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## News from the Selectboard

*Jim Mose for the Selectboard*

This is all about Laura.

There is simply no business more urgent facing our Selectboard and Town as of this writing than the untimely tragic passing of Hancock's prodigal daughter, our Laura LaPlante. The dearly beloved eldest child of Roberta and Dan, worshipped older sister to Peter, Ryan and Claire, and universally adored young hero of Hancock will be desperately missed. We find our dear friends, the LaPlantes, in an epic struggle the likes of which most families only force themselves to imagine and never really have to fight. The loss of Laura has also temporarily crushed our community and will test our faith.

What makes a hero? My daughter's recent school project took my family on a personal journey to discover what it means to be a hero. She needed to find and interview a person of distinguished character, courage and ability, widely admired for his/her brave deeds and noble qualities. She easily found her hero. Her hero journeyed to Viet Nam and fought for his country, raised his children, taught other people's children and serves his family and community with honor. He's a hero to Grace and our entire family.

Laura is a hero. I recognized her greatness in personal character and kindness beyond her years as a youngster lifeguard at the pond, solemnly protecting our children as they swam. It was obvious to everyone in our town: Laura had at a very early age distinguished herself as gentle, caring and mature beyond her years. Everybody liked Laura.

She ran like a mixture of lightning and wind on the desert. Little desert tornadoes of autumn leaves in her wake – and all the poor suckers who thought they could beat her in a race. Sorry. Powered by oxygenated blood super-pumped to her extremities by her enormous heart, her unyielding faith in Jesus and most importantly, powered by love, the kid was unstoppable.

Laura was wicked smart, too. Not just the book-smart us dumb people can easily recognize by the straight A's and academic brilliance of a Catholic school valedictorian, Honor Society whiz kid and Ivy League school scholarship. I'm talking about President of the United States kinda smarts. Laura had an ocean deep emotional intelligence found in world leaders and Supreme Court justices. She knew what people were feeling and her gift was that she used her super-human brain to make them feel included and valued. She had a profound effect on everybody she encountered.

The hero's journey isn't complete until they come home – until they bring back their quiet humility and greatness and their stories of recovery from their personal failures to share with us. This is why we are suffering and must continue to suffer for some time. We lost our hometown hero. Laura was supposed to come home and be our living example of what greatness a Hancock, New Hampshire, kid can do with loving parents, brothers, sister, family, friends and a community who cares. We all wanted her to succeed, and she did, with a smooth and elegant style all her own. The kid grew into a gorgeous woman with a star in her pocket. She shared it with everyone. I didn't know Laura as well as I should have. I'm guilty of the sin of inattention and I'm grieving as a result. I promise to be more attentive of our beautiful Hancock kids. We must all stay alert, focused and nurture the Laura LaPlantes in all of our kids. This will be my legacy to her.

Laura's mom, Roberta, inspired me to serve my town and I long to one day equal her grace and style in my duties. Currently, our Conservation Commission chairperson, Roberta LaPlante offered to phone in her vote only days after losing her baby girl. She and her husband Dan are the well of granite-strength from whence Laura was sprung. Tough brothers, Peter and Ryan, and our frequent Conscom assistant, the beautiful baby sister Claire, will stoically carry on and survive this tragedy. They have each other, their family, their faith, their friends and they have us, Hancock.

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### ***Hancock Happenings Mission Statement***

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ConVal Schoolboard News

**CONGRATULATIONS,  
GREAT BROOK SCHOOL!**



Principal Jim Elder received the great news this week that Great Brook School (GBS) in Antrim has received the honor of 2014 New Hampshire Middle School of the Year! The award was bestowed on Great Brook by the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards Program. GBS has made major strides in the last few years to significantly improve student learning, school spirit and performance on standardized testing.

The awards for the outstanding elementary, middle, and secondary schools are determined by criteria developed by the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards Board of Directors and applied by selection committees

composed of experienced New Hampshire educators and community leaders.

The committees study school applications and assess schools through on-site visitations. The selection committees determine if schools deserve recognition as schools of excellence, and the winners are announced at the annual New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards Celebration.

This is a significant honor and achievement that comes from the hard work done by GBS students, faculty and staff! Way to go!

*Submitted by Pierce Rigrod,  
Hancock Representative, ConVal School Board*

**Yoga for the Young at Heart**

**Summer Yoga Classes Begin June 2**

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**Kripalu Yoga**

**2014 Hancock Summer Concert Series**

The 18th annual Hancock Summer Concert Series is about to begin, and here's the line-up:

- **July 10** Fiddlin' Quinn & His Big Folks Band
- **July 17** Otis & the Elevators
- **July 24** Easy Street On the Bayou
- **July 31** Li'l BeeDee & the Doo-Rites
- **August 7** Skip Philbrick Blues Band

Concerts are held on **Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** on the Common, and are free to the public. In the event of rain, concerts will be held in the vestry. For further information, contact Deb at 525.4952 or [porterhayes@comcast.net](mailto:porterhayes@comcast.net).

*Submitted by Deb Porter-Hayes*

<b>FOR SALE</b>	<u>1969 Glastron V-170</u> w/Mercury 100 hp outboard, Gator trailer, good condition Not run in several years \$2000 or best reasonable offer	<u>1976 Hobie 16' catamaran</u> yellow hulls, yellow and green sails, unused trapeze \$2000 or best reasonable offer	<u>AMF Puffer sailboat</u> 12-14' long with sails. Condition unknown, \$50: proceeds donated to Hancock Meetinghouse Fund
		<b>525.4317</b>	

## Hancock Fire and Rescue News

### Don't get electrocuted!

As I mentioned last month, we had a car crash in town that took down a telephone pole and the high voltage wires attached to it. As it turns out, the young woman in the car was extremely lucky not to get hurt by the live wires draped around her car as she got out. So were the Fire and Police Department personnel who responded to this incident.

Just so you know, there are some very high electrical currents running down the sides of our roads in Hancock. These wires are not insulated; they can look like the neutral wires or guy wires that support the poles. Do not approach any uninsulated wire! Don't get out of your car if you think you may have taken out a telephone pole! Call for help and hang tight!

In light of this call, and the tragic death of a Keene State College worker who was recently killed by a downed live wire, the Hancock Fire Department Association has purchased two more handheld electrical sensors, called *Fire Tracers*. These devices can alert us to the possibility of live wires, and we will know to stay clear until PSNH can come to kill the power.

It is fitting that donations to the HFDA in the name of John Levesque helped us with this purchase. John passed away last month and his family graciously asked that donations in his name go to us. John was a longtime electric

line worker and knew full well of the inherent dangers of downed power lines. Our thanks and appreciation go out to John's family.

We recently took our two boats out of storage and placed them back in the station, ready to go. The larger boat has been outfitted with navigation and spotlights this year. We thought that after 30 years of use, it might be a good idea to make *14-Boat-1* legal for nighttime use.

Along with the residents of Hancock, we were dismayed to hear of the passing of Laura LaPlante in an auto accident in Chicago. Laura, a beautiful and talented young person, was the gold standard of young women in this town, just weeks from graduation from law school. She was doing the right thing, taking a taxi home late at night, when she was hit by a wrong-way drunk driver. For the entire department, I extend our sympathy to the LaPlante family.

When driving, put away your cell phone and never text or dial a phone number. Even talking on your phone instantly makes you a poor driver. Don't think that this does not apply to you! Any distraction takes your mind off of driving, and driving a vehicle requires your full attention.

### May Raffle Winners:

Allen Welch, \$40; Nancy Luby, \$20;  
John Hanson, Samuel Lessey,  
The Ruutopold Family, \$10 each.

*Nevan Cassidy, Chief*

*Hancock Fire Department*



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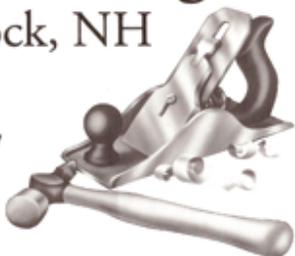
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*Photo by Roberta Cheviot, OHD 2013*

Attention women of all ages! If you are looking for fun and excitement this summer, join the Synchro Sisters!

Please contact Jan at  
[janet.buonanno@gmail.com](mailto:janet.buonanno@gmail.com)

*Submitted by Julie Brown*

## Church Yard Sale

The Hancock Congregational Church is having the annual Spring Yard Sale on

**Saturday, June 7!**

We welcome donations of your no-longer essential items: kitchen, household, garage, cellar or attic articles. Please call first before donating furniture. We will

welcome donations on:

- Tuesday, June 3 and Thursday June 6, from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- and Sunday June 1, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

For more information call Kathy Anderson, 525.4909 or Lexy Heatley 525.4132

*Submitted by Kathy Anderson*

## Town of Hancock 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration



## Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

(rain date Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>)

**6-9pm** Ice Cream Social, hot dogs, drinks—Vestry  
**6-7pm** Bell ringing with Bob Fogg—Meetinghouse  
**7pm** Reading of the Declaration of Independence  
**7:30pm** Concert by Wendy Keith—Bandstand  
**dusk** FIREWORKS—Norway Pond

donations welcome: PO Box 6, Hancock

Not a Capital sponsored event—Town of Hancock is a non-profit organization

## Hancock Youth Baseball

Moose Brook Park is quickly becoming the crown jewel of baseball fields in the ConVal region. Kurt Grasset and his team have been methodically working their turf management program and have succeeded in creating a gorgeous field of lush, green grass. Steve Coty and his gang of misfit hammer swingers built the baseball dugouts. And if you stand in left field and gaze over the meticulously groomed infield, you might feel as though you are at Fenway Park. It's that good!

This baseball season, Hancock has fielded four youth teams from T-ball to Majors, with kids ranging in age from 4- to 12-years-old. The games began in early May and will conclude in mid-June. Home games are held at Moose Brook most nights of the week. The Majors' home finale is Monday, June 2. The Minors conclude their schedule at home on Friday, May 30. The Rookies' final home game is Wednesday, June 11 at 6:00 p.m. T-ball finishes up at the Hancock Elementary School field on Wednesday, May 28 at 6:00 p.m.

There are many people and businesses to thank for their support of Hancock baseball: Thank you to the Hancock Market, Fiddleheads and The Hancock Inn for their generous donations to youth baseball! Thank you to James Stacy for always lending a hand and a power tool. Thank you to the coaches who volunteer their time and talents: Mark Damata and Corrina Sysyn for our T-Ball team; Steve Brown and Sarah Halliday for our Rookies team; Matt Harris, Phil Dodge, Umpire Ed Suchocki and Scott Daniels for our Minors team; Steve Coty, Rich Scheinblum, Gregg Fletcher and Luc Shippee for our Majors team. There would not be a league without the support of our hometown businesses and dedicated volunteers.

It was a great season for Hancock Hammers baseball. We hope the kids, parents and spectators enjoyed it as much as the coaches. Even though the season is drawing to a close, there is always softball to look forward to. The Hancock Sledge Hammers semi-athletic co-ed adult softball league kicks off in late June. Start stretching now, and stay tuned for more information!

Play ball!

*Submitted by Kary Shumway*

## Thank You! from the Ice Out Committee for 2014

Now that the ice is finally out on Norway Pond and the Little Church on the Pond has been rescued from the water, the Ice Out Team would like to extend a special thank you to all the businesses that supported our efforts this year. Some of these businesses sold tickets for us, others purchased ads to run on our website all season. These ads will continue to run throughout the year at <http://iceout.gbgone.com>.



We would like to acknowledge the following businesses with our heartfelt appreciation: The Hancock Inn, The Hancock Market, Fiddleheads Café and Catering, Edmund's Hardware, Bellows-Nichols Insurance, Dodge Farm Antiques and Belletetes. See you all again next year!  
*Submitted Ice Out Committee for 2014*



### Community Supper

Join the Friends of The Community Supper as we host a *Make Your Own Sandwich* night and ice cream sundaes on **Thursday, June 26**. Come to The Vestry at **5:30 p.m.** and bring your friends and family! See you there!

*Submitted by Donna Coty*

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## Hancock Elementary School

Another year...

It's hard to believe the school year is coming to a close. June 20 is our last day of school. The fourth grade graduation is on June 19. Every year our fourth grade teacher Jean Robins spotlights each graduate. She introduces them and talks about their goals, dreams, highlights of their elementary school years and she celebrates each one as the treasure that each one is. It is always a great send off from elementary school to middle school.

Once my daughter Jocelyn graduates this year, I will pass this task of writing Hancock Elementary School updates on to someone else. It is important for our community to know all the great people, events and programs associated with our school. There are fabulous teachers, staff and administration who are committed to the school, to each other, to the curriculum and especially to the students.

There are amazing events, opportunities, and programs offered continuously throughout the year. arts enrichment, artist in residency, New Hampshire Dance Institute, Christmas concert, end of the year Field Trip, Field Day, Harvest Dinner, Art Day, the Halloween Parade, Children and the Arts, weekly assemblies, holiday parties and more.

There is great collaboration between HES and our

neighbors. The students walk to the library, engage in programs at the Harris Center, the Cornucopia Project, the Historical Society, and ski at Crotched Mountain and CMARS.

The students are eager to learn and to showcase their accomplishments. They are proud of their school and the place it has in our community. They welcome visitors with open arms.

School is ending and it is now time to celebrate. Happy summer!

*Submitted by Donna Coty*

## Hancock Women's Guild

Attention Hancock residents, families and friends who have in past years awaited the Guild Summer Clothing Sale! The *good* news: the clothing sale will take place despite church renovations. The *bad* news: the clothing sale will be held on only two days, **Friday, June 20, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Now that the news is out, this is the explanation. As everyone knows, the Church has begun major renovations. It is impossible for the Guild to use the downstairs space (preschool area) as in past years, so the Vestry will be used for this two-day Clothing Sale.

It is very important that people donating clothing to this sale be aware of *restrictions* for this year. **Only**, and it is emphasized **only**, will spring and summer

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clothing for children, women and men be accepted. *No winter clothing articles can or will be accepted.* Volunteers must have the Vestry cleaned and returned to its functioning area at the end of the last sale date. There is no place to store or hold items as in past years.

Other items that will be collected: shoes in good condition, handbags, backpacks, linens and towels. Again, *no winter clothing.* Effort is in the works to hold a clothing sale in October for winter clothing. Dates will be announced later.

Guild members and volunteers will accept clothing donations *only* on the following dates and times:

- **Tuesday, June 17**  
from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, June 18**  
only from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, June 19**  
from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Collections will only be received at the Vestry on those dates. Please, do not leave items outside the Vestry at any time. As stated above, there are only two sale dates this summer. On Saturday, June 21 (yes, summer solstice!) a *"Bag Full Sale"* will take place *one hour before sale closing*: in other words, at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Proceeds from this Guild fund-raiser go to a Scholarship Fund for graduating seniors who apply. It has been difficult arranging this sale, finding available space and now hoping for successful clothing donations. The Guild thanks everyone in advance for contributing to this annual event.

For further information, call: Nat Cass 525.3548; Barbara Caverly 525.3745 or Diane Streeter 525.3361.

*Submitted by Linda Blicher*

## Thank You!

Thank you to all those who donated items to the Hancock Elementary School PTO rummage sale on May 3. It was a huge success. A special thank you to Nancy D. Adams and the Kiwanis Club.

Your generosity and continued support is always greatly appreciated.

*Submitted by Megan Dodge*



## BULLETIN BOARD

**Another Tale From Home:** [www.herb-gardner.com](http://www.herb-gardner.com)  
Robbie Scott's band played its annual midnight to 4:00 a.m. after-debutante-ball party in January. During a break at about 3:15 a.m., bassist Mike Weatherly looked down at the coffee mug in his hand and said, "If I drink this, I'll be up all night."

**Monadnock Roller Derby practices every Monday and Wednesday** (unless schools are closed) from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at Great Brook School in Antrim. For more information, contact Jess Gerrior or Amelia Gardner at [info@monadnockrollerderby.com](mailto:info@monadnockrollerderby.com) or [www.Facebook.com/MonadnockRollerDerby](http://www.Facebook.com/MonadnockRollerDerby)  
*Submitted by Jess Gerrior*

## Hillsborough Summer Events Mark Your Calendar!

- Balloon Fest & Fair: **July 17 to 20**, visit [www.balloonfestival.org](http://www.balloonfestival.org) for details
- Hillsborough Area Artisans Open Studio Tour: **August 9 and 10**
- Living History Event NH: **August 16 and 17**
- Schnitzelfest: **September 27**

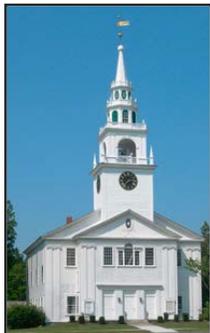
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## Meetinghouse Restoration Update



In early May, asbestos in the windows glazing and the kitchen area was removed by an environmental specialist company. Measuring for the storm windows was conducted during the third week of May. It will take approximately 12 weeks for the storm windows to be delivered.

Demolition of the heating and plumbing systems is completed. Permits for new plumbing and heating systems and new electrical fixtures are in the works. Demolition of the office areas and bathrooms is underway.

The supports in the basement crawlspace are being stabilized with the pouring of new concrete footings. This should take about 2-3 weeks. Where needed, new support posts will be installed utilizing wood from the large cedar trees removed from the north side of the Meetinghouse.

New roof slate has been ordered. The current slate roof was installed in the 1880s over the original wood shingles. These old slates and wood shingles will be removed and the entire roof will be covered with the new slate. Any repairs to the underlayment will be done prior to the new slate being installed.

Consultation with the structural engineer is ongoing as work progresses. Woody Huntington, David Drasba, and MacMillin Company are working on the shaft for the new lift. Design and construction work is underway for the handicap bathrooms.

Staging will be going up around June 1.

### SAFETY NOTICE

For the public's safety, a chain-link fence will be installed around the perimeter of the work site. It is very important that only authorized personnel enter the work area after obtaining prior permission from the construction supervisor.

*Hancock Meetinghouse Restoration Committee*

If you have not sent in your donation for 2014 as shown on your pledge form, we urge you to do so as soon as possible. Mail to:

**The Hancock Improvement Association, Inc.**

**P.O. Box 112, Hancock, NH 03449**

*Thank you!*

## Meetinghouse Fund-raising Raffle



The Hancock Meetinghouse Restoration Committee is sponsoring a fund-raising project to further reduce the taxpayer appropriation. This 12" x 16" painting at left of the Meetinghouse by Cynthia Niederhelman will be raffled off on Old Home Day, Saturday, August 16, 2014. The winner need not be present to win.

Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Tickets are available at Fiddleheads Café, the Hancock Market and the Hancock Inn. The painting can be seen at the library.

Thank you for your continued support of the Meetinghouse restoration!

*Hancock Meetinghouse Restoration Committee*



## Hancock Farmers Market

All in Their Season  
All Grown Locally

The Hancock Farmers Market continues its 2014 season of entertainment! The Market will present the following events on:

- **Saturday, June 7** – To be announced
- **Saturday, June 14** – To be announced
- **Saturday, June 21** – “*Dress those lovely greens*” – Special Guest: Monadnock Oil and Vinegar, demo and tasting
- **Saturday, June 28** – Traditional tunes with Harvey Tolman & Lloyd Carr

The market will be open **Saturdays from May to October**, rain or shine, from **9:00 a.m. to noon** in the carriage sheds behind the historic Hancock Meetinghouse on Main Street (Route 123), in Hancock. The Market features:

- *Organically grown Vegetables,*
  - *Breads, Pies & Baked Goods,*
  - *Vegetable & Flower Transplants,*
  - *Art & Photography, Eggs, Maple Products,*
  - *Folk Art & Fine Crafts, Soaps,*
  - *Salves & Herbal Products, Ready-to-go food,*
  - *Perennials, Berries & Fruit in Season,*
  - *Pickles & Preserves, Cut Flowers,*
  - *Garden Accessories, and more...*
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Experience the Hancock Farmers Market in 2014 and visit us at our website

[www.hancockfarmersmarket.com](http://www.hancockfarmersmarket.com)

*Submitted by Susan Beers*

## Hancock Old Home Day 135 Years

Planning for Hancock Old Home Day 2014 is well under way. This month, I visited with Bobbie Nylander at the Hancock Historical Society and looked through the archives of programs from OHDs past. I learned a lot about the history of Hancock's Old Home Day and got a lot of great ideas to share with the

committee for this year, as we celebrate Hancock Old Home Day's 135 years. In 1897, New Hampshire Governor Frank Rollins created the official Old Home Day Association, but Hancock's Old Home Day started out as the Symonds family reunion. This event was so well attended that it became the Hancock Family Picnic, which in turn became Hancock Old Home Day. Many of the activities we enjoy at Old Home Day are long-standing traditions. This year's T-shirt design is still to be determined. There is still one week left to submit a design for consideration, so it is not too late to see your design on this year's T-shirt

*Submitted by Siobhan Martin*

## Hancock Depot Association



The annual meeting of the Hancock Depot Association will take place on **Sunday, June 22 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Hancock Depot. We are looking for new

officers and directors, as well as volunteers. Jack Bowes will present a brief history of the Hancock Depot Association and will explain where we stand today. We will be looking for new ideas and energy for this historic landmark.

*Submitted by Jack Bowes, President*

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, June 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
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## Library Art Exhibit

### Two Art Exhibitions in June

There are only a few weeks left for viewing “Dreamscapes,” a collection of 44 encaustic paintings by Danielle M. Le Bris. Her unique work, based on an ancient technique, is carefully executed — on either panel or paper — by melting beeswax, layer upon layer, and adding oil pigments and various mixed media techniques between each layer.



*La Grande Demoiselle*, by Danielle Le Bris

Drawing from her childhood memories as well as her imagination, Le Bris creates engaging paintings that pull you in for a closer look and a new discovery. Each one is colorful, ethereal, and mysterious, like “La Grande Demoiselle” — a blue dragonfly — which was inspired by watching these beautiful creatures flying around her backyard pond in New Ipswich.

Le Bris’ paintings on panel range in size from 5 inches square to 18 inches square; those on paper, from 8 x 10 inches to 19 x 23 inches. Le Bris’ artwork may also be viewed on the website at [www.hancocknh.org/BB/BB.htm#Le-Bris](http://www.hancocknh.org/BB/BB.htm#Le-Bris) Her show ends on June 19.

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Beginning **June 21 and running through July 31**, paintings by The Cunningham Pond Painters will be on display in the Daniels Room. This group show is the work of Sue Callihan of Peterborough and her students. Sue has been teaching in her studio on Cunningham Pond for six years, and several of her students have been with her since she began teaching.



*Hereford Calf*, Oil on Canvas by Barbara Mahar

The group includes Barbara Mahar, Betty Glass, and Gerry Lawson, all of Wilton; Kathleen Calmer of Hancock; Terry Heinzeman of Manchester; and Shelly Osborne, Maude Odgers and Bob Weathers, all from Peterborough.

The artists’ works, mainly watercolors and oils, include still life, landscape, and animal studies. An **opening reception** is planned for **Saturday, June 21** from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

The artists’ artwork may be also be viewed at [www.hancocknh.org/BB/BB.htm#Cunningham](http://www.hancocknh.org/BB/BB.htm#Cunningham)

Art exhibits can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm. It is always advisable, however, to check with the library before visiting since the room is sometimes reserved for community events.

*Submitted by Sandy Taylor*

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## HANCOCK HAPPENINGS - JUNE 2014

### The Grapevine

**Black Fly Community Art Show June 7.** The public is invited to join us Saturday, June 7 between 10:00 a.m. and noon to view works of art by children, youth and adults in our community. People of all ages are invited to participate in community art making projects at the various arts and crafts stations. Antrim's Brian Murphy will once again be throwing unique and beautiful Family Heirloom Platters by request on his potter's wheel, complete with your children's handprints.

**Multi-Family Yard Sale** to benefit The Learning Vine Preschool. When: **Saturday, June 21 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.** Where: Grapevine parking lot. What: Loads of treasures and bargains! Donations of new and like-new items are welcome — please call before you donate.

**Chris' Concert at Legion Saturday June 28, doors open at 7:00 p.m.**—In the tradition of The Rynborn, Chris' Concert is proud to present a *Heard It Through The Grapevine* concert series featuring *The Installers*, Saturday, June 28, at The American Legion Post 59, Hillsborough, NH. For more information visit [www.chrisconcert.org](http://www.chrisconcert.org) and [www.facebook.com/ChrisConcert](http://www.facebook.com/ChrisConcert). All proceeds benefit The Grapevine.

#### Thank you

- **Fiddlehead's Café and Catering, The Hancock Inn, Rick & Diane's Restaurant** and The Common Place Eatery for a successful "Eat Out for The Grapevine" month and a total donation to The Grapevine of \$1,215.
- **Our community**, for collecting pledges, walking, and sponsoring walkers in our Spring Walk for Families to raise over \$12,000 in support of Grapevine programs for children and their families. We met the \$5,000 challenge—**Thank You Finlay Foundation!** And many thanks to Bank of New Hampshire for the 40 "10<sup>th</sup> Annual" Commemorative T-shirts we gave away, to **Edmunds' Ace Hardware, Northern Vista Creative, and Achille Agway** for the Spring Garden Kits we gave to all of the children. Edmunds also donated to our raffle, as did Eren Pils-Martin with her beautiful beaded jewelry. Thank you to **C&S Grocers and Shaw's** for donating food for the cookout. It was a wonderful day.

**2014 Children's Summer Adventures Program** is filling up, so call now to register.

- "Backyard Adventures" for 4 ½- to 6-year-olds – 2 one-week sessions, July 21-25 and July 28-August 1, \$110
- "Backyard Science" Camp for 7- to 9-year-olds – August 4-8, \$130
- "Overnight in the Backyard" for 7- to 9-year-olds – July 17, 3:00 p.m. to July 18, 10:00 a.m., \$30

The Grapevine is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit family and community resource center located at 4 Aiken Street in Antrim, behind the Tuttle Library, and serving residents of Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Frankestown and nearby towns.. For more information call 588-2620. Donations are tax deductible. Please make your check payable to The Grapevine and mail it to PO Box 637, Antrim 03440. The Grapevine exists because of charitable contributions from people like you. No amount is too small—or too big! Tax deductible contributions are gratefully accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, or drop by the center.

And don't forget... you can visit us on [www.GrapevineNH.org](http://www.GrapevineNH.org) and Like us on Facebook!

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## Avenue A Teen Center at the Grapevine

Greetings from Avenue A Teen Center! First and foremost, I want to introduce myself. My name is Heidi Schultz and I'm the new Avenue A Teen Center Coordinator for The Grapevine. I've been on the job for a little over a month, but I've been involved with The Grapevine for several years now, as a parent and board member, and am now thrilled to be part of the staff. Here are some of our offerings:

- The popular **Friday night open hours** for Teens will continue through the summer, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The center is also open on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. This time will also serve as my "office hours," so, for anyone who wishes to meet me or has ideas about programming at the Teen Center, I will be available then.
- **Alateen** will hold meetings this summer at the Teen Center at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights beginning June 18. Alateen is for teenagers age 13 to 19 whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. It offers teens an opportunity to share their experiences and learn effective coping mechanisms, within an environment of discreet support.
- Another session of **Teen Tech Tutoring** began in May at the Tuttle Library in Antrim, on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., offering teen expertise with today's technology to adults. Upcoming sessions are June 7 (Cellular and Smart Phones), and June 28 (Laptops). Adults may drop in, teens who wish to participate should email me.
- **Free tutoring** is available in the areas of Chemistry, Social Studies and English. Please call The Grapevine at 588.2620 for an appointment.
- **College Search and Financial Aid counseling** is available by appointment at the Teen Center as a free service. I have recent experience with New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation as a College Outreach Counselor, and can help parents and

students file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and make you aware of services through NHHEAF and college readiness programs available at ConVal High School.

I am working on the summer Friday night volunteer schedule, so if you can volunteer on even one Friday night, please contact me at The Grapevine at 588.2620 or at [avenueateencenter@gmail.com](mailto:avenueateencenter@gmail.com). In addition, if your group or organization would like to use the Teen Center as a meeting place, please feel free to contact me as well. And be sure to "like" us on Facebook at the Avenue A Teen Center page to keep up with our news and events.

*Submitted by Heidi Schultz*

## Circle of Strength Military Support Group



The Circle of Strength Military Moms and Family member Support Group will have our June meeting on **June 14 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** at the Monadnock Community

Hospital Bond Wellness Center Conference room. Please join us and tell any military families about our group. We are here for all branches of the military. You may also contact me for more information and if you would like to attend at [ellsworthsusan@ymail.com](mailto:ellsworthsusan@ymail.com).

See you there!

*Submitted by Susan Ellsworth*

## Hancock Woman's Club News Sun Catchers!

On May 14, the club enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Bantam Grill in Peterborough with 34 members attending. Bobbie Coffin, our incoming President, was handed the Woman's Club gavel by outgoing President Sue Koziell. Members of the Board and Committees were also introduced.



Our 2014 fund-raiser was brought to our attention by Peg McLeod. We will be selling Sun Catchers for \$10 each. Colors available are purple, green, amber

and blue. The design on our sun catcher is Hancock's Gazebo drawn by Diane Kidd for Chris Baker-Salmon of Old Hancock Glassworks to produce.

Sun Catchers will be available for purchase at Saturday's Farmers Markets, July 4 at the Ice Cream Social and at Hancock's Old Home Day. Be sure to look for our table at these events! Just \$10 and they make lovely gifts!

*Submitted by Gertie Kanner*



MUSIC ON NORWAY POND

## Norway Pond Festival Singers

### *A Pleasant Sort of Humming*

*"The big swing tree is green again; that means that summer's coming and if you listen you may hear a pleasant sort of humming."* Mary Jane Carr

On **Sunday, June 8 at 4:00 p.m.**, the Norway Pond Festival Singers will sing (hum!) their final concert of the year at the Harris Center. Conducted by Jody Hill Simpson, with Mary Ann Fleming at the piano and Jim Sharrock on oboe, the singers will present the world première of Dublin composer Elise Grant's newly-arranged *Owl and the Pussycat*. Jody Simpson heard it performed by a mezzo-soprano last summer and decided that it was perfect for her singers. She asked the composer to re-work the piece for women's chorus, with additional dance-like passages added to the end and she willingly obliged!

Also on the program will be selections from Massachusetts composer Ron Pererra's charming *A Star in the Pail*, settings of Cambridge poet David

McCord's impossible-to-resist poems about starfish, fossils, slow waiters, animal truisms and matters of the earth. Bret Silverman's *The Big Swing Tree is Green Again* will also be featured along with Francis Poulenc's elegantly evocative *Petites Voix*.

This concert will mark the second time that the Norway Pond Festival Singers have performed at the Harris Center. The lively acoustics in the beautiful, light-filled Thelma Babbitt Room will most surely catapult the audience into full summer mode!

There is no admission fee but donations are gratefully accepted.

*Submitted by Jody Simpson*

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Denis Waitley

**Friday, May 30, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**—I am presenting an introduction to Astrology at Life Path Energy Healing Center, 33 Howard Street, Wilton, NH. \$25.00 Contact: [Jeanne@lifepathenergy](mailto:Jeanne@lifepathenergy). Please join us.

**REMINDER—On Saturday, May 31, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**, The Hancock Professional Center welcomes a new, unique and moving event created by Psychic Medium, Anne M. Mitts. Anne combines her love of music and spirit communication and what has come from this is quite an amazing experience! Anne uses different types of music to activate your imagination. Learn how to use your ability of clairvoyance and clairsentience. This is a very hands-on-class. You will be an active participant. You will learn what mediumship is, and

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**Attention: Hancock Astrology Study Group**—Summertime hours. This summer, I am available on an “on call” basis. I will meet with the students who, as an individual, are interested in studying through the summer. One hour private tutoring. Please contact me, Arlene, at 603.933.3294 or email: [healthnurturer@gmail.com](mailto:healthnurturer@gmail.com)

**June 28 and 29—Sound Therapy class—Phase I**—Phase I Course Includes: Interactive lecture with multi-media presentations covering the History of the Solfeggio and Sound Therapy; Hands-on experience with the Energy Vitality Technique; utilizing our exclusive color Solfeggio Energy Tuners. Eligible for 12 NCBTMB hours under SomaEnergetics Approved Provider #450637-08. Course taught by Arlene Smith, Certified Master Sound Therapy Teacher and Body Therapy. Registration no later than June 16, 2014. Contact: 603.933.3294

*Submitted by Arlene Smith*



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**June 13 (Fri) Mount Skatutakee Full Moon Hike**—Join Russ Daigle and Brian Bishoff for this moderately strenuous, 4-mile hike up Mount Skatutakee. Bring water and a flashlight, and meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Harris Center. Back by 10:00 p.m. For more information, contact Russ at 603.477.7506 or Brian at 603.899.5770.

**June 17 (Tue) River Runners: Invasive Aquatic Plant Identification and Monitoring Workshop**—Help protect your favorite rivers and streams by learning how to identify and monitor invasive aquatic plants with the New Hampshire Rivers Council’s River Runners citizen science project. Conservation Commission members, budding citizen scientists, anglers, paddlers, and anyone else who is interested in our local rivers are all encouraged to attend. Volunteers are asked to monitor one site at least one time between June and October. The

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workshop is free, but registration is required. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Harris Center. For more information or to register, contact the New Hampshire Rivers Council at 603.228.6472 or [info@nhrivers.org](mailto:info@nhrivers.org). Cosponsored by the Harris Center with the New Hampshire Rivers Council.

**June 22 (Sun) Hewes Hill Hike**—Join Ryan Owens and Denny Wheeler for a moderately strenuous hike of about three miles on Hewes Hill, following the Tippin Rock Trail part way, with a discussion of the notable geological features we will see as we go. Expect some bushwhacking, with an opportunity for rock climbing if you're inclined. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Golden Rod Grange in Swanzy Center (Route 32). Back by noon. For more information, contact Ryan at 603.357.0600 or Denny at 603.313.0350. Cosponsored by the Harris Center with the Monadnock Conservancy.

**June 27 (Fri) A Wild, Historical Tea Party** – Andrea Marshall, professional wild foraging

instructor, will teach children and families basic concepts of sustainable and ethical wild foraging. We'll learn to identify safe and nutritious plants that have been historically enjoyed by humans in tea, root beer, salad, soup and more. We'll return to the Harris Center kitchen to prepare and sample wild tea made from plants sustainably harvested from our conserved land. This hands-on class will introduce students to the science of ethnobotany through the teaching of fun historical facts about human food and foraging patterns, intermixed with basic modern botany. Space is limited and registration required. 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Harris Center. \$10/adult and \$8/child under 15. For more information or to register, contact Sara LeFebvre at 603.525.3394.

**June 28 (Sat) ESI Course: Sustainable Wild Medicine Foraging Intensive**—This in-depth, one-afternoon class is designed for adult learners interested in both science and "folk herbalism" (also known as ethnomedicine). It will be hands-on and interactive, giving dual focus to the study of

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Submitted by Jane Richards-Jones



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**June 29 (Sun) Mount Wantastiquet Hike**—Join Denny Wheeler and Russ Daigle for a moderately strenuous hike of about four miles through the Madame Sherri Forest to Indian Pond, Mine Ledge and the summit of Mount Wantastiquet. (Please note that there is one steep section on this hike.) Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Chesterfield Gorge parking lot on Route 9 in Chesterfield to carpool. Back by 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Denny at 603.313.0350 or Russ at 603.477.7506.

*Submitted by Margaret Baker*



## Hancock Town Library Events

*Amy Markus, Hancock Library Director*

**Mondays and Wednesdays 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Don't forget that the library now has a telescope that you can check out – a great summer activity on a clear night. Just ask for it at the front desk!

**Museum Passes**—And we just renewed museum passes for The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens in Newbury, NH. Summer is a great time to visit the renowned gardens and restored home of John Milton Hay, private secretary to Abraham Lincoln. In addition to museum passes for The Fells, we have passes to the Cheshire Children's Museum in Keene, the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, Canterbury Shaker Village, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Mariposa Museum, the Montshire Science Museum in Norwich, VT, and Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth. Please use them! Many thanks to the Friends of the Hancock Town Library for providing these passes.

**Thursday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m.—Cheaters Sometimes Prosper: Aristotle Onassis, Alexei**

**Solyanik, and other Scoundrels of Modern Whaling**—Early in the 20th century, scientists and bureaucrats were already worried that whaling was unsustainable, yet after decades of effort to regulate whaling, they were never able to create a sustainable system. University of New Hampshire Professor Kurk Dorsey will discuss the role of cheaters in undermining the rules established in the middle of the century to make modern whaling rational, focusing on capitalist Aristotle Onassis and less well-known Communist whaler Alexei Solyanik. The lecture draws on his new book *Whales and Nations: Environmental Diplomacy on the High Seas* which recently won the John Lyman award from the North American Society for Oceanic History for the best book in the area of science and technology. Kurk Dorsey, a native of Cincinnati, received his Ph.D. in History from Yale University in 1994. He has taught at UNH since then. He lives in Durham with his wife, Professor Molly Dorsey, and their two sons. Free and open to all.

**Wednesday, June 11, at 7:00 p.m.—Discover**

**Monadnock with Gordon Peery**—Discover

*Monadnock* is a new website (and related social media) for promoting the Monadnock region as a cultural tourism destination. It is a collaboration of Arts Alive and the Monadnock Travel Council. Gordon Peery, project manager and editor of the website, will provide a tour of the site, and talk about plans for continued development of the site and the larger initiative of creating a brand for the Monadnock region. This will also be an opportunity for businesses and individuals to provide ideas for how the project can evolve. Free and open to all.



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**Thursday, June 12, at 7:00 p.m.–Learning and Installing Linux with Jon GrosJean**–Since there was quite a lot of interest in Linux at the last meeting, Jon thought it would be helpful to do an actual installation on an old Windows XP laptop computer. Anyone who is interested can bring in a computer to do the same. Jon will have some different Linux distributions available on CDs and DVDs. The installation will preserve the Windows installation, so a backup drive will not be needed unless the hard drive on the computer does not have enough free space available. Jon GrosJean has been a Linux fan for some time now and has installed Linux on all his computers with the old Windows XP running in a virtual machine. This program is free and open to all.

**Thursday, June 26, at 7:00 p.m.–Film: *The Long, Hot Summer***–This 1958 film was the first in which Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward appeared together (they got married the same year). Based on short stories of William Faulkner, this Southern Gothic story, reminiscent of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, got good reviews from critics at the time. Ben Quick (Paul Newman), a sullen but self-confident drifter, arrives in a small Mississippi town where his father had a bad reputation as a firebug. Will Varner (Orson

Welles), the town's patriarch, still holds a grudge against Quick's dad, and when the young man decides to stay in town and sharecrop on Varner's land, Will goes out of his way to make his life difficult; however, Will develops a grudging respect for Quick's guts and determination, and he wishes that his weak-willed son Jody (Anthony Franciosa) could be more like him. Jody's wife Eula (Lee Remick) happens to agree. In time, Will gets the idea that Quick might be a good match for his daughter Clara (Joanne Woodward) and a better choice to take over his business dealings than Jody. Join us to find out what happens! Free admission and popcorn thanks to the Friends of the Library.

### From the Children's Room

*Rennie Timm, Children's Librarian*

### Summer Reading Program is just around the corner!

Readers of all ages will explore the world we live in this summer as the Hancock Town Library presents **“Fizz, Boom, Read!”** This summer's theme is all about science, technology, math and engineering. The 2014 Summer Reading Program is free and open to children of all abilities, babies through

young adult, with programs, prize drawings, story hours, and more. Families are invited to join the Read-to-Me portion of the program. We'll begin June 23 and run through August 7, with a grand finale performance by magician Norman Ng. Sign up and enjoy our kickoff program on June 19, at 7:00 p.m. with a live animal program *Animals with Bad Reputations* by the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center. Stop in the library to pick up a flyer of summer events and your registration packet. Sign up is ongoing throughout June.

**Thursdays in June at 10:30 a.m.–Laptop Story Time**–Walking and talking, this babies to toddler story time is an interactive program for all preschoolers and their parents or care providers. We'll share books, rhymes, songs, finger play and movement. Our goal is to foster an early love of books and literacy. At the end of the program, there will be playtime for parents and caregivers to share books,

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puzzles, or other literacy activities with their toddler. Dress comfortably as we will be sitting on the floor in the Children's Room. No registration required, feel free to drop in anytime.

**Tuesday, June 3, from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.–Block Party: LEGO® Fun**–Join us for the afternoon and let your imagination run wild. Hands-on learning opportunity to explore how things work. LEGO® bricks are provided by the library. All ages welcome.

**Thursday, June 19, at 7:00 p.m.–Animals with Bad Reputations**–The public image of some animals is often inaccurate and responsible for many negative attitudes. Join us to consider the good side of these creatures. The Squam Lakes Natural Science Center kicks off our 2014 Summer Reading Program with their *Animals with Bad Reputations* live animal performance. **Sign up for summer reading will begin at 6:45 p.m.** We look forward to seeing children of all ages and the young-at-heart join us for a fun-filled evening. Free and open to all.

**Saturday, June 21, from 11:00 a.m. to noon–PAWS to Read**– Welcome Toven and Mary Stefanik (his handler) to the Hancock Town Library PAWS to Read program. Sign up at the front desk or email Rennie at [hancockkidlib@comcast.net](mailto:hancockkidlib@comcast.net). Each child will read to his or her dog for 15 minutes. Parents are asked to bring their child to the library 10 minutes prior to the scheduled reading time. If you are unable to make your scheduled appointment please call and let us know, so that we can notify any children on the waiting list.

**Tuesday, June 24, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.–Science Exploratorium**–Are you curious? Science really comes to life when children have a chance to get their hands dirty, explore, observe and create. This summer we will discover and explore how things work, finding answers to the whys. In this one-hour session we will engage in hands-on-science activities to explore the world we live in. Come prepared to get dirty and have fun. All ages welcome.

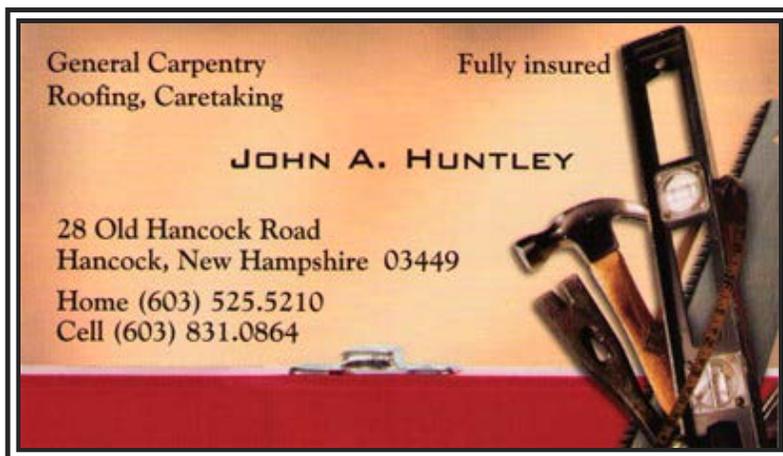
**Tuesday, June 24, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.–PAWS to Read**– Welcome Mozart and Nancy Benda (his handler) to the Hancock Town Library PAWS to Read program. Sign up at the front desk or email Rennie at [hancockkidlib@comcast.net](mailto:hancockkidlib@comcast.net). Each child will

read to his or her dog for 15 minutes. Parents are asked to bring their child to the library 10 minutes prior to the scheduled reading time. If you are unable to make your scheduled appointment please call and let us know, so that we can notify any children on the waiting list.

**Wednesday, June 25, at 3:00 p.m.–Family Summer Movie Series- E. T. the Extra-Terrestrial**–Relive the adventure and magic in one of the most beloved motion pictures of all-time, *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*, from Academy Award-winning director Steven Spielberg. Captivating audiences of all ages, this timeless story follows the unforgettable journey of a lost alien and the 10-year-old boy he befriends. Join Elliot, Gertie and Michael as they come together to help E.T. find his way back home. Free popcorn and air conditioning to stay cool. All ages welcome. Runs 120 minutes, Rated PG

**Thursday, June 26, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.–Miss Melody Russell presents Art meets Author**–Eric Carle, Dr. Seuss, Mary Pope Osborne are just a few authors children love and adore. In this 6-week program, Miss Melody Russell will take children on a journey of artistic discovery using an assortment of art media linking an art form with an author's writing/illustration style. Each week we will introduce a new author and a corresponding art form, such as watercolor or pen and ink, clay, masks or mobiles, collage or recycled creatures. This program is for children ages 6-11. **Participants are required to pre-register, class size is limited.**

**Thursday, June 26, at 4:30 p.m.–Bedtime Math Family Pajama Party**–Playing with numbers can be a blast, for both kids and adults! From Slinkies to ninjas to finger-painting otters, Bedtime Math



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As of May 23, 2014, in order to avoid wasting time and typing errors, the only hard copy (paper) submissions to Hancock Happenings that will be accepted will be from contributors who neither own, nor have access to a computer. For computer users: text submissions should be in Word, a text PDF or typed in the email and sent to [happenings@ Hancocknh.org](mailto:happenings@ Hancocknh.org). A scan of text that must be re-typed will not be accepted, unless it is to design or modify a graphic or an ad. If you do not own a computer and do not have access to one, hard copy (paper) submissions are, of course, perfectly fine.

*N. Sherman, Editor, Hancock Happenings*

## To Norway Hill Orchard Cleanup Volunteers

What a terrific turnout of about 40 volunteers to do the job from all ages. The words *Thank You* just never seem to be quite adequate to express how very appreciative and fortunate I am for the help of such wonderful friends. A special note of appreciation goes to Ginger Smith for making so many posters and the legwork she did to help this cleanup go so well. Please know how very much this means to me for you to have shared that Sunday afternoon volunteering your time in the orchard.

*Submitted by Peg McLeod*

## Great Brook School

by 8th grade GBS reporters

Rhiannon Bell and Cheyanne Watman



The school year is ending, so this month we will be telling you about what some 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders told us about the past year at Great Brook School. Also, Mr. James Elder, our principal, has exciting news to share with everyone.

*Mr. Elder:* "It has been a great year. We are New Hampshire MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THE YEAR! We asked 8th graders to become leaders of the school and they did a great job. They were great examples for the younger students. Everyone tried so hard academically. Behavior was fantastic."

### 5th Grade

*Maddie Rugg* loved 5th grade and thought it was a lot of fun. She is ready for 6th grade, but knows it will be harder.

*Grace Shippee* said 5th grade was really fun and that she was ready to move up to 6th grade.

*Wylie Kendell* liked the people. They were good and nice to him. When he first arrived here, everyone helped him and he made a lot of new friends from different towns. He said that 6th grade will be better.

### 6th Grade

*Hayley McIlvene* loved 6th grade. The teachers were really nice and she is going to miss them next year. She is ready to go to 7th grade, but she believes that 7th grade will be a lot harder.

*Jonah McKee* said that the work wasn't really hard and the year was fun.

*Cruz Delasanta* said that 6th grade had a lot more responsibilities. They switched classes and there were more activities. She said it was really fun to be in 6th grade and now she is sort of ready to go to 7th grade

### 7th Grade

*Rachel Cass* says her 7th grade year was really fun! All of the teachers are really nice and helpful. Rachel's favorite part of the year was a field trip to Sargent Center. They got to do a lot of wilderness activities.

*Jaclyn Clark* thought the year was fun. Ms. Ketchum really pumped us up for the MAPS test. Jaclyn says she is ready to move on to 8th grade, because 7th grade was easier than she thought it would be.

*Tyler Nims* believed that his year was really good, besides the schedule switch between recess and lunch. The work was okay and his favorite part was the classes and all the teachers who made the classes fun and easy. Tyler is ready to move up to the 8th grade.

### 8th Grade

*Clara Colby* says that this year has been good for meeting new people. Now Clara has many friends and can't wait to meet more friends in high school. Clara is happy that people are enjoying her company at this school.

*Niamh McElligott* says her Great Brook experience was enjoyable. The year was good. The work was challenging, but also easy sometimes. She is ready to move on to 9th grade.

*Kalista Madore* says she was nervous at first, but 8th grade was the same as 7th grade. Having friends

helped Kalista a lot with work and enjoyment. The work was harder, but the difficult material prepared her for high school.

We think that our Great Brook experience was amazing and REALLY FUN!

This will be the last newspaper article we will write for Great Brook, and we hope that other students will carry it on next year and continue reporting on Great Brook.

Chey and Ree thank all of the students and teachers who made it possible for the newspaper articles of this school year to happen by providing us with exciting news and information.

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The following photographs are from the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C.



*Eighth grade students presenting the wreath from GBS at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier*



*Eighth grade students enjoying an evening at Medieval Manor in Baltimore*



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*8th graders posing for a picture  
in front of the White House*

*Photo credits: Great Brook School*

## **News from Fish & Game**

**Seen any wild turkey broods?**

**Report your sightings to Fish & Game!**

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is asking for the public's help in tracking wild turkey broods in New Hampshire this spring and summer. It's easy to take part. If you observe groups of turkeys with young **between May 15 and August 31, 2014**, report your sightings to Fish and Game at its web-based turkey brood survey at [www.wildnh.com/turkeybroodsurvey](http://www.wildnh.com/turkeybroodsurvey).

"People enjoy participating, and by doing so, they are helping us monitor the turkey population," said Ted Walski, Fish and Game Turkey Project Leader. "We get reports from all over the state through this survey, adding to the important information biologists gather on turkey productivity, distribution, abundance, turkey brood survival and the timing of nesting and hatching." Last year (2013), summer brood survey participants reported seeing 1,676 broods, up from 1,085 sightings in 2012. Biologists are especially interested in getting more reports of turkey broods in the three northernmost New Hampshire counties (Coos, Carroll and Grafton).

The term "brood" refers to a family group of young turkeys accompanied by a hen. New Hampshire hens generally begin laying eggs sometime from mid-April to early May and complete their clutch of about 12 eggs in early to mid-May. Incubation lasts for 28 days, and most eggs hatch from late May to mid-June. If incubating turkey eggs are destroyed or consumed by predators, hens often lay a replacement

clutch of eggs that hatch late June through late July. *Reports of adult male turkeys are not being requested at this time.*

Many factors can affect turkey productivity in any given year. Young turkeys are extremely sensitive to cool temperatures and rain, both because it can impact their health, and because these conditions adversely impact insect populations that are a critical source of nutrition for young turkeys. Since spring weather is highly variable, survival of the annual hatch of wild turkeys is also highly variable.

Turkey populations depend on a large annual influx of young turkeys to sustain themselves over time, so the number of young turkeys that survive to be "recruited" into the fall population is of great interest to turkey managers. A large sample of turkey brood observations collected throughout the summer can provide turkey managers with insight into the size of the "graduating class" of turkeys that will become adults. This explains why turkey managers throughout the country incorporate information from brood surveys into their management programs. This year, turkey watchers are also being asked to report any observations of avian pox on turkeys. The avian pox virus, which is not harmful or transferable to humans, is characterized by wart-like growths on the head and upper neck area of the bird. During the 2014 Internet Winter Flock Survey, wild turkeys were observed with pox lesions at 26 sites in 18 towns, out of a total of 1,400 observations logged. To learn more about avian pox, visit [www.wildnh.com/Wildlife/turkeyvirus.html](http://www.wildnh.com/Wildlife/turkeyvirus.html).

*Excerpt from N.H. Fish & Game Newsletter*

## **Bear and Human Conflict**

### **A Need for Change**

*by Andrew Timmins*

*N.H. Fish and Game Bear Biologist*

It seems that people in New Hampshire may not be taking the old adage "A Fed Bear Is a Dead Bear" seriously enough these days. Recent events across the state involving the feeding of bears show a trend that has serious consequences for both communities and bears.

In 2006, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department established a rule (FIS 310.01) that prohibits a person from feeding bears, either

intentionally or inadvertently, given that doing so causes nuisance situations, results in property damage and can become a human safety concern. Not directly mentioned in the rule language, but of equal importance, is the fact that feeding bears habituates bears to humans and essentially eliminates, or severely alters, the natural behavior and foraging patterns of bears.

Since 2006, Fish and Game has addressed a number of intentional bear feeding sites around the state, at some of which people had been feeding bears for over 20 years. Collectively, staff from the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Wildlife Services, Fish and Game Wildlife Biologists and Conservation Officers have worked hard to identify intentional feeding sites and try to help people who are feeding to understand the serious consequences of this practice. Some have been cooperative, others, less so. People who are feeding bears are initially asked to stop via a formal warning. If they fail to stop, they are then in violation of FIS 310.01 and may be issued a summons. In many instances, a formal warning, coupled with education, has been effective. This year, however, this sensible approach doesn't seem to be working as well.

During the first week of May, Fish and Game discovered four historical feeding sites in New Hampshire where intentional bear feeding has resumed, despite previous formal warnings being issued. One site in particular, located on West Side Road in North Conway, has been particularly challenging for bear managers. In the area known as Birch Hill, bears highly habituated to human food have been breaking into motor vehicles, garages, sheds, and killing livestock. Fish and Game has been forced to destroy two bears at this location in one week that were destroying property of posing a human safety concern. The scat of these animals has been full of both black oil sunflower seed and cracked corn, suggesting purposeful feeding. This prompted Fish and Game to investigate an historical feed site located within a half mile of the location where the bulk of the conflicts were occurring. The resident had been previously warned to cease feeding, but had resumed the activity in spring of 2014.

The decision to kill these animals was not an easy one and not taken lightly. However, there were few other options for these bears, for a variety of reasons. The less developed northern part of the state, where bears are typically released when translocated, is still covered in snow, offering no natural food.

The behavior of these animals and the fact that the conflicts were becoming more severe with time forced a response. Both bears were large adult males, which tend to have strong fidelity to their home range and therefore would likely have returned very quickly if moved. In my

opinion, these bears had essentially been "ruined" by intentional feeding and human habituation. They had lost the ability to be wild bears that avoid human-occupied areas.

Intentional backyard feeding is not the only problem. A number of locations around the state experience bear/human conflicts each and every year. Most are areas with open or plastic-topped dumpsters (not bear proof), unsecured household garbage, bird feeders or unprotected poultry and livestock. Despite working with these residents year after year, things never seem to change. Why is that? Why are bears so devalued by some members of the public that they refuse to change their own behavior? Why is there an expectation by some members of the public that Fish and Game should remove or kill the bear, so that people are not inconvenienced by the need to change their behavior?

Without support and assistance from the public, Fish and Game lacks the ability to significantly change human behavior and reduce bear/human conflicts. We can't force restaurant owners to use locking, steel-top dumpsters. We can't make people put electric fence around their chickens. We can't force people to stop feeding birds during spring and summer. We can't mandate the appropriate storage of garbage and other food attractants by homeowners so that they are inaccessible to wildlife. All of these are examples of relatively simple, effective, commonsense solutions. We can't convince people not to selfishly feed bears, despite the detriment to the animal, if we are not informed of the location. We can't challenge people's constitutional right to shoot bears that cause property damage, despite the refusal of the landowner to even attempt to mitigate the conflicts. I find this very discouraging, because we are so fortunate to have this magnificent wild animal in our state.

Isn't it worth changing your own behavior just a little, so they can live here, too?

We have been trying to get this message out for many years. Most residents and visitors of New Hampshire are familiar with Fish and Game's educational campaign "Something's Bruin in New Hampshire – Learn to Live with Bears." This campaign began in the mid-1990s and was designed to educate the public on bear behavior and provide proactive steps that the public could follow to avoid conflicts with bears. Essentially, it was hoped that if the public better understood bears, perhaps human tolerance towards bears would increase. One common message from this campaign is the slogan "A Fed Bear is a Dead Bear" -- a straightforward way of saying that allowing bears to become habituated to human environments and dependent on human-related foods has severe, and often fatal negative effects on the animal.

This education campaign has helped the public better understand the behavior of bears and has reduced conflicts. However, the recent incidents in which I've had to dispatch bears because of stubborn human behavior is making me lose faith. Is the public even listening anymore? Is our society that self-centered and callous towards the wildlife of our state?

The next time you are reviewing a friend's photos of a sow with cute cubs lying next to a pile of feed in their back yard, think about the consequences for the bear, and her cubs, who are learning behaviors that may result in their future death. When you see a dumpster with muddy paw prints on the side and garbage strewn through the woods, think long and hard about that image. Is that how you picture New Hampshire's majestic black bear? The next time you hear about Fish and Game biologist climbing to the top of a tree to remove cubs because the sow was shot at an unsecured chicken pen, ask yourself if that was a reasonable resolution to a conflict.

If you find these questions provoking, please lend your support and assistance. Follow the Something's Bruin guidelines at [www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/Somethings\\_Bruin.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/Somethings_Bruin.htm). Talk to your friends and neighbors and encourage them to be proactive in preventing conflicts with bears. Get active within your community and work for change. Change may be hard but it is not impossible. It's our own human behavior that creates these conflicts, and therefore it is our own behavior that needs to be modified.

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**SELECTBOARD** - *The every-2-week schedule will start on April 28, 2014. The four meetings per month schedule will resume on September 8, 2014. Starting April 14, 2014, the meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. on the second Monday and 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Monday, at the Barbara Caverly Meeting Room (rear entrance) (Selectboard, March 17, 2014)*

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