Hanover's 250th Schedule Features Variety of Events

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HANOVER — To commemorate the 250th anniversary of its charter, the town is assembling a lineup of entertaining, historical and family-friendly happenings for this summer.

With events ranging from lectures and garden displays to fireworks and quilt-making to parades and pancake

breakfasts, Hanover's summer celebrations promise a little something for everyone.

Julia Griffin, Hanover's town manager, and resident Bill Young are leading the committee that is coordinating the town's planning. Griffin credited Young with the eclectic and wide-ranging nature of the celebration.

"If you know Bill," she said Friday, "it's a direct reflection of (his) larger-than-life personality."

Griffin said multiple town

organizations have been involved in planning the events, including the Rotary and Lions clubs, the Hanover Fire Department, the Hanover Historical Society, the Hanover Garden Club, the Parks and Recreation Department and trustees of the town's libraries, to name a few.

"I think the key theme here is inclusivity," she said. "We're trying to pull in as many local groups as possible."

Griffin also cited Dartmouth College for the key role it is playing in organizing the family concert on the green, scheduled for Sunday, July 3.

"Plenty of organizations are helping us to pull this thing off," she said.

The Parks and Recreation Department issued a tentative schedule of events on Friday. Some of the activities are pending confirmation. For more information about an event or to volunteer, call the Hanover Parks and Recreation Department at 603-643-5315.

Here is the schedule so far:

MAY

May 11 — Jay Barrett, Hanover native, historian and au will present "1761-1770 The Chartering and

Founding of the Town of Hanover and Dartmouth College": 7-9:30 p.m., at the Howe Library.

May 25 — Barrett will present "The Early Settlement of Hanover and Dartmouth College 1770-1795" and "The 'Western Rebellion' 1776-1784": 7-9:30 p.m., at the Howe Library.

May 25 — Pig and Wolf Street Art Welcoming Party at the R.W. Black Community Center.

May 30 — Muster Day and Bench Dedication: Hanover

Center Green, 4 p.m.

JUNE

All Month — Look for the Pig and Wolf Scavenger Hunt; historic window displays downtown, street banners designed by Hanover students, period gardens by Hanover Garden Club. Etna Library's summer programs will include Colonial crafts on Wednesday evenings from June 29 through July 27, and "Etna History Collection," which invites people to bring their Etna family histories,

memories, pictures and historical information to create a collection of local memories.

June 15 —Barrett will present "Slices of Early Etna and Hanover Center History": 7-8 p.m. at the Etna Library.

June 24-26 — Hanover Center Fair.

June 29 — Making "Memory Squares" for an Etna Library quilt.

JULY

July 2 — Fireworks at Reservoir Road Field at dusk.

July 2 — Hanover High School All Class Reunion

July 3 — Pancake breakfast in the morning (location TBA). Afternoon activities on the Dartmouth Green include: live music, magician BJ Hickman, barbeque, historical re-enactors, tours of Webster Cottage, inflatable obstacle course, wagon rides, period demonstrations and a family concert at 6:30 p.m.

July 4 — Parade: "History on Parade" at 10 a.m.,

speakers, games, food and music.

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