Canterbury Community Newsletter

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From the Pastor

Greetings Canterburians!

As I look out my window this morning I see the snow and ice we in Canterbury associate with the middle of winter, but glorious rays of sunlight are also shining in and through the ice on those same trees. It happens every winter for me right about this time: Ironically, it's the sort of day that makes me think of gardening ... yes, gardening.

Any avid gardener will tell you preparations for their yearly garden start to take shape well before all the snow is gone for the year. Making garden plans and starting the seeds indoors while it's still cold outside is not only necessary for the most successful summer garden, but can be just the thing to pull one out of the midwinter blues that begin to set in in early February.

Seeds of renewal are being planted here at CUCC this winter as well. Our church is being reenergized by fruitful, forward-looking conversation, to help focus our efforts toward renewal and fresh growth in 2020. How appropriate that the reflective transformational season of Lent is upon us as well, beginning Feb. 26 with our 7 pm Ash Wednesday service. In the Christian tradition, the season of Lent is a special time of opportunity to focus our spiritual practice on opening ourselves to God transforming power in our lives. We seek to gain better self understanding and a deeper understanding of Christ's work in our lives as we prepare our hearts to fully take in the miracle of Easter.

As you too look out your window upon the cold, snowy days in the coming weeks, I invite you to take in those glorious rays of sunlight pushing through to remind us that the seeds of growth and renewal are active beneath the surface of things. I wish you spring-like anticipation in your spirits and in the spirit of the community of Canterbury as you too prepare yourself for renewed life during this season.

God's Peace, Pastor Sara

Come one, come all!

Community Spaghetti Dinner

Come and share a mid-winter evening with friends and family, and enjoy a hearty dinner of pasta, meatballs, homemade rolls and more! There will be a vegetarian option as well. Cabin Fever? THIS is the solution! Come on out, see your neighbors and enjoy a fun-filled evening.

Saturday, Feb. 15, 5 to 6:30 pm Parish House, Canterbury Center \$10 for age 12 and over, \$5 for under 12 (Proceeds benefit CUCC)

Hope to see you there!

~ Polly Camire

Local Businesses, Here for You ...

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.

THE DEWEY SCHOOL welcomes children ages 3-5 to nature based early learning at the historic Canterbury Shaker Village. Registration for the 2020-2021 school year opens soon. Deweyschool.net

ORGANIC MAPLE SYRUP from North Family Farm, available at local stores or by appointment at the farm. Join us for the **Canterbury Maple Festival** on March 21-22. We will be at Shaker Village and there will be a number of other sites to visit. Please check our website for more information on our product at northfamilyfarm.com or call Jill or Tim, 783-4712.

CANTERBURY COUNTRY STORE: Come on in! We've got a new product – CBD – and we're still the best country store in town.

TAMMY'S CLEANING SERVICES – Cleaning, weekly or biweekly needs? Tammy's Cleaning can help. We get at all those hard-to-reach places! Reasonable rates, fully insured, and lots of long-term references available too. Privacy and security is foremost in our business. Call or text 545-7903 or email tammy@maidforyounh.com.

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COLD GARDEN SPIRITS: Come taste our new bottling of two-year-old aged bourbon and brandy. Saturdays and Sundays, 1 to 4:30. Come visit, learn about our process, enjoy a tasting and take some home. 338 Shaker Rd., just north of Shaker Village.

MAQ DESIGN: quality custom upholstery, slipcovers, and window coverings - curtains, valances, shades, and blinds. Fabric, supplies, pickup and delivery. maryann@maqdesign.net, 783-9640, maqdesign.net.

CANTERBURY CENTER BED AND BREAKFAST: "Where history meets hospitality." 4 guest rooms available to guests. Delicious healthy breakfasts. See ccbnbnh.com or email scribnerlois@gmail.com or call Lois at 603-783-0206.

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"VISIT CANTERBURY'S VERY OWN BREWERY! Taste amazing beers in the coolest "pub" in town! Choose favorites in growlers to go! 305 Baptist Hill Rd. Saturdays/Sundays 1-5 canterburyaleworks.com

THE CANTERBURY WHOLE CHILD CENTER is accepting applications for nature & arts-based preschool and before/after school programs. Open **7am-6pm M-F**, serving students 2.9-12yrs. CanterburyWholeChildCenter@gmail.com. facebook.com/CanterburyWholeChildCenter. 783-4370.

BROOKFORD FARM – Farm store open daily from 7 am - 7 pm. Organic vegetables, 100% grass fed dairy and beef, pastured pork, chicken and eggs, aged meats and lacto fermented products. Online ordering and year round CSA! Email: brookfordfarm.csa@gmail.com Phone: 603-742-4084 Website: www.brookfordfarm.com

RIVERLAND B&B: Riverland, a cozy, family-friendly B&B on the Concord-Canterbury line, is accepting 2020 reservations. Send us your tired, your hungry, your out-of-town relatives. www.riverlandonthemerrimack.com. 603-562-6059.

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PEABODY HOME, a not-for-profit private home offers many different care options for elders including day care, assisted living, nursing and "respite" care. A nurse is present in the building 24hrs a day/seven days a week Visit our home (24 Peabody Place, Franklin) and/or website to learn more about the "Peabody Home difference" https://www.peabodyhome.org



Business card ads are the newest format we're offering! The cost: \$25.

Email us at the address below to learn more about our options!

Ad deadline for the March issue is Feb. 16.



Did a Contra Dance Just Break Out in Town?

Sure did. Let's have another one!

Wow! The Jan. 11, first in a new monthly series Canterbury Contra Dance went screamingly well! At 7:25 the band was set up and there was a scattering of dancers around the hall ... maybe a dozen or so. By 7:40 the place was packed with enthusiast dancers of many ages, and the "official" band of two had grown to 11, ranging in age from Sebastian, a 13-year-old from Holderness, to our own almost 89-year-old **Dudley Laufman** (scheduled to play and call the April dance!)

Judging from the abundant smiles, and enthusiastic noise level, everyone was having a terrific time! We were truly delighted to have permission to use the "real" piano, and **Sue Hunt** did it justice. (She will be back playing for Dudley in April!) And I don't imagine anyone complained about our own homegrown **Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki's** outstanding and innovative fiddling.

Saturday, Feb. 8, is the next dance, from 7:30 to 10:30 pm at the Parish Hall. Suggested donation is \$8, \$6 for seniors and students.

Gale Wood, our caller from last month, will call again. **String Equinox** from the Wolfeboro-Freedom area will provide the music. This wonderful band consists of Shana Aisenberg and Beverly Woods, close friends that have played music together, separately, and with others for a great many years. Like Jordan and Sue last month, they are very welcoming to sit-in musicians.

If you can, bring a snack to share at intermission! No partner necessary. Canterbury Parish House. All welcome! All ages, all experience levels! We just want to have fun!

Questions? Concerns? Need directions? Call or email Gale Wood, 793-5296, gtomwood@gmail.com, or Teresa Wyman, 783-0826, teresawyman@comcast.net.

~ Teresa Wyman



Let's Make Canterbury A Dancing Town Together

The January dance at the Canterbury Parish House dance was successful. Fairly large crowd ... 50 maybe, and at least 10 from Canterbury.

Besides Canterbury, there are several other communities in New Hampshire that host contra, square and old-time dances -- Nelson, Tamworth, Durham, Peterborough, Newfields, Kingston being some of them. These venues are attended by what we call the Greater Dance Community, made up of folks age 30-60. Very few small children or teens. Some of the dancers travel a round trip of 100 miles or more. Canterbury is not known as a Dancing Town. But we do have music and dancing events here: The Ride, Hutchinson's Sugar House, Canterbury Fair, not to mention several barn dances and the **Fifth Saturday Kitchen Junkets** at my house, 322 Shaker Road. The next of these is **Saturday, Feb. 29**.

I hope these dances in the Canterbury Parish House will be successful and work towards making Canterbury a Dancing Town.
~ Dudley Laufman

Get out your calendar! More February events in town await you ...

Cabin Fever Antique Mart

Historic Canterbury Town Hall **Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22-23**, from 10 to 3

There will be antique dealers from Canterbury and area towns with a wide assortment of antiques for sale. Drop by to enjoy winter while also anticipating spring! No admission fee. Parking. Handicap accessible.

Open House at The Dewey School

Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 4:30 to 6

Welcoming children ages 3-5 to nature-based, Reggio inspired early learning at the historic Canterbury Shaker Village. Come visit our new beautiful learning environment, explore the studio,

and talk a walk on the meadow. For more information call 731-8091, email info@deweyschool.net, or deweyschool.net.

Moonlight Snowshoe at Church of the Woods

92 Foster Road

Sunday, Feb. 9, from 7 to 8:30 pm

What could be more beautiful than a snowshoe walk under a full moon?! The Rev. Steve Blackmer will lead just such an outing at the Church of the Woods, exploring the trails and the woods of the church under the night sky. We'll gather afterwards at the new meeting house and enjoy the warmth of the woodstove along with something hot to drink and yummy to eat. We welcome all comers to enjoy the beauty of this place we call home. Email mtravis@kairosearth.org for more!

Don't Look Now, But News Is Happening

Village welcomes new executive director

Leslie Nolan of Fairfield, Conn., has been named to lead

Canterbury Shaker Village as executive director effective Feb. 3. Nolan was Executive Director of the Wilton Historical Society in Connecticut from 2012 to 2017, and has just completed a two-year stint with the Peace Corps in Ukraine. In Wilton, she led strategy, operations, fundraising, and capital projects for a complex of three distinct sites and 20 buildings, developing new programs and strengthening operations to increase



community involvement and enhance public benefit.

Nolan's museum experience includes foundational work at the Museum of the City of New York and the Whitney Museum of American Art, both of which were expanding operations, buildings and collections during her time there. As director of the Center for Contemporary Printmaking in Norwalk, Conn., she spearheaded a \$2 million capital campaign, rebranded the organization and established new outreach initiatives.

Jean Halloran, chair of the Board of Trustees, said "Leslie was our first choice. Her experience in leadership -- entrepreneurship, managing change, resilience -- was a good match for our needs, and she also expressed an immediate connection to the site and a passion for Shaker values."

Nolan succeeds **Susan Bennett**, who stepped down in early 2019. "Bennett was a force for much positive change in her two-year tenure as director, and we are grateful for her continued contributions throughout 2019, when she acted as consultant to the village to oversee the dam repair project at Turning Mill Pond," said Halloran. "We are also grateful to **Maggie Stier**, our director of marketing & development, for stepping up to be our interim director for the past year."

"I am deeply honored to be joining Canterbury Shaker Village and to be entrusted with this historic treasure," Nolan said. "The enthusiasm of the board is inspiring, and I am greatly looking forward to working with them, the staff, volunteers, and the community."

Village Volunteer Meet & Greet Wednesday, Feb. 5

Interested in becoming a village volunteer or helping out with special projects? Join us from 9:30-11 in the Education Center for a special meet and greet for new and returning volunteers. We'll discuss volunteering options, cover the 2020 schedule, and enjoy food and fellowship. This meeting is also the first in a series of programs we'll be hosting over the winter for volunteers. Each program will have a different topic or focus, covering everything from 19th-century primary source documents to the logistics of accessioning artifacts.

Concerned over speeding on Canterbury roads?

There is some concern in town about the speed of many cars and trucks driving on our state and town roads. It would be helpful to find out what town residents can do along with the other agencies, at the town and state level, to address this growing problem.

The roads around the Center are vulnerable to vehicles speeding as they leave, and any stretches of road that have been repaved or are straight seem to be prone to speeding. Other roads such as Shaker Road also appear vulnerable. There will be others not listed here.

Those of us who walk, alone or with a dog, those of us with children, or are seniors, may be interested in this issue. The Police Department is supportive of some measures that could assist in collecting data and monitoring the problem.

In order to find out more about options and the extent of the speeding in town, I was hoping to gather a small group of residents who can support each other to brainstorm ideas, research and organize information. It could be helpful:

- * to have an idea of how many people in town are worried about speeding
- * to know where the hotspots are
- * to find out options residents have to do something
- * to learn from other rural towns about measures they have tried
- * to find out what role the state can play in facilitating residents
- * to liaise with the town to explore the role the departments of town government might be able to play

This is just a preliminary outline. If you would like to be involved, or if there are other associated issues you are aware of, please respond by phone call to Lois Scribner at 603-783-0206 or email scribnerlois@gmail.com.

Police lay down the laws on winter road safety

RSA 265-79-b, also known as Jessica's Law, requires motorists to remove snow and ice from their vehicles. Failure to do so can result in some hefty penalties and consequences.

RSA 236:20 pertaining to Snow Obstruction and Town Ordinance #1: It shall be a violation of this ordinance to put, place, or store or cause to be put, placed or stored snow or ice in or across any road in Canterbury during any private snow removal activities. The penalty for such a violation of this ordinance shall be \$200; such a penalty shall be punished as prescribed by RSA 31:39 for each offense.

~ Police Chief Michael P. Labrecque

Town and School Decision Season Is Upon Us

Deliberative Session a critical first step

The Shaker Regional SB2 Deliberative Session will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at Belmont High School beginning at 6 pm. At this meeting the school budget and warrants will be explained, discussed, debated and possibly amended. Voting to



accept or reject each warrant will take place on March 10 at Belmont High School for Belmont residents and at the Canterbury Town Hall for Canterbury residents. There will be no discussion or deliberation at that time, only voting by ballot.

If the operating budget is voted down on the 10th, the school district will adopt

the default budget, which is the 2019-2020 adjusted budget. This year there are two open school board seats, one in Belmont and one in Canterbury. Residents from both towns can vote for all open school board positions. There will be same day registration on March 10 and the polls will be open from 7 am to 7 pm. Individuals who qualify for absentee voting may contact Stacy Kruger, District Clerk, at 603-267-9223 ext. 5314.

More information about the 2019-2020 school district budget and the SB2 process can be found on our district web site www.sau80.org

~ Mary Morrison, CES Principal

Selectmen to hold town budget hearing

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2020 budget on Monday, Feb. 3, at the Meeting House at 6 pm. The Selectmen will also take input on the proposed Noise Ordinance for the warrant for Town Meeting. The proposed budget and first (balloting) and second (gathering) sessions of Town Meeting are posted on the town website, Canterbury-nh.org. The first session of



Town Meeting will be held on March 10 at the Town Hall from 7 am to 7 pm and the second session will be held on March 13 at Canterbury Elementary School at 7 pm.

Presidential Primary voting will be held at Canterbury Elementary School on Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 7 am to 7 pm.

The Selectmen have hired Joel French as the new building inspector. Joel is a full-time fire lieutenant/fire inspector for the Town of Epsom and received his Certification for Building Inspector Plans Examiner from NHTI.

The 2020 US Census is looking for people to work in this area. They are paying \$20 per hour. Job posters are on the town website and posted at the Town Office.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator

Climate action article placed on town ballot

The Canterbury Citizens for Democracy Climate Subgroup has put the following "Carbon CashBack" warrant article on the ballot in March:

We the town of Canterbury hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety. We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

Some background: There is a bill in Congress called the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Bill (HR 763) that puts a tax on carbon at the production point (or entry into the country). It will start low and gradually increase each year. All revenues from it will be rebated monthly to each US citizen so that citizens will not be negatively impacted by rising energy prices; they can also realize a net income gain by using fewer fossil fuels.

Meanwhile businesses will not see any rebate, and this will incentivize them to invest in energy efficiency and non-carbon emitting energy sources. This will drive innovation in energy away from fossil fuels and result in lowering carbon emissions significantly and rapidly. By putting a price (tax) on carbon we correct the market failure that has allowed fossil fuels to be artificially cheaper than their true cost (of pollution, health, climate change). These bills correct that and give all the tax collected back to citizens to mitigate the increased costs of energy. Economists worldwide agree that taxing carbon is the fastest way to decrease carbon emissions. To protect U.S. businesses from unfair competition from countries without a carbon tax, a border adjustment is part of the bill.

There is a bill in the N.H. House (HB 735) that does essentially the same thing as the bill in Congress.

If you would like more information and see the research studies (and see a cute video of how carbon pricing can help us quickly get to lower carbon emissions), visit the Carbon Cashback page bit.ly/carbon-cashback-coalition/ for info on the state bill or Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (HR 763 in Congress) at citizensclimatelobby.org/energy-innovation-and-carbon-dividend-act/. Contact Ruth Heath, 783-4401, with questions.

Library Gives Birth to New Baby, Toddler Lineup

The Elkins Library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17, in honor of Presidents Day. The next Trustee Meeting is Monday, Feb. 10, at 6.

Winter storm closings will be posted on Channel 9, the town e-mail and Facebook. If the public school is closed, the library likely is, too. Please call the library (783-4386) or Sue (783-4013) if you're in doubt.

We have some new and exciting changes to our baby and toddler lineup. If you care for a child age birth to 5, please come! Every Tuesday at 10 am you can find fun activities and children's programming at Elkins Public Library. Here is an idea of what to expect:

First Tuesday of the month (Feb. 4): Jumping Bean, our most physical offering. After a brief introduction we get right down to a wiggle dance followed by an interactive reading. The 45-minute program revolves around dance, storytelling, singing, yoga and stretching. After a quick goodbye song, we break out into active games or activities.

Second Tuesday of the month (Feb. 11): Rock and Read. This seven-year-old program features an established routine each time we meet. Babies and toddlers are encouraged to dance and wiggle, sing and play instruments. The consistency of the songs and activity allow the younglings to anticipate and feel confident when they can sing along and remember what comes next. This program is followed by a craft or activity and time to socialize and have a snack.

Third Tuesday of the month (Feb. 18): Story Hour. Although every program at the library revolves around a book, this program is a more traditional story time. After Wembly greets the children by name, we enjoy our favorite dances, finger rhymes, felt stories, picture books and book discussion. After a quick break for snack and refreshment, we enjoy a take-home craft. All ages are welcome!

Fourth Tuesday of the month (Feb. 25): Sensory Circus. Keeping in mind that children born in the last five years have an entirely new way of learning and engaging in the world, this program features 10 center-based activities that the child can circulate through, taking the time that they need with each stop. Music fills the room and parents and caregivers can visit while engaging in the play.

Lego Club: Come create! Tuesdays, Feb. 4 and 18, from 4 to 5. This is a drop-in club so don't worry about signing up. Just come and enjoy! We have over 10,000 Legos!

Winter Warm Up! Thursday, Feb. 27, at 11 am. Let's have some fun on a cold, winter day. Join us as we welcome Lindsay and her Puppet Pals! After the show, we'll sit together and eat homemade macaroni and cheese and fruit treats. Fun for everyone! This is our February school vacation program and it's always well attended. Check out lindsayspuppetpals.com/ for more details!

Old Man Boring Book Club: Join us to share reviews of historical and biographical books that you have enjoyed. The discussion will be on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7.

Book Group meets Thursday, Feb. 13, at 1:30 pm and Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7 to discuss *What the Wind Knows* by Amy Harmon. Choose the time that works best for you! Copies are available at the library for anyone that would like to join in.

Rug Braiding: If you are interested in Kate Goegle's next class, please contact the library at 783-4386.

Adventurous Ladies & Daring Men Social Club! Weekly drop-in group on Thursdays from 1:30 to 3 pm. Feb 6: Zen Coloring; Feb. 13: Book Group (*What the Wind Knows* by Harmon); Feb. 20: Chair Yoga with Ali; Feb. 27: Yahtzee!

Looking for more activities during school vacation? Take a trip to the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester on us!

It's the month to "Love Your Library"

February is "Love Your Library" month in Canterbury. It's time to join or to renew your membership with the Friends of Elkins Public Library for 2020. If you joined in 2019 your renewal is waived for this year. The annual dues are \$5. If you are ready to renew or to join, please stop by the library to drop off your payment and to fill out a membership slip.

We have many wonderful Frontier Soups at the Library, they are \$8 each or 4 for \$30. Many of these soups are gluten free.

Another way to "Love Your Library" is to designate Friends of Elkins Public Library as your charity when using Amazon. The program is called Amazon Smile.

4-H Rascals look ahead to County Presentation Day

Upcoming projects include County Presentation Day on Saturday, March 14, at 8:30 am to noon at Merrimack Valley High School. Every club member will need to sign up for at least one county project and sign-ups will be due on Feb. 14. Presentation Day will showcase many projects including, but not limited to, posters, photography, food art, and demonstrations! The Grilled Cheese Challenge will be open to older members and will take place at

the Maker's Expo on April 18. More upcoming projects include Advanced Knot Tying with Emily Preston, Beaded Necklaces and Sculpey Pendants with Cecilia Condi and Emily Preston.

Please contact Laura Crockford at 540-9877 or canterburyrascals4h@gmail.com with any questions.

~ Olivia Ramirez, Reporter

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

Laura Crockford 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. Emails: taxcollector@canterbury-nh.org townclerk@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 at Meetinghouse.

- 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

Benevolent Society makes 2020 plans

The next meeting of the Canterbury Benevolent Society will be on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 1 pm in the Parish House. This is an important meeting as we will be planning our programs for 2020, so come with some good ideas. Hostesses will be Judy Patterson and Denise Sojka.

The mission of the Canterbury Benevolent Society is "to cultivate the spirit of Christ beginning with our own lives and reaching out into homes and communities and the uttermost reaches of the world."

Our local outreach each year includes donations to the Loudon Food Pantry, VNA Hospice, the McKenna House, CES school nurse, and the NH Women's Fellowship UCC. We have money earmarked for Camp Sentinel for families who might need assistance. Each year we put together Health Kits for Church World Services.

We changed the name of our organization from the "Ladies Benevolent Society" to "Canterbury Benevolent Society" to be more inclusive. All are welcome, as our purpose is to reach all families in our community and the world! Membership dues are \$5 per year.

Our officers are Judy Patterson, President; Denise Sojka, Treasurer; and Sandy Scripture, Auditor.

Loudon Food Pantry back to normal hours

In December we gave out enough food to create 8,493 meals to 331 individuals. One hundred of those were age 60



and older, 111 were age 18 or under and 120 were in between those ages.

Gift of Lights: The Gift of Lights provided us with enough food that would create over 4,882 meals. We are very grateful for their support this time of year.

Inventory is over so we are back to our normal hours.

Feeding those in need happens by appointment only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Need an appointment? Call Sue at (603) 724-973. She will pre-qualify you over the phone and tell you what documents to bring to your first appointment.

Volunteers need not call. Just drop in during any of the volunteer hours. We are always in need of help. We know your time is valuable and even if you drop in for a short time, it is appreciated.

For our hours and location, see our listing to the left!

~ Sue Houck

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Historical Society looks to the future

Each January the Canterbury Historical Society Trustees meet to review the prior year and to plan initiatives for the new year. As a result of our recent meeting we planned the following:

- 1. Reinvigorate our Oral History interviews project. Our priority will be to record people we had intended to interview for our 20th century history of Canterbury, but couldn't because of time and resources. We decided recording people should come first with transcription to come later.
- 2. Mount a new exhibit in the Elkins Memorial Building of the recently digitized BUT not previously seen Luther Cody photographs dating from the late 18th century.
- 3. Publish our booklet, "Welcome to Canterbury," which is a guide to new residents of Canterbury (as well as old) which compiles information about the who, what, where and how of Canterbury including car registration, schools, the transfer station (dump), voting, organizations, businesses, town boards and committees and much more. We will make it available free to all as a public service and update it annually.
- 4. Sponsor at least two programs through the "NH Humanities to Go program" in cooperation with the Elkins Library.
- 5. Continue the One Room Schoolhouse program for year 13!

- 6. Pursue better archive organization and improve collection maintenance measures.
- 7. Further strengthen our relationship with Shaker Village by working more closely together.

~ Bob Scarponi, President

Congrats to first CES geography bee winner!

Congratulations to fourth-grader **Tabitha Sheedy**, our first National Geographic Geography Bee winner. If she successfully completes the state level qualifying exam, she will go on to the New Hampshire State Bee. State participants will be announced on March 2 and the State Bee will be held on March 27. State winners will go on to participate in the National Bee that will take place in Washington, D.C., from May 17 to the 21st.

Physical Education teacher **Kristin Doucette** is coordinating a Kids Heart Challenge on Thursday, Feb. 20, from 3:10 to 4:30. This is a national education and fund raising event sponsored by the American Heart Association. The children will be working to collect donations and on the 20th they will spend an hour of healthy exercise demonstrating their jumping skills. CES children have raised thousands of dollars in the past years to help the Heart Association's work.

Feb. 24 to Feb. 28 is Winter Vacation.

~ Mary Morrison, Principal