



News from the Selectboard

Erik Spitzbarth, Chairman for the Selectboard

APPOINTMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS:

The BOS approved the following appointments:

Contoocook River Advisory – Kenneth Messina,

Zoning Board Alternate – Jeff Reder,

Cemetery Trustee – Dennis Rossiter (for balance of open 2017 term),

Historic District Commission – Fred Heyliger,

Old Home Days Committee – Melody Russell 3 yr term

The board expresses special appreciation and accolades to the OHD committee, Recreation Committee, Fire Department, and the many helping hands that volunteered their time and talents in making this year's "New Life for Old Treasures" another success.

"KEEPING YOUR HEAD ABOVE WATER"

gave new meaning to the Synchro Sistahs:

Adine Aldrich, Alex Murray-Golay, Amy Markus, Barbara Schweigert, Cynthia Nichols, Jan Buonanno, Jess Codman (choreographer), Julie Brown, Lizzy Cohen, Sadie Faber, and Tracy Grissom as they performed at the *Fake Lake* due to Norway Pond's last minute closing to swimmers! Special kudos go out to the "Sistahs" for continuing their performance and showing us true grit and belief in "the show must go on".

FOLLOW THE MONEY: Ever wonder where those tax dollars go when we buy fuel for our personal vehicles in NH? Well the BOS received some good tax payer news from the NH Department of Transportation (DOT). Our Hancock Highway Block Grant Aid appears to be fully funded for fiscal year 2016 (Jul 1, 2015 – Jun 30, 2016). We will be receiving approximately \$88,448.28 towards repair and maintenance of our town roads from the state. Statutory provisions call for a disbursement of approximately \$1,235.00 per mile of Class IV & Class V roads in town along with an \$11.00 per capita resident head-count. Now you know :)

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WATER in Norway Pond is a science experiment in the making. The self energizing cyanobacteria bloom that was detected relies on sunlight to drive the process of photosynthesis, absorbing (fixing) CO² and using water as an electron donor that produces oxygen as a byproduct...all essential to our well being and life on earth. That being said, we don't necessarily want to swim in it. :(

The town contracts water testing three times during the summer for concentrations of *Oscillatoria* with the Department of Environmental Services (DES). Our physical observation of a "bloom" situation initiated an additional test that confirmed we had approached a "no swimming" advisory. Our safe guarding process had worked. For those that want to know more about cyanobacteria, search the web or go to the DES website: http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/beaches/faq_cyanobacteria.htm

Labor Day, Monday September 7th

The Town office will be closed in observance
of the Labor Day Holiday

Hancock Happenings Mission Statement

Hancock Happenings is the monthly newsletter of the Town of Hancock, established in 1999 for the purpose of publishing news articles by Town Departments and local organizations. The publication is self-supported through the sale of block and classified advertising. *Hancock Happenings* is not a forum for opinion pieces of any nature, political advertising and political columns; any such submissions will be edited or rejected.

Hancock Fire & Rescue

Nevan Cassidy, Chief, Hancock Fire Department

On Top of Old Smokey....

On the evening of Thursday, August 6th, we were toned out for a sighting of smoke from a passer-by on Rt. 202. After about an hour, we zeroed in on the area of Vatcher Road and Windy Row, judging by the noses of firefighters with a better sense of smell than me. John Pirkey hiked up a very steep hillside to the top of a knoll to find a decent sized brush fire burning. We had to call several Mutual Aid towns to come help us with this, due to the remote location. Our best access was up Hayward Road, and then through the woods. (This used to be part of the "King's Highway", the road the English used to haul out huge pines for masts for the Royal Navy. History lesson for the day...)

All in all, we had about 40 men and women from five towns bush-whack up the hill to fight this fire, carrying everything on their backs. It's bad enough fighting a brush fire if you have forestry hoses and daylight, but we had neither. At about 10pm, we sent everyone home. Hancock crews went back up the hill twice on Friday and once more on Sunday to put out the last hot spots. This particular fire was started by a lightning strike to a big tree about three days earlier, so it had plenty of time to burn deep into the ground. It took a lot of grunt work to dig up all the burning material lodged down between the rocks and roots on that hilltop. Captain Mark Thompson leads a forestry training for our members every year in how to dig firelines with hand tools to prevent a fire from spreading, and he did a great job leading the crews doing so at this incident. My thanks to every member who hiked that hill multiple times.

Thank you to everyone who came downtown for Old Home Days, and partook of our Annual Chicken Barbeque. Because of the intermittent rain, our ticket numbers were down a bit, but we still had a good time feeding hundreds of hungry people under our big tent. I owe a Thank You to the spouses and kids of HFD members, and all the others that materialize every year to help us out with serving that much food.

Seven Maples Campground invited us all to their new pool the day after Old Home Day. We spent several hours in their pool, putting the water slides to the test, and then enjoyed their own barbeque; not chicken! Our thanks to the Seven Maples crew for a great afternoon

August Raffle Winners:

Carol Domingue, \$40; Janet and Jerry Willis, \$20; Lynne McEwan, Natalie Cass, Sara Gervasio, \$10 each.



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September 13th
Garden Veg & Goat Cheese Tart
Wild Mushroom Chicken Roulade
Tarte Tatin

September 20th
End of Summer Soup
Lasagna
Tiramisu

September 27th
Dumplings
General Taos's Chicken with
Pork Fried Rice
Ice Cream

5:30PM – 7:00PM
Sunday Supper \$17.89 per person
Excludes tax, gratuity & beverage

Reservations Encouraged
603-525-3318 www.hancockinn.com

Dump News

Caged Metal Bottles: You may have noticed the open-topped cage that was recently placed near the “cans” recycling windows (the first windows to the left) at the Recycling Center. Residents may recycle emptied metal bottles such as portable propane bottles/tanks, CO2 cartridges, helium tanks, etc. These metal gas bottles should be emptied or depressurized before recycling them. Used fire extinguishers may also be recycled here.

**TOWN OF HANCOCK
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DATES
FALL 2015 at the KEENE RECYCLING CENTER**

Saturday September 12 th	Wednesday September 16 th	Saturday September 26 th
Saturday October 3 rd	Wednesday October 14 th	Saturday October 24 th

Hours: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

The FINAL COLLECTION DATE for 2015 is Saturday, October 24th. Next collection for household hazardous waste will resume in March 2016 at the Keene Recycling Center.

WHAT TO BRING:

PRODUCTS MARKED TOXIC,
POISON, CORROSIVE, IRRITANT,
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DANGER, or PRODUCTS
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WHAT NOT TO BRING:

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AMMUNITION, FIREWORKS,
RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS,
MAKE-UP, or TOILETRIES

All collections take place at the Keene Recycling Center off Route 12 North of Keene. Containers must be labeled and not larger than 5 gallons. Do Not Mix Materials. Rechargeable and wet cell batteries are accepted. No pre-registration is required – just take your material to the Keene Recycling Center on any of the days listed, 8am to 1pm. There is NO CHARGE for residents of Hancock, but bring your driver’s license or registration.

To get to the Keene Recycling Center at 55 Old Summit Road, Keene, NH: go North on Route 12 from Keene (toward Walpole). The entrance is at the top of the hill on the left. Questions? Call 525.4087.

Submitted by Dennis Caldwell



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ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

This Sculptor's Path: Poetry, Painting, and Sculpture

Scott Cunningham majored in English Literature at Yale University and studied jewelry, blacksmithing, sculpture, and painting at the Penland School in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina and at the Haystack School on Deer Isle in Maine. He started his art career as a potter. Later, he was drawn by the direct use of fire to blacksmithing and welded steel sculpture.

"How can meaning be found in metal shapes that comprise my sculpture?"

This is a question I have asked myself on a number of occasions. And yet, like music, with its incredible ranges of emotion and gesture, the power of visual art in sculpture and painting lies at the edge of meaning. It cannot be explained but instead must be experienced and perceived. I get pleasure in making something that gets it right."



3 Circles 2 Squares
By Scott Cunningham

Scott's show can be viewed in the Daniels Room through the entire month of September and until October 1st.



2 1/2 Circles
By Scott Cunningham

His work also is currently in an exhibit of outdoor sculpture at The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens on Lake Sunapee in Newbury, New Hampshire. He and his wife, Kim, will open their studios on October 10th and 11th, for the annual Monadnock Art Tour.

The Daniels Room is open during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2:00 to 6:00pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00am to 7:00pm; and Saturday, 10:00am to 4:00pm. The library is closed Friday and Sunday.

Please be sure to check with the library (525-4411) before traveling any distance to view the show as the Daniels Room is sometimes reserved for community meetings.

Submitted by Sandy Taylor



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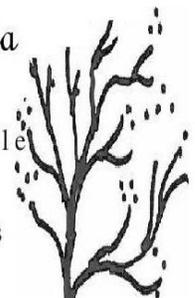
Maria Belva, Director

The Skylarks (ages 5-7)
Trebles (grades 2-4)
Choristers (grades 5-8)
Cecilia Ensemble (Young women, grades 9-12)

The Hancock Area Watercolor group will resume weekly classes at 9:30a.m. on Wednesday, September, 9th. Classes are held at the Church Vestry. All levels of experience are welcome. For more info call Sue Francis at 525-3313.

The Yellow Magnolia Antiques

Bittersweet Summer Sale
September 25, 26, 27
15% off everything
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<http://www.hancocknh.org/hancock-happenings>

THANK YOU PAGE

Despite a couple of obstacles, one predicted (rain), one not (blue/green algae !?), Hancock Old Home Day 2015 was a lot of fun. The plan for the day seemed to be chuck the plans and improvise, and it all worked out fine. As always OHD is a community project, and there are a lot of people to thank. The following is a list of people who made things happen. Sue Shute and her crew from the Church, Ginger Smith and Hunt Dowse, Neal Cass and Lexy Heatley, Gregg Cass, Ric Haskins, Jaime Donovan the Synchro Sistahs and their synchronized standing, Amy Suborski and Lori Jarest, Keegan Harris, Ellen Kidd, Deb Coyne, Emily Daniels, Robert Martin, John Martin, Peg McLeod, Sue Francis, Kristin Harris, John Hayes, Friends of the Library, the Hancock Rec. Committee, Hancock Fire Dept. , Hancock Highway Dept., Hancock Police Dept., Chief Wood, Chief Cassidy, Kurt Grasset, Raisa Lawrence, Diane Kendall, Linda Coughlin, Monica Lasky-Rigrod, Nahida Sherman, the members of the Select-board, and certainly not least of all my fellow committee members, Cindy Hixson and Melody Russell. I hope I didn't forget anyone! Can't wait 'till next year!"

Submitted by Siobhan Martin

The Hancock Fireworks Committee would like to thank everyone in the community who contributed to a wonderful evening celebrating the 4th of July. Even if you did not actively participate in the planning and organization of this event, we appreciate your support by attending. Many people feel an event like this embodies what it means to live in a small town like Hancock. It is a point of pride that we have been able to accomplish this night of fun through the generosity of the citizens of our town. If you have not had a chance to make a donation, please feel free to do so at anytime. Thank you again and see you next year!

*Submitted by Harry Pollock,
Hancock Fireworks Committee*

A big "Thank you" to Siobhan Martin and some Hancock firemen for giving the Old Home Day Art Show new display boards which were works of art themselves. It will be so nice in the future to have our own boards.

Submitted by Sue Francis

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 with your great Baked Goods and monetary donations and purchases. This is our only Fund Raiser and this has been a wonderful tradition added to the celebration of Old Home Day in Hancock.

As always it is so very rewarding for the positive response received from the **60** 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. This was our Best Year ever which shows how much your support volunteering your time to telephone for us helped.

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, Deborah Clafin, Sara Dowse, Edna Drasba, Ann Eng, Sandra Faber, Gail Fath, Lynn Frank, Joanne Frigulietti, Robin Gregg, Sarah Hale, Pamela Hall, Shea Higley, Sarah Hutchins, Sandy Jackson, Shirley Kane, Gert Kanner, Ellen Kidd, Sue Koziell, Roberta LaPlante, Sandra Levesque, Diane Loomis, Karen MacQueen, Robin Mose, Nancy Musarra, 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, Debra Thompson, Judy Zanca and Ellena Zimmerman.

A **Thank You** to Linda Coughlan for helping out prior to the Bake Sale.

All monies made on the Bake Sale will be used for equipment/services at the **Monadnock Community Hospital** for those that will get direct benefit from. Last year the proceeds of the Bake Sale purchased equipment for the "Healthy Teeth to Toes" that many children and young people received benefit from.

The Hancock Hospital Auxiliary members:

Doreen Ames, Jan Buonanno Jan Johnson
Terry Lombardi Mimi Mason Karen McCormack
Marcia Schwartz Andrea Small Joyce Stevens Peg McLeod

There is one more "HUGE THANK YOU" on page 11

Hancock Happenings From the Editor

If you need to reach me, email is the best way:

happenings@hancocknh.org or 525.9459

Jaime Donovan, Editor



BULLETIN BOARD



Community Supper

Join The Hancock Republicans as they host on Thursday September 24th at 5:30 at the Vestry. See you there!
Submitted by Donna Coty



Another "Tale From Home" at www.herb-gardner.com

Some years ago, the band played a party that turned out to be a tribute to a very popular guy who had recently passed away. Our instructions were to start the evening with the vocal chorus of Cole Porter's "Cheek To Cheek". After a brief welcoming speech, the MC said, "He urges you to be happy for him and he has a message for you." That was our cue for the singer to start: "Heaven. I'm in Heaven..."



This summer, enjoy a series of "pop-up" farmers's markets on the lawn behind The Hancock Inn.

Join the fun! Bring the family!
September 12th
3-5 pm

Shop the region's finest vegetables, eggs, meat, prepared foods, syrup, art and other handmade goods, enjoy a round of croquet, listen to music, swing in a hammock or recline on a lawn chair. See you there!



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Back to School Reminder!

It's already almost time to go back to school! As a reminder, the Hancock Town Library offers the resources you need to complete school projects and reports. If we don't have a certain book you need, inter-library loan is always an option. Just allow 1-2 weeks for the request to process. So if you know you have a big project due, don't delay, stop by the library today!



MONADNOCK CRAFTERS GUILD EXCITING CRAFT MADNESS FAIRS! SATURDAYS

SEPTEMBER 19TH & NOVEMBER 28TH

10 am - 3 pm

Peterborough Community Center
25 Elm St. Peterborough, NH

Lots of new crafters and locally handmade items for you to choose.

Come browse and bring a friend!

We look forward to seeing you!



The Hillsborough County Conservation District (HCCD) will be holding its annual fall flower bulb fundraiser. They are accepting orders now through **Friday, September 11th**. Order pick-up will be at their office at 468 Rte 13 South, Milford October 7th 9am – 6pm. This year they have symbols that show varieties that would attract native pollinators. Contact Kerry Rickrode for more information 603.673.2409 ext 100 or www.hillsboroughccd.com



Hancock Town Library Events

Amy Markus, Hancock Library Director

<http://hancocktownlibrary.blogspot.com>

Mondays and Wednesdays 2:00 to 6:00pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00am to 7:00pm

Saturdays 10:00am to 4:00pm

The Friends of the Hancock Town Library's annual book sale was a huge success again this year! Many, copious thanks to all of the people who donated thousands and thousands of books and then to those who helped sort, pack, move to the basement, move back up from the basement, unpack, arrange, sell, then pack up again to be taken away. It's like cordwood: how many times did we touch those books? There must have been 50 community members helping with all the work that needed to be done. It's a truly gratifying community event. And the women at the top who ran the show so calmly and competently? Donna Geer and Jane Richards-Jones. Words cannot convey our gratitude. Thank you, thank you, thank you. *(And by the way, we will be accepting donations of used books, dvds, and cds beginning in September. Don't tell Donna or Jane just yet...)*

Thursday September 10th at 7:00pm

Unlaunch'd Voices -

An Evening with Walt Whitman

Performed by Stephen Collins

Unlaunch'd Voices - An Evening with Walt Whitman opens with the elderly Whitman on the evening of his seventieth birthday. The audience is a visitor in his room as he prepares for his birthday celebration. He begins to reminisce and to question his success as a man and a poet. He tells us his work has proved to be "less than a failure...." Join us for this poignant telling of Whitman's life and poetry. Stephen Collins grew up in Cambridge, and received a BA in Literature from UMass Boston. After 20 plus years in a sales career, he is back doing what he truly loves - performing and teaching. Enthusiastically praised by audiences throughout New England, this is a performance not to be missed. Free and open to all.

Monday September 14th at 7:00pm

State Representative Jon Manley

State Rep. Jon Manley (representing Bennington, Greenfield, Hancock in Hillsborough County District 3) will be here to answer your questions about legislation in Concord.

Wednesdays Starting Sept 16th from 4:30 – 5:30 Seated Tai Chi for Arthritis with Howard Eng

Seated Tai Chi for Arthritis has gentle seated movements for those with arthritic conditions. However, this Tai Chi form is also great exercise for those without arthritis and are seated passengers on long journeys traveling in trains, planes, or automobiles. After 8 years of Tai Chi practice, Howard Eng became a certified instructor, teaching over the last three years in the community. Other Tai Chi forms include the Yang 24-Form and a standing modified Sun Style specifically for Arthritis.

6-week program on **Wednesdays at 4:30pm**

Start date: **September 16th**

Duration: **1 hour, once a week**

Location: **Hancock Library Daniel's Room**

Cost: **\$36.00**

For registration / questions please call Howard Eng: **603.716.0798** Space is limited.

Minimum 8 registered participants to run the class

Thursday September 17th at 12:30pm

New HTL Book Club: Books Sandwiched In!

Books Sandwiched In will start September 17th at 12:30pm in the Daniels Room and will continue once a month on the third Thursday of the month. Bring a brown-bag lunch and come enjoy a lively discussion. We'll get multiple copies from other libraries so you don't have to do a thing but pick it up, read it, and return it! Our first book will be *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. Books will be available at the front desk beginning in late August. Our book club facilitator will be Joyce Perry, a long-time book club enthusiast. Joyce taught literature in Philadelphia and at Simmons College in Boston and throughout her life has been a passionate advocate for public education and literacy. She looks forward to meeting other Hancock readers and helping to create a group that reflects our personal and our community interests. This is free and open to all but you must have a Hancock Town Library card in order to borrow the books. Please register this first time only so that we know how many will be attending. Call us at 525.4411 or stop by the library.

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**Thursday September 17th at 7:00pm
Coral Reefs with Karen Cangialosi, PhD**

Join Professor of Biology Karen Cangialosi as she teaches us about coral reefs in general and specifically about her reef monitoring project in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Dr. Cangialosi has been teaching Introductory Tropical Marine Biology on the island of Providenciales in the Turks and Caicos Islands in 2001. The more time she spent on Provo, the more she realized the importance of doing conservation work on the island. Together with her colleague in the Biology department, Dr. Scott Strong, they began a reef monitoring program in 2008. Come hear this about this fascinating work. Free and open to all.

**Thursday September 24th from 10:00-11:45am
Writer's Awake!**

Hancock resident and retired English teacher Margaret Carlson will offer a class in developing writing skills. The class will meet for 7 weeks, on Thursday mornings from 10:00 – 11:45 beginning September 24th. Space is limited to 12 participants and pre-registration is required. Writers from last spring should call in their plans as well. This is a comfortable round-table format to work on any kind of writing. Try it! Free and open to all. Call 525.4411 or visit the library to register.

**Thursday September 24th at 7:00pm
An Invitation To Pause with Janet Archer**

Join local author Janet Archer as she reads from her new book, *An Invitation to Pause: Musings From a Mindfulness Teacher*, a collection of 28 inspirational stories. These are stories that invite you to pause and reflect on your own life from a place of compassion, gratitude and humor while at the same time reminding you that we are all traveling on this journey of life together. Janet Archer is a student and teacher of Yoga, Meditation and mindfulness. She holds a master's degree in Psychology with a Focus on Yoga-Body/Mind Health from Sonoma University. She interned with Jon Kabat-Zinn at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. She is a registered Yoga and Yoga Therapy teacher and soon to be a Master level Life Coach from the Life Coach School. She lives in Antrim and teaches yoga and mindfulness at the Bond Wellness Center. Free and open to all.

**Tuesday September 29th at 7:00pm
Paris Noir- Bricktop,**

Baker and Porter with Nanette Perrotte

For this third part of her series on Jazz (we've already hosted her programs on Ella Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington), vocalist and storyteller Nanette Perrotte steps back into the window of pre Word War I Paris. The Jazz and cabaret scene was risqué, unusual and exciting. Saloon host and doyenne of cafe society, Bricktop, hosted luminaries such as Cole Porter, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor and

F. Scott Fitzgerald at her hot spot Chez Bricktop. Guitarist Django Reinhardt ushered in the Gypsy Jazz Quintet of Hot Club de Paris. Follow Josephine Baker as she arrives on the shores of France in Revue Negre and Cole Porter as he pens the lyrics and melodies of this bright young time in word history. Born to an Ecuadorian mother and French father, Perrotte was raised in Amsterdam, Holland and Orlando, Florida before attending Boston's Berklee College of Music where she received her BA in Jazz Composition and Arranging with a principal instrument of Voice. She lives in Greenfield, NH. This program is free and open to all.

**From the Children's Room
Callie Faucher, Children's Librarian**

Every Thursday at 10:30am Story Time

Come join the fun! Each Thursday morning we sing songs, read stories, play with scarves, and do crafts! For preschoolers and their parents and caregivers. Held in the Children's Room of the Hancock Town Library.

Tuesday, September 1st from 3:15 to 4:15pm Lego Club

It's time for Lego club to start again! Come to the library the first Tuesday of each month to work on your Lego creations or try a Lego building challenge. Bring your friends! Held in the Children's Room of the Hancock Town Library.

Now through September 17th Gears! Gears! Gears!

As part of its "Makers-Play" initiative, the New Hampshire State Library has kindly loaned us a "Gears! Gears! Gears!" Kit which is available to try out in the Children's Room of the Hancock Town Library from now until Thursday, September 17th. The kit includes a variety of blocks and gears that can be connected and built upon. Come try out the kit and see how many gears your structure will turn!

**Saturday, September 19th from 11 to 12pm
Paws to Read with Toven**

Come read to Toven, a gentle Great Pyrenees dog! Toven, a registered reading therapy dog, comes to the library one Saturday a month and loves when children read to him! Reading to a therapy dog is great for children who want to improve their out-loud reading skills. Sign up at the library today!

**Monday, September 14th & 28th from 3:15 to 4:15pm
Paws to Read with Coffee**

Come by the library after school to read to Coffee the Chihuahua! Coffee, a registered reading therapy dog, loves when kids practice their reading with him. Also, if you bring 3 non-perishable items for the Food Pantry, you may choose a stuffed animal graciously donated by Douglas Cuddle Toys.

**Back to School Reminder! See reminder on page 6 of the
Hancock Happenings under the Bulletin Board**

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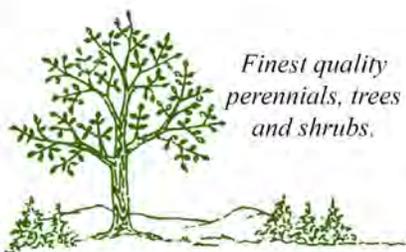
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News from the First Congregational Church

Old Home Day is a fantastic way to celebrate community and so is a town picnic.

The Deacons would like to say **“Thank you!”** to townfolk for your support and neighborliness at our **5th annual town picnic**. Please join the fun Sunday, September 13th on the green in front of the Meetinghouse for burgers and hot dogs. **Bring a dish to share if you like, or just come out and enjoy. The picnic is free and open to all, so invite you neighbors and friends and join the celebration.**

Transition, Change, Loss and the Unknown: these words induce stress and certainly test the strength of a person, family or community. This year these words measured our congregation. Through the dedication of our members, the work of many volunteers, the commitment of our Lay Leadership and the talent of our organists, pulpit supply ministers and bridge minister, we weathered our storm.

Pastor Judy Copeland plans to return to the pulpit Sunday Sept. 13th with renewed health and strength, and the members and friends of the First Congregational Church plan to step into this fall a little stronger and wiser in our faith having had this experience.

A HUGE thank you goes to our Bridge Minister, Pastor Betty French, for answering our call this past spring. It has been wonderful getting to know Betty and her husband Joe. Betty’s talents at the pulpit and as a Bridge Minister were just what we needed. **Betty’s last Sunday in Hancock, will be Sept. 6th.** A thank you reception will follow our 9:45 worship service at our weekly Fellowship.

A new **Bible Study class** will be held the 4th Sunday of each month at 11am in the Vestry. These are one day, one hour, one-topic classes. There is no sign ups, pre readings, fees or homework. All are welcome to join us this fall as we explore, discuss and question our faith through *Genesis*. Enjoy a few minutes of fellowship and a cup of coffee before hand, and we will try to keep it to end by noon.

Calling Hancock Children: It is far too early to be thinking about Christmas but we must. Why? We’ve been asked to host and organize the town **Christmas Pageant** once again. All the children of Hancock ages 5-12 are welcome and encouraged to participate. Last year about 20 kids participated and it was AMAZING! Please mark your calendar that rehearsals will start late November and look for updates in future issues of *Hancock Happenings*.

I recently heard our church service described in terms of comfort food, which is not surprising from a church that has been in continuous operation for just shy of 230 years. Some people allow themselves to indulge weekly; some enjoy it from time to time; and others make substitutions

until life just gets too rough, and it is the only true thing that will console. Like my other comforts, I tend to indulge myself weekly. For me, it is a connection through time. There is a deepening in my faith knowing that I am worshipping in much the same way as the builders of the Hancock Meetinghouse, singing the same songs of many generations past, and learning the lessons and history of a timeless story.

No matter your preference, our doors are open to all who seek a community of faith. Our tradition is Congregationalist, but many from other traditions also find comfort and strength with us. **We worship at 9:45 every Sunday no matter the weather or season, Communion is served the first Sunday of the month, Fellowship always follows the service at 10:45; you are invited to join us anytime.**

The church office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30-12:30.

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Whenever I think about the fall down my stairs in the night, I am immediately reminded of the many wonderful, caring, loving friends who popped by the house for a cheer up, cooked delectable meals and sent notes of blessings for a quick recovery. It was astounding!

I wish that I could have written each and everyone a note of thanks, but my Percocet haze (for 5 days) probably won't let me remember everyone. I would hate that.

I feel very humbled and so grateful by all the kindness. And, I know that my healing has happened much faster because of all the love. Again, from my heart, thank you, thank you everyone!

Also, a huge thanks to Jean Polovchik for dropping everything for over a week; taking me to the emergency room, helping care for the animals and co-ordinating me and just about everything in my house.

Thank you Jeannie.

Here's to a good rest of the summer!

Submitted by Kin Shilling

HOLISTIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CENTER

Inspiration quote for September:

"Having a place to go is a home. Having someone to love is a family. Having both is a blessing." Donna Hedges.

The Holistic Health Professionals Center is pleased to announce we are hosting our annual SomaEnergetics SomaShare of 2015 on August 29th - 30th; Friday beginning at 6:00 - 9:00pm and all day Saturday 10:00am- 6:00pm This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who is interested in finding out more about sound therapy and attend a dynamic, live streaming webinar! See and hear the newest methods how sound therapy works to bring about healing common ailments.

On Friday night, 5:00pm dinner will be served for anyone attending. If you plan to come for dinner please RSVP by Thursday, August 27th so we can set out an extra plate for you. Saturday, please bring your lunch; snacks/refreshments are provided for Saturday. This event is free.

September 3rd, Thursday 6:30- 8:00pm; Rose Bochicchio, RN presents our new series on Bowenwork Discussions, Back Pain and Joint Pain. Bring the issues in your tissues. Snacks are provided. Free and open to the public. Contact Rose: 603.831.2027 or E-Mail: rogodbo10@yahoo.com; www.compassionatestaffingllc.com

September 10th Thursday, SomaEnergetics Practicum - 6:30 - 8:00pm - Free Event for Sound Therapy practitioners. Sound Therapy Clinic to practice sound therapy. Volunteer Clinics are welcome!

September 18 - 20th - SomaEnergetics - Energy Body Scanning Technique - Phase II workshop. Phase I Sound Therapy practitioners are attending to learn many new techniques of how to scan the human body locating where energy is blocked and apply the energy body tuning forks to release the blockages in the human body and allow the circulation of the energetic passageways. Please contact Arlene 603.933.3294 for Registration and/or information.

Enrollment has begun and there are a few spaces left.

September 27th - 28th - Reiki Level I certification workshop 10 - 4:00pm each day location, Rindge, NH Please contact Rose at 603.831.2027 for Registration.

Note: All other events are located at the Holistic Health Professionals Center, 123 Prospect Hill Road, Hancock, NH Angel Card readings and Past Life readings: Susi Marrotte, B. A., CST, RM - 603.547.7604

Soul Aura Paintings and readings: Susi Marrotte, B. A. 603.547.7604

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Hancock Guild

Welcome back! The Guild took a well-deserved break over the summer, but we are gearing up for another year. We have some exciting new programs in the works that will be open to the public. We hope to see some new faces join us for evenings of fun, entertainment, information. Keep an eye on “Hancock Happenings” for program information each month. We are also on Facebook, and post our activities there as well. Find us!

September 16th marks our “Welcome Back” pot luck dinner at 6:30pm, in the Vestry. If you’re new to the area and looking to meet your neighbors or get involved in community activities, or would just like to share an evening with friends old and new, please join us. We have members from many surrounding towns including Bennington, Antrim, Peterborough, Stoddard and others. This event is open to all area women interested in finding out more about our community activities and fundraising events. Please drop me a note to hancockguild@gmail.com if you’d like more information or plan to attend. We are always glad to welcome you!

As fall starts to close in (can’t tell by the weather lately), please keep us in mind as you start to go through your cooler weather clothes. We will be holding our annual Fall/Winter clothing sale soon. We accept men’s, women’s, and children’s clothing of all sizes, as well as shoes, boots, coats/jackets and linens. This is always a big fundraiser for our scholarship fund. Remember, we are the only organization to provide scholarships for graduating ConVal seniors. More information will be in the October issue of “The Happenings”. Keep a look out!

Do you craft or create your own works of art? Are you looking for that special craft fair to display and sell your wares? The Hancock Guild will be taking reservations for our annual Craft Fair held Saturday, November 7th in both the Vestry and the Meetinghouse. Last year we had 30 vendors. If you would like more information on this successful craft fair, please drop me an email and we will get information back to you.

As always, our meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Vestry and are open to all area

women. We are looking for new members to join our wonderful group of local ladies. No amount of involvement is too small. Do you like to work behind the scenes but can’t attend all our meetings? **We welcome you!** Do you have great ideas for community involvement or fundraisers? **We welcome you!** Have you attended any of our previous programs and would like to see more? **We welcome you!** Do you like to be involved in your community and have one evening a month to join a fabulous group of ladies sharing friendship and involvement? **We welcome you!**

Find us on Facebook or email me for more information hancockguild@gmail.com.

Submitted by Darlene Tarr, President



Did you know?

Even though President Grover Cleveland declared Labor Day a national holiday in 1894, the occasion was first observed on Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City.



Sept 11th (Fri) Easygoing Hike in the Heald Tract
 Join Ollie Mutch and Lee Baker for a hike in the Forest Society's Heald Tract in Wilton, following trails that wind through orchard and field along the shores of Heald and Castor Ponds. All ages and abilities are welcome on this easy 4-mile roundtrip hike. Bring water and lunch, and **meet at 10am in the parking lot beside Ocean State Job Lot (at the intersection of Routes 101 and 202) in Peterborough.** Back by 3pm. For more information, contact Ollie at 978.386.5318, wapack@peoplepc.com, or Lee at 603.525.5262, snowman3137@gmail.com.

Sept 12th (Sat) Hawkwatching from Pack Monadnock
 Eric Masterson and Katrina Fenton will be on hand to help spot eagles, hawks, and falcons from New Hampshire's premier hawkwatching site. Bring binoculars, and join us **anytime between 9am and noon at the hawkwatch site on top of Pack Monadnock in Miller State Park in Peterborough.** This event is free, though there's a fee to enter Miller State Park (\$4 per adult, \$2 for children age 6 to 11. Children age 5 and under and NH residents 65 and older are free). Cosponsored by the Harris Center and NH Audubon. For more information, contact Eric Masterson at 603.525.3394, masterson@harriscenter.org.

Sept 13th (Sun) Mount Monadnock via the Monte Rosa Trail
 Tom Warren will lead a moderately strenuous, 2-mile roundtrip hike partway up Mount Monadnock on the Monte Rosa Trail to an overlook, where we'll scan for hawks and eagles. Bring water, lunch, and binoculars. **Meet at 10am at the ranger station on Halfway House Road off Route 124 in Jaffrey.** This event is free, though there's a park fee to enter at the trailhead. (\$4 per adult, \$2 for children age 6 to 11. Children age 5 and under and NH residents 65 and older are free). Back by 2pm. Please RSVP to Tom Warren at 603.563.7190, twassociates@myfairpoint.net.

Sept 14th (Mon) Hawkwatching Workshop
 Prepare for the fall hawk migration by joining Francie Von Mertens for a hawkwatching workshop. We'll learn what to watch for, when, where, and why, and discuss identification tips for the various raptors, from solo Bald Eagles to impressive crowds (kettles) of Broad-winged Hawks. **7 to 8:30pm at Shieling State Forest in Peterborough.** Cosponsored by the Harris Center and NH Audubon. For more information, contact Francie at 603.924.6550, vonmertens@myfairpoint.net.

Sept 16th(Wed) Empowering Women Through Tree Planting in Uganda and Tanzania

Marian Baker, former Harris Center High School Field Studies Coordinator, will share stories and slides about her work in Uganda, East Africa. **7 to 8:30pm at the Harris Center.** For more info, contact Masterson at 525.3394, masterson@harriscenter.org.



Sept 19th(Sat) Pack Monadnock Raptor Release Day

Join NH Audubon for the special send-off of a rehabilitated migratory bird of prey. This annual event is timed to coincide with the peak Broad-winged Hawk migration, so bring your binoculars, and hope to witness a spectacle. International Hawk Migration Week festivities will occur all day long, but the **raptor release will take place at 1pm sharp at the raptor observatory atop Pack Monadnock in Miller State Park in Peterborough.** Be sure to arrive early to get a parking spot. This event is free, though there's a fee to enter Miller State Park (\$4 per adult, \$2 for children age 6 to 11. Children age 5 and under and NH residents 65 and older are free). Cosponsored by the Harris Center and NH Audubon. For more information, contact Phil Brown at 603.525.3499, pbrown@nhaudubon.org.

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Sept 26th (Sat) Birding Tenant Swamp

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Sept 27th (Sun) Willard Pond Wildlife Sanctuary Trail Restoration Workday

Work alongside trail-building experts from the Student Conservation Association in NH Audubon's largest wildlife sanctuary. We'll focus on restoring portions of the Goodhue Hill Trail through a scenic patch cut near the summit. Wildlife such as moose, bobcat, and a variety of bird species abound, and the views are incomparable. Tools will be provided. Bring lunch, plenty of water, and work gloves. Dress for insects, weather, and work conditions. **Meet at 10 a.m. at the Willard Pond parking area at the end of Willard Pond Road off Route 123 in Hancock.** From there, we'll hike one mile to the work site. Back by 3pm. For more information, contact Phil Brown at 603.525.3499, pbrown@nhaudubon.org.

We're delighted to announce the launch of our new website! We hope it keeps you better informed and connected to our programs and activities.

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Kristen Vance, Director

Worried about your child and drugs?

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Grapevine Online Auction Starts November 1st!

Do your holiday shopping AND support The Grapevine through the Second Annual Grapevine Online Auction November 1st to 29th. Bid on over 400 items from antiques and art, to show tickets and handmade items, to gift certificates and services. Much like a silent auction, but run online. Donating an item is a great way for local businesses, artists and other vendors to promote their goods and services. Have something you would like to donate to the auction? Please give us a call at 588.2620.

Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren

If you are parenting your grandchildren, you are not alone. "Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren" meets monthly and is free. Grapevine parenting educator Carol Lunan and River Center parenting educator Wendy Hill co-facilitate discussions on topics of interest to participants. Guest speakers are invited to lead discussions in their area of expertise, for example, last year a lawyer discussed issues related to custody and adoption, and a psychologist talked about trauma and related issues.

The first meeting of the school year is Saturday, September 12th from 10am to noon at The Grapevine. Carol and Wendy will talk about parenting styles and other parenting information, and the group will talk about ideas for future topics. Call 588.2620 and ask for Carol for more information, and to let us know you're coming and if you will need childcare.

WEEKLY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Begin September 8th

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

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:30-11:30

—Better Beginnings playgroups and parent groups

Wednesday and Friday 9-11:30

—The Learning Vine preschool for children 3 ½ to 5 yrs

Wednesday 10-11:30 and 1-2:30

—Better Beginnings for Babies—expectant parents welcome!

Please call Carol at 588.2620 to sign up for programs, or for more information.

The Grapevine is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit family and community resource center serving the residents of Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Frankestown and nearby towns, and located at 4 Aiken Street in Antrim (behind the library). For more information call 588.2620, email us at admin@GrapevineNH.org or visit www.GrapevineNH.org. 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.

Pickleball at Antrim Elementary School gym
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Avenue A Teen & Community Center

Heidi Schultz

Greetings from Avenue A Teen & Community Center! I've been the Coordinator of Avenue A for a little over a year now, and as I plan for fall, I've been reflecting on what we've accomplished, and what we are looking forward to in 2015/16. Here's some of what we have planned.

Avenue A Club for GBS students

We had a great first year with the *Avenue A Club*, an after school program that began last December on Wednesday afternoons. Avenue A Club allows middle-schoolers to take advantage of Avenue A's facilities, learn new skills, self-manage and have fun. Along with Arlene Soule and Ted Brown, our fearless volunteer co-coordinators, we enjoyed games of pool, foosball, ping pong, art projects, community service, cooking, and outings to Memorial Park and Gregg Lake. We also co-sponsored and participated in one of the community suppers and performed roadside cleanup for Earth Day.

This year, we are looking to add more outings and speakers to the mix. Kids are welcome to come to their first club day free of charge to try it out, and if they choose to join, a registration form is required, and the cost is \$5 per session or \$15 per month. I pick up the kids at GBS and walk them to Avenue A, and then walk kids back up to the school to catch the late bus if they aren't picked up or walking home. To learn more or receive a registration form, please call The Grapevine at 588.2620 or send an email to avenueateencenter@gmail.com.

Friday Night Open Hours for Teens

Open hours for teens continue on most Friday nights. Teens can enjoy use of the facilities, music and free snacks and drinks. Once a month we enjoy Rick & Diane's pizza. I am looking to add some specific programming to some of our Friday nights, so tune in to our Facebook pages! We have the Avenue A page, Avenue A Parent's page, and Avenue A *Teens Only*. We are always looking for adult volunteers to help staff these evenings, so if you are interested in helping out, please let me know. We do perform a background check before volunteering can begin.

Avenue A Gallery Art Space

This fall, we are looking to use the wall space at Avenue A to create a rotating art gallery for young people and adults to display their artwork. It's a great space for a gallery—if you are interested in showing your art, please get in touch.

Also on the Calendar for Fall

First Thursday of the month—*Heard It Through The Grapevine* open mic night, proceeds benefit Avenue A

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—Avenue A pool tournament for teens,
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Stay tuned! More events on the horizon. Keep in touch at our Avenue A pages on Facebook, or contact me at avenueateencenter@gmail.com to be on our mailing

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Rehearsals begin on Thursday September 17th and go until October 29th

Our traditional Sharing Party will be on Thursday, October 29th at Jody Simpson's house, for spouses and friends.

Looking ahead, *A Cappella Classes* will be on Thursdays, Nov. 5th, 12th, & 19th December 3rd at the usual time and the *Hancock Family Christmas Concert* will be on Saturday, December 19th.

We have a lot of fun rehearsing and performing for our friends and families. There is never a dull moment - guaranteed! The rehearsals are fast-paced as we try to find the heart and soul of every piece of music we sing. The rehearsals are held in the newly renovated lower level of the Hancock Meeting House from 12:15-1:45 on Thursdays.

For more information call Jody Simpson, director, at 525.9303 or email her at jhspsals@aol.com.



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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 serious 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 4:00-5:30 in Hancock. The first rehearsal is on October 27th. There will be a few extra rehearsals in December. The concert is on Saturday Dec 19th

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

Hancock Hours and Meetings

*Please review your listings
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Tax Collector - Monday 3:30 to 6:30 pm;

Town Clerk – Monday 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

Wednesday 3:00 to 6:00 pm;

Town Dump and Demolition Hours – Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00pm; Saturday 8:00am to 5:00pm;

Selectboard – First three Mondays at 4:00pm; Forth Monday at 7:00 pm, Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room

Planning Board - On the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm: may hold working sessions for planning purposes. On the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm: meets to process subdivisions, site plans and other applications which may legally come before the Board. Appointments can be made by calling the Town Office at 525.4441. 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 E Caverly Meeting Room

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

Advisory Committee – as noticed, Town Office;

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

HEAT Committee – 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm, Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room;

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

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

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

Town Archives Committee – as noticed, Town Office Archives Room;

Water Commissioners – 4th Wednesday at 4:30 pm, DPW;

Dump Committee –3rd Tuesday at 4:00pm, 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 7:00pm, Town Office.

Meetinghouse Restoration Committee – as noticed, Meetinghouse

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



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New Scouting Year Begins Wednesday September 9th

A trip to Acadia National Park in Maine in late June and early July included 23 miles of biking on the carriage trails, tide pool exploration, and a hike up Cadillac Mountain. Troop 2 Scouts and leaders stayed at the Blackwoods Campground while they explored Mt. Desert Island, and even had a talk from marine mammal researcher Barbara Beblowski from Antrim, who works out of Bar Harbor. Most of the funding for the trip was generated from making and selling pizza at the Keene Pumpkin Festival last fall.

July 19th-25th, the troop again headed north, this time to the Griswold Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Iron Works to attend Hidden Valley summer camp. Eleven Scouts took merit badges ranging from Small Boat Sailing to Search and Rescue, and Archery to Art. Weathering



one significant thunderstorm at the beginning of the week, the remainder of the week included mostly clear days with temperatures in the 80s and 90s. One of the

favorite troop activities for the week was the new Aquatic Craze float at the camp, which includes a water slide, log roll, and trampoline.

Though the troop meets throughout the summer, the new Scouting year officially begins in September, this year on Wednesday, September 9th.

Troop 2 continues to meet at the American Legion Post #50, which had chartered the troop for 83 of Troop 2's 102 years. Meetings are from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on Wednesdays through the school year. This year's calendar has not been released, but will include summer camp, and at least one major trip. Boys interested in joining the program can join anytime, even if they participate in sports. A potential Scout may participate for two weeks before formally joining, so boys 11-17 and parents are welcome to any meeting. More information is available by calling Scoutmaster Brian Beihl at 603.620.8300 (cell) or 603.588.3014 (home), or emailing beihl@comcast.net.

Fried Dough at Home & Harvest

One of the favorite traditions at Antrim's Home & Harvest Festival is Troop 2's fried dough, made by the boys the old fashioned way with cast iron Dutch ovens. Stop by and help support the Scouts! The Scouts will also march in the parade

NH Jamboree in October, NH Motor Speedway, October 9th-11th 5,000 Scouts are expected to attend the New Hampshire Jamboree at NH Motor Speedway over Columbus Day weekend. Jambo happens every four years, and this promises to be the largest event in many years. This year includes a Guinness World Record for the longest Pinewood Derby track in history, a S.T.E.M. theme throughout the program, zip lines, a BMX track "bull" riding and age-appropriate activities for Cub Scouts to Venture Scouts. More details are at NHJambo.org.

Cub Scouts Pack 2 update



As I write this, the Pack 2 Cub Scouts are winding down a very eventful summer. A few of the Cub Scouts went to summer camp this year at Camp Carpenter where they met new friends, had some great adventures, and made plenty of good memories.

The Scouts have also enjoyed our new summer program. Each Monday saw the Scouts going on a different outing or getting together for some fun. A few of these activities included a game of Frisbee, a bug catching derby, a hike, an obstacle course, and one rainy Monday we made cool costumes from newspaper (even our den chiefs got in on the fun).

Our coming scouting year looks to be a great one. This October our fall campout will be a two night event at the NH Jamboree, which this year will be held at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Many parents, as well as the Cub Scouts, are looking forward to this one.

This is the first year of the newly revamped Cub Scout program. The BSA listened to Cub Scouts, leaders and parents and have come up with a program that has more adventures and focuses more on the outdoors and camping than it has in the past. I've read through a few of the leader books and they look fun!

Our fall sign up night will be held on Thursday, September 24th at 7pm at local elementary schools. If you can't make it that night you can talk to me at the Cub Scout booth at Antrim Home and Harvest (where we will be selling not just the usual popcorn but beef jerky as well) or email me at jennylc@tds.net. We are always looking for more boys in 1st through 5th grade to join the fun. If you have ever thought it would be fun and rewarding to volunteer with the Cub Scouts please contact me as well. We always have room for more boys and more volunteers.

Submitted by Jenny Colby, Cubmaster