



News from the Selectboard

Erik Spitzbarth, Chairman for the Selectboard

COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES: We continue to be blessed with the spirit of volunteering that aids our community to undertake our day to day responsibilities and enjoyments.

Recent appointments and reappointments include:

Conservation Commission:

Phil Brown

Recreation Committee:

Alexis Beaudin and Kristin Harris

Alternates to the Zoning Board:

Laurie Bryan and Dan Harper

If you are interested in participating on a board, commission, or committee, please contact Diane Kendall (Town Administrator), for further information.

MEETINGHOUSE: Small and larger improvement plans are on track for continuing to make the Meetinghouse a viable location for many town activities. Recently we added telecommunications capabilities to the meeting room. The Meetinghouse Window Preservation plan is progressing with an accepted RFQ in hand and the LCHIP grant request process moving forward.

Note: No tax dollars are being used to fund the Window Preservation project.

NUBANUSIT BOAT LANDING: Due to delays in approvals last fall and the current rising water level on the lake, we are unable to complete the project this spring and are forced to postpone the improvement activities until this fall. All funds have been encumbered to complete this activity at that time.

STATE UPDATE: The Board of Selectman (BOS) authored a letter to our District 3 Rep, Jon Manley, in support of an increased gas tax (if necessary) to offset any “down shifting” of state expenses to the municipalities. *Down shifting* is a reduction in anticipated and historical Block Grants (\$) used to support our highway

and bridge maintenance expenses.

The BOS also met with Representative Manley, to discuss our concerns over recent interactions with various state departments. Specifically, experienced delays and bureaucracy in the permitting process for the Nubanusit Boat landing; response delays from Department of Transportation (DOT) for the Bridge Aid request (matching funds) for Longview bridge; unnecessary costs for testing ground water management studies at the closed landfill; and perceived excessive certification requirements and fees associated with Transfer Station employees.

Representative Manley indicated he would voice our concerns with various departments at the state level. Additionally, we have scheduled a meeting with Hancock’s other representatives to include district 38 Representative Frank Edelblut and Senate District 9, Senator Andy Sanborn.

TAXES: The state budget is evolving and will not be finalized until June. We are taking a pro-active interest in this process as critical municipal funding elements are being discussed. State taxes such as “Meals and Rooms” and the “gas tax” are part of our planned revenue stream used to offset local property taxes. Reductions in these anticipated “Block Grants” could have detrimental consequences to our 2016 budget.

TOWN BUDGET: The BOS reviewed our 2015 P&L Budget vs Actual for the 1st quarter acknowledging that we are on plan with no extraordinary observations.

For information on Memorial Day, activities, please see page 3.



Hancock Happenings Mission Statement

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Hancock Fire & Rescue

Nevan Cassidy, Chief, Hancock Fire Department

2014 Firefighter of the Year

At the HFD Annual Dinner held in April, Captain Tom Ball was given our Firefighter of the Year award. He is



seen here along with Chiefs Tom Bates, John Pirkey and Nevan Cassidy. Tom has been with us since 2002, and became one of our three Captains a few years back. The Captains are responsible for most of our training sessions, and carry portable radios at fire scenes to manage multiple crews.

Other awards were given to Mark Thompson, Nicole Whitney and Eric Aldrich; although they probably wouldn't want me to explain what for... Thanks to the Northern Lodge staff at Sargent Center for another good meal.

On April 13th, we were called to a fire at a large lake-front property on Nubanusit. The fire had started inside the roof, and burned primarily on the outside of the house; there was relatively little smoke or water damage to the interior. We had three crews on the roof, hacking away with chainsaws to get at the seat of the fire. I was pleased and surprised to see both the Peterborough and

Bennington Chiefs in air-packs up on that roof. We brought in crews from Stoddard, Antrim, Dublin and Nelson as well. Despite being on the lake, we needed to truck water from Hunt's Pond. We had some difficulty maneuvering trucks on that narrow private road. You might want to take a look at your own road or driveway to make sure it is wide enough to get in a large fire truck.

Later in April, we responded to a car crash on Route 202. A small car hit one of the new guardrails on that stretch; the guardrail did exactly what it was designed to do- the end cap rides down the rail, flattening it out and spitting it to the side as it goes. The car was pretty badly beaten up, but the slower deceleration helped the occupant's survival. I would not suggest testing this out however!

Lastly, the snow is finally gone! This means Mud Season, Blackfly Season, and the return of written permits for brush burning. Permits are available from four Wardens or Deputy Wardens in town; information is posted at various spots around town, at the fire station and also on our website. We can also write seasonal permits for an approved campfire installation. Outdoor burning is regulated by the State; please don't ask us to bend their rules!

April Raffle Winners:

Campbell Maggs, \$40; Nancy VanCampen, \$20; Sunset Lane Trust, Jane Richard-Jones, James Spencer, \$10 each.



Memorial Day Is Almost Upon Us!!

The departure of winter brings the arrival of spring and with that Memorial Day. The committee is preparing for yet another moving tribute to our departed brothers and sisters in arms. Opportunities to help as well as simply pay tribute have been planned again this year.

-On Saturday, May 16th from 9am-noon, local veterans will distribute Buddy poppies at the Hancock Recycling center. Please look for these ladies and gentlemen to offer your support. This activity is sponsored by the American Legion Post #5.

-Beginning at noon time on Sunday, May 24th, Veterans are invited to participate in a short ceremony to honor veterans at Hillside Cemetery. From there we will travel to three other smaller cemetery plots.

-Finally, on Monday, May 25th, our parade will assemble at the Hancock Elementary School. All Veterans are encouraged to attend. As always, uniforms are not necessary, however some insignia representing your branch of service is helpful. Cars will be provided for anyone who would prefer to ride the parade route. All baseball teams, 4-H members and Boy and Girl Scouts are welcome to participate as well. Our parade will step off at 2:00pm.

As we move beyond Memorial Day we will be looking for new members on the committee. If you have any questions or would like to be a member of the committee, please contact Ken Davis (525.3505) or Hank Drury (525.3375). Thank you.

Hancock Depot Association

We are working hard to get the Depot ready for a June event with the Hancock Historical Society. We will have town historians, Roberta Nylander and Bob Fogg, Sr presenting the history of the Depot. A not to miss for sure!. Watch for more details coming soon.

Our annual appeal letter will be hitting your mailbox soon. We appreciate any help you are able to give to support this historic building and its grand past as we preserve it for many generations to come.

Submitted by Nancy D. Adams, President



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Circle of Strength Military Support Group



On May 23rd the Circle of Strength will have its last group meeting until fall. It will be at Monadnock Community Hospital's Bond Wellness Center's Conference room from 1:00pm-

2:30pm. Please let me know if you would like to attend. My email address is ellsworthsusan@ymail.com If you have any questions please contact me at that address.

Submitted by Susan Ellsworth



American Red Cross

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, May 15th from 1:00 pm–6:00 pm at

the Hancock Fire Department. You can schedule online at redcrossblood.org or call 800.733.2767.

Hancock Summer Rec Camp

Signup forms are now being accepted for the 2015 Hancock Summer Rec Camp. This year we are offering families a 20% discount off the Rec Camp fee if signup forms and payment are received in the Town office by June 1st. Please visit www.hancocknh.org to download the Summer Rec program registration form.

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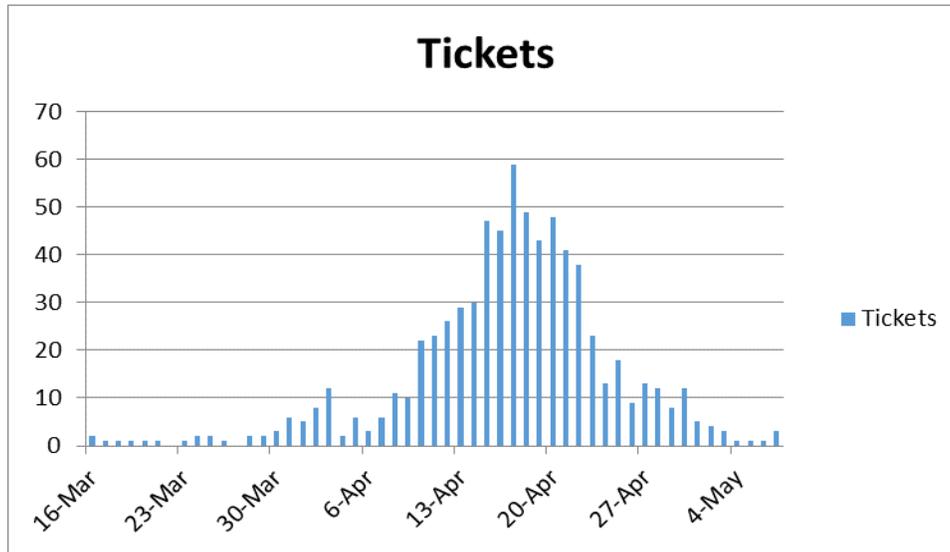
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Third Annual Norway Pond Ice Out Contest

Hancock Ice-Out Committee 2015

ICE OUT CONTEST ENDS

The final count was 724 tickets sold. After all entries were tabulated, April 17, 2015 continued to be the most popular date predicted with 59 picks.



Mother Nature, however, had her own date and time in mind; **April 15, 2015 at 1:19pm**. There were 46 guesses on that date with 1:20pm being closest to The Mother’s time. **Matt Harwood of Lyndeborough, NH** submitted the winning ticket which he had purchased at The Hancock Inn. The Ice Out Committee will present Matt with his check for **\$617.40** as soon as an appropriate ceremony can be coordinated.

The Ice Out Committee met on April 16, 2015 and elected to offer the contest again next year for those who wish to participate. So far, the Ice Out contest has provided about \$2,000 to help maintain the Meeting House and Vestry.

The Committee also decided to conduct a drawing on May 15, 2015. Four tickets will be drawn at random from this year’s pool of 724. Each of the four will receive a \$25 check; a thank you for participating in the program. Next year, the Committee plans to award a highly coveted hat to the Hancock resident who scores closest to the actual ice out date and time.

Good luck in 2016! Hancock Ice Out Committee

Hancock Happenings

From the Editor

Oh, if only my high school newspaper editor could see me now! Oh wait, he can because he lives here in Hancock, its Neal Cass!

I would like to have more submissions for “Thank You Notes.” Is there someone who did something so nice for you that you want to make sure everyone else in town knows it? Maybe someone who has always been there for you and you want to publicly show your gratitude.

Send me your input for “Thank You Notes” and I will try to get them printed for you like the one from Peg McLeod on page 11. It doesn’t have to be long, one or two sentences will suffice, and if you want it can be anonymous.

If you need to reach me, email is the best way: happenings@hancocknh.org or 525-9459 (and if you want to let Neal know he should have taught me more, you’ll have to catch him around town)

Jaime Donovan, Editor



BULLETIN BOARD



Community Supper

Join us for the May Community Supper on Thursday May 28th at 5:30pm. This month's supper will be hosted by The Friends of The Community Supper. We will have Make Your Own Sandwich and ice cream sundaes for dessert. Yummy! Come on over

Submitted by Donna Coty



The Hancock Area Watercolor Group has hung our annual show in the Fiddleheads Cafe, and we hope you will stop in to see it before it ends on May 11th in the morning. Thank our hostess Sherry by buying a cup of coffee while you peruse our wide subject matter and the talents of your town folks.

Submitted by Sue Francis



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

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She thought for a moment and asked, "How much would it be for musicians that aren't quite that good?"

Kiwanis to Hold Hancock Barn Sale

The Kiwanis Club of Peterborough, a service club with a mission to raise funds for regional children's causes, will



hold its first-ever, honest-to-goodness Barn Sale Friday, May 1st from 5pm – 6:30pm and Saturday, May 2nd from 8am – 11am in Hancock at the intersection of Link Road

and Middle Road.

This special sale will feature an array of furniture from the 20th century to the present, including bureaus, desks, chairs, a large natural wicker glass-topped table and chairs, vintage schoolhouse desk for 2 and bench, lamps, and much more.

This Barn Sale is in addition to the gigantic annual Kiwanis Spring Yard Sale scheduled for May 29th-30th at the Union Congregational Church at 33 Concord St in Peterborough. For more information follow us on Facebook at "Kiwanis Club of Peterborough" or speak with Nancy Adams at the Hancock Market.



HES PTO

Donations Needed...
Spring cleaning?

We are in need of clean, sellable items to be donated to the Hancock Elementary School PTO. Books, toys, housewares, bric-a-brac All proceeds from the sale of these items will directly benefit HES children.

Items can be dropped off at 16 Carriage Hill iHancock, anytime but no later than May 27th. Pick-up may also be arranged. Please call **Megan Dodge @ 525.9465** with any question or to arrange a small pickup.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

The sale will take place **Saturday, May 30th 8am-1pm at the Union Congregational Church**, 33 Concord Street, Peterborough at Kiwanis Club Spring Yard Sale. All unsold items will be donated to the Kiwanis Club.



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

Thursday May 7th at 7:00pm

The Isles of Shoals with UNH Marine Docent

A place of history, prosperity, pirates, treasure and even murder, the isles are subjected to some of the most severe weather in New Hampshire. This session will be about the people, books, and stories of this rocky outpost. As seas rise, the isles may be among the first to disappear. Along with the stories will be an opportunity to sign up for a trip to the isles this summer. Free and open to all.

Monday May 11th from 5:00-7:00pm

State Representative Jon Manley

Rep. Manley will be here to answer your questions about legislation in Concord.

Wednesday May 13th at 7:00 pm

AT THE HARRIS CENTER!

The Soul of an Octopus with Sy Montgomery

Can an octopus have a mind and feelings, much less a soul? Ask Sy Montgomery. In researching her two newest books, she established such close friendships with giant Pacific octopuses that the animals would rise from their tanks to greet her, and then embrace her with thousands of powerful, white suckers--all while looking her directly in the eye and turning color, flushed with emotion. Illustrated with compelling images, Sy's talk shares details of these extraordinary relationships, as well as surprising scholarly research revealing octopuses' remarkable intellectual abilities as they solve puzzles, communicate through color and shape, and play with people and toys. Pursuing these solitary shape-shifters--creatures with no bones, three hearts, and blue blood--Sy examines the many kinds of possible minds, the mystery of consciousness and the nature of love. For her two latest books, *THE SOUL OF AN OCTOPUS* and *THE OCTOPUS SCIENTISTS*, she befriended octopuses at the New England Aquarium and scuba dived and snorkeled with wild octopuses in Mexico and French Polynesia. She lives in Hancock with her husband, the writer Howard Mansfield, their border collie Sally, and their flock of free-range laying hens. This program is co-sponsored by the Hancock Town Library and the Harris Center for Conservation Education. Free and open to all.

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Thursday May 14th at 7:00pm

CUBA! With Wendy Redlinger

Join Wendy Redlinger as she discusses her latest journey leading a Road Scholar study tour to Cuba. The daughter of a park ranger, Wendy grew up in Yellowstone Park and has always loved adventure and the outdoors. She was a Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal in the 60's and went on to spend longer sojourns in France, Germany and Argentina. She later enjoyed a career in international education administration with World Learning based in Brattleboro, VT, eventually serving as Director of the English Language Fellowship program under a grant from the State Department, a job which entailed extensive overseas travel. Wendy lives in Vermont and looks forward to leading more tours to Cuba. Free and open to all.

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Wednesday May 20th at 7:00pm**Blues: Walk Through the Delta with Poor Howard Stith**

"Poor Howard" Stith has been performing 12-string barrelhouse blues for over forty years. As a student of Dave "Snaker" Ray in Minneapolis, he perfected his 12-string guitar style and showed that Delta blues could be found at both ends of the Mississippi. This led a fellow Minneapolis performer to tag him with the moniker "Poor Howard", after the Leadbelly song. Over the years, Poor Howard has performed across the U.S., Europe and Japan, entertaining audiences in coffeehouses, bars and at festivals with his dazzling guitar, heartfelt voice, and seemingly endless supply of anecdotes, puns and shaggy dog stories. Poor Howard's blues style is drawn from the tradition of Huddie Ledbetter (Leadbelly) and Blind Willy McTell, incorporating a powerful bass line along with flashy finger-picking. His guitar style and poignant vocals can carry the listener into the world of rowdy barrelhouses or into the field at the end of a long day of weeding crops. His passion and reverence for the country blues of the 20's and 30's is infectious, and he instills a new interest in this roots music where ever he performs. Howard presents a program that is both entertaining and educational. In addition to his unique guitar style, Poor Howard's show is punctuated with regional and eclectic humor and puns that have caused more than one person to call out, "That's poor, Howard!" (There are those who actually believe that's how he picked up the name.) Recently, Howard has teamed up with harmonica player, Mike "Bullfrog" Rogers, a forty year veteran whose styles range from folk to blues. In the past, Mike has opened for such performers as John Hammond, Luther "Guitar" Johnson and Emmylou Harris. Mike also appears with the groups Salt River and Wooden Eye, and has appeared on over thirty CDs. This program is free and open to all. Don't miss this one!

Thursday May 21st at 7:00pm**The Education of a Yankee with Judson Hale**

The Education of a Yankee is Judson Hale's engaging memoir about the grand, eccentric, and occasionally tragic history of his very unconventional family. Born into Boston's very proper Brahmin world, Hale was the son of a wealthy father who loved sailing and horseback riding, and a beautiful and talented mother who sang professionally. But readers expecting a conventional account of New England privilege will be delightfully surprised. The fate of Hale's older brother, Drake, led his parents to embark on a dramatic, extravagant, and visionary undertaking that changed the family's history and brought a remarkable adventure to the small town of Vanceboro, Maine. In this new edition, Hale updates his memoir to include recent revelations, including Drake's late-in-life diagnosis of autism. Jud Hale joined Yankee Publishing in September 1958 as an

assistant editor. In his capacity as editor-in-chief of *Yankee Magazine* and *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, Jud has appeared on hundreds of radio and television shows throughout the country, including the Today Show, Good Morning America, Late Night with Conan O'Brien and on CNN. Born in Boston and raised on a dairy farm in Vanceboro, Maine, Jud graduated from Dartmouth College in 1958, having served with the Third Armored Division as a Tank Commander from 1955 to 1957. He lives in Peterborough, New Hampshire with his wife Sally. Free and open to all.

Tuesday May 26th at 7:00pm**Welcome to Frost Heaves with Fred Marple**

In the grand tradition of Bert and I, Mark Twain and Lake Wobegon comes *Welcome to Frost Heaves*, a collection of stories from "the most under-appreciated town in New Hampshire" as told by Fred Marple. From town meeting to the town dump, Frost Heaves is every small New England town you've ever visited, and a few of you probably don't want to. Fred Marple tells stories about the imaginary characters that live, laugh, and argue in Frost Heaves, and the lessons they learn from their often hilarious capers. Fred Marple is the nom de plume of Ken Sheldon--songwriter, actor, humorist, and creator of Frost Heaves, a mythical town in the shadow of Mount Monadnock. Frost Heaves is also a variety show that appears regularly at the Peterborough Players theatre and won a "Best of NH" award. Fred Marple is the unofficial spokesman for the town of Frost Heaves, mainly because everyone else is gainfully employed. Ken Sheldon was a pre-med art major at the University of New Hampshire. (The medical schools of America were not amused.) After college, Ken worked in a clinic for migrant farmworkers in California, a hospital, a hardware store, a computer magazine, and his own home office, which he likes best of all. He also writes suspense fiction as Michael Manley. This program is free and open to all.

Thursday May 28th at 7:00pm How Did He Do That? Woodworking with Steve Carey

Have a home woodworking shop and love to create one-of-a-kind pieces? Wish you knew more about techniques and solving problems? Bring your questions to the library and ask Steve Carey! Stephen Carey has thrived in a home shop for over 40 years, making unique wood art using average tools and supplies. He has 'been there and done that' on a budget and knows how to help fellow amateur woodworkers succeed. Stephen's involvement with woodworking began in a high school shop class and continues to this day, making woodworking a passion. He lectures in and around New Hampshire on such subjects as [Segmented Wood Turning](#), [Linear Radius Turning](#), [Multi-Generational](#)

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Concepts and Design, Shop Design & Development and Simple Holiday Gifts You Can Do At Home. The proud parent of 3 boys and husband to his wife Carol, they live in rural New Hampshire where he enjoys woodworking and fly-fishing. You can check out Steve's beautiful work in our display case at the library. This program is free and open to all.

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

Tuesday, May 5th from 3:15-4:15pm

Lego Club

Come build Legos with us! Drop by the Children's Room on the first Tuesday of each month to work on your Lego projects or build something new!

Thursday, May 14th from 3:30-4:30 PM
Mother Daughter Tea Party & Flower Arranging Workshop

Join Floral Designer Megan Dodge & Children's Librarian Callie Faucher for an afternoon tea party and floral arranging workshop at the Library. Callie will read a story while refreshments are enjoyed. Afterwards, Megan will teach us all floral arranging techniques. Each participant will bring home their own floral creation. Free and open to all, though supplies can only be guaranteed for registrants. Sign up at the library today!

The Week of May 11th ~ Anytime the library is open
Plant a Sunflower

April showers spring May flowers... stop by the library anytime the week of May 11th to plant your own sunflower in a small pot to take home. After the danger of frost passes, plant the flower in your own yard to be enjoyed in the late summer. *While supplies last.*

Saturday, May 16th from 11-12pm, Paws to Read with Toven

Drop in the library on Saturday, May 16th starting at 11am and read to Toven, a registered reading therapy dog. Bring your own books, or chose one from our collection. Toven will be in the Daniel's Room.

Every Thursday at 10:30am Story Time!

Join local preschoolers with their parents and caregivers at story time! We sing, dance, play, listen to stories and do crafts. Upcoming themes include spring time, pigs, mud, and puddles. We always have a lot of fun, and would love for you to join us!

Ongoing Reading Therapy Dog Programs:
Every Monday from 3:15 to 4:15pm, Paws to Read with Coffee

Drop in and read to Coffee, a registered reading therapy dog. If you bring in 3 non-perishable items to donate to the local food pantry, you may pick out a stuffed animal graciously donated by Douglas Cuddle Toys.

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Hancock Historical Society Spring Programs

From Hometown to Hunt's Pond: A Writer's Journey

Thursday, April 30th, 7:00pm at the Vestry
Hancock author Paul Hertneky will read from his writings and share stories of a life journey that led him from early days in Pittsburgh to his current home on Hancock's Hunts Pond.

Who is Buried at Pine Ridge Cemetery?

Saturday, May 16th at 10:00 am, Pine Ridge Cemetery
Historical Society member and cemetery trustee John Hayes will lead a walking tour of Pine Ridge and share stories based on his research into our archives and cemetery records. John will be joined by fellow cemetery trustees Sandy Weston and Ken Chester.
(Note: The program time was published incorrectly in the Historical Oracle. The correct program time is at 10:00 am)

The Natural History of Norway Pond

Thursday, May 21st, 7:00 pm at the Vestry
Naturalist Susie Spikol Faber will speak about the fascinating natural life that can be found in and around our own Norway Pond. If you can come a little early, meet on the beach at 6:30 to hear the story of ice harvesting from the pond and how the granite seats came to be on the beach.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The family invites all who knew him to attend the Celebration of the Life of William Weston, Jr., (August 8, 1928 to January 7, 2015) to be held in the Hancock Congregational Church, Main Street, on Saturday, May 30th at 11:00 am.

Submitted by Ellena Weston, 525-3832

Edwin C. Eldred, Jr. passed away peacefully on February 26th at Summer Hill Assisted Living after a period of failing health. A Celebration of Life will be held on May 19th at 11:00am at the Church Vestry.

To view an online obituary or to leave a condolence for the family, please visit www.jellisonfuneralhome.com

Friends of the Hancock Town Library Membership Appeal

The Friends of the Hancock Town Library (FHTL) is a non-profit organization that simply raises money to help make our library the best in the region, the kind of library a community can be really proud of.

Most of the funds we raise come from a small membership fee and from the big Book Sale that takes place during Old Home Day weekend.

These funds help provide the library with outstanding adult and children's programs throughout the year, computers and other equipment, books for babies, furnishings, and more.

Our biggest ticket item in 2014 was new catalog/circulation software that allows you to tap into the library's catalog from your home computer. We also supported a grant that significantly increased our children's book collection.

Our membership appeal letters have just been mailed. We urge you to please promptly renew your \$5 membership (and we gladly accept donations). If you are not a member and would like to help support the library, just stop by the library desk to fill out a membership form. Your contribution is tax deductible.

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Submitted by Maribeth Sullivan, Pres. FHTL 525-4181
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THANK YOU NOTE

To All of the Norway Hill Orchard, Clean-up Volunteers:

A special Thank You to Ginger Smith for initiating the great Clean-up of the orchard on Saturday, April 18th.

*When I look back at the notes of appreciation that I have written in prior years, I realize that there aren't any different words that can possibly convey to **each of you** how grateful I am for you sharing time to help to clean-up the orchard after it has been pruned. The weather couldn't have been better. It was a wonderful turn-out of all ages and you covered the entire orchard.*

Please know how very much this means to me. I feel so fortunate for such wonderful friends reaching out to volunteer your time and energy. The words "Thank You" just never seem quite adequate enough to express how very appreciative I am for all of your help.

Submitted by Peg McLeod



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Bret and I are getting married!



We not only want to share our good news with you, but we will also be on vacation Starting May 5th for 2 weeks
Joey will be here and we will be open
May 5th -16th

He may be here other days but make sure you call and make an appointment.

At this time, we will only be doing State Inspection, Oil Changes, Batteries, exhaust repairs, any other repairs will be up to Joey. So please plan accordingly, maybe get your tires swapped the last week in April, we can do State Inspection early without your new registration, and if you know you need something get it scheduled now!

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MUSIC ON NORWAY POND

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Saturday May 9th at 4pm
Hancock Meeting House
No admission charge but door donations enthusiastically encouraged.

FUNDING "STAN"- HANCOCK'S NEW MEETING HOUSE PIANO

The beautiful "new" piano in our Meeting House, a Stanwood baby grand that we affectionately call "STAN" is very close to being paid for, thanks to donations from members of the town, the Harvard Krokodiloes and one of our beloved visiting musicians who donated her entire performance fee back to the Piano Fund.

We only need \$110 to finish paying for the \$1,950 cost of buying, moving, fixing, tuning, humidifying and "mobilizing" (new casters on its legs) Stan.

Please consider being the ones to finish off this campaign by sending a check made out to Music on Norway Pond to PO Box 341, Hancock, NH. We can all look forward to years ahead of celebrations, parties, concerts, plays and pageants shared with "Stan" in our beautiful new space.

HANCOCK WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

Must be May? All that snow is gone, the sun feels warmer and the outdoor gardens are beginning to come back to life. Isn't it wonderful?

On **Wednesday, May 13th** at 12:30pm our annual luncheon will take place at the Hancock Inn. Remember that you need to pre-order your luncheon selection prior to attending. Contact Sonja Mucha at 525.4970 to let her know you will be attending and she will go over the menu with you. The cost is \$18 payable in advance to the Hancock Woman's Club. Friday, May 8th is the deadline to pre-order your selection. This is our last meeting of the year until October. Come, enjoy a delicious lunch and mingle with members you may not have seen in a while.

October is a way off but we have a couple of important events taking place this summer:

Sunday, June 28 at 4 pm the Monadnock Chorus Chamber Singers will perform a concert in the church. The theme is "Fair as the Lily." This concert, like all of our events, is open to the public.

Free-will donations will be accepted at the door to benefit our Community Needs and Scholarship Fund.

Saturday, July 18th from 10 am to 4 pm - "Visit Hancock Gardens" Tour of local gardens in town and surrounding countryside. Eleven to be exact! Get to see a Japanese garden, a pollinating garden, and beautiful flower gardens. Tickets will be sold at the luncheon on May 13th. The tour starts at the Vestry. Tickets are \$15 in advance; \$20 day of the tour. Come! Enjoy a day out in the fresh summer air looking at beautiful gardens and get some ideas for your own garden. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit our Community Needs and Scholarship Fund.

Soon we will see many flowers around town, especially the Post Office window boxes. gardens at the entrance to the Post Office, the Horse Trough all taken care of by the Hancock Woman's Club, but you need not be a member to help. These plantings need tender care when the sun beats down on them and no rain has fallen. When you read this and would like to volunteer to give them water for one week, please contact Nancy Musarra at 525.3507 or Wayan Suarni at 525.3538. A team of two even makes it more fun!
Submitted by Gertie Kanner

Hancock Happenings is available online at

<http://www.hancocknh.org/hancock-happenings>

HANCOCK WOMEN! Scholarship Available

The Hancock Woman's Club annual \$1,000 scholarship is once again being offered to an adult Hancock woman. To qualify, an applicant must be an adult woman in mid-career, or an adult woman who plans to either begin, change or return to a career after years of family rearing or other responsibilities. The applicant must be a current resident who's lived here for 2+ years. She must provide official confirmation of acceptance or enrollment at an accredited school, such as a college, university, technical or other training school.

To obtain an application form, please write to the Hancock Woman's Club, PO Box 366, Hancock, NH 03449; or call Eleanor Falcon at 525-4650. Applications must be received no later than June 1, 2015.

Applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's choice in early August. With the recipient's permission, her name will be announced publicly.

Submitted by Eleanor Falcon

MUSEUM PASSES

Vacation time approaches. Whether for yourself or visiting friends and relatives, it's time to start planning your adventures.

As most of you know, libraries offer so much more than books these days. Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Hancock Town Library, you can get special museum passes through our library. Some offer indoor explorations and some offer outdoor excursions.

Passes that are currently available:

- Cheshire Children's Museum – Keene NH
- Currier Museum of Art – Manchester NH
- Montshire Museum – Norwich VT
- Mariposa Museum – Peterborough NH
- Canterbury Shaker Village – Canterbury NH
- Strawbery Banke – Portsmouth NH
- The Fells – Newbury NH
- Museum of Fine Arts – Boston MA

Each pass has different restrictions. Some are free; some offer discounts; some need to be checked out like a book and returned to the library while others don't.

If you are looking for a rainy day activity or a lovely outdoor experience, we suggest you contact the library about the pass in which you are interested to make sure it is available. Mark your calendar, pick up your pass and head out for an exploration of art, history, gardening, world culture, and just plain fun.

Art Exhibits at the Library

Two Solo Shows in May

The artwork of Bob Askey remains on display in the Daniels Room through Thursday, May 14th. From whimsical watercolors and oil paintings to detailed drawings and etchings, Bob's work is accessible to all.



Dutch Door by Bob Askey

Although Bob had an interest in and talent for art that began in childhood and continued through high school, he did not pursue a career in the field of art; instead, he became an account executive with a major advertising agency in New York City, and later started his own advertising agency after moving to Keene.

Then, when he retired, he started taking a number of art courses at Keene State College to familiarize himself with materials and procedures in various mediums, such as oil and watercolor painting and printmaking. Before long he was producing work in all the media and feeling pleased with the results.

Bob is aware that an artist usually chooses to specialize in one form of art; however, having waited so long to involve himself again with the pastime he so loved, he now enjoys immersing himself in the variety of opportunities the field offers.

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"The Forest for the Trees," a solo show by Nelson artist Frankie Brackley Tolman, will be on exhibit in the Daniels Room from May 16th to June 25th. There will be a reception for the artist on Saturday, May 16th, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, with refreshments and live music.



Enticing Forest

by Frankie Brackley Tolman

Working in acrylic applied to paper or board, Frankie is well known for her colorful and evocative paintings. Her work has been described as "semi-abstract" in that the subjects are readily identifiable though reduced to simplified shapes with little detail.

Frankie teaches "Experimental Watermedia and Mixed Media" at Sharon Arts School in Sharon. Her work has been accepted into many regional and national shows, most recently in the Biennial Juried Show at the Thorne Gallery

of Keene State College. In addition, she has achieved signature status with the New England Watercolor Society and the Rhode Island Watercolor Society.

Her work can be seen at the Juried Member's gallery at Sharon Arts in Peterborough and at her Amethyst Gallery in Nelson. One of her paintings is featured on the cover of Howard Mansfield's book *Dwelling in Possibility*.

Both shows can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2:00 to 6:00 pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The library is closed Friday and Sunday.

Because the Daniels Room is sometimes reserved for meetings, please call the library 525.4411 before traveling any distance.

Submitted by Sandy Taylor

CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S ART

Dublin Community Preschool and Childcare Center holds its annual Children's Art Show Thursday, May 7th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at 1283 Main Street (Route 101 West) in the Dublin Village Park business complex, adjacent to the school at number 1281.

At this free reception and exhibit, the public is invited to view artwork the children have created in a variety of media during the school year and meet the school's teachers.

Preschool director Cathy Carabello says, "We originally created the art show in an effort to participate in the national event known as 'The Week of the Young Child.' It has continued to grow and celebrate children on many levels beyond their artwork. This 'opening night-style' reception is also a perfect chance to see who we are and what we do at DCP."

Young guests can make a craft project to take home. Complimentary refreshments will be available and all in attendance will be eligible to win door prizes.

Please don't forget that the preschool is also holding its first-ever online fundraising auction at www.DCPauction.org through 9 p.m. Sunday, May 17th. Items and services up for bid have been donated locally and from across New England and beyond. Auction proceeds support the school's operational costs and its educational, enrichment and scholarship programs.

For more information about the DCP art show or the online auction, please contact Cathy Carabello at 563.8508 or cathy@dublinpreschool.org.

Hancock Elementary School

Amy Janoch, M. Ed., Principal, Literacy Coach

The Ideal Match – HES and Harris Center

My goal at Hancock Elementary School is for student learning to be more authentic. Authentic learning is real life learning. Rather than talk about science or math, children engage in real life experiences that enable them to become scientists or mathematicians. When the Harris Center comes to HES, I see children transformed into scientists.

Throughout the fall, second graders got their hands dirty as they learned about the different types of worms and their habitat. Students asked questions, wondered, observed and recorded worm behavior in their science log book just as any good scientist might.

Fourth graders spent January becoming resident experts about a selected New Hampshire mammal. Students researched their animal noting details such as habitat and prey. Once well versed regarding the animal, each student created a paper mache replica of the animal, wrote a report explaining the animal to others, and created a foldable picture book displaying the important details.

Third graders are currently working with Susie and Katie Richardson as they explore favored habitats for bluebirds. The unit began by taking apart the bird houses from last year's science class. Students discovered a swallow's nest with old eggs and a dead bird! Other houses revealed bluebird's nests. Based on their findings, students hypothesized that bluebirds favor red bird houses. They have several birdhouses out in the wetlands. Now it is time to observe and collect data!

A unit of study on owls in kindergarten and first grade culminated with a visit from the Harris Center. Susie Faber brought a variety owls for the students to see. Together they observed and identified the differences in each owl. They then learned what owls eat by pulling apart owl pellets. One group uncovered an intact mouse skull -very exciting and informative!

Our relationship with the Harris Center is long and special. I find this relationship to be a valuable learning opportunity for all. I watch as children explore, think, wonder and question. These are the qualities that I value

and strive to nurture in all children. My hope is that our relationship with Harris Center will continue to evolve and grow as our students and teachers grow.

The Harris Center for Conservation Education



May 1 (Fri) Vernal Pool Workshop for Landowners, Foresters, Land Conservation Commissioners

Join Jeremy Wilson, Steve Roberge, and Brett Amy Thelen for a workshop on forest management with vernal pools in mind. We'll begin indoors with an illustrated talk on vernal pool ecology and best forestry practices for vernal pool protection, then head outside for a closer look at a vernal pool in spring bloom. **1 to 4 pm at the Harris Center and a local field site.** 2.5 Category 1 SAF CFE credits are available. For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at thelen@harriscenter.org or 358.2065. Cosponsored with the UNH Cooperative Extension and the NH Association of Conservation Commissions.

May 1 (Fri) First Session of Nature of Gardens Afterschool Club

**Nature of Gardens Afterschool Club • \$40 Harris Center members / \$60 nonmembers
Fridays, May 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22th, from 3:30 to 5 pm at Brooks' Side Farm, Hancock, for kids in Grades 2 through 4**

Join the Harris Center and the Cornucopia Project for afterschool adventures at Brooks' Side Farm in Hancock. We'll discover treasures from around the garden, while planting, growing, harvesting, and eating our own farm-fresh treats. Hancock Elementary School students may take the bus from school to Brooks' Side Farm. For more information, contact Susie Spikol Faber at spikol@harriscenter.org. Preregistration is required. Contact Sara LeFebvre at 525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

May 2 (Sat) Trail Maintenance on the Cadot Trail
Join trail chief Jim Orr for a morning of easy trail work, clearing branches and leaf litter from the historic stone culverts along the Cadot Trail. All ages and abilities are welcome. Bring gloves and a rake or hoe, or you can use the Harris Center's tools. Bring water, and **meet at 9 am the Cadot Trail gate on Old Dublin Rd in Hancock.** Back by noon. For more info, contact Jim at 924.6934 or trailchief@gmail.com.

May 3 (Sun) Willard Pond in the Footsteps of John Kulish

Join Stan Smith and Vic Starzynski for one of John Kulish's favorite hikes. The strenuous route will take us up Willard Mountain to Robb Mountain to Bald Mountain before descending to Willard Pond, for a total distance of 6.5 miles and 750 feet of elevation gain. Bring water and lunch, and **meet at 8:30 am in the Willard Pond parking lot**. Back by 4 pm For more information, contact Stan at 978.827.5185 or srsantq@yahoo.com.

May 6 (Wed) Nature on Tap: Tales from the Hancock Carcass Cam

For the past six years, Eric Aldrich has been setting up his game cameras all over Hancock to capture images of animals that trigger the motion sensor as they walk by. While only a few photos have actually been taken with the help of a carcass to attract critters, the name itself is bait, attracting scores of folks who like to see pictures of our fascinating local wildlife. Eric will share a few stories about using game cameras for fun and research. . Reservations are required, as space is limited. To reserve a seat, contact Sara LeFebvre at (603) 525-3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

May 13 (Wed) The Soul of an Octopus

In researching her two newest books, Sy Montgomery established such close friendships with giant Pacific octopuses that the animals would rise from their aquarium tanks to greet her, embracing her with thousands of powerful, white suckers – all while looking her directly in the eye. In this illustrated talk, Sy will share details of these extraordinary relationships, as well as surprising scholarly research on the remarkable intellectual abilities of the octopus. **7 to 9 pm at the Harris Center**. For more information, contact Eric Masterson at (603) 525-3394 or masterson@harriscenter.org. Cosponsored with the Hancock Town Library.

May 14 (Thur) First Session of ESI Course: Bats of New Hampshire

Thursdays, May 14, 21, and 28, from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Harris Center, plus a local field trip location \$30 Harris Center members / \$50 nonmembers

Come learn about bats and the contributions they make to our everyday lives. In this series, we'll hear from the experts about bat natural history, what they're doing in their work to help bats, and what you can do to help, too. Instructor Cynthia Nichols is the coordinator for the Summer Bat Colony Monitoring program, a joint project of New Hampshire Fish and Game and New Hampshire Audubon. Preregistration is required. Contact Sara LeFebvre at 525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

May 16 (Sat) James Currie's "When Eagles Roar"
What's it like to be a game ranger in Africa? Join internationally acclaimed wildlife expert James Currie for a fascinating glimpse into wildlife conservation in Africa.

James is the host of Nikon's Birding Adventures TV, and has starred in specials for *National Geographic*. His recent book, "When Eagles Roar," was named "One of the Best Nature Books of 2014" by *The Guardian*. James will be signing books after his talk. **12 to 1 pm at the Harris Center**. For more info, contact Bonnie Fladung at 603.867.1908 or ukhozi@birdingadventures.com.

May 30 (Sat) The Life Cycle of Dragonflies and Damselflies

Join Frank Gorga for an exploration of the world of dragonflies and damselflies. We'll begin indoors, where Frank will discuss the natural history of these fascinating insects, accompanied by his stunning photographic exhibit in the Babbitt Room. After Frank's talk, we'll head outside to search for dragonflies and damselflies on the Harris Center grounds. **2 to 4 pm at the Harris Center**. For more information, contact Sara LeFebvre at 525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

May 31 (Sun) Bald Mountain Hike

Join Denny Wheeler and Russ Daigle for a moderately strenuous, 3.5-mile hike along the shore of Willard Pond to the top of Bald Mountain. Bring water and lunch, and **meet at 10 am in the Willard Pond parking lot**. Back by 2:30 pm For more information, contact Denny at 603.313.0350 or Russ at 603.477.7506.

May 31 (Sun) Well School 5K to Benefit the Harris Center

The Well School is generously donating the net proceeds of their spring 5K to the Harris Center! The race starts at **9:30 am, beginning and ending at The Well School in Peterborough**. Online registration closes May 27th. To register, or for more information about the run and raffle prizes, contact Russ Freeman 924.6908, ext. 27 or athletics@wellschool.org or visit thewellschool5k.org.





Kristen Vance, Director

2015 Children’s Summer Adventures Program is filling up, so call 588.2620 now to register:

- “Better Beginnings Adventure Week” for 2-4½ year olds and their parents -- July 20-24, 9:30-noon, \$90
- “Backyard Adventures” for 4 ½ to 6 year olds – 2 one-week sessions, July 22-24 & July 27-31, 9-12:30, \$110
- “Backyard Science” for 7 to 9 year olds – Aug 3-7, 9-1, \$130

“Better Beginnings Adventure Week” for 2-4½ year olds is two programs in one, one for the children and one for the parents, grandparents or other caregivers. While the caregivers are enjoying “adult time” with tea, coffee, conversation and a choice of indoor and outdoor activities, their children will be making art, exploring nature and playing outside in water, sand and mud. A picnic of healthy snacks completes the morning.

“Backyard Adventures” activities for 4½ to 6 year olds include investigating flying creatures, creepy crawlers and swimming bugs; exploring mud and water; and scavenger hunts, hikes, nature stories, songs, crafts and painting. According to teacher Carol Lunan, “this is a wonderful opportunity for young children to discover the natural world, and their place in it.”



For older children, “Backyard Science” offers nature exploration through the lens of science. Daily challenges and science experiments will pique the children’s natural curiosity. Activities include camp songs and games, scavenger hunts, and science through art and play with mud and water.

Ask about reduced fees if your family cannot afford the full fee. Call 588.2620 for more information and to register.

Spring Cleaning? Grapevine parents are collecting new and gently-used items for the annual Learning Vine yard sale. All proceeds support the preschool and make it possible to provide financial assistance. Call Carol if you have a donation.

Big Bold Grown Up Paint Camp is back by popular demand, Saturday July 18 from 9-noon. No experience necessary, this fun and creative workshop is described by one past participant as “a total escape from the everyday, the type that takes you to a different place, kind of like getting deep into a really good book.” All materials and supplies are provided for the \$40 fee. If you are an early childhood educator, this is a NH credentialed workshop. Call The Grapevine to register, ask for Carol for more information.

The Learning Vine Preschool has just the right program for your child: Choose from two days or three days a week, drop-off or parent cooperative, with afternoon enrichment in the spring to help your child prepare for Kindergarten. Call 588-2620 to schedule a visit this spring.

Coming soon.... Black Fly Community Art Show, Sat, June 6th 10:00-12:00 featuring multi-media art by local children and youth, community and family art activities, and more. If you have art you would like to show please call Carol or Amy 588.2620.

Walk With Us May 9th The Grapevine’s 11th Annual *Spring Walk for Families* is Saturday May 9th, and we need to raise \$25,000 to support our programs for children and families. An anonymous donor put a \$5,000 challenge on the table, so we need to raise at least \$5,000 to meet that challenge and \$15,000 more to reach our goal. That sounds like a lot (it is!) but it’s within reach (we raised \$18,000 last year!) If everyone helps, we can do it.

Bring your family, your club, your band, your softball team, your running buddies, your congregation (the Presbyterians are joining us!). This is The Grapevine’s biggest fundraiser and we CAN do it with YOUR support, so please get your pledge sheet at The Grapevine, your library, your town offices, or on GrapevineNH.org. And then meet us in The Grapevine parking lot at 9:30 on May 9th to register and walk in support of our families and community. You’ll be glad you did.

Can’t be there? Pledge a walker by calling 588.2620 or making a pledge online at GrapevineNH.org.

Note: See page 24 for pledge sheet

About The Grapevine

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization located behind the Tuttle Library and serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Frankestown and nearby towns. For more information call 588.2620. Tax deductible contributions are gratefully accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, or drop by the center at 4 Aiken Street (behind the library).

Children and the Arts Festival

The 22nd annual free Children and the Arts Festival will be held Saturday, May 16th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm in downtown Peterborough. The theme is "Up, Up, and Away", featuring bubbles, airplanes, kites, and birds! Performances, activities, and demonstrations will take place in venues all over town, punctuated by the great Parade of Giant Puppets at noon. It is a day full of free artsy fun - not to be missed!



Volunteers keep this day running smoothly! We need help all day, and especially between 4-5:30 pm to help clean up. If you're interested in helping out, you can call Terry Reeves at 924-9391. Our festival is free due to generous donations from individuals and businesses in the ConVal communities and beyond. Tax deductible donations can be sent to Children and the Arts, PO Box 771, Peterborough, NH 03458. For more information including how you can help, puppet workshop times, and a schedule of the day's events, visit our website at www.childrenandthearts.org. Email us at childrenandarts@gmail.com.



MONADNOCK HUMANE SOCIETY

SPRING CELEBRATION ON MAY 2nd

AWARDS CEREMONY AND ANNUAL MEETING .

Monadnock Humane Society will be holding a Spring Celebration and its Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 2nd from 2:00 – 4:00 pm in the Guinane Training Center. The first half of the event (the Spring Celebration) will begin at 2:00. Refreshments will be served, including delicious home-baked desserts and cookies provided by the Country Life Restaurant of Keene.

Live music entertainment will be provided by local band, Santa Croce. Santa Croce is made up of six brothers and sisters ranging in age from 13-25 with huge harmony, indie-folk instrumentation and a knack for writing modern and unique songs, dedicated to spreading positive energy and fun! Santa Croce was signed by Sony/Red music and has come off a Nashville-made music video trip. www.santacroceband.com.

The second half of the event will start at 3:00 pm. It will begin with an Awards Ceremony, honoring three individuals – Compassionate Citizen of the Year, Outstanding MHS Employee, and Outstanding MHS Volunteer. The Outstanding MHS Volunteer of the Year and the Outstanding MHS Employee of the Year will be nominated by the MHS Volunteers, Board of Directors, and Staff. The MHS Compassionate Citizen of the Year will be given to a person in our community, and nominations are accepted from anyone in the Monadnock Region. (to nominate someone you know, please go to the MHS website for guidelines and to complete a form. Deadline for nominations is April 28th).

The Annual Meeting will follow the Awards Ceremony with special guest speaker, MHS Transition Leader Joe Olsen. The meeting will continue with the election and re-election of board members.

All events are free and open to the public. All ages are welcome. Plenty of parking.

Event Information:

Spring Celebration and Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 2nd

2-3 pm - Celebration

3-4 pm - Annual Meeting

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including recent immigrants

Don't be a victim

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and must pay immediately through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer.

Victims who refuse to cooperate are then threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a driver's or business license. In many cases, the scammer becomes hostile and insulting.

Other signs are that the scammer may:

- use a fake name and IRS badge number.
- recite the last four digits of the victim's Social Security Number.
- spoof the IRS toll-free number on caller ID.
- send phony IRS letters by mail or email to victims to support the bogus call.
- mimic call site noises in the background.
- hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV, and the caller ID supports the claim.

If you get a suspicious call:

- 1 And you know you owe taxes, call the IRS at 1.800.829.1040 for help with a payment issue.
- 2 And you know you don't owe taxes, call the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1.800.366.4484.
- 3 Report it to the Federal Trade Commission's online Complaint Assistant. Add "IRS Telephone Scam" to your comments.

Report this scam online @
www.ftc.gov/complaint

Get the latest info @ www.irs.gov

Monadnock Humane Society 27th Annual Walk for Animals

Business Sponsorships are Available!

Monadnock Humane Society is pleased to announce the 27th Annual Walk for Animals will once again be held at the Keene Dillant-Hopkins Airport in Swanzey on Saturday, June 20th from 10am-2pm, rain or shine. This is MHS's biggest and most important fundraiser of the year. MHS hopes that the local businesses will consider supporting the Walk with either a cash or in-kind sponsorship. Many different options are available. Employees can also form a team and support the Walk as participants.

Every year, members of the community help to raise money by finding friends, family, colleagues, businesses, coworkers - any animal lovers - to sponsor them. MHS's website has complete information and fundraising tools for those who want to join the Walk. Fundraising occurs between now and the date of the Walk event. Then, on June 20th, Walkers fetch their sneakers, leash up their dogs (or walk without a dog) and take a walk together on this special day. Everyone can participate as either an individual or as part of a team. Children are encouraged and welcome to participate. The public is welcome to join the festivities. Prizes will be given to the top fundraisers in Adult, Youth, and Team categories, and lunch (donated by local businesses) will be provided to all Walkers. CJ the DJ from Fitzwilliam will provide music and entertainment during the event. Each Walker receives an event tote bag filled with wonderful discount coupons and gifts donated by businesses (including a plush toy from Douglas Cuddle Toys!).

All proceeds from the Walk for Animals go directly to the care of our homeless animals. Participation in the Walk for Animals - as an individual walker, part of a team, as a sponsor, or as a volunteer - will make a difference in the lives of thousands of animals as well as the people in our community. More information on the Walk at: www.monadnockhumanesociety.org. If you would like more information on being a Walk Business Sponsor, please contact Carol Laughner, caroll@humanecommunity.org or [603.352.9011, ext. 115](tel:603.352.9011) or visit our website.



The Cornucopia Project

May Brings an After School Club and New Garden Beds

The Cornucopia Project teams up with the Harris Center to bring an after school "Nature of Gardens" club to Brooks Side Farm. For HES children in grades 2-4 who've enjoyed their weekly visits to the farm, here's a chance to keep growing. We'll discover treasures around the garden while planting, growing, harvesting and sampling fresh produce. This happens all four Friday afternoons in May. You can register with the Harris Center by contacting Sara LeFebvre at 525.3394. Watch for news of future Brooks Side Farm community programs and volunteer opportunities.

We've started trays of seeds with all the HES students. Spring-loving herbs, flowers and veggies are germinating in a sunny window of the school library. On May 7, 3rd and 4th graders will construct three raised beds next to the school. We'll gradually expand the garden area so all 5 grades have a rich outdoor learning experience, with plans for some no-till beds and a sapling teepee for vining veggies and flowers to round out the edible garden classroom for Hancock students.

Submitted by Marilyn Wyzga

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 For information: 603-924-2055

Our Audiology Office Has Moved!



*Noelle Paradis, AuD, MS, CCC-A, FAAA and
 Margaret Glover, MA, CCC-A, FAAA*

Crotched Mountain Audiology has moved its Peterborough office to a convenient new location to serve all your hearing needs!

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Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services

Keene – The 3rd annual **5K Run/Walk event** will be held on **Saturday, May 9th at 9 am** to benefit the Healthy Starts program at Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS). The 3.1 mile course starts and finishes at HCS’s Keene office at 312 Marlboro St. The course is a mostly flat loop through residential areas and the bike path – suitable for all levels of runners and walkers. All ages are encouraged, strollers are permitted, but please leave dogs at home.



Hancock Happenings is available online at

<http://www.hancocknh.org/hancock-happenings>

Hancock Hours and Meetings

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

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 7:00 pm; Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm;

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

Planning Board - On the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm: 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 7:00 pm, Town Office 2nd floor;

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

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

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

Recreation Committee – 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., 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 4:00 pm, 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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