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2014 Parade Grand Marshal

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News from the Selectboard

Jim Mose for the Selectboard

Many thanks to everyone in and around Hancock who participated in this year's Old Home Days celebration! Our very special thanks to Siobhan, John and Cindy for their planning, flawless implementation and very, very hard work in keeping our long standing tradition alive and well. Thank you Old Home Days Committee members and all of the many volunteers who work to keep our greatest tradition alive! As always, our gratitude to Nevan and his posse of Hancock Volunteer Firefighters for their essential "HFD Chicken Tent." Their all day chicken dinner creation is the grand finale of the happiest day of the Hancock year.

While on the subject of giving thanks, this month's contribution is our shared expression of gratitude to all of the great people in town who work together to keep the Hancock train on the tracks. I would like to raise the curtain of excellence and reveal again those hard working people operating in quiet determination and devotion to our community.

Hancock Fire Department –The dysfunctional manifestations of animosity toward Chief Nevan during his dunk tank duty notwithstanding, the HFD is Hancock's single greatest symbol of service before self. The many people who volunteer to honorably serve our safety as first responders are a gift.

Hancock Police Department–They lined up at the dunk tank for Chief Wood, too! Andy and his officers (including his detail police, Chief G and John) are Hancock's finest. They bring us together and keep the peace with their kind and gentle method of the policing of our community. They can be tough when called for, so stay on the right side of the law and be cool. Trust me, you don't want to be on the wrong side of Wood, Hetrick and Shea!

Department of Public Works–My dear friend/nemesis in surfing shorts was an image I hoped to avoid in this lifetime. Please John, no more dunk tanks! Kurt is an everyday hero working to manage our entire Hancock road, bridge and building infrastructure. Although he and I disagree from time to time, he is one of the most caring, dedicated and hardest working people I know. He and his team of loyal

men keep our roads and bridges safe and clear (no easy task at the North Pole), our buildings and grounds maintained and beautiful, and our trucks and vehicles in top shape. He has elevated it to an art form making the most of available scarce resources.

Library–Amy and our library are synonymous with all that is great with Hancock. She has a devoted following of countless volunteers all dedicated to keeping our library as vibrant, energized and successful as she is. The library is our reading place, meeting place and a happy place for all of the citizens in Hancock and the region. Amy and her team have created a place of learning and discovery worthy of a city one hundred times its size.

Town Office–New Town Administrator Diane Kendall successfully leads all of Hancock's town staff. With grace and saintly patience she smiles through the many "Barb never did it that way" comments she hears regularly (frequently from me – teasing her) and moves Hancock forward. It is her job to lead and manage all of the people and affairs of our town and she's doing just that with a style and brilliance all her own. We are lucky to have her in Hancock. To Diane, Linda and all of the administrative staff – thank you, thank you for your dedication and service!

Volunteers–Hundreds! Howard Mansfield said it best in his 2013 Yankee Magazine Article about Bob Fogg, *Caretaker of the Clock*:

Constancy, routine–Fogg has wound the clock through wars, assassinations, moon landings, riots, a presidential impeachment, inflation, stagflation, recessions, the Cold War, terrorist attacks, and all the rest. But it's not a stifling routine; it's a devotion. We count on people like him to keep all the other works in town running: the folks who organize the yearly town meetings and reports and parades, the committees who attend to necessary repairs and improvements, those who surprise us by showing us the grace of the ordinary. A quick check of Hancock's town report shows more than 125 different people volunteering for town offices and committees to keep this community of 1,650 going.

Thank you, Hancock!

Hancock Fire & Rescue News

Nevan Cassidy, Chief, Hancock Fire Department

Another Successful Old Home Days Barbeque

Another Successful Old Home Days Barbeque
Our thanks go out to all of the Hancock residents and visitors who came to our Annual Chicken Barbeque on the Town Common during Old Home Days. It is always fun to see so many townsfolk enjoying a community meal under our big tent. As always, our BBQ is a fund-raiser for the HFD Association – funds that go to equipment and the like to save the Town some tax dollars. Thanks to Jon GrosJean for doing all the planning, Bill Eva for doing the supplies run, and John Pirkey who has been our head chef for many years now. Also thanks to the many people who materialize at about 3:30 to help serve 450 meals – couldn't do it without you!

We were glad to have the antique 1945 Mack fire engine back in the parade. Bud Wilder worked his mechanical magic on the ignition to get it going again, and it seems to run better than ever. I took it for a spin and got it up to 50 mph on Route 202! The family of the man who sold that truck to the Town was in attendance at the parade and glad to see it still in Hancock. We had a medical call at the bandstand right as the parade was starting this year. I stayed back at the Elementary School, but I heard it was rather comical to try to get the Rescue Truck down Main

Street through the parade. Mark Thompson ran ahead, yelling at the Temple Band to move over, and Marylou did a good job not running over any musicians as they scattered to both sides of the road.

This was my first year to be the dunk-ee in a dunk tank. I can tell you, it can be a bit chilly. Thankfully, the bucket of ice didn't go in until it was Kurt Grasset's turn. Kudos to 14-year-old Lily Denehy – her very first pitch sent me into that murky water!

A concerned citizen has asked for a note in *Hancock Happenings* regarding pedestrians, runners and bicyclists on our back roads. The issue is the lack of visibility to drivers when you are on a tree-shaded road. Most people know not to walk, run or ride on our roads at nighttime without a flashlight or reflective clothing; however, even in the middle of the day, if you are wearing dark colored clothing, it can be hard for a motorist to see you on a back road. Do yourself a favor and wear light or bright colored clothing! You could pick up one of those retro-reflective mesh vests as well. It might save your life.

August Raffle Winners:

Alex Cray, \$40; Savannah Patten, \$20
Wayan Suarni, Matt Evans, Sean Kerwin, \$10 each

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Town Treasurer Position

Given a major change in my work situation, I regret that must resign as Treasurer for the Town of Hancock. The team at the Town Office has been extremely helpful trying to accommodate my new situation and for that I am deeply grateful; however, I feel the Town would be better served by having someone who can fulfill the role in its entirety.

The Treasurer's primary role is cash management and oversight for the Town including

- Ensure controls are in place to account for all incoming and outgoing cash
- Ensure appropriate levels of cash are maintained in all accounts throughout the year
- Secure financing with the best terms for the Town for all requirements approved at Town Meeting
- Ensure an updated Investment Policy is in place and any excess operating capital is invested accordingly

The Treasurer does not engage in budgetary issues nor manage the Town Trust Funds, which are the responsibility of the Trustees of Trust Funds.

I have learned a great deal about Town governance from this role and encourage anyone who is interested in taking over the role as Treasurer for Hancock to call me to discuss further details. This is an elected position, and we are looking for someone to take over the role immediately and to run officially for the office at Town Elections early next year.

It has been a pleasure serving.
Sincerely,
Lois Haskins

Meetinghouse Restoration Update

Hancock Meetinghouse Restoration Committee

The capital campaign went over the \$300,000 milestone in August and now stands at \$301,222 in donations and pledges. Of the \$192,152 received in or pledged for 2014, only \$24,620 remains to be collected by this December. The Hancock Improvement Association (HIA), which is managing the fund-raising, has pledge payment schedules for all but about \$4,500 in order to reach the 100% participation goal for 2014. HIA's Grant Committee continues to work on grants for the Meetinghouse project. To date HIA has raised \$100,000 from foundations.

An application for \$69,267, prepared using volunteer time by HIA Grants Committee members, has been submitted to New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) for restoration of the Meetinghouse windows. The decision from LCHIP on the grant request is scheduled for December. If awarded, the grant will go directly to the Town as the applicant.

Overall, the restoration work is on schedule and it is anticipated that the majority of the project will be completed by the end of September,



Photo: Byron Niederhelman

except for the storm windows which are expected in October, and the new kitchen cabinets which are being created by Woody Huntington for installation in the near future.

A special order for tempered glass for the "lift" will arrive soon. The stage in the lower level of the Meetinghouse is going to be re-built. The interior and exterior painting is almost completed, as are the heating systems, which will be connected to the buried propane fuel tanks once the tanks are delivered. The old brick chimneys, which were in poor condition, have been removed. As the new propane heating system is designed with smaller stainless steel vents, they will be less noticeable on the rear of the Meetinghouse.

The roof trusses, and new slate roofing work has been completed and the ridgeline "dip" has been corrected. You may have noticed all the new copper flashing shining in the sunlight. Still under consideration are design options for the entry foyer whereby the doors to the lower meeting room could be fitted with glass panels to allow more light in to the room.

The historic painted theatre curtain, depicting scenes of Hancock, is currently kept in the Town Office building. The curtain hung for many years on the Meetinghouse stage and has been fully restored by "Curtains Without Borders." The Meetinghouse Restoration Committee discussed returning the curtain back to its original location on the newly refurbished stage. The Theatre Curtain Restoration Committee was consulted as to the use and future conservation of the curtain. Plans now call for re-hanging the curtain as a colorful backdrop at the rear of the stage.

Watch future editions of *Hancock Happenings* for project updates as work progresses.

NOTICE

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

Dump News

We have a new Supervisor at the Dump. Tim Chapman comes from Antrim and will supervise all our dump activities, and work on our Town buildings and grounds as part of the Department of Public Works. Tim has experience with the Antrim Transfer Station, as well as Crotched Mountain Rehab Center Building and Grounds. Please welcome Tim when you come to the Dump!

Household Hazardous Waste Collections continue this month at the Keene Recycling Center at no cost to Hancock residents. But, time this year is running out—after October, collections are suspended until spring. See schedules on Town bulletin boards, on the Town website at www.hancocknh.org/DPW/Dump/HHHWD.htm and in the *Shopper News*.

Submitted by the Hancock Dump Committee

Meetinghouse Restoration Committee

www.hancocknh.org/Meetinghouse/HMRC.htm

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

www.hancocknh.org/Meeting-Calendar.htm



The Meetinghouse painting raffle of the painting donated by Cynthia Niederhelman was won by Janet Dow of Hancock. The raffle was sponsored by the Hancock Meetinghouse Restoration

Committee. The proceeds will go to reducing the Town commitment to the bond issue. Thanks to everyone who supported the project by buying a ticket!

Submitted by Hancock Meetinghouse Restoration Committee



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Hancock Elementary School

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Visit HES online at: <http://conval.edu/schools/hes>

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

I am thrilled and honored to have been selected to be the Cooperating Principal of Hancock Elementary School. One of my goals for the coming year is to build relationships with the community, staff and students of Hancock. As a result, I would like to share a bit about myself.

I was first introduced to the Monadnock Region when I was a teacher at a residential summer program in Windsor, NH. I remember spending time in Peterborough and envisioning living here one day. Little did I know that this statement would come true! I have now lived in Peterborough for 16 years. My husband Bill and I have four daughters. My 29- and 27-year-olds are off on their own in Philadelphia and St. Louis, while my twin 13-year-olds are preparing for their final year at South Meadow School.

As I reflect on my 29 years in the field of education, I recognize that I continuously strive to understand how people learn in order to better meet their social, educational and emotional needs. I started my career as a teacher in New Jersey and then in Boston as a special educator. I quickly realized that, in order to meet my students' needs, it was important for me to better understand how children learn to read. While teaching as a Learning Disabilities Specialist, I attended Boston University where I earned a Master's Degree in Reading and Writing. In 1997, I moved to New Hampshire in order to be a clinical supervisor and school supervisor at Wediko Children's Services, a Residential Facility for Emotionally Handicapped students. After staying home with my twins for five years, I reentered the workforce in the ConVal School District as a Paraprofessional, Special Educator, District Literacy Coach and now Cooperating Principal.

As Literacy Coach over the past three years, I have spent a good deal of time working in collaboration with the teachers and leaders at Hancock Elementary School. I am impressed with the staff's and parents' commitment to their goal of nurturing a respectful school community that embraces learning, safety, trust, fun, clear communication and a sense of belonging. I recognize that this achievement over the past eight years has occurred through dedicated staff and multiple leaders. As Cooperating Principal, I am excited to provide the consistency of vision that a Learning Community needs in order to offer a rigorous, relevant education that builds relationships for all of our students.

Please look for my entry plan on the HES website to learn about my planned initial steps in working at Hancock Elementary School. I look forward to working collaboratively with the students, staff and community of Hancock throughout the coming school year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions, concerns or tales of success. It is through open communication that we can truly enjoy a Collaborative Learning Community.

Sincerely,

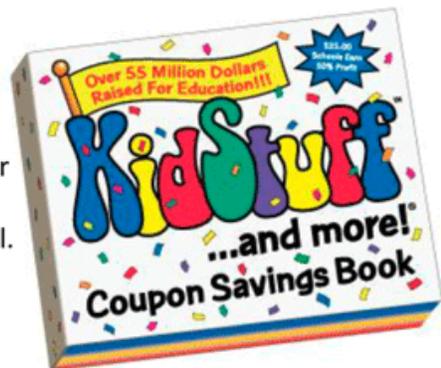
Amy B. Janoch, M.Ed.

Hancock Elementary School Cooperating Principal, Literacy Coach - ConVal School District - ajanoch@conval.edu

August 2014

It's Back-to-School time!

Kick off the 2014-15 school year by supporting the Hancock Elementary School PTO! The valuable, family-friendly KidStuff Coupon Books are available now through the end of September at the Hancock Market. KidStuff Coupon Books are only sold through schools and HES earns 50% profit on each book we sell. Use just a few of the hundreds of great NH coupons and easily save much more than the \$25 cost of the book! Questions? Contact jennifer_s_marshall@yahoo.com



Hancock Congregational Church News

Lunch Is On Us!

The Hancock Congregational Church, UCC, has been serving the Hancock community continuously for 226 years! Please help us celebrate by joining us at our annual Lunch is On Us Cookout on **Sunday, September 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

If you loved the Congo Grill at Old Home Days, you are going to love the encore. You will find us under the white tent in the general vicinity of the Vestry and Meetinghouse. We'll be serving up grilled hot dogs, homemade side salads, conversation and other refreshments. Please join us!

Submitted by Reverend Judith Copeland

Sunday School

An exciting start to Sunday school at the Hancock UCC will begin on **Sunday, September 14!** Judy Copeland and I have been planning an array of artistic, creative and fun lessons to cover the story of Moses and The Ten Commandments. If you are interested in your child(ren) learning these teachings, please join us on Sunday morning from **9:45 to 10:45 a.m.** Contact Emily Daniels at 525.4443 for more information.

Submitted by Emily Daniels

Help us Revive an Old Tradition!

The Hancock Congregational Church is organizing a short, traditional Christmas Pageant open to all children in town who wish to participate. The tentative plan is to rehearse after school one day a week (day TBD) during the month of November and in early December, and then to present the pageant to the community at large (on the new Lower

Meetinghouse stage!) on **Friday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.** (following the December Community Supper).

More information about sign-ups and rehearsals will be available next month, but right now, we are looking for someone to help us with music – nothing too complicated, but someone who could come in for 45 minutes or so each week and help the children learn a few well-known Christmas carols. If you can help, please contact Emily Daniels at 525.4443.

Submitted by Emily Daniels

Fall Church Yard Sale

Please save your items from summertime sorting and cleaning, and donate them for the Hancock Congregational Church's Fall Yard Sale, to be held on **Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Or come find some bargains! We'll welcome donations on:

- Thursday, September 18, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 and 8:00 p.m., or
- Friday, September 19, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, contact Kathy Anderson at 525.4909 or Lexy Heatley at 525.4132.

Submitted by Kathy Anderson

Church Pie Sale

The Hancock Congregational Church will be selling an assortment of delicious homemade pies, on **Saturday October 11, starting at 9:00 a.m.** and lasting until noon, unless they sell out first! We welcome donations from anyone who loves making pies. If you have any questions contact Kathy Anderson at 525.4909 or Lexy Heatley at 525.4132.

Submitted by Kathy Anderson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

to *William (Bill) Hanson*

on his 90th birthday, September 9!
Bill owns the brick former post office building on Main Street in Hancock.

Anyone wishing to send a birthday greeting may send a card to: William Hanson
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Submitted by Bessie Hanson Jones

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Hancock Women's Guild

September Dinner

The Hancock Guild will be hosting a dinner for all women of Hancock on **Wednesday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Hancock Vestry.

Invitations have gone out, but in case we didn't have your address, you are invited to RSVP to Susan Blanchette at 525.2248 or by e-mail to hancockguild@gmail.com. This promises to be an evening of fun, fellowship and great homemade food. Come and see what we're all about! Did you know we host programs almost every month that are free and open to the public? You might be amazed at all we do for your community, and we are always welcoming new members.

We are now on Facebook! "Like" us, and you will get notifications of our programs and events.

Submitted by Darlene Tarr

Winter/Fall Clothing Sale

Attention Hancock residents, families and friends! The Guild Summer Clothing Sale was such a great success (Thank you, everyone!) that we will be holding a Winter/Fall Clothing Sale on **Friday, October 3, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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

- **Tuesday, September 30** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, October 1** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, October 2** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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Collections will only be received on the dates listed above. Please do not leave items outside the Vestry!

On the last sale date, Saturday, October 4, there will be a \$5.00 per bag sale.

Proceeds from this Guild fund-raiser go to a Scholarship Fund for Hancock graduating seniors. We are hoping for another successful sale and wish to thank everyone in advance for contributing to this event.

For further information, call Nat Cass at 525.3548, Barbara Caverly at 525.3745, Diane Streeter at 525.3361 or Linda Coughlan at 525.3768

Submitted by Linda Coughlan

Hancock Area Watercolor Group Classes Resume

The Hancock Area Watercolor Group will resume classes in the Vestry on **Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.** There will be six consecutive classes ending on October 22. The cost for the six sessions is \$12.00. The class is open to beginners, as well as more experienced painters. The class generally runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon. For more information call Sue Francis, 525.3313.

Submitted by Sue Francis

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Submitted by Margaret Carlson

Hancock Woman's Club Summer Update

I am sure that we all have noticed the days of summer waning..., but let's look forward to a beautiful fall! The flowers at the Post Office gardens, window boxes, horse trough showed their beauty for the past several months, and what a show they gave us!

Please mark your calendar for **October 8**, our very first meeting for this year! Korey Snow of Monadnock Oil and Vinegar in Peterborough will explain how quality olive oils are grown and prepared. There's more that Korey will share, but you'll have to come to find out.

The beautiful Suncatchers with the Gazebo design are still available and can be purchased at the Saturday Farmers Market or at The Hancock Inn. Blue, amber, green, amethyst and, soon to arrive, gold at just \$10 each. They will also be available at our monthly meetings.

Our program/membership booklet will be ready by September 5. They will be available at the library and at the general meetings beginning October 8. To make other arrangements for getting your copy, please call Sandy Jackson at 525.6660.

Submitted by Gertie Kanner

Art Exhibit at the Library

Bugs, Faces, Sunsets and Places:
Nothing Is Out of Bounds for His Lens

Chris Ingalls, who grew up in Peterborough but has called Hancock home for the past 33 years, refers to himself as a "hobbyist photographer." A collection of his work is on view in the Daniels Room through the month of September, continuing until October 2.

"I fell in love with photography during the space

race to the moon; the photos I saw in Life Magazine just blew me away, and I've loved looking at pictures ever since.



"It wasn't until the mid-70s, however, that I actually began taking photos of my own. I guess it was fate, because I found my first camera while hiking up a mountain. I turned the camera in to the local police, but after two weeks, no one had reported it missing, so they gave it to me. With my new gadget in hand, I went to the camera store to buy a book on 35mm cameras and some film. The rest, as they say, is history.



"I am by no means a professional photographer, but if you shoot enough pictures and happen to be at the right place at the right time, sometimes you just get lucky! Although I take primarily color shots, and have always had a soft spot for the moon, nothing is out of bounds for my lens.

"For me, the most satisfying aspect of photography is that no matter what I take a picture of, it is always open to the viewer's own interpretation; I find this very cool. Stop in at the library and take a look!"

Chris's show can be seen during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2-6 pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am-7 pm; and Saturday, 10 am-4 pm. The library is closed on Friday and Sunday.

It is better to call ahead, however, before heading over, as the Daniels Room is sometimes reserved for community meetings. The library's number is 525.4411.

Submitted by Sandy Taylor



Another Tale From Home: www.herb-gardner.com

The wedding cake was festooned with hundreds of little silver metallic decorations. When the bride, who had consumed a considerable amount of alcohol went to cut it, she lost her balance and received quite a gash on her hand. After it was bandaged up the festivities continued. It was sweet revenge for pastry everywhere. Just this once, the cake cut the bride!



Community Supper

The Community Supper held on Thursday, July 24 was a memorable evening. Actually, a memorable day. It started at 8:30 a.m. at Brookside Farm picking vegetables for the supper with Kin Schilling, gardener/cook extraordinaire, and my daughter Jocelyn. We harvested vegetables for the dinner – lettuce for the salad, green beans for a side dish, zucchini for the chocolate zucchini cake, and swiss chard and kale for the vegetable lasagne. We had baskets filled with the tastes of summer!

We cooked all morning in Kin's kitchen. We made chocolate/zucchini cake and cheesecake with blueberry sauce. The blueberries had been picked

the day before at Patten Hill, in Antrim. We moved the operation to the Vestry and began the lasagne assembly line. Grating and slicing cheese, grating veggies, boiling noodles and then assembling these masterpieces took the entire afternoon. And, all day did I not see a recipe or measuring device! All these creations from Kin's imagination and years of accumulated kitchen wisdom! I don't usually write about the suppers during the year and wait for an annual wrap up at year end. But, I could not wait to write about this dinner. It was that good!

We had a great turnout for the supper and fine music on the Common afterward. A terrific reminder of what community means.

Some other great news is that we received a VERY generous donation from an anonymous donor. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity and thoughtfulness! The money is very useful and we love the spirit of giving.

Join us on **Thursday, September 25**, when the Hancock Republicans host the Community Supper: 5:30 p.m. at the Vestry. Join us and bring your friends and family!

Submitted by Donna Coty

Cub Scout Pack 2



With summer in full swing as I write this, it is hard for me to think that autumn is right around the corner. To our family, autumn means two things: soccer and Cub Scouts. Of course soccer only lasts for about

two months, scouts is in full swing for the entire school year. This year, as in past years, we will go

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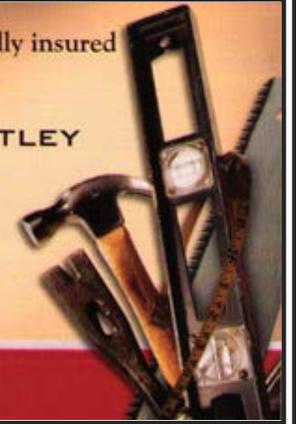
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on hikes, bike rides, march in parades, attend hockey games and attend a Monster Jam. We will build cars out of a block of pine and race them down a track in our annual Pinewood Derby. The boys will be attending scout meetings weekly and working on advancement, as well as learning new skills. Some boys will build birdhouses, while others will visit a nearby fire station.

We go camping in the fall and again in the spring. This fall's campout will be extra special because Pack 2 will be camping at Hidden Valley Boy Scout Camp during Daniel Webster Council's Fall Blast weekend. This is open to Cub Scouts, and their parents and siblings. During this campout, scouts will be able to participate in archery, BB gun target shooting, Indian lore, carnival games, and lots more with a traditional campfire in the evening.

This coming year, our Pack will also be going on an overnight spring trip to the USS Salem in Quincy, MA, where the boys and their families will sleep onboard. In every way, this trip is always a fun time! Looking all the way forward to next summer, Pack 2 will be spending a week at Camp Carpenter, as well as an overnight sleeping on the Fisher Cats' baseball field.

We are always looking for new boys ages 6 to 10 from Hancock, Bennington, Frankestown and Antrim to join our Cub Scout pack and join the fun. If you want to sign up, we will be having a sign-up night on **Wednesday, September 10** at the Presbyterian Church on Main Street in downtown Antrim **from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** (drive around the back to park). If you miss that, you are always welcome to email me at jennylc@tds.net. I hope to see you this fall!

Submitted by Jenny Colby, CubMaster, Pack 2

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Norway Pond Festival Singers Ninth Season Begins on September 11

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Christian Nestell Bovee

It is time to start singing again! **Rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 11** and we are hoping to entice a few more women from Hancock and neighboring towns to join the 24 women already enrolled.

Rehearsals are from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. at Jody Simpson's home on Main Street in Hancock. Rehearsing at this time of day makes it possible for moms of school age children to sing and then pick up their kids. And it is conceivable that women who work nearby, might be able to take a longer lunch hour once a week!

We have a couple of moms who sing with us and whose kids sing with Junior Mints. The concerts when both groups sing really take on another dimension with two generations participating.

In the fall, we work for six weeks on Christmas music, which we refresh later in December and then present at the Hancock Family **Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 20**. The music is varied, challenging and fun. The rehearsals move at a lively pace and 90 minutes fly by. If you are even slightly interested, feel free to give Jody Simpson a call at 525.9303 or send her an email at jhspals@aol.com with questions. You can also go to our website for more information: www.musicinnorwaypond.org.

Submitted by Jody Simpson

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Junior Minstrels

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Calling All Junior Mints!

The Norway Pond Junior Minstrels reconvene for the fall session in late October.

What do you get when you put 25 children, ages 6 to 14, in a big room in Hancock, NH, together with a top-notch pianist and a renowned children's conductor?

The irrepressible, irresistible, surprisingly excellent Norway Pond Junior Minstrels, fondly known as the Junior Mints!

These kids pull off some amazing feats, under the direction of their conductor, Jody Hill Simpson, founder and artistic director *emerita* of the acclaimed Boston-based Performing Artists at Lincoln School (PALS) Children's Chorus, and assisted by one of the region's top pianists, Mary Ann Fleming.

They meet for two sessions during the school year, one in late October, November and December, and the other in March, April and early May. Regular rehearsals are on Tuesday afternoons with additional ones scheduled as the performance approaches.

Their wide age-range makes them unique among children's choruses, bringing satisfying and surprising depth to their performances.

In the fall, they sing... and what fine singing they do! They learn all of the important vocal skills, including breathing, well-pronounced vowels and consonants, dynamics, attacks, releases... brought to an exciting climax for the Hancock Family Christmas Concert. Most importantly, the children experience the joy that comes from the power they feel when they connect meaningfully with the audience.

In the spring, they reconvene and put on a musical production – *Honk, Wizard of Oz, 1776* and *Damn Yankees* in the past four years. The singing skills learned during the fall session are brought to bear, and these shows have awed the audience, many of whom are not even related to the kids. People come because the shows have become legendary must-sees in the region!

The ensemble is limited to 25 children and spaces are filled on a first-come-first-served basis with priority given to returning members. There are no auditions, but parents are asked to pre-screen their children to make sure they can match pitch fairly well and also have good attention spans. A commitment to the rehearsal/performance schedule is the most important requirement when signing up. Tuition is \$100 per session.

Rehearsals are on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:30 in Hancock. The **first rehearsal is on October 28**. There will be a few extra rehearsals in December. The **concert is on Saturday, December 20**.

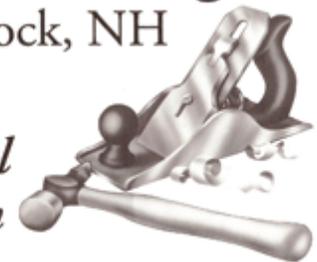


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If you think you have a future Junior Minstrel in your family, give Jody Simpson a call at 525.9303 or send her an email at jhspals@aol.com to add your child to our waiting list. We should know how many spaces we have by early October.

Submitted by Jody Simpson

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Sept 5 (Fri) Easy-going Hike in Wales Preserve–

Join Ollie Mutch and Lee Baker for a moderately easy, 2.5-mile hike through the Wales Preserve, mostly following scenic Gridley Brook. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the parking area beside Ocean State Job Lot in Peterborough (at the intersection of Routes 101 and 202). Back by 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Ollie at 978.386.5318, wapack@peoplepc.com, or Lee at 603.525.5262, snowman3137@gmail.com.

Sept 11 (Thurs) Watermark Film Showing–

Shot in stunning high-definition, this award-winning documentary film presents twenty stories from around the globe that explore the questions: how does water shape us, and how do we shape water? Christine Destremes – founding director of Art for Water, a nonprofit organization that draws attention to global water crises through participatory art – will introduce this must-see film. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Putnam Theater at Keene State College. For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at thelen@harriscenter.org. Cosponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education with the Monadnock Conservancy and the Keene State College Film Society.

Sept 13 (Sat) Raptor Release at Pack

Monadnock–Join us as New Hampshire Audubon releases a rehabilitated raptor at Pack Monadnock in Peterborough. Hawkwatching will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with the release scheduled for 1:00 p.m. This event is free, wheelchair accessible, and open to the public (except for the admission fee to Miller State Park). Please plan on arriving early.

Shuttles will be taking visitors up and down the mountain. Sponsored by NH Audubon. For more information, visit www.nh Audubon.org.

Sept 14 (Sun) 37th Annual Crotched Mountain

Hawkwatch–Francie Von Mertens (“Backyard Birder” columnist for the Monadnock Ledger) and Meade Cadot (Harris Center Naturalist Emeritus) will be spotting the hawks from Crotched Mountain. On good days, we’ve seen Broad-winged Hawks by the hundreds, and even Ospreys and Bald Eagles. From Route 31 in Greenfield, turn uphill at the sign to Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center. Parking is on the left, just past the entrance to the center. It’s a 10-minute hike up to the watch site on Blueberry Ridge. Come anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Francie at vonmertens@myfairpoint.net.

Sept 20 (Sat) Cheshire Rail Trail by Bicycle–

A moderately strenuous, 25-mile bike ride following the Cheshire Rail Trail from Westmoreland to Walpole. Bring water and lunch, and meet at 10:00 a.m. across from the Old Summit Restaurant on Route 12 (a large brown building, about 1/4 mile west of the Keene Recycling Center) in Westmoreland. Back by 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact trip leaders Russ Daigle at 603.477.7506 or Brian Bishoff at bjbeam2@myfairpoint.net.

Sept 21 (Sun) Gates Mountain Hike–

A moderately strenuous, 4.5-mile hike on old town roads to the summit of Gates Mountain in South Acworth. We’ll pass by the remains of the oldest house in South Acworth and New Hampshire’s only gnome home. Bring water and lunch, and enjoy views of Okemo, Killington, Sunapee, the Lempster Wind Farm, and Mount Ascutney. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the South Acworth Village Store on Route 123A. Back by 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact trip leaders Russ Daigle at 603.477.7506 or Denny Wheeler at 603.313-0350.

Sept 26 (Fri) First Session of “Nature’s Play”–

Fridays, September 26, October 3, and October 10, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Harris Center–For children ages 4 through 7 and their family members–\$5 for Harris Center members/\$10 for non-members–Join Harris Center naturalist Susie Spikol Faber for three Fridays in autumn to explore the secret nooks and crannies of the Harris Center’s

grounds. These afternoons will be child-led and all about free play in the outdoors, regardless of the weather. Children will be encouraged to discover the earth and its offerings as the best playing spaces ever made. Make a mud pie, peel a walking stick, become a chipmunk, and snuggle up in a cozy den! Parents are encouraged to stay and play, too. Contact Susie at spikol@harriscenter.org for more information. To register, contact Sara at 603.525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

Sept 27 (Sat) First Session of “Saturday Rambles Through the Seasons”—Saturdays, September 27, October 18, and November 15, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Harris Center—Note: The November 15 ramble leaves from Hunts Pond—For elementary-aged children—\$10 per hike for Harris Center members/\$15 for non-members—Come walk through autumn, exploring the season’s many changes. Each hike will be an easy amble with trail games and wildlife searches as you go. Hikes go regardless of weather, so bring your galoshes and dress for the day. Sign up for all four or just one, but pre-registration is required. To register, contact Sara at 603.525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

Sept 27 (Sat) Mount Watatic Hike—Located on the Massachusetts-New Hampshire border, Mount Watatic offers a 360-degree view from the summit. Join us for a moderately easy, 2.2-mile hike to the top. If conditions are right, we’ll see migrating hawks, eagles, falcons, and warblers too. Bring water and lunch, and meet at 9:00 a.m. at Yankee Publishing in Dublin to carpool. Back by 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact trip leader Tom Warren at twassociates@myfairpoint.net

Sept 28 (Sun) New Zealand Horizons Slide Show—This year Meade Cadot and Sandy Taylor checked off their “Bucket List” a trip to New Zealand. For most of the voyage, their traveling companions were close friends Ann and Steve Demeranville, who are frequent international travelers. Steve is an award-winning photographer whose photos have been published in National Geographic and Yankee magazines. Their collective photos have been edited into an engaging presentation of their grand tour, which includes stunning scenery, both town and country – as well as wildlife encounters, up close and personal. Meade will give an introduction to the trip’s itinerary and

share some observations on New Zealand’s forest management and wildlife conservation. 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Harris Center. For more information, contact Meade at cadot@harriscenter.org.

Submitted by Margaret Baker



Kristen Vance, Director

Let the bidding begin! –Do your holiday shopping AND support The Grapevine through the First Annual Grapevine Online Auction **November 2 to November 30** where you’ll find over 300 items from antiques and art, to show tickets and handmade items, to gift certificates and services. Much like a silent auction, but run online. It is also a great way for local businesses, artists and other vendors to promote their goods and services. Please watch for more information – and let the bidding begin! Have something you would like to donate to the auction? Please give us a call at 588.2620. All proceeds support Grapevine programs and services.

Firewood donations needed—The wood bank is in need of firewood. Our favorite form is cut-split-delivered, but we can come to your place to cut and haul tree lengths as well. Your donation is tax-deductible. And we’re always looking for volunteers to join the Community Wood Bank Team. People with chainsaws and trucks are especially encouraged, but we could really use volunteers who would like to get a good workout splitting and stacking as well. Call Kristen at 588.2620 to help.

Come play with us—If you enjoy active play with young children and have some experience, The Grapevine’s children’s enrichment program might be the right fit for you. We are looking for a weekly volunteer (3 hours per week) for our morning program. You will be well supported by our great program staff. Call 588.2620 and ask for Beth to learn more.

Coffee House Open Mic—Thursday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m.—Heard it through The Grapevine Music Series presents a coffee house Open Mic with featured artist The Kingsnakes at Avenue A, 42 Main Street in Antrim. Visit the Heard it Facebook page for more on this and upcoming open mics, always on

the first Thursday. Geared to adults, but teen musicians welcome (you'll get to play early in the evening). \$5 donation requested at the door, Parker House Coffee and hors-d'oeuvre from Fiddleheads Café and Houghton Farms by donation. All proceeds support Grapevine programs and services.

Weekly Children's Programs Begin September 8-

The Grapevine welcomes all children birth to 5 years of age and their parents to our weekly children's programs.

- Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.—Better Beginnings playgroups and parent groups
- Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.—The Learning Vine preschool
- Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.—Better Beginnings for Babies—expectant parents welcome

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– for children 4- and 5-years-old. This hands-on program focuses on social interaction and problem solving skills in a small group setting to help prepare children for school in a fun and engaging environment. The Learning Vine has been taught by Carol Lunan, M.Ed, for the past twelve years. Both parent-cooperative and drop-off options are available.

Please call Beth at 588.2620 to sign up for programs, or for more information. Visit our website at www.grapevinenh.org/

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information call 588.2620. We gratefully accept donations, which are tax deductible. No contribution is too small—or too big! Please make your check payable to The Grapevine and mail it to PO Box 637, Antrim 03440.

Avenue A Teen Center

Greetings from the Avenue A Teen Center on 42 Main Street! Some of you may have noticed that we have a whiter and brighter Avenue A, thanks to fresh paint inside and a power wash outside from our landlords Leslie and Paul Belliveau.

On August 26, we took an all-day field trip to the New England Sea Aquarium and Quincy Market in Boston with twelve teens, accompanied by three adults. The cost to the teens was only \$10, quite a bargain, considering that the cost of admission plus IMAX and transportation was a good bit higher than that even with a group discount. Thank you to Sue Smith for helping to organize and supervise! Look for more field trips like these in the coming year!

In late September and early October, we will be organizing an after school program for middle school students that will focus on arts, crafts and nature. Talented volunteers will work with youth, and we hope that we can take advantage of the late bus that leaves from the middle school. We will be providing more specific information on the Great Brook Morning show, on our Facebook page, in the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript community calendar and posters around the area.

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Friday night open hours at Avenue A continue from **5:00 to 9:00 p.m.** for teens age 13 to 18. We are looking to revive our Open Mic and karaoke nights during this time, and are looking for donations of the following items: electric piano/keyboard, acoustic guitar, electric guitar and bass guitar, as well as a working karaoke machine. Please contact Heidi at The Grapevine at 588.2620, send a message on Facebook, or send an email to avenueateencenter@gmail.com.

Also, save the date for our annual **Halloween party** for 13- to 18-year-old teens on **October 31** during Friday open hours!

Just as a reminder, tutoring is available in English, math and science, as well as college search and financial aid advice, upon appointment at Avenue A.

Some things currently on our wish list: a digital TV with HDMI hookup, a decent stereo system, a dish rack, lamps, and of course, VOLUNTEERS to staff our Friday night open hours and after-school programs. Please get in touch if you can donate or volunteer!

Thanks so much for your support of Avenue A Teen Center. Happy Fall!

Submitted by Heidi Schultz, Coordinator



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.

Sunday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m.–Classical Indian Dance with Neela Zareen AT THE VESTRY!!!–Welcome to an evening of Kuchipudi performance, an Indian classical dance form rich in ancient tradition, exuberant rhythm and graceful storytelling. The artist depicts tales of deities from the Hindu tradition. See the all-pervasive Lord Shiva perform his cosmic dance, mighty Goddess Durga combat demons and the lotus-eyed Lord Krishna coming to the rescue of a beautiful princess. Please join us at

the Hancock Vestry for an evening of classical Indian dance with Neela Zareen of New York City. Dr. Zareen has been training in Indian classical dance for the past 15 years. Don't miss this fascinating glimpse into another culture! Free and open to all.

Monday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m.–Rosaly Bass: *Organic! A Gardener's Handbook*–Rosaly Bass will be here to discuss *Organic! A Gardener's Handbook*, her book filled with practical advice gathered from over 40 years of raising vegetables and flowers at Rosaly's Garden in Peterborough. Rosaly's Garden sprouted from a few seeds planted in 1973. It's grown to be New Hampshire's oldest and largest organic farm. In *Organic!*, Rosaly Bass shares practical advice for gardeners and farmers who want to grow organic. Learn best practices, from planting and watering to pest control. Learn how to grow vegetables, berries, herbs and flowers exactly the way Rosaly grows them. Plus, harvesting and storage tips, and even a few recipes. Free and open to all.

Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m.–*The Pellet Stove Almanack* with Ken MacDonald–Join Ken MacDonald as he talks about his book, *The Pellet Stove Almanack* which explores all aspects of purchasing and owning a wood pellet stove from the consumer's point of view. The book describes the savings, comfort, environmental benefits, convenience and safety inherent in these stoves. Pellet stoves offer stark contrast to outmoded conventional heating systems – found in most homes – which are based on technology perfected just after the Civil War. Free and open to all.

Thursday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m.–The Sharing Housing Option: Why It's a Really Good Idea–Join Annamarie Pluhar, author of *Sharing Housing: A Guidebook for Finding and Keeping Good Housemates* and learn why having a home-mate is a fabulous idea for mature, self-reliant adults. A "home-mate" is a person you share a home with by mutual agreement for the benefits of cost, company, cooperation, and comfort. The key is finding the right person. Come if you are intrigued by this idea. Annamarie Pluhar, M.Div., helps self-reliant, mature adults discover how they can share a home with other(s) for the benefits of cost, company, cooperation and comfort. She became an expert on

sharing housing through twenty or more years of personal experience combined with expertise in group process and interpersonal relations. A facilitator and training professional, she has worked with clients in Fortune 100 firms, as well as non-profits. She has appeared on numerous radio shows, in print and on the web. Free and open to all.

Tuesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m.–Author Archer Mayor–Mystery fans have a treat in store when Archer Mayor, author of the *New York Times* bestselling, Vermont-based mystery series featuring detective Joe Gunther, appears here at the Hancock Town Library! A funny and lively storyteller, Mayor keeps fans entertained. A death investigator for Vermont's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and a detective for the Windham County (VT) Sheriff's Office, Archer Mayor has authored 24 Joe Gunther police procedurals based on real-world field experience. The result is greater depth, detail, and veracity for his characters and their tribulations. The *New York Times* calls him "the boss man on procedures." Booklist: "Mayor's Joe Gunther novels are among the best cop stories being written today." This program is in honor of all our volunteers at the Hancock Town Library and is made possible by the Friends of the Library. Free and open to all. Come early, this will be a well-attended event!

Wednesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m.–Walk With Me: 500 Miles Along Spain's Camino de

Santiago with Heidi Niemela Thomas–Walk 500 miles across Spain?! Every year, thousands of modern-day pilgrims walk a centuries-old trail leading to the tomb of St. James in Santiago, Spain. What is the Camino de Santiago, and why are so many drawn to making this journey today? Heidi Niemela Thomas will tell us about her pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago, which she accomplished in the fall of 2013 walking from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port in France to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Heidi will share her story through breathtaking photography and the inspirational video she produced. Hear about one woman recognizing her courage to accomplish her dream. Ms. Thomas lives in Dublin, New Hampshire with her husband and two daughters. Free and open to all.

Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m.–The B.A.A. at 125: The Official History of the Boston Athletic Association with Author John Hanc–When most people think of the Boston Athletic Association, they think of the Boston Marathon. If you're one of those people, John Hanc wants to expand your thinking. Hanc, a senior writer for *Runner's World*, is the author of *The B.A.A. at 125*, a surprisingly rich and varied history of the organization behind, yes, the world's most famous marathon, but also many other developments in the intersection of sports and society in American history. John Hanc's eleven books include the award-winning memoirs, *The Coolest Race on Earth* about his experience running



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the Antarctica Marathon; and *Not Dead Yet*, the story of type 1 diabetic bike racer Phil Southerland. He is a longtime columnist and contributor to *Newsday* in New York and a contributing editor to *Runner's World magazine*. His work also appears in *The New York Times*, *Family Circle*, *Smithsonian* and *Yoga Journal*. Hanc teaches journalism and communications at the New York Institute of Technology in Old Westbury. A graduate of Emerson College in Boston, he earned his master's degree at the journalism school of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He resides in Farmingdale, New York. Free and open to all. Special thanks to Paul Hertneky for making Mr. Hanc's appearance here possible!

Monday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m.—Author Castle Freeman—Castle Freeman is the author of six novels, fifty short stories and, as he writes, “rather more” than a hundred essays and other nonfiction. His writing is funny, poignant and spot on about rural northern New England. Please come in during the month of September to check out one of his books (we have several), because once you read him you won't want to miss this chance to see him in person. Here's what the critics say about Mr. Freeman's writing: “Freeman's beautifully cadenced dialogue is rich with humor, philosophic depth and a near-mythic sensibility.”— *Publisher's Weekly*. And this, from Kirkus, “*Go With Me* is a small masterpiece of black comedy and suspense about a trio of backwoods heroes who embark upon a modern-day quest... If all novels were this good, Americans would read more.” Free and open to all.

From the Children's Room

Rennie Timm, Children's Librarian

Thank you everyone who participated in our “Fizz, Boom Read” summer reading program!

Our Grand Prize winners: Mallory Mason and Anthony Spinale won a stuffed dog and companion created by Anne Kenney. Addy Charron claimed the large stuffed panda and the books *Perfect Time for Panda* and *Chu's First Day of School*. Kady Bedard was the recipient of the Kindle Fire. Congratulations!

This year's summer reading program had 87 children participating, with over 1,560 hours logged in and accounted for. AMAZING, keep on reading!!!

We had a number of new programs this summer: Animals with Bad Reputations, Science Exploratorium, Art Meets Author with Miss Melody, PAWS to Reading with Toven, Merry Music with Miss Katy. Programs were well attended and enjoyed by all. Our finale performance by ‘Norman Ng the Magician’ topped our all-time record with 125 in attendance.

A special thank you to the Friends of the Hancock Town Library, The Hancock Woman's Club and Anne Kenney for all their support and contributions that made our summer program possible.

Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.—September 4, 11 and 25—Laptop Toddler Storytime—Walking and talking, this 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, 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.

Save the dates for upcoming programs in October!

First Wednesday of the month (note the new day)—October 1 from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.—Block Party: Lego®—Join us for a hands-on learning opportunity for children to explore how things work. LEGO® bricks are provided by the library. No registration required, feel free to drop in anytime. All ages welcome.

Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.—October 2, 16, 23 and 30—Laptop Toddler Storytime—See description above.

Tuesday, October 14 from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m.—Arts and Crafts—Creative fun crafts for all ages to make and take. Enjoy a snack and embrace the spirit of the season. Recommended for elementary and middle school students. Parents are encouraged to join in the fun with younger children. Registration preferred. Last minute drop-ins welcome.

Thursday, October 30 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.—Halloween Activities to be announced—Coming

soon will be books from the Libri Foundation Grant, keep a lookout on our library blog or Facebook page for their arrival.

What's happening at the Hancock Professional Center

15 Forest Road, Hancock

"A negative mind will never give you a positive life."

Victoria Chapman

Our staff of holistic practitioners at Hancock Holistic Healthcare wish all of you a wonderful and safe Labor Day holiday weekend.

We are at present taking registrations for the **SomaEnergetics Sound Therapy Phase I** workshop scheduled on **Saturday and Sunday, September 13 and 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** on both days. Workshop fee includes manual, materials, teaching and demonstrations by a

professional certified teacher, hands-on experience with volunteer clients. 12 contact hours for massage therapists. Sound therapy is the leading edge in Energy Medicine and proven to be effective in restoring the human body to a healthy state of being. For further information, call Arlene Smith 603.933.3294

September 21 is Psychic Sunday at Life Path Energies from **11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, Riverview Mill Building, 33 Howard Street, Wilton, NH.

Astrology analysis report complete with chart and one hour consultation: \$40.00. Angel card readings: \$1.00/minute, 25 minutes limit.

Soul Aura Portrait Artistry including channeled interpretation and sound therapy enhancement: \$80.00. Client receives a personal soul aura portrait to take home, suitable for framing, plus a personal, private interpretation and sound therapy complementing the personal aura. For scheduling, call Jeanne Larssen 603.654.3330.



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Submitted by Arlene Smith



Circle of Strength Military Support Group

The Circle of Strength Military Support Group will meet at the Monadnock Community Hospital Bond Wellness Center conference room on **Saturday, September 6, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** to review our Holiday Care Package fund-raiser information and to suggest other ideas. If you would like to attend, or if you know of a troop to whom you would like for us to send a care package, please email me at ellsworthsusan@ymail.com. Thank you for your support!

Submitted by Susan Ellsworth

Hancock Farmers Market



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The Hancock Farmers Market will hold a raffle

drawing on the first Saturday of every month. Benefits will go to the Hancock Community Supper.

Submitted by Susan Beers

News from Fish & Game

Proposed Hike Safe Card Rule Hearing
Set for September 8, 2014

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department will hold a public hearing on proposed rules to establish a voluntary hike safe card on **Monday, September 8, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.** at the N.H. Fish

and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH.

The proposed rules would govern the online purchase and issuance of voluntary hike safe cards. The program would become effective on January 1, 2015.

A hike safe card is one of the documents whose possession exempts a person from liability to the Department for the reasonable cost of a search and rescue response due to the person's negligence.

The complete rulemaking notice and initial proposal with proposed rule language can be viewed at www.wildnh.com/Legislative/Notices_summary.htm

Written comments must be received by September 15, 2014. Send to comments@wildlife.nh.gov (use subject line Comments on Hike Safe Card rules); or write to Executive Director, N.H. Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301, or fax to 603.271.1438.

From N.H. Fish & Game Newsletters

Monadnock Humane Society

First Annual Wheels 4 Paws
Charity Motorcycle Ride



Monadnock Humane Society is pleased to announce a new fund-raising event – the First Annual Wheels 4 Paws (W4P) Charity Motorcycle Ride. On **Saturday, September 6**, motorcyclists will gather on the grounds of MHS in Swanzy to ride together on a 100-mile pre-determined route

through beautiful, scenic paved roads of New Hampshire, led by seasoned bikers. There will be one stop along the way to refuel. The group will return to MHS where riders will be treated to a barbecue, music with a deejay, a 50/50 Raffle and a Brown Bag Raffle with items donated by local businesses.

Commemorative T-shirts will be available.

Participants are asked to fund-raise in advance, rather than pay a registration fee, and all proceeds will go to the care of the homeless animals (fund-raising tools are available on the MHS website at

www.monadnockhumanesociety.org. To create an online fundraising page or sponsor a rider, visit <https://www.firstgiving.com/monadnockhumane/1st-annual-wheels-4-paws>

W4P event chair, Max Mitchell (who has been leading the Jaffrey Chamber’s motorcycle ride fundraiser for five years) came to MHS with the W4P idea and offered his experience as a leader and a motorcyclist. “I saw this event as a natural fit for Monadnock Humane Society,” said Mitchell. “Bikers are real animal lovers and are also known for being incredibly generous. I can't wait to do this ride with others who love animals as much as I do.”

Michelle Thevenin, MHS Executive Director, said, “everyone is very excited about the potential of this event to raise a lot of much-needed funds for MHS. We're reaching a new audience of people who are passionate about helping animals, and we hope this will bring even more awareness to our mission.”

If you love animals, then join the many other bikers who do too, and come out to show your love and support at the First Annual Wheels 4 Paws Charity Motorcycle Ride to benefit the homeless animals of Monadnock Humane Society.

Event Details—Ride begins and ends at Monadnock Humane Society, 101 West Swanzey Road, Swanzey, NH

- Registration opens at 10:00 a.m.
- Kickstands up at noon
- After Party 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Don’t ride? No problem! Consider cheering the riders on as they embark on their journey at noon. And, of course, we hope you’ll support MHS by sponsoring one of the riders. Your donation is 100% tax-deductible. MHS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Gifts can be matched by your company – inquire with your company rep for more details.

For questions regarding the route or participating in the route, call Max Mitchell at 603.582.8233 or email him at maddmaxx67@myfairpoint.net. For more information on the event, and for ride requirements, please visit our website at www.monadnockhumanesociety.org

Businesses—If you are interested in sponsoring this event with either a cash sponsorship or donating a raffle item, contact Carol Laughner for more information at caroll@humanecommunity.org, or 603.352.9011, ext. 115.

Submitted by Carol Laughner

Hancock Hours and Meetings

Please review your listings and correct as needed by emailing happenings@hancocknh.org

Tax Collector - Monday & Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. or by appointment;

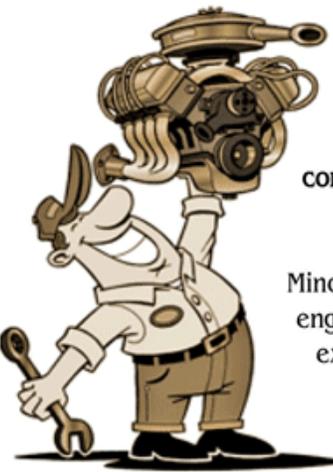
Town Clerk – Monday 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Wednesday 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.;

Town Dump and Demolition Hours – Wednesday 3:00-7:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.;

Selectboard – Starting April 14, 2014, the meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday and 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday at the Barbara Caverly Meeting Room.

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Applications must be received prior to the end of the preceding month to be included in the schedule and satisfy notification requirements. The Planning Board may hold working sessions for planning purposes the first Wednesday of every month; Barbara Caverly Meeting Room

Zoning Board – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays as needed at 7:00 p.m., Barbara Caverly Meeting Room, meetings will be noticed;

Advisory Committee – as noticed, Town Office;

Conservation Commission – 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., Town Office 2nd floor;

HEAT Committee – 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Town Office;

Historic District Commission – 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., Barbara Caverly Meeting Room;

Hancock Library Trustees – 4th Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Daniels Room;

Recreation Committee – 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Town Office;

Town Archives Committee – 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Town Office Archives Room;

Water Commissioners – 4th Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., DPW;

Dump Committee – 3rd Tuesday at 4:00 p.m., DPW

Trustees of Trust Funds – as needed, Town Office;

Cemetery Trustees – as needed, Town Office;

Common Commission – every other 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m., Town Office.

Meetinghouse Restoration Committee – as noticed, Meetinghouse

School Board – 1st & 3rd Tuesday, Board Room



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THANK YOU!

Saturday, August 16, was another beautiful day for Hancock's 135th Old Home Day, and what a fun day it was. From the Friday night Ice Cream Social, right through to the annual Sunday OHD Tennis Tournament (which ran right up through the afternoon!) and the BBQ, everyone seemed to have a great time. I know I did. The dunk tank was a hit. It looks like we will have that back again next year. Thanks again to Chief Cassidy, Chief Wood, Kurt Grasset and Jim Mose for stepping up to support Hancock Old Home Day! They all got dunked several times and the water was chilly.



*Just want to send my congratulations to everyone who made this Old Home Day one of the absolute best I've ever experienced! Here's a picture of our big moment.
Herb Gardner*

Thank you also to all the other many people who work to make OHD happen: event organizers and volunteers – Hunt Dowse, Greg Cass, Judy Copeland, First Congregational Church, Friends of the Library, Cal Ripken Baseball, Hancock Historical Society, Hancock Synchro Sistahs, Hancock Woman's Club, Kristin Harris, Marylou O'Neil, Art Hixson, Amy Sulborski, Lori Jarest, Monica Laskey-Rigrod, Peg McLeod, Pat Newcomb, Roberta Nylander, Peter and Sarah Sandback, Kary Shumway, Cindy Hixson, Angie Ramsden, Ginger Smith, Sue Francis, Francie von Mertens, Rodney Hixson, Robert and John Martin, Kristen Bernier and Harry Pollock, and, of course, my fellow Committee members John Hayes and Cindy Hixson.

Thank you to all the people whose job it is to take care of our Town. Old Home Day would not happen without these people: Diane Kendall, Hancock Department of Public Works, Hancock Fire Department, Hancock Police Department, Hancock Recreation Committee, Nahida Sherman.

Thanks to all who made donations, Always Code Electric, Norway Hill Orchard, Longview Forest Products, Haley's Service Center, The Hancock Inn, Fiddleheads Café, Mathewson Companies, Jack Roper, and Boyd and Doyle.

The Old Home Day Committee is already planning for next year. Please join us in 2015 as Hancock Old Home Day celebrates our always beautiful and now newly renovated Meetinghouse!

Submitted by Siobhan Martin

ART SHOW

Thanks to all the volunteers who transported the panels (upon which paintings and photos are hung) to and from the Vestry for Old Home Days Art and Photo Show. They are the unsung heroes of the day. Also many thanks to the artists who contributed works and to the volunteers who helped hang the show in such a short time on Saturday morning and who "broke" it all down six hours later!

Submitted by Sue Francis

HANCOCK HOSPITAL AUXILIARY BAKE SALE

How the Hancock Hospital Auxiliary would like to be able to thank each of you personally for donating the fabulous assortment of baked goods and those who made monetary donations. Our sincere appreciation to all of the residents of Hancock, family, friends and guests of Old Home Day who very generously supported the bake sale. This is our only fund-raiser and this has been a wonderful tradition added to the celebration of Old Home Day in Hancock for over 60 years.

As always, it is so very rewarding of the positive response received from the 63 Callers when asked for their help. One can hardly comprehend, but yet so touching to know of the dedication that you all have given to us. We appreciate each and every one of you for volunteering your time to help with all of the telephoning, so that as many Hancock residents can be contacted as possible. It would be impossible to put this bake sale on

and have it a success without all of your help. Our special *Thank You!* goes out to all of the callers as following: Laura Akerley, Adine Aldrich, Kathy Anderson, Kristen Bernier, Jane Billings, Sandy Brooks, Jan Buonanno, Marylou Cassidy, Heidi Chester, Deborah Claflin, Bobbie Coffin, Polly Curran, Sara Dowse, Edna Drasba, Ann Eng, Sandra Faber, Gail Fath, Joanne Frigulietti, Leeni Gravlin-Dunn, Robin Gregg, Sarah Hale, Pam Hall, Shea Higley, Sarah Hutchins, Sandy Jackson, Gert Kanner, Ellen Kidd, Sue Koziell, Diane Loomis, Karen MacQueen, Marion MacWilliam, Robin Mose, Sonja Mucha, Nancy Musarra, Diane Newbury, Karen Nigh, Roberta Nylander, Veda O'Neill, Sherri Paquette, Bev Patten, Marcia Pettee, Deborah Priest, Karen Primiano, Angela Ramsden, Margaret Ray, Linda Renna, Nellie and David Robinson, Paula Rounds, Betsy Salazar, Deborah Sampson, Andrea Small, Lauren Stacy, Debra Thompson, Lynne Way, Holly Wilson, Judy Zanca and Ellena Zimmermann.

A *Thank You!* to Barbara Caverly, Linda Coughlan for helping out prior to the bake sale!

All monies made on the bake sale will be spent for a piece of equipment that will benefit directly many patients at the Monadnock Community Hospital. Last year the proceeds of the bake sale purchased a Lighted Retractor for the Healthy Teeth to Toes.

*Submitted by The Hancock Hospital Auxiliary
Jan Johnson, Terry Lombardi, Karen McCormack,
Marcia Schwartz, Joyce Stevens, Peg McLeod*

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



*3 on 3 Champs: Michael Faber, Paul Faber,
Phil Brown and Henry Walters*

The Team known as the "Hancock Four" took home the 3 on 3 Basketball championship during Old Home Day weekend, defeating Team "TBA" by a score of 11 to 6 in the final. The Hancock Four were led by grizzled veteran ballplayer Paul Faber and his less grizzled younger

brother Michael. "I felt like Kirk Gibson in the 1988 World Series," said Paul Faber. "I was playing on one leg, with a bad back, and two balky ankles. And I had just spent two hours carrying boxes into the library for the book sale." Faber continued, "the only difference between me and Kirk Gibson was that he hit the game winning home run in the series, and I just passed the ball to Michael. Plus Kirk had that cool moustache."

Thanks to all our participants this year. We hope to see you again at Old Home Day 2015!

Submitted by Kary Shumway

PACK, PEDAL & PADDLE RAFFLE

Old Home Days is now behind us and the winners of the Hancock Fire Department Auxiliary's Pack, Pedal & Kayak Raffle have been drawn. The winners are:

- Kayak: Linda Mason of Hancock
- Mountain Bike: Daithi Monahan who is 8-years-old and whose grandmother lives in Dublin.
- Hydration Pack: Cathy Riley of Hancock

Thank you to all who bought tickets!

Submitted by John Jordan

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