.

## The Children's Room

**Story Time:** Join us Tuesday mornings at 10 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. \*There will be no Story Time on June 20 as we decorate the library for the Summer Reading Program! Join us for our first Summer Reading Program Story Time on Tuesday, June 27, at 10 am.

**Tunes, Tales and Tumbles:** Join us Thursday mornings at 10 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. \*There will be no Tunes, Tales and Tumbles on Thursday, June 22, as we decorate the library for the Summer Reading Program. Join us for our first Summer Reading Program Tunes, Tales and Tumbles on Thursday, June 29, at 10 am.

**Teddy Bear Picnics:** As the school year comes to a close, Story Time and Tunes, Tales and Tumbles will celebrate with our annual Teddy Bear Picnics! Join us on Tuesday, June 13, and Thursday, June 15, at 10 am. We will read a couple stories, sing a few songs, hear about this summer's reading program and play some games. Please bring your own snack and drink for our picnic time together and a special stuffed friend to share it with. This will be rain or shine.

**Phone:** 603-783-4386    **Website:** [elkinspubliclibrary.org](http://elkinspubliclibrary.org)  
**Email:** [mrsbaker@elkinspubliclibrary.org](mailto:mrsbaker@elkinspubliclibrary.org)

# A Special "Bird Day" in Canterbury, Indeed!

Anyone who knows me or reads my "Take Me Outside" column in the *Concord Monitor* knows I love watching birds. Their beauty, song and behavior all fascinate and delight me. For years, I have spent my birthday in mid-May searching for as many species as possible, all within Canterbury.

Canterbury hosts a great variety of habitats, which leads to a large diversity of birds. The Merrimack River, ponds, streams, wetlands, fields, shrubby areas, forests and backyards all offer various combinations of food, shelter and nesting areas.

People who are not "birders" might be surprised at the number of bird species my team and I regularly identify. The highest count I've had was 98, all within 24 hours. That year we started before dawn, ending well past dark. A more typical year yields numbers in the 70s.

This year the final number was 72 species, but the number was not the remarkable aspect of our "hunt."

After several hours at Shaker Village (one of the birding hot spots in the area), we were ready to move on. As we left the village, one of us spotted a bird that seemed a bit different. We stopped the cars and got out for a closer look. After eliminating a list of possible options, one member of the group, who had lived and worked out west said, "You may think I'm crazy, but



*This beautiful photo of the Say's phoebe was taken by Mark Suomala at the Shaker Village.*

I'm pretty sure that's a Say's phoebe."

We looked at her in puzzlement, none of us were familiar with that bird. Pulling out various guidebooks and phone apps, we found images and descriptions of the Say's phoebe. All field marks and behaviors matched perfectly. What didn't match was the range map. This bird is normally found in the western U.S.

Knowing a sighting like this would interest the staff at NH Audubon, we called them. They were dubious when we reported our finding "Take a photo and send it to us" was the request. So, we did. When the photo was sent, a text message came back. "We're on our way, keep an eye on that bird!!"

As it turned out, our sighting was only the second time a Say's phoebe had been recorded in NH ... ever! The ornithologists from Audubon confirmed our ID and started sending notices out on the Rare Bird Alert and other communication streams.

I didn't wait to greet the many birders from across the state who came to see my birthday bird, I had more species to locate. Needless to say, this was a birthday that will go into the history books!

Is there any wonder why I love living in Canterbury? I guess a lot of birds do too.

~ Ruth Smith



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# Good News from the Realm of Solid Waste

## Help needed as Treasure House at Transfer Station gets set to reopen

The Canterbury Solid Waste Committee is working to get the Treasure House (like freecycle) at the Transfer Station up and running again. Please contact Emily Burr at 603-899-7570 if you would like to help as a volunteer on a Saturday. There will be three shifts, each two hours long, starting at 9 am. So you could sign up for either 9-11, 11-1, or 1-3 pm.

The Solid Waste Committee recently voted to approve rules for the operation of the Treasure House. These will be posted there and on the Solid Waste Committee webpage and all residents are requested to respect these rules.

### Canterbury Treasure House Rules

1. Residents Only
2. All donations must be clean, complete, and in good working order.
3. Donations accepted if capacity is available and when an attendant is present.  
Items just left outside will be immediately thrown out.
4. No bedding, large furniture or stuffed animals. (Mouse nesting!)
5. No broken / unusable items
6. No child car seats
7. No books (Use the library drop box.)



8. No clothing (Use the drop box at the Transfer Station)
9. No electronic devices. However, you may put a description of the item on an index size card with your contact info (name and telephone number) and post on the designated space in the treasure house. We will help facilitate but not get involved. \*Any questions please talk to an attendant!\*

At this time we are hoping the Treasure House will reopen on June 3. As more volunteers come forward, the hours of opening will be increased. Look for more on the Treasure House in future church/town newsletters and the town email.

## Townwide Roadside Cleanup volunteers make another clean sweep



Thanks to everyone who took advantage of one of the few days in April when it wasn't raining to take part in Canterbury's annual Townwide Roadside Cleanup. Lots of people signed up for their favorite stretch of road, and several others just walked out their door, saw the trash and picked it up. The staff at the Transfer Station expressed some surprise at how many people actually separated their recyclables from their trash. I wasn't, because I know people who care about taking care of our lovely town know the importance of recycling to our lovely planet.

And while picking up the litter that accumulated over the winter is the main goal of Roadside Cleanup

Day, it wouldn't be complete without Arnie Alpert and his sociologist's approach to interpreting what the roadside litter

says about us. (Spoiler alert, nothing good.) Check out this site (<https://inzanetimes.wordpress.com/2023/04/23/bud-light-is-still-the-king-of-roadside-trash/>) to read not only Arnie's latest dispatch from the roads, but observations from previous years as well. (That's Arnie in the picture to the left.)

Thanks again. I look forward to seeing everyone out there again next spring.

~ Patrice Rasche

## Look great at those BBQs!

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# All Around Our Very Busy Town!

## Firefighters' breakfast raises \$1,000

I would like to thank all the town residents who came out to support our first pancake breakfast fundraiser which was held on April 29 of this year. This event, which we hope to host annually, was possible due to the tireless efforts of many department members. Numerous local businesses donated some of the items necessary to prepare this meal. I as well as the members present enjoyed speaking with and meeting the members of our community, some of you for the first time. The children had an opportunity to tour the equipment, climb upon the fire trucks and have their questions answered by some of our members.



We were able to contribute over \$1,000 to the Canterbury Volunteer Fire Department Association (CVFD). The CVFD organization accepts donations that are managed by an elected board of directors. These accumulated funds can be used on retirement gifts, member events, or flowers to support a member in need, to name a few examples.

The membership of the Canterbury Fire Department is extremely appreciative of your support.

~ Michael Gamache, Fire Chief

## Gordon to serve on Shaker study committee

Selectboard Chair Cheryl Gordon is representing the board on the committee to review the feasibility and suitability to explore withdrawing from the Shaker Regional School District. The meeting schedule will be posted on the town website.

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.

The town has been working with Primex, our property and liability company, and representatives from the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and Cybertron, our information technology provider, to complete a cybersecurity audit/assessment. This includes a site visit to review hardware and IT policies and procedures and the development of a Cyber Incident Response Plan in the event of a computer security event. This service is provided by the federal and state government agencies at no cost.

The Board of Selectmen meetings are June 5 and June 19.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator

## Ghosts from Canterbury's past will rise for cemetery tours once again!

Thanks to Mark Stevens's invaluable input on historical town figures again, Canterbury Tales 2023 will present "Famous and Infamous" this October at the Center Cemetery.

Want to be part of the fun? We need actors and specters. Specters are non-speaking roles, ushering groups through the presentation. We also need specters as crossing guards on Center Road.

Mark your calendar!

**Dress Rehearsal (actors only):** Saturday, Oct. 14 (time tba)

**Public presentations:** Thursday, Oct. 26, and Friday, Oct. 27, 6-7 pm. (Presentations will continue until 8 to 8:30 as people move through in groups of 15.)

**New! Town Hall presentation:** Saturday, Oct. 28, 1 pm.

Please email Diane Modugno at [dianmdgn@gmail.com](mailto:dianmdgn@gmail.com) or Deb Allen at [debbieallen727@hotmail.com](mailto:debbieallen727@hotmail.com) with any questions.

## New historical exhibit will celebrate the eclectic

The Canterbury Historical Society will open a new exhibit on Fair Day at the end of July! We call it "Historical Society Eclectic" and we will be exhibiting a wide variety of items from our Archives not seen in years (if ever) including paintings, Canterbury-made objects, poetry, photographs and memorabilia collected over many years, as well as our recently acquired Civil War identification tags dating from the Civil War. We will even challenge you to a "Name This Object Test." We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

**Visit our website!** Our address is [www.canterburyhistory.org](http://www.canterburyhistory.org). Visit us online to find information about the historical society and the various projects we are working on as well as links connecting you to resources you can use in your own research, such as genealogies.

~ Bob Scarponi, President

**If your wrist is starting to tire as you turn newsletter pages, here's why.** Back in the pandemic, we were at 8 pages. Often, we're at 10. Sometimes, we have 12 pages of news. A year ago in June, we hit 14 pages. And just look now! This issue has 16 pages of Canterbury news!

~ Mark and Brenda Travis, co-editors

# Could There Be Even More Happening in Town? Yes!

## Walk the trails, take a tour, go shopping, or listen to some music at the village!

The Canterbury Shaker Village is open for the 2023 season. All are welcome to visit the village, walk the trails and explore the beautiful grounds.



**Guided Tour Hours:** Tuesdays-Sundays at 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm.

**Village Store & Exhibit Hours:** Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 am to 5 pm.

**Village Grounds & Trails:** Every day, dawn to dusk, and free to visit.

**Sunday afternoon concerts start on July 2.** We are kicking off the season with Canterbury's

own **Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki**! On Sundays that follow, join friends and neighbors on the School House lawn at 4 pm. These concerts are free with a suggested donation of \$20.

Check out [www.shakers.org](http://www.shakers.org) for more information.

~ Rachel Baker



## Pillowcases abound at 4H Club meeting

The Canterbury Rascals 4H club met on Monday, May 1. Members used green acrylic paint to create their own 4H T-shirts to wear in the Canterbury Memorial Day parade on May 29, where we plan to march with our town's younger 4Hers, the Canterbury Cloverbuds.

Members **Naomi and Hazel Lozier, Aubrey Drouin and Aurora Hutchinson** recently completed sewing pillowcases with 4H leaders **Lydia West and Emily Preston**. Thank you to Lydia and Emily for sharing your knowledge with us. We had fun and learned a lot!

Canterbury Rascals meet again for our last official meeting and end of the year party on Monday, June 5, at 6:30 pm. The club voted on a Disney theme for the party with costumes encouraged for all and families welcome.

~ Aurora Hutchinson, Reporter

## Strength and Stretch group summer hours set

Beginning June 1, the Strength and Stretch Exercisers will begin at 8:30 in the Parish Hall on Monday and Thursday mornings. Class is exactly one hour so participants can continue to get on with their healthy day. Extra mats and weights are available if you do not have your own. Classes are free and are led by experienced instructors. Individuals proceed at their own pace and all are welcome!

Following Monday classes, those interested are invited to participate in a 20-30 minute walk. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Nelson at 603-493-4207.

## A call for members of the 'Morse universe'!

Is there anyone else out there who might want to gather for discussion about *Inspector Morse* and the more recent *Endeavour* television detective dramas? They make for engaging and high quality television.

*Endeavour* season 9 is to be shown on Masterpiece Theater starting June 18. So I am just wondering if there is anyone else in town who has been a fan and might want to get together for a discussion about the "Morse universe." If so, contact Lois Scribner at [scribnerlois@gmail.com](mailto:scribnerlois@gmail.com).

## All are welcome to join in Quaker worship

The Quaker Meeting meets every Sunday from 10 to 11:30 at 11 Oxbow Pond Road, and all are welcome to attend and experience unprogrammed "waiting" worship. Check out our website [ConcordFriendsMeeting.org](http://ConcordFriendsMeeting.org) for more information on Quakerism and our worship style. We are a welcoming and affirming congregation. (We do ask people to mask while in the Worship Room to protect our more vulnerable members.)

We have an active children's program that emphasizes our Quaker values of simplicity, equality, community, honesty, peacemaking and Earthcare, as well as Bible stories, learning about other faiths and Quaker history. From mid-June to early September, the program is free play indoors or outdoors on our new play structure. If you have questions or want more information, call Ruth Heath at 603-783-4401.

**The Quaker Yard Sale was a huge success!** We were very grateful for the support from our Canterbury friends for our May 13 yard sale, both in objects donated and generous donations that day. The money raised will support a single mom and her children as they rise from poverty in Kenya through the United Kenya Rising organization. The donations far exceeded our expectations. Thank you, Canterbury neighbors!



# Consider Giving What You Can to Update Parish House

For 65 years, the Parish House has stood at the heart of the community. Built by the Canterbury United Community Church just 15 years after Canterbury's great town center fire of 1943, which burned down the Grange Hall, stables, church and nearby farms, the Parish House was erected to "serve the entire community as a public meeting place ..."

And that it has!

From Santa's breakfasts, 4-H meetings, community dinners and breakfasts, auctions, craft fairs, exercise groups, family parties, country dances, concerts, blood drives, fair meetings, wedding receptions, theatrical productions, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, potlucks, celebrations of life, accessible child care, and the Chicken BBQ ... to so much more!



After 65 years of love and use, the Parish House is in need of some updates, repairs and energy-saving improvements so that it may sustain its service to the greater community—its vital role as a public meeting place, a place where neighbors meet, friendships grow, and community is cultivated—for the next 65 years.

We hope that you will consider supporting Canterbury's Parish House during this year's NH Gives initiative. NH Gives, an initiative of the NH Center for Nonprofits, is a powerful, statewide 24-hour online fundraising event that is designed to

build community, connect donors to local nonprofits and generate excitement about the nonprofit sector. Learn more at [nhgives.org](http://nhgives.org) and mark your calendars for June 6 and 7!

Watch for more information on social media and check out the Parish House on the NH Gives page at [nhgives.org/organizations/canterbury-united-community-church](http://nhgives.org/organizations/canterbury-united-community-church)

Your support is so appreciated in the preservation of this building that means so much to so many!

~ Your friends at the Canterbury United Community Church

## Gratitude: a personal reflection on finding cause for thankfulness

*The days I keep my gratitude higher than my expectations, those are good days.*

~ Ray Wylie Hubbard

There's an infinite variety of all that we can be grateful for. Obviously we can be grateful that it's spring. But then if we start to itemize the infinite variety of all the joys spring brings the list is endless. The trick is to think of enough of them when we need to that it provides endless satisfaction.

On a cold wet dreary day we may need to remind ourselves to keep the list at the top of our mind. And spring will end. We'll need other categories which can provide us with lists. Hopefully family and friends will work well too.

It's important to have a plentiful list of categories as well. This does require more mental effort, but is well worth it. Fortunately (or sometimes less so) our brains have a tendency to form habits. So it's critical to nip bad habits in the bud and maximize good ones.

One valuable habit is to be thankful as much of the time as

possible—and to switch to thankfulness as quickly as you can when something makes you less than thankful. Be thankful for the little things as well as the big things.

I like to celebrate an occurrence that makes me especially thankful by saying (most often to myself) "Thank you God and Jesus." I've been known to raise my hands high as well when the occasion warrants.

Dealing with things that make you significantly less thankful is more challenging. Losses especially. Of course you'll need to focus on what you still have, though fully experiencing the loss is a process that cannot and should not be avoided.

Personally I feel I need to anticipate difficulties in order for my mind to be prepared for them. It's easier for me to do this as I learned from well-established experience that the proverbial was more than not likely to hit the fan. I went to fifteen different schools before I graduated high school! So I do anticipate more than necessary. But for 63 years now I've lived in Canterbury, so I'm unusually blessed.

~ Dave Emerson



## Canterbury United Community Church

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## 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 4 pm; 783-9933

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

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

## Loudon Food Pantry

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

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

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

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

## Town offices and organizations

### EMERGENCY? Dial 911

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

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

**Town website:**  
canterbury-nh.org

**Transfer Station:** 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 Tues., 6 pm

## Newsletter help wanted!

We love editing the Canterbury newsletter, but we're in our fifth year of doing it now and a look in the mirror suggests we're not getting any younger. We've reached the point where we need some help—and, eventually, someone with the skills and interest in the community required to take it over.

What are those skills? If you've ever produced a newsletter for your business, nonprofit or for pleasure, you've got them. If you've ever designed a poster, you could acquire them. They involve editing text, cropping and toning photographs, working with local advertisers, and making the puzzle pieces fit on the page.

It's volunteer work, and a great way to serve the community we all call home. The rewards come in knowing you're helping people in town stay on top of what's happening and the thanks you get for doing it.

Email us at newslettercanterbury@gmail.com or call us at 603-783-0420 to learn more!

~ Mark and Brenda Travis

## Food pantry provides for 6,120 meals

In April, the Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 279 individuals for them to prepare 6,120 meals. Of these people, 157 were aged 60 and older (56 percent), 52 were aged 18 or under (19 percent), and 70 were between those ages (25 percent). Also, 17 new individuals came to get food at the pantry.



**June 3, Joint Food Drive:** The American Legion, Loudon Lions Club and Loudon Boy Scouts have teamed up

again! They will be collecting food for Loudon Food Pantry on Saturday, June 3. Look for more information in the *Loudon Ledger*.

**June 19-June 26, food pantry closed:** The food pantry will be closed and unavailable for the week of June 19. We will begin servicing again on Tuesday, June 20. Per usual, our customers will be given enough food for the week we're closed.

**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 me at 603-724-9731. For our hours and location, see our listing at left.

~ Sue Houck

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## Memorial Day: in remembrance of those from Canterbury who gave all

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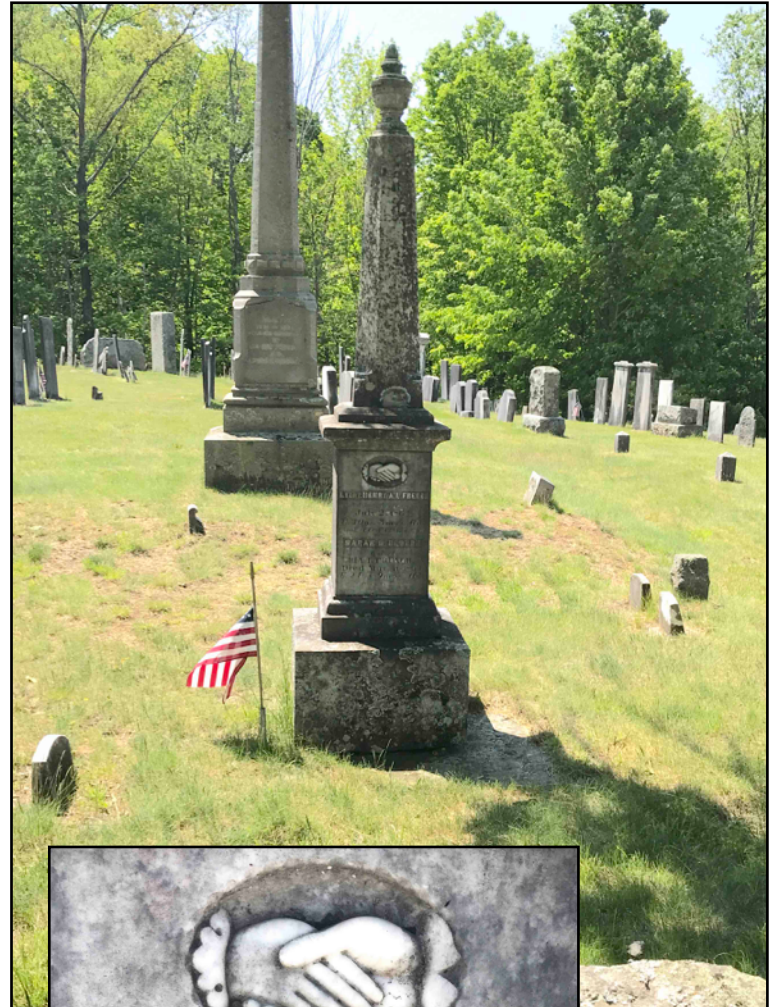
Weeks after citizen soldiers, mostly farmers, skirmished with British regulars at Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775, George Shannon, who lived with his wife up on Borough Road, and eleven other town citizens left Canterbury to join Captain Gordon Hutchins' Company in the state capital of Concord. As part of the New Hampshire 1st Regiment under the command of Colonel John Stark, they assembled in Medford, Massachusetts, to fight for our nation's independence. On June 17, George Shannon and 32 other New Hampshire patriots were killed in a bloody confrontation against British regulars on Bunker Hill in Charlestown. It is speculated that his remains were interred in the Salem Street Burying Ground in Medford. His name and his/our town are memorialized on a monument on the Bunker Hill Training Field.

Thomas Moore grew up about a mile and a half down Baptist Road. As an officer in the 6th Regiment, NH Volunteers, Lt. Moore, a 42-year-old father of four children, fought to maintain the Union in our great Civil War. He was killed at the 2nd Battle of Bull Run on Aug. 29, 1862. Bernice Scales, who lived on Abbott Road, served in an elite unit, the 1st Regiment U.S. Sharpshooters, during the Civil War. He was wounded at Chancellorsville and later killed at the Battle of The Wilderness on May 7, 1864. Both occupy a place of honor in the Center Cemetery. Two brothers, Charles and Thomas Brown, who died of disease within six months of each other during the Civil War, are buried side by side in Maple Grove Cemetery. They grew up a short distance down Clough Pond Road.

Sarah Clough, "a member of one of Canterbury's oldest and most prominent families," grew up on Old Tilton Road. In February 1861, months before the outbreak of the Civil War, she married Henry French of Pittsfield. Henry enlisted in the 12th NH Volunteers and was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant. As with so many spouses (and other family members) during periods of war, Sarah Clough also honorably served her country on the home front. She died in March 1863 soon after the birth of a daughter. Her husband was killed four months later on the battlefield in Gettysburg. A memorial to Sarah Clough and Lt. Henry French occupy a place of remembrance in the Center Cemetery.

We, the living, must carry on the memory of our fallen heroes—our neighbors if we had lived in their time.

~ John Goegel, Canterbury Cemetery Trustee



*Sarah Clough died in March of 1863 after giving birth, and her husband, Henry French, died in battle in July. Their marker is in the Center Cemetery.*