



THE TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MAY 24TH - 27TH

REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS ARE

Monday - Thursday 9am - 3pm

Thursday Evening 5:30-7

Friday 9am to noon

2nd Saturday of the month 8am - 11am

Municipal Officers meet 1st &

3rd Thursday at 7pm



MEMORIAL



PARADE

MONDAY, MAY 27TH

LINE UP AT 10AM PARADE BEGINS AT 11

**JOIN US IN THE SQUARE FOR A
GUEST SPEAKER AT 10:30AM**

MAIN ST AND SEBAGO RD

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It's Time For The Hiram Cultural Center's Famous BLOOMS, BOOK & BAKE SALE!



Join us for our ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY BBB SALE!

Monday, May 27th starting at 10:00am
at the Arts Center at 8 Hancock in Hiram Village

The sale will pause at 11:00am for the town Memorial Day Ceremony.

 Annual, Perennial, Heirloom, & Local Plants For Sale! 

 Treasures Abound in our Bargain Books - Children's and Adult's! 

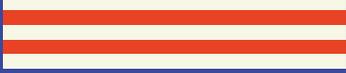
 Breakfast, Lunch, & Baked Goods Available! 

The mission of the Hiram Cultural Center is to enrich educational, literary and cultural lives through charitable support of Soldiers Memorial Library and The Arts Center at 8

Hancock. Learn more at <https://thehiramculturalcenter.squarespace.com/>

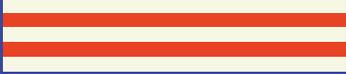
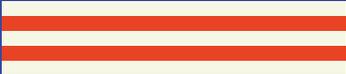


STATE OF MAINE



PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

JUNE 11TH _____ 8 AM TO 8 PM



**Absentee Ballots are now available
for the June 11th Primary Election**

**This is a semi open primary - meaning if you are currently
unenrolled you can choose either a democratic
or republican ballot for the primary.**

**Enrollement changes must be made on or before
May 23 for the upcoming election**

**Absentee ballots must be requested on or before
the close of business on June 6th.**

**Please visit the Secretary of State
website for more information
or call the office at
207-625-4663 during business hours**

Town Office News

Assessing and Taxes

Our assessing agent is out and about gathering data on new construction that is ongoing or that was done after April 1, 2023. Once that is completed we will be busy preparing the 2024 tax bills. If you have recently moved or changed your mailing address please let us know as soon as possible. Tax bills are typically mailed out mid July.

Past Due Taxes from 2023

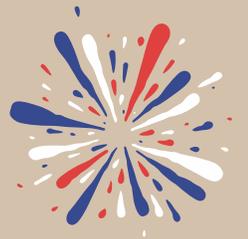
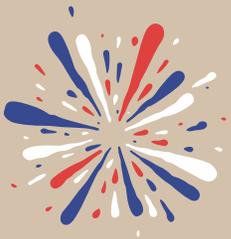
Notices were mailed the end of April to anyone who had a balance due on the 2023 taxes. Liens will be placed on those balances the first week of June

Sorry we're
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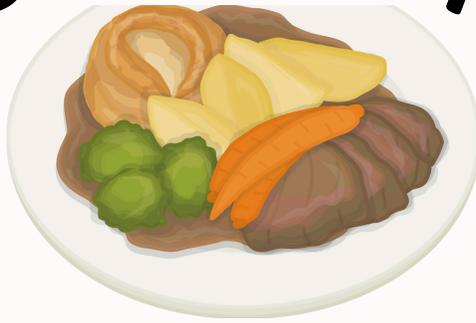
May 24th - 27th for Memorial Day

July 4th

Aug 30th - Sept 2nd for Labor Day



HIRAM COMMUNITY CENTER



Host a roast beef supper the first Saturday of every month starting in May and ending in November.

The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$10 for Children ages 6-12.

Good food and homemade desserts, all are welcome!

Anyone wanting to join the community club should contact Priscilla Howard at 207-625-8074.

**HIRAM COMMUNITY CENTER IS LOCATED
AT
14 HISTORICAL RIDGE**

Hope to see you there!



Burn Permits

We are using the burn permit system from the Maine Forest Service.

Please visit maineburnpermit.com to apply.

As a reminder: The state updates the fire class day daily at 9am. If the class day is HIGH you WILL NOT be able to obtain a permit and no burning will be allowed until the fire class is lowered. You can check the status of the fire class day by visiting the Maine Forest Service Website.

Effective October 25,2023

A person who kindles or uses recreational campfire may not allow the recreational campfire to exceed 3 feet in diameter on the ground at the base of the fire or 3 feet in height. If the fire exceeds that size, then a burn permit is required.

It's your responsibility to know the burn permit rules, please visit the Maine Forest Service website for the most updated rules & regulations for open burning.



Spring has sprung at the Hiram Cultural Center!

The ground breaking for the new library pavilion was held on April 11th. Library patrons and neighbors joined the Hiram Cultural Center's board of directors for an afternoon of guest speakers and the traditional sod-cutting. Work on the pavilion will begin at the end of May. The pavilion will provide three-season outdoor access to the library's Wi-Fi, seating, and electrical outlets for our patrons, and is funded as part of the Remote Work Through Libraries grant from the Maine State Library.

The Sacopee Valley Community Band's annual Mother's Day concert was held at the Arts Center at 8 Hancock this month. Attendees enjoyed the wide variety of music played by the band, as well as an exciting raffle and delicious desserts!

The famous annual Memorial Day Blooms, Book and Bake Sale will be held at the Arts Center at 8 Hancock on Monday, May 27th. The sale begins at 10:00am and will pause briefly at 11:00am for the town Memorial Day ceremony. Plants, books, breakfast, lunch and baked goods for sale - this event is not to be missed!

Stay tuned for more information about summer programming at Soldiers Memorial Library and the Arts Center at 8 Hancock, including a visit from Maine author Robert W. Spencer and presentations by the Children's Museum and Theatre of Maine!

Follow the Hiram Cultural Center on Facebook and Instagram, and visit our website for information about our programs and events, as well as updates on our remote work grant project.

<https://thehiramculturalcenter.squarespace.com/>

Soldiers Memorial Library is located at 85 Main Street in Hiram Village and is open Tues/Sat 9:30-12:30, Wed/Thurs 10:30-5. Call (207)625-4650 FMI. The Arts Center is located at 8 Hancock Avenue in Hiram Village and is available for rentals. Call (207)409-1822 FMI.



CEO NEWS

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS ARE OFTEN INCOMPLETE, LACKING INFORMATION, AND UNSIGNED. RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE ENTIRE APPLICATION AND PROVIDE ALL THE REQUESTED INFORMATION (INCLUDING SIGNATURE AND DATE). REVIEWING YOUR APPLICATION FOR CONTENT AND ACCURACY PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL WILL PREVENT UNNECESSARY DELAYS AND AVOID ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT CONTACT
INFORMATION**

GUY LEHOULLIER

OFFICE 625-4663

CELL 256-2410

[EMAIL HIRAMCEO@TOWNOFHIRAM.ORG](mailto:HIRAMCEO@TOWNOFHIRAM.ORG)

New Definition of Archery Equipment For 2024



Archery Hunting License

The Archery Hunting License now allows hunters to hunt with a crossbow or bow and arrow. Hunters no longer need to acquire a “Crossbow Permit” to hunt with a crossbow because the Archery Hunting License permits them to hunt with a crossbow or bow and arrow.

Archery Information

Archery Equipment: Archery equipment means a bow or crossbow.

Seasons: The regular archery license allows archery equipment to be used to hunt all legal game throughout the year, except for deer during the muzzleloader season.

Note: Use of crossbows in expanded archery areas during the expanded archery season (for hunters other than those age 65 or older or with a special disability permit) is pending the outcome of the rulemaking process which will be complete in April 2024.

To Obtain an Archery License: Applicants for the regular archery license must show proof of one of the following options:

- Having successfully completed an archery hunter education course;
- Having held a Maine adult archery license in any year after 1979; OR
- Previously holding a crossbow permit in Maine prior to 2024.

When proof or evidence cannot be provided, the applicant may substitute a signed affidavit. Native Americans are exempt from safety course requirements for archery and trapping. Junior hunters who hold a valid Junior Hunting License are allowed to hunt with archery equipment when accompanied by a junior hunter supervisor.

If a person completed the crossbow safety course but has not held a crossbow hunting permit in Maine prior to 2024, they must complete the Archery Hunter Safety and Education Course. Upon successful completion, that person may purchase an archery hunting license and hunt with a bow and arrow or crossbow. Hunter safety and education courses can be found at mefishwildlife.com/safetycourses

**For more information and to view all of Maine’s hunting laws,
please visit mefishwildlife.com/laws**

Inland Fish & Wildlife News



As of January 1, 2024, a person born on or after January 1, 1999, may not operate a motorboat of twenty-five (25) horsepower or greater for recreational boating purposes on inland waters of this State or territorial waters, unless that person is 12 years of age or older and has completed a boater safety and education course. There are a few exemptions, such as for registered Maine guides (hunting, fishing, and recreational guides only), the commercial fishing industry, daily boat renters, and merchant mariners.

Did you know that Maine offers a variety of lifetime licenses. Here is a link for more information. Except for the lifetime license for 70+the licenses must be purchased from IF&W

THEY MAKE A GREAT GIFT!!!

HIRAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Program and Events Calendar

GREAT OSSIPEE MUSEUM OPENS FOR THE SEASON!

Saturday schedule 9:30am to 12:30pm and by appointment. 207-615-4390

Saturday *May 18* – Museum Open- Exhibit *More Than a Store: A window into two Maine 1800s country stores: Lemuel Cotton (Hiram Village) and Sutton Edgecomb (Parsonsfield/Kezar Falls)* See why these beloved general stores were pillars of the community through their many, now considered unusual, services.

Saturday, *June 15* – Museum Open- Exhibit *More Than a Store... Programs are free and open to the public*

Saturday, *July 13* - Museum Open

Saturday, *July 20* at 1:30pm-

What did talented young folks do on Saturday nights before TV and Tik Tok? Author/ storyteller Jo Newlon Radner reveals, with her renowned humor, the forgotten resourceful literary life of New England villages. *Wit and Wisdom*.

Signed copies available.

Saturday *July 20* at 1:00pm

HHS Mid-Year News and Update

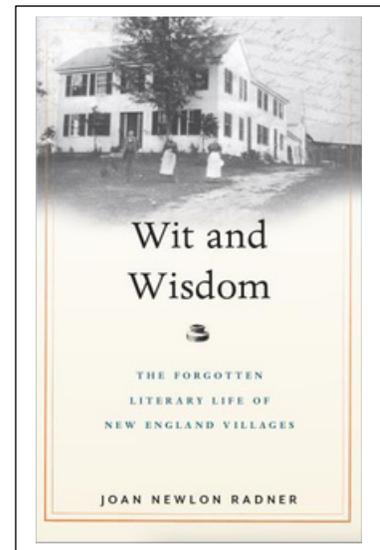
Saturday, *August 10* – Museum Open – Display *Play Ball!*

Saturday *August 17* at 1:30 *Play Ball!* Remembering baseball – bring your photos and memories! Let's talk!

Saturday, *September 14* at 1:30–*Bringing Ridlon School to life!* Program and exhibit.

Saturday *September 21* – Museum Open – Exhibit *Bringing Ridlon School to life!*

Saturday *October 19* at 12 noon ---





4th OF JULY

TOWN OF HIRAM PARADE

LINE UP AT 9AM PARADE BEGINS AT 10 AM

CONTACT DAVE PARO FMI 256-0136 &
WATCH FOR ADS IN THE SHOPPING GUIDE



Three non-profits coalesce to save an old schoolhouse!

Ridlon Schoolhouse, 117 Brownfield Road, South Hiram

Background Upon notice in mid July 2023 of the imminent demolition of Hiram's oldest remaining one room schoolhouse, opened in 1819 as "Stanley's" the Hiram Historical Society (HHS) sprang into action. President Sally Williams spoke to the owner who granted ownership to the Society and time to clear it from his land.

HHS affirmed its priorities were to relocate the schoolhouse where it could be opened to the public, with a preference to keeping it in South Hiram.



This iconic red Ridlon Schoolhouse must be moved. Plans are to rebuild the original -smaller & white! - at the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds. *Funds needed!*

Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds agrees to house the schoolhouse

Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds, owned by the Ossipee Valley Agricultural Society (OVAS), the preferred public space, responded to our inquiry with an enthusiastic but tentative "yes!" Two experienced post and beam carpenters (Cliff Whitney, Hand Cut Granite and Bill Johnson Jr., Durgintown Post & Beam) declared the building "mostly" sound. But expectations that it could be moved intact were dashed by the high cost, forcing us to focus on finding volunteers to deconstruct the building and to store salvageable materials until funding was in hand. Fortunately, Scott Campbell, Maine Mountain Post & Beam, and others agreed to help. Unfortunately, OVAS determined it could not store the parts under secure and dry conditions.

Tear Cap Workshops agrees to store the materials, with conditions - deconstruction begins

Thus, talks ensued with a third non-profit, Tear Cap Workshops, Hiram, and requirements for storage there were hammered out – use of an immobile above ground trailer, no lead paint permitted, rent-free one year lease. Six volunteers under the direction of Cliff Whitney started dismantling the building in September 2023 – measuring and photographing, removing a rotted outhouse, saving salvageable window casings and glazed windows, and storing samples of trim and beaded wainscoting in a volunteer's barn. We probed plaster and exterior roofing to discover as much of the original building as possible before the onset of winter. Dumpsters were cancelled because of typical Maine weather - cold, mud, snow – we restarted May 3, 2024. Follow the progress to date and stay tuned!

Hiram Icon - Ridlon Schoolhouse

117 Brownfield Road



Plans to save it!

The owner of this sweet little one room schoolhouse planned an immediate demolition but agreed to give Hiram Historical Society time to save it. The Society has teamed up with the Ossipee Valley Agricultural Society and Tear Cap Workshops, Scott Campbell of Maine Mountain Post and Beam, and other volunteers. After careful consideration we plan to deconstruct the building, store what's salvageable at Tear Cap Workshops and rebuild it on the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds as an educational resource for all when funds are in hand.

Why we should save it

Ridlon School is the oldest one-room schoolhouse remaining in Hiram and one of few of this old age in Maine. Once white, now red, little else except a six-foot addition and an outhouse has changed in its 200+ years since it was designated as "Stanley's" school district in 1819 with six student scholars. Tragically William Stanley died in 1822 at age 46 and Samuel Ridley (Ridlon) succeeded him, hence its name. It was replaced by the "new" school built in 1916, now the Hiram Town Office.

How you can help

**Volunteer - to help assist in deconstruction – we restarted Fri May 3, 2024
and will continue daily until the job is done!**

call Cliff Whitney 207-625-8241

Volunteer- to research the school's students and teachers and descendants–

Volunteer- to help raise funds and spread the word

call Sally Williams 207-615-4390

We need your support for this and future phases of the project! Thank you.



The building looked like this when we closed it in November 2023

Cliff Whitney discovered an added 6-foot extension, making an interior wall the original exterior. See the boarded-up window in center!



The crew starts May 4 at 8am – others join



2024 May 7 roof off, siding off, chimney gone



1914 photo Ridlon/Stanley Schoolhouse originally white! A joint committee recommends rebuilding the original.