Canterbury Community Newsletter

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Summer!

It's great to see summer activity in Canterbury, whether it's outdoors or online!

This is our two-month summer issue, so we'll see you again in September. Until then, be well, be outside, and let's look after each other ...

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Wednesday, July 29: "Super Market" with guest vendors and Mark Hopkins & Friends, Farmers Market. *Page 5.*

From the Pastor

Greetings Canterbury Neighbors,

No one needs to tell you as you read this that this summer in Canterbury is different. We inhabit a world where our shared landscape continues to have the potential to shift under our feet in a manner that offers little sense of ease. This reality continues to call for diligence as we navigate our daily lives in as healthy a manner as we can.

If you're anything like me you find yourself five months in experiencing some fatigue and longing for opportunities that offer just a bit of relief, a bit of just feeling like it's a typical summer (even as we know it isn't). We "settle" into the months of July and August and inhabit this moment of testing the waters to balance what it means to be physically distanced for community safety and still socially fed. As we seek that balance I encourage us to consider the ongoing efforts we continue to take to ensure safety in this time of uncertainty to be important acts of mutual care.

In this issue of our newsletter you will find many examples of the resilient community spirit of our town and that attention to mutual care as activities detailed in this issue are presented as modified, creatively re-envisioned, or foregone for the current time, knowing some activities are still not able to be carried out at this time with a reasonable level of assuredness of community safety. I also believe as you read this newsletter and reflect on how you and others are meeting this community challenge you'll find examples of "silver lining" experiences, and a deeper sense of appreciation for how we can still be socially fed in creative ways during this uncertain time

I encourage us all to know that the Canterbury spirit of resilience, creativity, and care of neighbor is still alive and well, and can easily be found in the modified expression of community found in these pages.

I encourage us all to continue to stay informed and diligent in mutual care as we navigate the uncertainty of our circumstances.

Best Wishes, Pastor Sara

Pastor Sara and the community church are here for everyone.
Contact us by email at

Contact us by email at mycanterburychurch@gmail.com or leave a message at 783-9365.

Pastor Sara is distributing a weekly athome worship packet by email. If you would like to be added to the list of recipients, leave a message at 783-9365 or email mycanterburychurch@gmail.com.

Local Businesses, Here for You This Summer ...

CHRIS AND WILL'S LAWN CARE: We are Chris Pare and William Riley, and we are available to do lawn care; however, this will look different due to Covid-19, such as social distancing and bringing our own tools. If this interests you, please email or call us at chrisandwilllawncare@gmail.com, or (603) 707-9378.

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NO TIME TO REALLY CLEAN? At Maid For You (formerly Tammy's Cleaning Services) we focus on cleaning the details so you can move on to more important things. Proudly giving you your weekends back! (603) 545-7903, maidforyounh.com

CANTERBURY COUNTRY STORE: Well-stocked and open regular hours. We can bag groceries for pickup, deliver if you can't get here, and 'tis the season when local produce arrives. Call 783-9933.

PETALS IN THE PINES: PYO Flower Field opens mid-July. Self-service Farm Stand Porch Shop; Leaf Stone Bird Baths; Flower Bouquets Friday-Sunday, also bouquets & arrangements by request. Free delivery in Canterbury. Tale Trail, Walking Trails & Garden Walks are open. Open daily 9-6. Check our website petalsinthepines.com for Covid-19 updates. Call Donna (783-0220) or email donna@petalsinthepines.com. 126 Baptist Road.

EDWARDS CPA GROUP, P.C.: Covid-19 loan and SBA tracking services for all businesses (even sole proprietors). Have you already received EIDL or PPP loans and wondering if it's REALLY all forgiven? Let us help ensure that you are tracking allowable expenses correctly. Leave the worrying to us! We're local. Call Kim Edwards at 603-286-8000.

CANTERBURY TAVERN is open to the public for inside and outdoor dining from 10 am to 8 pm seven days a week. Takeout available as well and weekly specials. Check out our menu on our website!

BROOKFORD FARM: Our farm store is open daily from 7 am - 7 pm. Pre orders and curbside pick up available. Ordering deadline is 2 pm Thursday for both Saturday and Sunday deliveries. We offer pre-orders on orders of \$30 or more. Home deliveries are free on Fridays, the minimum order is \$75.

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NORTH FAMILY FARM: We are now delivering seasoned firewood in the Canterbury area. Varied hardwood, cut to 16", and split. It is not too soon to get the wood stacked and under cover. Our 2020 organic maple syrup is available at local stores, the Canterbury Farmers Market or by appointment. Check our website for more information northfamilyfarm.com or call Jill or Tim at 783-4712.

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newslettercanterbury@gmail.com



... And Here!

CANTERBURY WHOLE CHILD CENTER is accepting applications for the 20/21 school year! An approved NH Emergency Child Care Center during the Covid-19 crisis, we're able to care for children of at least one essential worker. We accept state scholarships, and are using our outdoor classroom, increased distancing and hygienic procedures to maintain a clean, safe, developmentally appropriate environment. Email CanterburyWholeChildCenter@gmail.com.

MAGOON TREE — Residential tree service and removal. 100' crane services. Log-length firewood for sale. Work year-round. Fully insured. Brian Magoon, 496-6835. magoontree.com.

COLD GARDEN SPIRITS: We are returning to normal hours for tours, tastings and purchases. Saturdays and Sundays, 1 to 4:30. Tastings at outdoor tables. Hand sanitizer available, 12 oz. pump top bottle for \$15. All products available on online store for curbside pickup. coldgardenspirits.com.

CANTERBURY CENTER BED AND BREAKFAST: Open for partial occupancy. Two portable air conditioners for bedrooms. Guests will join us in practicing social distancing and wearing masks in common areas. Delicious healthy breakfasts. See ccbnbnh.com or email scribnerlois@gmail.com or call Lois at 603-783-0206.

RIVERLAND B&B: We are open and look forward to welcoming you to Riverland again. Visit our website, riverlandonthemerrimack.com, for details on adjustments we have made in light of Covid-19. 603-562-6059.

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THE DEWEY SCHOOL welcomes children ages 3-5 to nature based early learning at the historic Canterbury Shaker Village. Now registering for the 2020-2021 school year. deweyschool.net

RELAX, RENEW, REJUVENATE with us at Body & Spirit Day Spa. All your professional skin care, nail care, and massage needs in one place. (603) 226-4261, bodyandspiritdayspa.com.

FREE WOOD: About 7 to 8 cords of log-length wood. Cut and split 3 cords for us and take the rest for free! Hackleboro Road. Leave a message at 783-0420.

No fireworks on the Fourth ... but August may be a possibility

The selectmen have made the difficult decision to cancel the 4th of July celebration including the fireworks this year. JPI



Pyrotechnics has offered some dates in August. The board will take into consideration the State of Emergency declaration and updated information regarding the Covid-19 virus before making any decisions.

The Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, July 4.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office is now open to the public during regular business hours. Restrictions include mandatory face masks for customers, social distancing and only two people allowed at the service counter. The Assessor's Office is also open with the same restrictions. The Selectmen's Office and Town Administrator's Office will remain open for appointments only. Please see the town website for details or call for any questions.

The selectmen met with Sumner Dole and Gordon Jackson to discuss a plan for maintaining, removal and planting trees in the center. Several trees had to be removed because they were diseased and dying and posed a danger to the public. The board will work on a plan for the 2021 budget.

The emergency generator was installed at the Sam Lake House. The town qualified for a 25 percent grant.

Roadside mowing will be done in September this year and will include work at the parking area for the Riverland Beach and Conservation area. Mowing dates will be posted on the town website.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator

There's still a yard sale in the center ... and it comes with Shaker Hand Pies!

5th Year Annual Center Yard Sale Saturday, July 25, from 9 am to noon

Time to clean out and simplify your life! Bring your own table, sales item and cash box. There will be a small fee of \$3-\$5 for the *Concord Monitor* ad. A rain-or-shine event.

For further information contact Jessie Tichko, tshot@myfairpoint.net.

Shaker Hand Pies

Shaker Hand Pies will be sold on the same day as the Annual Center Yard Sale on July 25, with the proceeds being split equally between the Canterbury Church and the Canterbury Fund.

~ Debbie Snow

Did Someone Say Energy? We Got It!

Grounds tours and outdoor concerts come to the Canterbury Shaker Village

It's a beautiful early summer at Canterbury Shaker Village! All of the trees have leafed out, and the golden-green light is so beautiful. We are excited to share some updates with you about our coming summer season at the village.

We are delighted to announce the launch of weekend summer tours. Starting July 5, we will offer free outdoor grounds tours twice daily on Saturdays and Sundays, at 11 am and 2 pm. Masks are expected and social distancing guidelines will be in place. Please arrive five minutes early and meet our Volunteers at the Carriage Barn for the outdoor tour. Big



THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers! We hope our site, resonant with natural and architectural beauty as well as a history of peaceful resistance, will be inspiring and restorative.

Also beginning July 5 is "Concerts on the Green," a series of outdoor concerts each Sunday through July 26 from 4 to 5 pm. The concerts have been developed by Juilliard-trained cellist and Concord native Jan Fuller.

Fuller's musical program will be complemented by cellist Harel Gieltheim on July 5, state poet laureate Alexandria Peary on July 12, and state artist laureate Amanda Whitworth on July 19.

The concerts will be held outdoors on the large, spacious lawn leading to the Meeting House and the surrounding lawn. Masks are expected and social distancing will be insured by the use of painted circles placed at appropriate intervals. All performances will be amplified for optimal sound quality. Seating will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Parking is behind the Horse Barn as per the signs. These concerts are free of charge with a suggested donation of \$10.

Concerts on the Green will provide an opportunity for our community to access world-class cultural performances this summer in the safe, socially distanced, and unparalleled beauty of Canterbury Shaker Village.

Looking ahead, we hope to be able to open three to four of our buildings (through socially distanced visits) to the public on Saturdays and Sundays in August; we also hope to open for more extensive, still socially distanced, tours Wednesdays through Sundays in September and October. Stay tuned as we finalize these plans!

We hope to see you soon for weekend tours and Concerts on the Green!

~ Leslie Nolan, Director

Town Energy Committee lights it up

The Energy Committee has these initiatives under way:

Freecycle: Do you have unwanted stuff around your house and are bummed out that the What Not Sale won't be happening this summer? Are you looking for that lightly used item that someone may be getting rid of because they don't need it anymore? Then join the Canterbury FreeCycle group! Canterbury Freecycle is a Google Group that will allow you to OFFER unwanted items or request WANTED items.

To get going, visit: groups.google.com/d/forum/freecycle-canterbury-nh. You will need a Google account to participate. If you don't have one, you can create one using any existing email address. Once you belong to the group, you will be able to post OFFERED and WANTED messages and manage membership settings.

If this is all a little too much for you but you want to participate, feel free to reach Jeff Beltramo at jbeltramo66@gmail.com and he will try to help you out. Happy FreeCycling!

Kill-o-Watt Meter: What's driving that high electric bill? Do you know how much energy your vacuum cleaner uses? They say microwaves don't use much energy, but how much do they use? The Energy Committee can help you with these curiosities! We have a Kill-o-Watt Meter to lend to folks in town.

It is a simple device that plugs into your wall outlet and you can plug in any regular electric cord into it to learn how much energy any electrical item uses. Understanding how much energy your electrical appliances and devices use is a great way to plan the steps needed to increase your energy efficiency and reduce your electric bill. You can make arrangements to borrow the Kill-o-Watt Meter from Jeff Beltramo. Contact him at jbeltramo66@gmail.com.

Weatherization campaign: In August and September at the Farmers Markets we'll be providing information to homeowners about free energy audits and discounts for energy efficiency improvements suggested by the audit. You may qualify for a rebate up to 90 percent of the cost of weatherizing improvements you make.

We also plan to host another "Button Up Canterbury" event (in person or by Zoom) in September to help you learn the ABCs of making your home more energy efficient. Watch for announcements in the town email.

Please contact us with feedback or further ideas on how we can help residents and the town save money on energy and reduce our carbon footprints and mitigate climate change through our actions.

~ Canterbury Energy Committee (Ruth Heath, Fred Portnoy, Claudia Leidinger, Sandy Hodsdon, Jeff Beltramo, Beth McGuinn, David Day)

Food and Music, Meeting Needs, Thanks and Congrats!

Farmers Market lines up the tunes

The month of June was a great hit for the market! We want to



thank you all for showing your support and buying fresh produce. Please remember your mask and to leave all pets at home this season.

July 1: Dudley Laufman, old time New England fiddle and melodeon

July 8: Speed the Plow, old time classics by fiddle, dulcimer, and guitar

July 15: Elizabeth Kantz, traditional music by fiddle and guitar

July 22: Don Bartenstein, 70s style acoustic rock

July 29: The SUPER Market will have lots of special guest vendors and music by Mark Hopkins & Friends, a five-piece band playing traditional folk. For more information on our SUPER Market, be sure to check our website and Facebook for the most up-to-date information.

Aug. 5: Audrey Drake, original songs and covers of other artists with acoustic and electric guitars

Aug. 12: Senie Hunt, percussive guitarist in the style of Michael Hedges

Aug. 19: Just Because Acoustic Trio, with great harmonies

Aug. 26: Tim Gurshin, original acoustic songs with some unique covers

Thank you, Doneta!

On behalf of the BHS Class of 2020 graduates and families, I would like to send a sincere thanks to Doneta



Fischer. Doneta sewed 78 masks, one for every graduate. The masks were distributed to the graduates with his/her cap and

gown with the attached sentiment, "Congratulations! You are the Future! Be happy, be kind and keep learning. Practice safe six and wear a mask."

Doneta felt sad for the class having to graduate during such a difficult time, she just wanted to do something special for them. The Class of 2020 wishes to thank Doneta for thinking of them and working to make their special day safe. Thank you, Doneta.

~ Rachel Baker

Congratulations to these Canterbury grads

Emma Galonski, Merrimack Valley High School, magna cum laude.

Allison Wong, The Virtual Learning Academy Charter School (VLACS). She is only 16!

Jesse Miller, Keene State College, with a BA degree in Film Production.

Loudon Food Pantry shares its needs

Here is a current list of some of our needed items: mayonnaise, rice sides, pasta sides, cream corn, albacore tuna, ketchup, mustard, condensed beef soup, hearty chicken soup and French-style green beans. All food donations are quarantined for five days before processing.

We are in Huckleberry Business Park, 30 Chichester Road, Loudon (across the parking lot from Loudon Garage). We accept donations on Tuesdays 9 to 6; Wednesdays 9 to 1; and Thursdays 9 to 4. We are continuing to wear masks and gloves while servicing people in the parking lot. We ask that people coming to get food wear masks when we approach their cars and when they are selecting their bread.

Go to LoudonFoodPantry.org for more info. Visit us on Facebook (LoudonFP). Call us at 724-9731.

~ Sue Houck

Pay It Forward still there for our neighbors

The Pay It Forward initiative organized through Facebook has been very quiet as of late, which I hope is a good thing but I don't know for sure. We currently have people doing weekly groceries and other errands for somewhere between five and fifteen Canterbury residents and a couple of them have reached out to me to let me know it is working wonderfully and they intend to continue their new friendships beyond the wretched virus.

I would like to add that people should continue to check in on their neighbors. There are many elderly or at risk who do not operate computers at all. For those who feel uncomfortable going out, PLEASE reach out. We are here and want to be of service.

~ Cate Ahern, Administrator, Canterbury Hall 783-9822 or 731-7382

Elkins Library Swings with the Summer

The next Trustee virtual meeting is on Monday, July 13, at 7 pm. There will be no meeting in August.

Although we continue to be closed, Elkins Library is receiving the borrowed materials that you have patiently kept at home. Please return items in the book drop located to the left of the front door.

Curbside pickup is under way.

The "Elkins Virtual Library" page on our website (elkinspubliclibrary.org) continues to grow.

The Old Man Boring Book Club will meet via Zoom on Thursday, July 9 at 7 pm. This group likes to choose their own individual titles and take turns describing them. Please e-mail sleclair@elkinspubliclibrary.org if you would like to join.

Book Group has just resumed. We typically read the same selection and discuss it. I'm in the process of adding a feature that will allow us to continue doing that. If you would like more information also contact Sue at sleclair@elkinspubliclibrary.org.

Hoopla! This a digital media service that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone – and even your TV! They have thousands of titles to choose from, with more being added daily. Details can be found on our website.

NH Downloadable Audio Books: Download audio books, e-books & magazines! Check out the website nh.lib.overdrive.com for more details and then contact the library if you would like to register for this service and receive the code required.

WiFI continues to be available outside the library 24-7. Just choose elkins library. No password is required.

Family pass! Thanks to FOEPL, Elkins Library again offers the New Hampshire State Parks pass, which allows free access to state parks. Also enjoy the Currier Museum of Art, Squam Lakes Science Center & Shaker Village. (Shaker Village generously donates its passes.)

FOEPL Logo Contest: The Friends of Elkins Public Library are asking everyone to put on their creative hats to design a logo for us. If you don't know already, the Friends are responsible for supporting the library in various ways, including monies for children's programming and supplies, some programming for adults, help with the library's wish list, help with refreshments for programs, monies for maintenance of the library's garden and inside seasonal decorations. Send your design to marymaccoy@myfairpoint.net.

Want to become a friend? Perhaps this is the time to become a FOEPL or to renew your membership. You will find a membership application on the library's website at: elkinspubliclibrary.org

Summer Reading: Imagine Your Story!

Join Mrs. Baker every Monday and Tuesday for a **preschool/toddler/baby program** including books, flannel boards, finger rhymes and easy songs to sing-along. These virtual programs will be posted on our website and Facebook page and archived on YouTube.

Every Wednesday: Since March, a wonderful group of middle-schoolers have been "meeting" on Google Meet with Rose, Sue and Mrs. Baker. We meet every Wednesday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. This group is best suited for humans ages 13 to 16.

The Book Wizards Book Club meets every Wednesday at 2:30 to discuss mid-grade chapter books that we are reading.

If you are interested in joining these groups or finding out what to read next, let us know by emailing mrsbaker@elkinspubliclibrary.org, calling 783-4386 or messaging us on Facebook.

Every Thursday until the end of July, Mrs. Baker will post a program on YouTube at 10 am for a fun activity involving puppets, crafts and music related to our nationwide theme, Imagine Your Story!

July 2: A Hero's Journey: Let's design your own code of honor and a proper shield and sword. Prepare to joust some bubbles and defend your castle.

July 9: Magical Creatures: Fantasy Dragon Eggs are easy to make and fun to keep, we will show you how! Come see Mrs. Baker's own gnome garden and fairy house.

July 16: Timeless Tales: You have a great story to tell and we want to hear it! This week we focus on writing and telling our stories. We will build our own family trees and learn a lot about ourselves.

Marek Bennett Comics Workshop July 23, 10 to 12, Facebook Live

NH-based cartoonist, musician, and educator Marek Bennett leads discovery-based Comics Workshops for all ages throughout New England and the world beyond.

Join us July 23 from 10 to 12 on Facebook Live to learn how to tell your own story through drawing. This program is for all ages, however children age 5-8 will welcome the assistance of a caregiver.

Take a look at his website marekbennett.com/before/ to get ready for this amazing event!

Canterbury United Community Church

Office hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs. mornings. Call first. 783-9365. mycanterburychurch@gmail.com

Parish House: Call Judy Patterson to reserve, 783-4419

Online: canterburychurch.org facebook.com/ MyCanterburyChurch

Newsletter: Deadline is 16th of month before publication. Editors: Mark and Brenda Travis, 783-0420, or email newslettercanterbury@gmail.com

Canterbury Fair:

twitter.com/CanterburyFair facebook.com/CanterburyFair

Town Crier

Lois Scribner posts Canterbury happenings Sundays in the Concord Monitor. Deadline is noon every Wednesday. Email Lois at scribnerlois@gmail.com

Town Email List

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

Post Office

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

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: 5 am until midnight daily; 783-4305

Services

Loudon Food Pantry: 30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon. Intake by appointment only on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Office hours and donations accepted Tuesdays 10-6; Wednesdays 10-1; Thursdays 10-4; Fridays 10-1. For more information, go to loudonfoodpantry.org, email info@loudonfoodpantry.org or call Sue at 724-9731.

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 @canterbury-nh.org

Elkins Public Library: Mon., 1 to 7 pm; Tues., 9 am to 6 pm; Wed. and Thurs., 9 am to 8 pm; Sat., 9 am to noon. 783-4386. elkinspubliclibrary.org

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 @canterbury-nh.org

Town Clerk/Tax Collector:

Mon. 9 am to 3 pm; Tue., 3 to 7 pm; Thur., noon to 7 pm. 783-0153. Email: spapps@canterbury-nh.org

Selectmen's Office and Assessor's Office: Mon. and Wed., 9 am to 1 pm; Thur., 10 am to 2 pm; 783-9955. Emails: selectmen@canterbury-nh.org assessing@canterbury-nh.org

Town Administrator: 783-9955 kfolsom@canterbury-nh.org

Building Inspector: 783-9033 buildinginspector@canterbury-nh.org

Highway Dept: 783-4123 canterburyhighway@ canterbury-nh.org

Monthly Meetings: All held virtually for now.

- Planning Board: 2nd Tue., 7 pm; 4th Tue. as needed
- Conservation Commission: 2nd Mon., 7 pm
- Selectmen: 1st and 3rd Mon., 6 pm
- Solid Waste Committee: 4th Mon., 6 pm
- Zoning Board: As needed.
- Energy Committee: 1st Tues., 6 pm

Thank you from the Whole Child Center!

The Canterbury Whole Child Center wishes to thank the Canterbury community for their overwhelming support in our time of need! Your generous contributions help us to continue to provide care to working families throughout this health crisis and we thank you so SO much for your kind words of encouragement, uplifting commentary, and financial donations! They have all been gratefully received!

~ Adrienne Hutchinson, director

4H members adjust to challenges of the day

This was a very different way to end our 4H year. The virtual 4H Presents will be this year's States Activities Day. Members created and uploaded videos of their demonstrations, speeches, and action exhibits. Photographs, posters, and flix videos were already judged at the County Level. Eleven members received County Recognition and four members went on to the State Level. Congratulations!

Our members and leaders are resilient as they navigate through challenges. I am so proud of all of them! We expect to have our first meeting in September where we will welcome new members and start off the next 4H year.

The Canterbury Rascals is open to all youth ages 8 and up. Please contact Laura Crockford at canterburyrascals4H@gmail.com for more information.

... Trail Notes, continued from Page 8!

This mill is located on the old Horse & Sleigh Road and you can turn right here and head east up the hill back to Shaker Road and then south on Shaker Road to where you parked. That loop is about 1.7 miles. For those looking for more exercise and adventure, turn left and head west, following the old H&S road over the brook and through the woods.

In about a half mile, look on the north side of the road for an old cellar hole. Nature has done a fair job of reclaiming the cellar hole, but it can still be found. According to Lyford's history, this was once the home of the Currier family, and their house was picked up and relocated over to Baptist Hill Road. A short distance farther on the south side of the road, another old cellar hole can be found. Lyford indicates this house was owned by the Dryball family and burned down.

Continuing another half mile will bring you out on Baptist Hill Road at the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery. The Shell Meeting House (church) once stood inside the perimeter of this cemetery. This meeting house was so named because the planned construction for the interior. Only the basic 'shell' of the structure was ever constructed. Legend says that this shell blew over in a windstorm and the existing cemetery then expanded upon where the church had once stood. Unless you planned ahead and pre-positioned a second car here, you need to turn around and retrace your steps, for a 3-mile round trip. Happy Trails.

~ Mark Stevens

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Trail Notes: Walk back in time along Shell Meetinghouse Road

Town maps call this "Shell Meetinghouse Road" rather than "Horse & Sleigh Road" or "Horse & Carriage Road" as some old-timers might. Whichever you prefer, it was so named because the Shell Meetinghouse once stood on the west end of the road and horses pulling carriages or sleighs carried meeting goers to it. This road is no longer townmaintained but makes for a pleasant trek for hikers looking to explore portions of the town they cannot see by vehicle.



Park and begin this hike in the parking lot behind the Visitor Center at Shaker Village. Head west on the Meadow Pond Trail that Dave Emerson and others have recently improved. Dave has written about this trail previously in this column, but there are a couple of new items to look for. Dewey School kids have been active in this area so look for their outdoor recreation area. The trail entrance skirts the perimeter of their play area and enters between some impressive Shagbark Hickory trees before heading west between two parallel stonewalls situated one rod (16.5 feet)

The trail suddenly swings southerly and then back westerly

apart, suggesting an old range road may have once been here.

again, as Dave re-routed around an obstacle and onto an old Shaker haul road that was once used to bring clay from the meadow up into the village for making bricks. In this area the Dewey School kids have left you a challenge as they have hidden unique "ladybugs" along this trail. Read their posted rules and see how many ladybugs you spot.

The trail is marked with blue blazes and follows the old haul road down to the

meadow. If you approach quietly, you may see ducks, geese, heron, deer, turkey or beaver. Don't miss the 6-foot granite gate posts at barways along the way. Shaker men must have been rugged to haul these granite posts out there and plant them solidly upright.

The trail swings north following the edge of the pond on a footpath rather than the haul road, continuing to follow blue blazes. You'll cross over a Shaker rock culvert at one of the inlets. Continue along the shore

of the pond up to the main inlet and then follow the east side of this inlet in a northerly direction to an old dam and rock foundation of a water-powered, early-1800s Shaker mill.

... There's more! Turn to page 7 for the rest!