Old Home Days is upon us.
In honor of our longest running celebration of community and family, I would like to dedicate this month’s contribution from the Selectboard entirely to Old Home Days. Last year, the USA Today newspaper mentioned our Hancock celebration of community as the “oldest, longest running community picnic in the USA.” As my colleagues and friends in town will likely agree, Old Home Days in Hancock is one of our proudest and most enduring defining symbols of the greatness that is Hancock. Further, this year’s theme – Old Home Days: Past, Present and Future – is fitting for a community steeped in history, sustained by tradition and secured by the promise of our future together.

Hancock that make us happy and sustain us as a community.

Old Home Days is among my family’s favorite annual holidays. Summer has warmed our bodies and souls, and the gathering for the weekend of fun and activity with family and friends has become a most welcome tradition. My parents and their friends journey north annually to Hancock for Old Home Days. Perhaps they too are seeking the happiness, safety and security sorely missing in much of America during these busy days. Maybe it’s just the chicken BBQ.

In the face of what has been a very difficult summer indeed – losing some of our brilliant young people – we were weighed down with sadness. This year, Old Home Days “present” is more important than ever in renewing the health of our community. Focus on the here and now, and participate! Siobhan, Cindy, John and the Old Home Day Committee, volunteers, Diane and Linda, Amy and the Library, Kurt and Public Works, Chief Andy and the Hancock Police, Nevan and the firefighters have all shared time and sacrifice, so that we may share the weekend together in safety and fun.

Old Home Days. Honor our people, places and traditions that make us special. Hancock.
The conversion of the 'Town Offices' heating system from oil to pellets (with propane back up) has effected a huge savings in fuel cost and in carbon dioxide emitted. The building's carbon footprint has almost disappeared! The graph below reflects the improvement in the last heating season, the first full winter of heating primarily with wood pellet fuel.

Maintenance of the system has proven to entail minimal effort, and given a milder winter next year, further savings in both CO2 and fuel costs may be anticipated. All who may wish to inspect the system are invited to do so. It is in the basement of the Town Offices.

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**Hancock Fire Fire & Rescue News**

*Nevan Cassidy, Chief, Hancock Fire Department*

**Triplets Saved!!!**

Pictured above are David Selmer, Jared Booth and Karen Plourde. They are part of the Hancock Summer Recreation Program. In June, they all took a CPR/AED/First Aid class at the Fire Station. Those are three babies they all “saved.” Our thanks to Marylou Cassidy for putting this class together.

Well, it is already August and everyone in Hancock knows that it is time for Old Home Days. This year, it will be August 15 through 17. By far, the most important day will be Saturday, the 16th: the Run For The Honey, the Parade, the Pedal and Paddle Raffle, the contests, etc. Of course, there will always be the HFD Chicken Barbeque on the Common. As an annual fund-raiser, we, at HFD, cook about 500 chickens to feed the citizens and visitors to Hancock each year. Assistant Chief John Pirkey will once again be our head chef, with his secret marinade for a delicious meal. Please come down and enjoy this traditional event with us under our big green and white tent. We will be serving dinner from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available all day. Also, support the HFD Auxiliary with their Raffle – you could win a cool kayak or a mountain bike, or several other not-quite-so-cool prizes. Hope to see you then!

We have had a spate of accidents on Antrim Road recently – at least three in the past year. All on the stretch where that road turns from asphalt to dirt. All have involved young drivers. All of them not very smart drivers. All of them have hit large trees or rocks, or both. All of them were not wearing seatbelts, despite being less than a year out of driver training class. If you happen to have teenage drivers in your household, it is up to you to pound into their squishy little heads the importance of wearing seatbelts every time they get in a car. It is not up to me to be the bad guy who has to speak to them about how dangerous their driving can be. Although I can, and have, and will continue to do that, if need be.

We hope that former HFD member Josh Moreen will be back for good from service in the U.S. Army Infantry by August. He has served 8 years in the military, including tours in Afghanistan and Germany. We are all proud of his service to our country.

Longtime HFD member Ellen Moran was married in June this year. Congratulations! Also, Firefighters Meghan and Eric Bedard now have a new baby girl, Madison. She was born on July 8. Our best to all of them!

**July Raffle Winners:**

Numael Pulido, $40; Tia Strombeck, $20
Ernest “Bud” Adams, Lexy Heatly, Russell Nylander, $10 each
Crews have been very busy this month, working on the interior and exterior of the Meetinghouse. The restoration project is on schedule and there has been good news on the condition of the roof.

The east side of the roof is now protected with new slate. The good news is that when the old slate was removed from the west side, after serving to protect the Meetinghouse since the 1880s, there was very little damage found in the underlying supporting roof beams. One beam required repair, which has now been completed, and in another 7 to 10 days the roof will be completely protected with new slate. The slate is coming out of a Vermont quarry and, as a natural material, will “weather”, and regain its patina.

The supporting posts and beams in the crawlspace, along with new cement footings, have been completed. Uneven areas of the first level floor have been straightened as a result.

The heating system and ductwork are nearing completion and the new plumbing systems are being upgraded as access becomes available. Larger, handicapped restrooms will be easier to access as they will be located just off the entry foyer.

The “lift” which will provide more convenient access to the second floor will be arriving soon. Preparation of the framing for the lift is complete. People with mobility issues will now be able to go from Main Street to the second floor more easily.

Preparation for a new coat of paint for the exterior is underway. And, plans are being drawn up to improve the fire escape on the rear of the Meetinghouse.

The project is a little ahead of schedule, but subject to our New England weather. And because there was little damage to the roof, there may be some existing contingency funds available in the budget. The funds may be used to rebuild the stage in the lower level, but those plans are still under review.

The construction does not interfere with the Farmers Market, so don’t hesitate to stop by and get your fresh, locally grown produce.

The capital campaign has received $299,515 in donations and pledges from 167 community members ranging from $10 to $50,000 with an average of $1776 per donor. This includes $50,000 raised from three foundations. About 35% of all donations and pledges have been received from 45 church members. Since Town Meeting the capital campaign has raised an additional $55,855 from 45 new donors.

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

NOTICE
If you have not sent in your donation for 2014 as shown on your pledge form, we urge you to do so as soon as possible.
Mail to: The Hancock Improvement Association, Inc. at P.O. Box 112, Hancock, NH 03449.
Karen’s Stitching Post
Clothing and Fabric Repairs

Karen’s Stitching Post will be closed from July 24th till further notice.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

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Thank You!

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 your donation, please feel free to do so at anytime — there is no time limit. Thank you, and see you next year!

Submitted by Harry Pollock

Hancock Woman’s Club Scholarship

Diane Newbury, Recipient of 2014 Hancock Woman’s Club Scholarship

The recipient of the 2014 Hancock Woman’s Club Scholarship is Diane Newbury, currently the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program site coordinator/case manager in the Occupational Health Department at Monadnock Community Hospital. Between 1986 and 2004, Diane had worked as a licensed practical nurse at the hospital. She returned to the profession in 2010 after a six-year hiatus of family responsibilities. Diane is currently a student at Rivier University. Her future goal is a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

The Hancock Woman’s Club established the scholarship fund in 1991 to support adult women seeking opportunities for career change or advancement. Recipients must be women who have lived in Hancock for at least two years.

The Hancock Woman’s Club encourages interested women to apply for future scholarships by writing to the

Hancock Woman’s Club
PO Box 366
Hancock, NH 03449

Submitted by Eleanor Falcon, Chair
Scholarship Committee

Summer Break for Art Exhibits at the Library

As in past years, the Daniels Room will not be exhibiting artwork for most of the month of August. This is the time when the library starts organizing and then holding its annual Old Home Day Book Sale in the room.

After the town celebration, however, the shows will begin again. From August 23 until October 2, Chris Ingalls will have an exhibition of photographs that he has taken over the years. Chris, a Hancock resident, discovered an interest in and talent for photography after he found a camera on top of Pack Monadnock in the mid-1970s.

Details about this and his upcoming show will appear in the September issue of Hancock Happenings.

Submitted by Sandy Taylor

Community Supper

No Community Supper in August due to Old Home Day celebration. Enjoy the weekend!

Submitted by Donna Coty

Hancock Women’s Guild

Thank you to all who helped make our Summer Clothing Sale and July’s Ice Cream Social a success! Proceeds go toward the Hancock Guild Scholarship Awards for graduating ConVal seniors from Hancock, as well as other community projects.

We will be holding a Fall/Winter Clothing Sale later this year, so keep us in mind when you start going through your cold weather clothes.

Save The Date! Wednesday, September 17, the Guild will be hosting an event for Hancock women. Watch the mail for a special invitation and more information in next month’s Hancock Happenings!

Submitted by Darlene Tarr
The Hancock Co-operative Preschool began its first school year in 1965-66, following a series of meetings between a group of interested Hancock mothers and some members of the then called Dublin Co-operative Preschool. Members of the Dublin school were helpful offering advice and guidance on how to start and operate a co-operative school.

The original group of mothers who started and ran the Hancock Preschool were Nancy Adams, Virginia Blanchette, Peg Brown, Marie Fogg, Phyllis Phelps, Heather Robinson and Betsy Wilder. Since there was no public kindergarten at the time, it was their desire to offer preschoolers a chance to learn and play together in an informal yet structured environment. To that end, the Preschool formulated by-laws as a co-operative, with a board of officers and participating parents responsible for operating the school and acting as teacher aides. Heather Robinson of Hancock was hired by the parents as the first teacher and the Hancock Co-operative Preschool was up and running.

The preschool met initially in the upper hall of the Hancock Vestry, beginning with three days a week for four and five year olds. However, a group of eight or ten preschoolers clattering up and down stairs was a problem. Peg Brown and Nancy Adams recall with amusement their effort to install carpet on the stairs in an attempt to soften the noise and prolong the life of the stairs. The two mothers, with more determination than skill, did somehow manage to heft and glue down a huge roll of indoor-outdoor carpet to cover the stairs.

After several years in the Vestry, the preschool had grown enough that a larger space was needed. The lower hall of the Hancock Meetinghouse (then referred to as Town Hall) became the new site for the school until its closure nearly 50 years later. Thanks to a modest rent charge by the town, the preschool was able to keep its tuition low, starting at about $25 in the early years.

The preschool continued to operate for a several years with Heather Robinson as the teacher and one parent assisting as a teacher aide. Shortly after the move to the Town Hall, the need for a more expanded program became apparent, so the preschool began to operate five days a week for five-year olds, with four-year olds continuing on the three day a week schedule. While initially parents were readily available to work at the preschool as aides, the demographics of the town soon began to change. More mothers were working part or full-time outside of the home. Because of this, the preschool board decided it was time to hire a teacher-assistant.

Marie Fogg of Hancock was hired as the first paid assistant, a job she held for about 10 years. During her tenure, she recalls some of the teachers she worked with after Heather Robinson’s retirement in 1971: Mrs. Philip Baker, Leslie Dunbar, Martha Gourd, Mr. Metsigan Bundy, Eloisa Johnson and Joyce Stevens. Some parents were still available to work as assistants and their help was always welcome. Working in the classroom was part of the co-operative ‘contract’ made when parents selected the Hancock Preschool for their children. Parents who weren’t able to do classroom assistance performed other necessary tasks, such as cleaning the classroom and bathrooms, moving furniture and storing it on the stage area whenever the hall was needed for a Town Meeting or other activity, helping on field trips to Friendly Farm, the Hancock Library, a visit to the local garage or Norway
Hill Orchard, and working on Old Home Day parade floats.

The preschool strived to keep tuition low for all students, who came primarily from Hancock but also from Antrim, Franconia, and Peterborough. A major fund raiser held each year helped to continue keeping rates reasonable and to help some students who needed financial assistance. Every year since it began, the preschool operated a food booth on the town common for Old Home Day. Starting the first few years with sandwiches and beverages, the group soon switched to the sale of hamburgers and hotdogs, with dads often pitching in to man the grills and sell soda.

One memorable year the parent group decided to sell frozen bananas on a stick, dipped in chocolate with nuts or not as you chose. It was a big success, until one parent bit into a frozen banana and broke his tooth. That was the first and last year frozen banana treats were sold.

The financial and operational success of the Hancock Preschool began to change slowly around the mid-90’s, with the increased popularity of home schooling and the introduction of public kindergarten as part of the Conval school system. Gradually student enrollment and parental desire for a full-time preschool forced the board to consider other options. Fund-raising events were increased to raise money to support the operation of the school and programs were expanded to include ages three through early-six. The by-laws were amended to remove the cooperative status of the original preschool and KEEP (Kindergarten Extended Enrichment Program) became the new program in 2011. When kindergarten began operating full-time in the Conval district, KEEP found it too hard to close its doors.

What had been the Hancock Cooperative Preschool closed in the 2012-13 school year, and as it had in the beginning, a group of parents worked together during the next year to clean out all that remained from the Town Hall site, with most materials donated to some inner-city preschools in need of items for their programs.

Nancy P. Adams

Thanks to the following people for sharing their memories and thoughts with me for this article: Peg Brown, Megan Dodge, Marie Fogg, Heather Robinson and Betsy Wilder.
Church News

Fall Church Yard Sale

Please save your items from summertime sorting and cleaning, and donate them for the Hancock Congregational Church’s fall yard sale, to be held on **Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Or come find some bargains! We’ll welcome donations on Thursday, September 18, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 and 8:00 p.m., or Friday, September 19, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Anderson (525.4909) or Lexy Heatley (525.4132).

Submitted by Kathy Anderson

Church Pie Sale

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

Submitted by Kathy Anderson

What’s happening at the Hancock Professional Center

15 Forest Road, Hancock

"Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud." – Maya Angelou

**Friday and Saturday, August 1 and 2,** Special Sound Therapy event–Friday, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Welcome All! Held at Hancock Professional Center. For information, call Arlene at 603.933.3294.

**Saturday, August 9, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**–Rose Bochicchio is teaching the popular Bowenwork introductory class. Please call Rose at 603.831.2027 or Arlene at 603.933.3294 for further information and reservations.

**Friday and Saturday, August 15 and 16, 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** both days–Arlene Smith is teaching Sound Therapy - Phase I in Keene. These classes offer 12 credits to healthcare professionals. For information, call Arlene at 603.933.3294.

**Sunday, August 17**–Psychic Sunday at Life Path Energy, 33 Howard Street, Wilton, NH. Astrology readings and reports. Susan Marrotte is presenting Soul Aura Portraits combining personal readings and sound therapy. For inquiries, please call 603.547.7604 or 603.654.3330

**Sunday, August 24, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**–Meet with others who want to know more about astrology. Join in with the Wilton Starcatchers for astrological studies and discussion of personal natal charts. Free natal charts for the asking.

And, for the entire month of August I am offering free astrology tutoring for anyone who is interested. Please call me at 603.933.3294 for appointments.

Submitted by Arlene Smith

Living History Event

What is the Living History Event?

... an action packed two-day, four-location event in Scenic and Historic Hillsborough, New Hampshire!

George Washington is coming to Hillsborough, NH the summer of 2014!! Try your hand at panning for real gold, help throw a pot on the potter’s wheel, be a student in a real 1800s schoolhouse, cast your own pewter spoon, press cider and more…

Immerse yourself while the cannons roar, a Cavalry charges down a field and you watch a battle in the woods. Meet Mark Twain (special appearances of Mr Twain), Laura Ingalls Wilder, dance to the 2nd S. Carolina String Band and watch magic tricks performed by an 18th century Magician.

These are just some of the exciting and interesting things to do on four action-packed sites, all for one modest ticket price over two exciting days.

Come experience what living in America was like 100-200 years ago at the 6th Annual Living History Event! Come join us, you’ll be glad you did.

For details, please visit [http://livinghistoryeventnh.com/](http://livinghistoryeventnh.com/)

Submitted by the Hillsborough Historical Society
CLASSIFIEDS

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YARD SALE
Old Home Day Yard Sale, across from the fountain on 137, walk on over! Sunshine only

HOUSECLEANING
Local gal with local references. Experienced and dependable. Peggy Emerson, 525.8050.

Meetinghouse Restoration Committee
Fund-raising raffle to be drawn on August 16
12” x 16” painting of the Meetinghouse by Cynthia Niederhelman. Raffle on Old Home Day, Saturday, August 16.
Tickets: $5 each or 3 for $10. Buy tickets at Fiddleheads Café, the Hancock Market and the Hancock Inn. View the painting at the Library.

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Hancock Old Home Day Special
Saturday, August 16
Oil Change or State Inspection: $20.00
Or get both for $40.00
9am-2pm

You can leave your car and walk into town and pick it up later.

- SYNTHETIC WILL BE AN EXTRA CHARGE BY THE QUART.
- We will not be taking appointments: first come, first serve basis till we cannot take anymore.
- You will be asked to leave your car keys and phone number. For state inspections you will need your VALID registration out on your dash and oil changes any notes about syn oil.
- We will not be making any repairs that day, we can replace headlights, wipers, air filters if in stock. If you bring your own oil and filter it will still be $20.00 (possible exceptions for special makes BMW, Lexus, etc.).
- Cars have to be picked up by 2pm so we can return your keys to you. If it is a problem, please be back by 2pm to make arrangements.
- LOF includes changing the oil per vehicle specs, filter, check and top off all fluids, set tire pressures, check battery, inspect hoses, belts, air filter, brakes, under carriage, front end, front and rear suspensions.

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HANCOCK HAPPENINGS

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FUN DAYS!

Hancock Old Home Day 2014 is just weeks away and the committee is finalizing all the details. T-shirts are now available for purchase at the Hancock Market and at the Thursday concerts on the Town Common. As mentioned earlier, we organized another event this year: we will be offering you a chance to dunk town officials. There will be a charge of $3.00 for five tries to help offset the cost of Old Home Day… but it will be well worth it to try to dunk Fire Chief Nevan Cassidy, Police Chief Andy Wood, Director of Public Works Kurt Grassett or Selectman Jim Mose: all have agreed to participate! Thank you to all of them! John Hayes, Cindy Hixson and I are very excited and look forward to seeing you there.

Submitted by Siobhan Martin, OHD Chair

“HANCOCK HAS TALENT”

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS, SINGERS, DANCERS, POETS, AND COMEDIANS – Do you have a special talent you’d like to share? Or maybe you’re a closet exhibitionist looking for a spotlight? Sign up to perform in the Annual “Hancock Has Talent” Show. Contact Kristen Bernier at 525.4455 or email kmbernier@comcast.net to sign up now. And even if the stage isn’t for you, come to the Meetinghouse Friday, August 15 at 7:30 p.m. (after the Ice Cream Social) to enjoy the generous performances by your friends and neighbors. It is a variety show experience you won’t want to miss!

Submitted by Kristen Bernier

CHILDREN’S MARKET

Once again, our local children will have the opportunity to sell their wares at The Children’s Market at this year’s Old Home Day celebration. We know kids love to spend money, and this is their chance to earn some money too, which is also lots of fun. Anything goes, as long as they have had a hand in creating, growing or cooking it, or maybe it could even be a service they provide, such as face painting, or creating a poem on the spot!

Typically, The Children's Market takes place on the Town Common, by the gazebo, for around an hour and a half, directly after the parade, so be sure and check the schedule for times. Parents are responsible for their children, and must decide if they will accompany their child, or if their child is old enough to manage their table on their own. Tables will be provided to those who contact Monica Laskey-Rigrod at 525.9485 in advance.

I can’t wait to see all the cool creations our kids come up with this year! And I encourage everybody who attends Old Home Day to make a point of checking out what the kids are selling, by stopping at their tables and letting them know what you think of their creations. It makes it even more fun for the kids if they have lots of enthusiastic customers, and I know that their prices are always incredibly reasonable!

Submitted by Monica Laskey-Rigrod

ART SHOW

HANCOCK ARTISTS WANTED – Calling all Hancock area artists and photographers for the Old Home Day Art and Photo Show on Saturday, August 16, in the Vestry. Letters will be going out to all previous exhibitors giving the particulars. If you do not get a letter and would like to show your work, please call Sue Francis, at 525.3313. If you would like to display photographs, please call Ellen Kidd, at 525.3474.

Submitted by Sue Francis
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

We are still taking your gently used books, CDs and DVDs for our annual book sale until August 9. The book sale will kick off on Friday night, August 15, with the Early Bird Special Preview Sale from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. All members of the Friends may come in for free: non-members may come in for $10.00. The sale continues on Saturday, August 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. From 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, you may fill a bag for $5.00. The sale will run through the following week from Monday to Thursday with the $5 per bag special offer continuing.

Submitted by Jane Richards-Jones

HANCOCK HOSPITAL AUXILIARY BAKE SALE

The Hancock Hospital Auxiliary is preparing for its annual Old Home Day Bake Sale, scheduled for Saturday, August 16 at the Meetinghouse as part of the Old Home Day festivities.

This Bake Sale has been an Old Home Day tradition for approximately 55 years. Beginning around August 8, the members and friends of the Hancock Hospital Auxiliary will begin telephoning Hancock residents to ask for donations of home-baked goods such as breads, cookies, brownies, pies, and other pastries for the Bake Sale. Baked goods should be brought to the Meetinghouse the day of the sale at 7:30 a.m. The Bake Sale will open at 8:00 a.m. and continue until noon.

The proceeds will be donated to the Monadnock Community Hospital to be used for patient-related items. If people who are not able to donate baked goods, monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. If there are any residents who have not been reached by telephone and would like to make a donation of food or money, it will be most welcome. Please, make all checks payable to the Hancock Hospital Auxiliary.

The Bake Sale is our only fund-raiser. Last year we were able to purchase a Light Retractor for the Healthy Teeth to Toes Program at the Monadnock Community Hospital, as a result of the proceeds from the Bake Sale.

Submitted by the Hancock Hospital Auxiliary

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation committee will sponsor several events. Please email recreation@hancocknh.org if you are interested in participating or if you would like more information on the events.

- 3 on 3 basketball will be held on Saturday, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Hancock Elementary School. Teams can sign up the day of the event, or send an email to the recreation email address above.
- In honor of the World Cup, a pickup youth soccer game will be held on Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. at the Moose Brook soccer field. All kids wanting to play should arrive at the field by 9:45 a.m., so teams can be organized.
- Adult co-ed softball will be held on Sunday, at 11:00 a.m. at the Moose Brook baseball field. Bats and balls will be provided, please bring a glove. Come on down to the field and we will organize teams

Submitted by Kary Shumway

HANCOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Don’t forget the Pedal and Paddle Raffle! Of course, there will always be the HFD Chicken Barbeque on the Common. As an annual fund-raiser, we, at HFD, cook about 500 chickens to feed the citizens and visitors to Hancock each year. Assistant Chief John Pirkey will once again be our head chef, with his secret marinade for a delicious meal.

Please come down and enjoy this traditional event with us under our big green and white tent. We will be serving dinner on Saturday, August 16, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available all day. Also, support the HFD Auxiliary with their Raffle – you could win a cool kayak or a mountain bike, or several other not-quite-so-cool prizes. Hope to see you then!

Submitted by Nevan Cassidy, Chief Hancock Fire Department

Hancock Old Home Day Committee
www.hancocknh.org/OHD/OHD.htm
35TH ANNIVERSARY BETTY PELS RUN FOR THE HONEY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2014 - HANCOCK OLD HOME DAY

5K RACE (3.1 MILES) STARTS AT 8:00 A.M.
Register online, pay on race day:
- Hancock residents: $5.00 entry fee
- Non-Residents: $10.00 entry fee
- The best way to register is online by Thursday, August 14 at http://hancock5k.com/
  Go to: Registration and Fees section.
- Pay when you pick up your number.
- Alternate registration: Pick up an application at the Hancock Market and send to:
  Ginger Smith/RFTH, 80 Longview Rd., Hancock, NH 03449

Kids’ Fun Run at 9:00 A.M. at the Bandstand
- Free
- Register only on race day

The first 100 registrants for the 5K will receive a jar of honey. The top male and female runners will receive a pair of Saucony running shoes from Eastern Mountain Sports. There are awards for the first three finishers in each of nine categories for male and female ranging from 13-and-under to 80+.

For further information contact Ginger Smith at 525.3502, ginger3502@myfairpoint.net or Hunt Dowse at 525.4069, hsdowse@gmail.com

Course: A bee-utiful and challenging course through Hancock, NH, on tree-lined paved and gravel roads. Two moderate hills (Evergreen Hill Road and Mill Road) and plenty of rolling terrain, finish near the Meetinghouse and Vestry on Main Street (see course map below)
- Start: School Street (200 yards east of registration).
- Water Station: at the 2 mile mark. Bathrooms at registration and the finish.

Thanks for helping make the race operate more efficiently by using our online registration at http://hancock5k.com/.

Remember, register for 5K online, pay on race day. No online registration for the free Kids’ Fun Run. Register on race day.

Submitted by Hunt Dowse

5K Race Course
See course map below. The 5K starts at 8:00 a.m. at the entrance to Hancock Elementary School on School St, off Route 137. From there:
- Start on School St going south
- Left onto Main St
- Left on Bennington Rd (Rt 137) and down the hill
- Bear right on Evergreen Hill Rd (dirt) and go up hill #1
- After the crest of the hill, at the intersection, turn left onto Antrim Rd
- Down the gradual hill (Mile 1)
- Cross Bennington Rd and bear left onto Garand Rd, which quickly becomes a footpath
- Cross the Betty Pels Bridge onto Mill Rd and go up hill #2
- At the end of Mill Rd, turn left onto Longview Rd
- At the end of Longview Rd, turn right onto Bennington Rd
- Past the firehouse and up a small hill, then right onto Main St
- Finish on Main St in front of the registration area near the church vestry
“By the way, have you noticed?”

There are “Beautiful Flowers” at the Post Office and at the horse trough on the Common that were planted and are being maintained by the Hancock Woman's Club! Thank you Ladies for volunteering throughout the summer to make the Town of Hancock look soooo BEAUTIFUL!

**Remembering Granny D**

Plans are underway for a Granny D Memorial Walk on Saturday, August 23. Doris “Granny D” Haddock is, of course, fondly remembered for the 3200-mile walk from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. in her 90th year, from January 1999 to February 2000. The Dublin resident, who died at age 100 in 2010, accomplished this feat in order to rally young and old citizens to her cause: bringing about campaign finance reform in our country.

To condition herself for the long march, Granny D observed a strict regimen of practice walks of about 10 miles each, 6 days a week. One of her favorite routes was from her house on Cobb Meadow Road in Dublin to the heart of Hancock and back.

On Saturday, August 23 some of her followers will walk that trail, starting on Cobb Meadow Road at 9:00 a.m. and ending in Hancock (6 miles one way) in time to visit the Farmers Market and gather for a picnic luncheon. A shuttle will be available for the return trip to Dublin. The memorial walk will follow a talk by Professor Larry Lessig, Director of the Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University, at the Amos Fortune Forum on Friday, August 22, at 8:00 p.m. on the subject “Achieving Equal Citizenship: The struggle to restore our Republic.” Professor Lessig is a great admirer of Granny D, who, with her warmth, humor and determination demonstrated to us all what she called “the power of one.”

For information about the Granny D Memorial Walk, call Carol Wyndham at 924.3037.

Submitted by Regina Bringolf

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Aug 1 (Fri) Crotched Mountain Hike—All ages and abilities are welcome on this moderately strenuous, 3-mile hike led by Ollie Mutch and Lee Baker. We’ll hike from the trailhead on Crotched Mountain Road to the summit, with views of the ski area. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the parking area beside Ocean State Job Lot in Peterborough (at the intersection of Routes 101 and 202). Back by 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Ollie at 978.386.5318 or Lee at 603.525.5262.

Aug 3 (Sun) Monadnock Summer Lyceum: Dr. Bernd Heinrich, “Nature: A Panacea to Our Problems?”—These days the word “panacea” denotes a single solution to a complicated problem. Biology professor and renowned writer Bernd Heinrich views nature as a panacea to humankind’s challenge of surviving happily on this planet. Dr. Heinrich will discuss his view that nature offers us models to help understand the causes of diseases, and provides chemicals to cure or control them. 11:00 a.m. at the Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church. For more information, contact the Monadnock Summer Lyceum at 603.924.6245 or visit www.monadnocksummerlyceum.org.

Aug 9 (Sat) Winn Mountain Hike—Join Ben Haurlich and Swift Corwin for a moderately strenuous hike along old forest roads, through a recent timber harvest and to the summit of Winn Mountain. We’ll enjoy good views, weather
permitting. All ages are welcome on this moderately strenuous, 4-mile hike (700-foot elevation gain). Carpool at 1:30 p.m. sharp from Oak Park in Greenfield (near Greenfield State Park). Back by 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Ben at 603.547.2075.

Aug 14 (Thurs) Eagles – You’re on Candid Camera!—Pack Monadnock’s Raptor Observatory tallied 11 Golden Eagle sightings in the fall of 2013. There are also ways to observe Goldens that don’t require one to stand on a mountaintop in numbing winds! Since December 2011, NH Audubon (NHA) has been using motion-sensitive game cameras to document Golden Eagles across the entire Appalachian Mountain range during the non-breeding season. Join NHA’s raptor biologist Chris Martin for a slideshow and discussion about this effort. 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Harris Center. For more information, contact Eric Masterson at 603.525.3394 masterson@harriscenter.org.

Aug 25 (Mon) Birding the Nighthawk Migration—Join Cliff Seifer to observe one of the under-appreciated spectacles of fall migration – the annual flight of Common Nighthawks over the Monadnock Region. If it’s an “average” sighting, we'll get great looks at a handful of these incredible birds. If it’s a “good” sighting, we'll see hundreds of acrobatic Nighthawks feeding in giant flocks. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Meet at Stone Arch Village on Court Street in Keene. Cosponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education with New Hampshire Audubon. For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at thelen@harriscenter.org.

The Harris Center for Conservation Education is dedicated to promoting understanding and respect for our natural environment through education of all ages, direct protection and exemplary stewardship of the region's natural resources, conservation research, and programs that encourage active participation in the great outdoors.

Submitted by Margaret Baker

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Kristen Vance, Director

Pay It Forward—Looking for a way to volunteer but not sure who needs what you have to offer? Need a hand with something but don’t know anyone who has the skill or time to help?

Summer is a great time to join the Exchange and get connected. Want to know more? Call Nancy at 588.2620 or visit www.pse-nh.org. Drop in for Tea & Chat Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. to noon at The Grapevine in Antrim through August 20. All are welcome! RSVP is appreciated, but not necessary.

Fall Better Beginnings Registration—Call The Grapevine now for a space in the fall, for fees and other information, and to register.

- Better Beginnings parent-child program—Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.—Young children (to age 5) play and explore with guidance from our early childhood educators while parents “put their feet up” and talk with parenting educator Carol Lunan, M.Ed., and other parents about child- and family-centered topics.

- Better Beginnings for Babies—Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.—parents, infants and new toddlers come together to play and talk with our early childhood educator and other parents about the joys and challenges of parenthood, including topics such as nutrition, breast- and bottle-feeding, crying, sleep issues (for baby and parents!), developmental expectations and more. Facilitated by Parenting Educator Nancy Macalaster, M.A.

You will find details on Old Home Day events and contests on pages 9 to 12
Learning Vine Preschool—Looking for a preschool program for your 4- to 5-year-old? We still have a space for your child for September 2014. Call 588.2620 and ask for Carol. Financial assistance available.

Before and After School Clubs 2014-2015
Registration—Call The Grapevine to register your Elementary or Great Brook School student in the Before or After School Club for the coming school year. The programs provide before and after school care Monday through Friday, and include time to finish homework, games and activities.

Services Available at The Grapevine...
- On site help with applications for food stamps and other state assistance
- Community Wood Bank—call to help with cutting, splitting or stacking this fall
- Child and family counseling through Monadnock Family Services
- Information and assisted referral for resources to meet basic needs such as housing, home heating, food and prescriptions

Recycle Your Shoes!—Dee Ann Dubois has placed a Terracycle shoe collection box at The Grapevine. Bring your gently used shoes, they will be given to people in need and raise money for The Grapevine.

Hancock Town Library Events
Amy Markus, Hancock Library Director

Mondays and Wednesdays 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 6, at 7:00 p.m.—Fables vs. Forensics with Archaeologist Gail Golec—"Fables vs. Forensics" presents original research by local archaeologist, Gail Golec, pertaining to a set of human skeletal remains found in the 1880s in the Town of Walpole, NH. Golec will present a case to test how the historical tale associated with those remains stacks up to the scientific and archival analysis. With some surprising and fascinating links to the region's tumultuous beginnings during The French and Indian War (1753-1764), this presentation will walk you through the violent events in Walpole in 1755 and how they relate to the human remains in question. Gail Golec received her B.S. in Anthropology from Mercyhurst College, in Erie, PA, in 1999. While there, she also studied...
archaeology, physical and forensic anthropology. She has been a professional archaeologist for 15 years, primarily working in New England and is currently a Project Archaeologist for Monadnock Archaeological Consulting, LLC., out of Stoddard, NH.

Monday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m.–Chanel Bonfire with Wendy Lawless–A stunning memoir about an actress’s unconventional, heartbreaking childhood with an unstable alcoholic and suicidal mother — a real-life Holly Golightly turned Mommie Dearest — and the unusual strength that allowed her to rise above it all. Chanel Bonfire depicts a childhood blazed through the refined aeries of The Dakota and the swinging townhouses of London, while the girls’ beautiful but damned mother desperately searches for glamour and fulfillment. Ultimately, they must choose between living their own lives and being their mother’s warden. Wendy Lawless is an actress who has appeared on television, in regional theater, Off-Broadway in David Ives’s Obie-winning play, All in the Timing, and on Broadway, in The Heidi Chronicles. Her essays about being a mom in Hollywood, including “Whatever Happened to Musical Chairs?” have appeared in the local Los Angeles press. She lives in California with her screenwriter husband and their two children and visits her in-laws in Hancock frequently.

Friday, August 15, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.–Early Bird Book Sale–If you are a current Friend of the Hancock Town Library you may gain entrance to our Early Bird Book Sale at no charge. If not, there is a $10 admission fee. This is your best chance to get the cream of the crop of this year’s donations. Thousands of books on all sorts of topics for the best prices around: $2 for hardbacks, $1 for trade paperbacks and .50 for mass market paperbacks.

Saturday, August 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.–Library Book Sale–Browse our tables and go wild choosing books. Proceeds go to the Friends of the Hancock Town Library, the fundraising arm of the library. This is the only major fundraiser of the year so please come and show your support!

Monday, August 18 through Thursday August 21–Book Sale Continues During Library Hours–Yes, that’s right, the book sale will continue in the Daniels Room during library hours during the week after Old Home Day. Come in and see what gems remain. You’ll be surprised at how many good books are left!

Sunday, August 31, at 7:00 p.m.–Classical Indian Dance with Neela Zareen AT THE VESTRY!!!–Please join us at the Hancock Vestry for an evening of classical Indian dance with Neela Zareen of New York City. Dr. Zareen has been training in Indian classical dance for the past 15 years while at the same time obtaining her doctorate in neurobiology. Don’t miss this fascinating glimpse into another culture!

From the Children’s Room
Rennie Timm, Children’s Librarian

Thursday, August 7, at 7:00 p.m.–Magic show with Norman Ng–Summer Reading Program Grand Prize Drawing!!!–Back by popular demand, the amazing Norman Magic show features original

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Reminder to all Summer Reading Program participants to turn in your reading logs by August 6 to qualify for the Grand Prize Drawing… Large plush dog and companion made by Anne Kenney-for our babes and preschoolers, A Perfect Time for Panda by Mary Pope Osborne and a large plush Panda for our Kindergarten to fourth graders, or a Kindle Fire for our Middle/High school students.

Tuesdays, August 5, at 3:00 p.m.—Engineering with LEGO® Bricks–The Empire State Building, the Eiffel Tower, tall buildings around the world, how are they constructed? Can you design and construct a building out of LEGO® blocks? How about a bridge? Is your bridge strong enough to hold 100 pennies? Take the challenge. All ages welcome.

Wednesday, August 6, at 3:00 p.m.—Family Summer Movie Series—Rio 2—It’s a jungle out there for Blu, Jewel and their three kids in RIO 2, after they’re hurtled from that magical city to the wilds of the Amazon. As Blu tries to fit in, he goes beak-to-beak with the vengeful Nigel, and meets the most fearsome adversary of all - his father-in-law.FREE POPCORN Animated—Runs 101 minutes, Rated G

Thursday, August 7, at 10:30 a.m.—Laptop Toddler Storytime—Our goal is to foster an early love of books and literacy by providing a safe and nurturing environment for parents and caregivers to share books, puzzles, or other literacy activities with their child. Dress comfortably as you’ll be sitting on the floor in the Children’s Room. No registration required, feel free to drop in anytime

Saturday, August 9 and August 23, at 11:00 a.m.—PAWS to Reading—The smiles on a child’s face, the wagging tail of the dog, the excitement of doing something forbidden (dogs in the library) provides a setting where youngsters of all ages are not only learning to read, they’re looking forward to it.

They’re learning to love to read! Each child reads a book of his or her choice for 15 minutes to Toven, a Great Pyrénées. Pre-registration is preferred.

The Hancock Farmers Market will hold a raffle drawing on the first Saturday of every month. Benefits will go to the Hancock Community Supper.

- Saturday, August 2 – Raffle for Community Suppers
- Saturday, August 23 – Animaterra Singers
- Saturday, August 30 – Swing Music

Submitted by Susan Beers

The Circle of Strength Military Support Group will get together at the Monadnock Support Group conference room on Saturday, September 6, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., for a meeting on Holiday Care package fund-raiser information and Ideas. Please email me at ellsworthsusan@gmail.com if you would like to attend or if you would like for us to send a care package to a particular servicemember. Thank you for your support!

Submitted by Susan Ellsworth

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News from Fish & Game
Be Bear Aware as You Enjoy the Summer Season

New Hampshire Fish and Game is urging homeowners, campers, and the rest of us to be bear aware. Fish and Game also urges individuals and businesses to remove any bear attractant from their property.

Bears seek out the highest quality foods in their home range. When natural foods are low in quality (fat and protein), bears will seek out foods like birdseed, poultry grain, pet foods, and garbage which are higher in fat, protein and carbohydrates. Be proactive by removing birdfeeders during spring and summer, secure garbage and protect poultry and livestock with electric fence. Think about long-term solutions to common problems. “Above all, the public must understand that it is illegal to intentionally feed bears in New Hampshire and you can be fined if caught,” said Andy Timmins, Fish & Game biologist. “Intentional feeding causes extreme problems and is highly detrimental to bears. This activity habituates bears, which may result in the bear having to be destroyed due to negative behavior. Once a bear becomes accustomed to human areas and foods, the behavior is nearly impossible to break. If you respect bears, keep them wild and don’t tempt them with food.”

This issue is a major concern for Timmins, who issued a heartfelt statement in May explaining that intentional feeding, and the public's unwillingness to be diligent with common food attractants, had created nuisance behaviors that caused Fish and Game to have to kill multiple mature bears this spring. The bad news is that since that message went out, things have not improved that much. The number of bears shot by homeowners this year, mostly at unsecured chicken pens, is higher than ever.

“Staff from the Department and USDA Wildlife Services has been busy addressing bear conflicts over the past several weeks. It is astonishing how many of these conflicts are the direct result of garbage, birdfeeders and chickens,” said Timmins. “Intentional backyard feeding is not the only problem. People appear not to realize they are contributing to bear/human conflicts by having open or plastic-topped dumpsters, unsecured household garbage, bird feeders or unprotected poultry and livestock.” Campers and hikers can avoid conflicts with bears by maintaining a clean campsite and storing food, garbage and aromatic items, like toothpaste and other toiletries, out of reach of bears (not in your tent!)

You can help by following the Something's Bruin guidelines at www.wildnh.com/Wildlife/Somethings_Bruin.htm

Talk to your friends and neighbors and encourage them to help prevent conflicts with bears. Fish and Game recommends that people take the following action to reduce the chances of a bear visiting your home or campsite:

- Stop all bird feeding by April 1 or as soon as snow melts.
- Clean up any spilled birdseed and dispose of it in the trash.
- Secure all garbage in airtight containers inside a garage or adequate storage area, and put garbage out on the morning of pickup, not the night before.
- Avoid putting meat or other food scraps in your compost pile.
- Don’t leave pet food dishes outside overnight.
- Clean and store outdoor grills after each use.
- Do not leave food, grease or garbage unsecured around campsites.

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Dump Tip of the Month

For proper disposal of American flags, contact Andy Benoit who will take them to the American Legion’s annual disposal ceremony on Flag Day.
Store food and coolers in a closed vehicle or secured area while camping.

Finally, never intentionally feed bears!

If you have questions about bear-related problems, you can get advice by calling a toll-free number coordinated jointly by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department: 1.888.749.2327 (1.888.SHY.BEAR).

From NH Fish & Games Dept Newsletter

Hancock Hours and Meetings

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

Tax Collector - Monday & Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. or by appointment;
Town Clerk – Monday 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Wednesday 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.;
Town Dump and Demolition Hours – Wednesday 3:00-7:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.;
Selectboard – Starting April 14, 2014, the meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday and 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday at the Barbara Caverly Meeting Room. The four meetings per month schedule will resume on September 8, 2014. (Selectboard, March 17, 2014)
Planning Board - On the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.: may hold working sessions for planning purposes. On the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.: 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 Caverly Meeting Room
Zoning Board – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays as needed at 7:00 p.m., Barbara Caverly Meeting Room, meetings will be noticed;
Advisory Committee – as noticed, Town Office;
Conservation Commission – 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., Town Office 2nd floor;
HEAT Committee – 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Town Office;
Historic District Commission – 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., Barbara Caverly Meeting Room;
Hancock Library Trustees – 4th Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Daniels Room;
Recreation Committee – 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Town Office;
Town Archives Committee – 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Town Office Archives Room;
Water Commissioners – 4th Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., DPW;
Dump Committee – 3rd Tuesday at 4:00 p.m., DPW
Trustees of Trust Funds – as needed, Town Office;
Cemetery Trustees – as needed, Town Office;
Common Commission – every other 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m., Town Office.
Meetinghouse Restoration Committee – as noticed, Meetinghouse
School Board – 1st & 3rd Tuesday, Board Room

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