News from the Selectboard

Submitted by Tom Shevenell, Chairperson (shevenell@hancocknh.org)

The hiring process for the new Public Works Director took center stage in May and June as the Board assembled a hiring committee of Kurt Grassett, Seth MacLean (PWD Operations Manager for Peterborough) and myself to review applications and interview four finalists. The Board is proceeding through the final selection process based upon the committee’s recommendations.

The Summer Rec Program is coalescing with the hiring of Alisha Davis as Summer Program Director, establishment of a full day Rec Camp with five weekly themes, and installation of new docks and float. Bring on the kids!

The LCHIP application was submitted to protect, repair and maintain the important historic features of the Meetinghouse steeple. This is the final phase of the Meetinghouse rehabilitation.

And, finally the Norway Pond Commission had its inaugural meeting. Read more in this edition of the Happenings.

Selectboard work this past month involved interaction with many town groups and officials, which will be the topic of my next several civics lessons.

Lesson 4: The Selectboard’s Relationship with Other Town Officials. So far in our civics lessons we talked about home rule, separation of powers, and the public right to know. Let’s now look at how the Selectboard interacts with other town groups and elected officials. I’ll start off with an easy one: Library Trustees.

By state law RSA 202-A the library trustees you vote for at Town Meeting are the governing body for the library. They have control over operation and maintenance; the ability to adopt rules and regulations; the financial authority to expend annual appropriations and other income; and the hiring and removal of library employees. The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual budget and indicating what support the “free public library” will be needed from the taxpayers. The Trustees are so independent from the other branches of town government that in 1994 the NH Supreme Court ruled in an employee case that the employee was in fact a library employee and not a town employee.

Why has state law given the public library such independence? It all goes back to the NH Constitution, in which Article 83 declared in 1784: “Knowledge and learning, generally diffused through a community, being essential to the preservation of a free government.” New Hampshire is known nationwide for its support of public libraries. The first (1833) Free Public Library supported by taxation in the world is located in our neighboring town of Peterborough. By 1849 the state passed a law permitting towns to appropriate money for the purchase of books and the maintenance of a building. This was the first such law in the country! The importance of free public libraries and the state’s desire to make sure the town’s Selectboard doesn’t restrict funding was codified into state law in 1895 in RSA 202-A:4 Maintenance. – Any city or town having a public library shall annually raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to provide and maintain adequate public library service therein or to supplement funds otherwise provided.

The net result is, although the Selectboard has overall budgeting, spending and asset safekeeping authority for the town (RSA 41:9), the Selectboard cannot interfere with responsibilities delegated by state law to the Library Trustees. They run the library.

Next month I’ll look at the Selectboard’s relationship with the Department of Public Works.

Tax Collector hours are extended on July 6th from 8:00am to 5:00pm.
I was looking back at some of the previous articles that our past Fire Chief Nevan Cassidy had written for the Hancock Happenings and it occurred to me that we haven’t had a lot of strange calls lately. Nevan usually had some great statements about interesting people and events. I think that the fine citizens of Hancock grasped the words and wisdom crafted by Nevan and have become plain old normal people. I thank you for this because we need don’t need too much spice in our monthly column.

As parents it is our responsibility to protect and educate our children. The Safety Educator newsletter from the State of New Hampshire has a good tip about sparklers. Please know that while sparklers appear to be a safe way to celebrate many people are unaware that the sparklers’ metal stick can reach 1200 degrees. That is hot enough to melt glass and definitely not safe for little hands to hold! Too many children have lost an eye or have been seriously burnt from sparklers when a piece breaks off or the hot metal stick comes in contact with their eyes, body or clothing. PLEASE don’t let this happen to your child! So while fireworks may be in season we strongly urge you to leave them to the professionals and enjoy the professional displays.

Even though we are a volunteer fire department, our members still need to have the training and expertise to handle any emergency situation that may arise. The amount of time a person puts into the department is what one can afford to give. You may not know it but we get the same training as a career firefighter from the big city gets and have to pass the same state and national standards. To become an EMT our members must take a 120 hour course. The next level is an EMT-A which requires another 320 hours of training. The EMT-P paramedic level is the next step which now adds another 1200 hours of training. In addition, each member must have a minimum of 40 hours of continuing education during a two year recertification cycle. In Hancock we are very lucky to have the number of medically trained personnel that we do. There are 5 EMT’s, 5 EMT-A’s and 1 EMT-P. We also have others that have various levels of medical training. All of our members are also CPR certified. To become a certified firefighter that training is just as rigorous. Firefighter 1 level training is approximately 215 hours. It is additionally about the same for Firefighter II training. We have 4 members that are FFI trained, and 6 that are FFI. There are another 5 members that have attended a basic FF101 class. All of our members have attended a SCBA/PPE training course for firefighting. In addition to all of these we have monthly drills for another 4 – 6 hours of training. Many members also attend outside educational opportunities. We are constantly striving to improve our skills to provide the best service to our community. If one is interested we are always looking for more good men and women. There are many jobs and activities within the Fire Department that require different levels of training and commitment. That is why the Fire Department in Hancock is your “Best Bang for the Buck”!!

June Raffle Winners
MA Auth - $40.00, A. Chandler - $20.00, Barb Latti - $10.00, KR Burke - $10.00, Sandra Weston - $10.00

My inspirational statement of the month: Firefighter and rescue personnel are some of the most selfless public servants you will ever encounter.

NORWAY POND COMMISSION
The inaugural meeting of the Norway Pond Commission was held on June 15th. The current Commission consists of Tom Shevenell representing the Selectboard, Kristen Bernier representing the Recreation Committee, Jack McWhorter representing the Conservation Commission, and Dick Warner a public representative. The Commission recommended that the Selectboard approve the Norway Pond Limnology Project by the Selectboard. This study will sample and analyze sediment from the pond to understand how the pond’s ecology has responded to environmental changes and possible man-made impacts in the historical past. The project will be undertaken by Dr. Lisa Doner of Plymouth State University through a grant from the Hancock Improvement Association, Inc. (HIA) in the amount $5,750.

The Commission also established a working group headed by Dick Warner and Kristen Bernier to make recommendations to the Commission on how to deal with the Canadian Geese in the area of the beach. Dick Warner, Hancock’s Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) representative reviewed with the Commission the VLAP program results to date and his June 14th sampling event, which included an added sample for cyanobacteria identification testing. A water quality-monitoring program that could identify the triggering conditions for the cyanobacteria blooms was also discussed.

Minutes for this meeting are available on the Town website. Anyone interested in volunteering for the Commission should contact Tom Shevenell (shevenell@hancocknh.org). Anyone interested in donating to HIA’s Norway Pond Environmental Fund should contact Rod Perry (perryhq@frontiernet.net).
Town of Hancock
Independence Day Celebration

July 4th
Sunday, July 2nd
(rain date Saturday, July 8th)

6-9pm Ice Cream Social, hot dogs, drinks - Vestry
6-7pm Bell ringing with Bob Fogg - Meetinghouse
7pm Reading of the Declaration of Independence
7:30pm Concert by “Age of Eyes” - Bandstand
Dusk - FIREWORKS over Norway Pond

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Hancock Historical Society News and Events

Please join us for the Historical Society’s 2017 exhibit: The Great War: A Hancock Perspective on World War I. The exhibit and museum will open to the public starting July 23rd, each Sunday from 2 – 4 pm. The museum closes for the year on September 17th.

This exhibit reflects the experiences of Hancock soldiers and citizens, whose contributions helped win this war that took place 100 years ago. An eclectic group of artifacts and stories assembled from the HHS collection and from local donors will bring their experiences to life, both abroad and here at home, and touch on global events as they impacted our small New Hampshire town.

In addition, look for our new Heritage Workshops, which will be held three times throughout the summer. These workshops will let you see artisans at work, demonstrating a trade demanded of Hancock residents of old. Look for our new tent in front of the society building and please stop by to see lost arts brought to life.

On Sunday, September 24th please join us for Yankee Ingenuity: Stories of Headstrong and Resourceful People, presented by folklorist and oral historian Jo Radner in the Daniels Room at the Hancock Town Library at 2 pm.

In this program, Jo Radner shares a selection of historical tales — humorous and thought-provoking — about New Englanders who have used their wits in extraordinary ways to solve problems and create inventions. The stories are engaging and entertaining, but also may raise some profound questions about our admiration of ingenuity and about the ethics of pursuing discoveries without taking their potential outcomes into account. This program is offered through the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is co-sponsored by the Hancock Town Library.

In October (date and time to be announced), join us for Calvin Coolidge Comes to Life, presented by local historian Tracy Messer. Calvin Coolidge, our thirtieth U.S. president, was a pivotal figure in the politics of the early and mid twentieth century. Before serving as president, he was the governor of Massachusetts and the vice president of our country. A man with family connections to Hancock, he had a close-up view of turbulent and important decades in our nation’s history. Noted local historian Tracy Messer brings this Vermont native to life before your eyes. He portrays Mr. Coolidge later in life, about 1930, after he served as president.

Finally, we are almost out of the Walking Tour of Main Street, a booklet produced by the Hancock Historical Society in the 1990s. One of our projects for the fall and winter of 2017-2018 is to research and revise this, with updated and expanded booklets available for sale by the summer of 2018.
Report from Old Home Days Committee…

By the time you read this we will officially be in the summer season!

Hancock is a paradise in summer! OLD HOME DAYS is gathering momentum!

The letters of REQUEST for DONATIONS and contributions are being mailed out.

All gifts for $$$ or prizes may be left in the Town Offices!

The ABOVE and BEYOND TEE SHIRTS are being printed and will be for sale early to help cover costs and add to the anticipation!

The Town sponsors Old Home Days as much as possible according to budget. However, extra contributions are needed and very appreciated!

Old Home Days is a celebration of our town and each other.

We are hoping for a great PARADE. Be corny! Advertise your business, your neighborhood! Everyone is included! Decorate your bike! Walk your dog!

One year I heard an exciting rumor that our town “Robertas” might walk together…[yes! We have several Robertas…all unique and wonderful!]…still just a rumor as far as I know…

We have changed the CONTRA DANCE to Friday Night 5-7. This is such wonderful music. Fun for dancing and listening!. All welcome!

Matt Harris, great fiddler, is our town leader for this. It will happen on the Village Common or in downstairs of Meeting House if weather is iffy. When you contra dance, you cannot help but smile!!!

This year there will be a duo performing guitar and singing songs for our pleasure from The Great American Songbook … MUSIC to eat DINNER by at the CHICKEN BARBECUE! This is a great opportunity to invite friends from out of town for a summer supper under the tent. The Chicken Barbeque is so tasty and affordable! All presented by our Fire Department and Co!

One more surprise! Julian Laeng came up with the idea for a MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE for fun and a challenge, He and Paul Faber will organize this. More info to come!

Sue Francis who organizes the ART SHOW sends this message: “All Artists and Photographers in the Hancock area are invited to show their work the Hancock Old Home Days Art Show on Saturday August 19th at the Vestry next to the Hancock Church. The work should be registered at 8am. Show opens 9-3. There is a $5.00 entry fee per person taken that day. Work is picked up at 3pm. For more information call 525-3313”

We are looking for a volunteer or 2 to supervise KIDS ALLEY located behind the Meetinghouse 12:30-2:30. This where we have face painting, lego table, water works, juggling, tie dye tee shirts and ???. Free and fun! Also looking for helpers at each station.

Ideas? Questions? Want to get involved?

Please contact one of us!
Sarah Laen-Gilliat 525-3300
Melody Russell 547-0887 

Mandy Whicker 831-9436
The next Community Supper is September 28th

The following students graduated from ConVal High School in June:

- Fenia Lykke Io Benet-Higgins
- Chloe May Cheviot
- Dalton Michael Coyne
- Dylan Matthew Coyne
- Darin Fulton
- Nile Ranier Hertzler
- Breanna Marie Lester
- James F. MacFarlane
- Gracyn Scheid Mose
- Terence P Murphy
- Barrett John Harvey Norton
- Tierney Grace Thompson
- Liam Francis Veverka
- Benjamin Peder Wray

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The following graduates received scholarships from the Woman’s Guild:

- Gracyn Mose
- Breanna Lester
- Chloe Cheviot

CONGRATULATIONS!

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

As a result of being associated with so many of the legendary older jazz musicians, I once had a lady come up to me and ask, "Didn't you die?"

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**Book Sale**
Refresh your collection! The Friends of the Library are ready for your donations of gently used books, DVDs, and CDs for the annual book sale in August. Please, no textbooks, out-of-date medical, legal, or computer books, no encyclopedias or magazine collections. And no musty books! Drop off your donations anytime the library is open.

**Hancock Town Library Survey**
Got an opinion? Share it with us and we’ll enter you in a raffle to win a $20 gift certificate to Fiddleheads Café! If you’re a library user, let us know what you like and what you think we could improve. If you don’t use the library, tell us what might bring you through the doors. Our aim is to make the Hancock Town Library a resource for everyone in town; your input will help us do that. Go online to: https://goo.gl/forms/XcKggZlFcF9TJRlK2 or pick up a hard copy of the survey at the library. Thanks so much!

**Build A Better World**
Why should the kids have all the fun this summer? This year’s Summer Reading Program theme for both kids and adults is *Build A Better World*. Grown-ups, for every hour you read a library book between the end of June and August 9th, you earn a raffle ticket. If you write a short book review of the book you’ve read you get an extra ticket. Book reviews will be posted on our online catalogue. The Grand Prize will be dinner for two at the Hancock Inn! Other prizes include gift certificates from Fiddleheads Café and the Toadstool Bookshop. Come in and see the great summer reads our staff and volunteers have on display or choose from all the new books we’ve ordered!

**Tuesday July 25th at 7:00pm**
**Horseshoe Meadows to Happy Isles: Hiking the John Muir Trail with John Collins**
John Collins and Russ Wright of Webster NH spent 31 days hiking California’s John Muir Trail (260 miles) which included hiking to the summit of Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the continental U.S. They will be sharing their experiences and the gear they used along with a 75 minute video presentation with stunning photography. Free and open to all.

**Thursday July 27th at 7:00pm**
**De-Clutter and Organize**
Certified Professional Organizer Helene Parenteau will talk about what works and what doesn't work when getting organized, based on her 35 years as a professional organizer. She will talk about how to de-clutter, organize and downsize, who wants your stuff and who doesn't, and more. Since 1982, Helene Parenteau has organized homes, offices, and retirement estates up and down the East Coast. She has a B.A. and an M.B.A. in Management and Marketing. Based in New England, Helene helps individuals and businesses get organized. With understanding and compassion, she takes the anxiety out of decluttering, downsizing and relocating. Her services have been featured in Washington Post, Washingtonian, Washington Women, Woman's Day, Senior Digest, Eagle Tribune and other publications. She is one of only 265 certified professional organizers in the United States. Free and open to all.

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From the Children’s Room
Jennifer Wood, Children’s Librarian

A Note from Miss Jenn
Summer Reading has begun! We have fabulous programs going on EVERY day! This year we have set the reading goal at 1300 hours. If all the children and teens working together can reach this goal, I will be getting a pie in the face at our Summer Reading Finale on August 9th!

Attention Hancock Residents: I am still looking for a few cool trucks. I am hosting a truck/car based story time on July 20th at 10:30am and would love to add your fun tractor, unusual truck, or cool car. If you would like to add your vehicle to the lineup for the kids to look at please let me know! hancockkidlib@gmail.com 525-4411.

I SPY Game
We will be playing I spy throughout the summer reading program. Each week there will be someone new to search for. If you can find all 12 by the finale on August 9th you will get a small prize! Good luck!

Mondays 3pm–4pm Paws to Read with Coffee
Come by the library and practice your reading with Coffee the Chihuahua! Coffee, a registered reading therapy dog, loves when kids practice their reading with him or tell him stories. Also, if you bring 3 non-perishable items for the Food Pantry, you get to choose a free stuffed animal graciously donated by Douglas Cuddle Toys!

Tuesdays at 2pm Movie
We will be showing a different film each Tuesday. Take a break from the weather and relax while watching a fun family movie.

Wednesdays at 4pm
July 5th - Decorate T-shirts
You must bring your own white item! We will provide the fabric crayons, iron on transfers, and an iron. All younger participants must be accompanied by an adult. Free and open to all! Sign up required.

July 12th - Sculpting w/Melody
Melody Russel will be teaching a beginners sculpting class. This is recommended for ages 8 and up. Sign up required.

July 19th - Wildlife Encounters
Wildlife Encounters will be bringing a LIVE ANIMAL show! This is an educational animal program that will allow us to learn about these different animals and what we can do to help protect them.

July 26th - Stop Motion Movies
During this program we will be learning how to create short movies by taking photographs of figurines.

August 2nd - Teen Chef
Our annual Teen Chef competition has returned! This is for ages 10 and up, registration required.

Thursdays 10:30am Family Storytime
Come join us for stories and songs. This story time is open to all!

Thursday July 20th at 10:30 a special Touch A Truck Storytime with trucks from the Hancock Fire, Highway, and Police departments!

Thursdays at 2pm AcroYoga
We will be sponsoring a 4 week Acroyoga class. This class requires advanced sign up and a signed permission slip. We recommend this program for ages 8 and up.

August 9th @ 6:60pm
Summer Reading Finale Magic Show with Bob Riordan
This is our big finale event of the summer! We will be announcing the winners of the raffle, enjoying a fantastic magic show, and finding out if the Hancock Readers have reached their goals and earned the right to throw pies in their librarians faces! It is sure to be a fun evening so please come out and enjoy it with us.

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NEWS FROM MUSIC ON NORWAY POND

Summer is a relatively quiet, regenerative time for all of us at Music on Norway Pond but I did want to share some good news with you.

Tony Yike Yang, the pianist who created such magic at his concert in Hancock this past March, competed in the Van Cliburn piano competition last month. At eighteen, he was the youngest competitor and he made it into the semi finals and received the Jury Discretionary Award with much acclaim and admiration along the way.

The Omer Quartet, who performed this past April, won the top prize at the international competition XI Premio Paulo Borciani in Italy just a few days ago!

I marvel at the talented musicians that we host here in Hancock in our beautiful Meeting House and especially at our good fortune to have them in our midst.

Finally, three members of Junior Mints will be performing at Tanglewood this August 14th at the Festival of Contemporary Music in Ozawa Hall. Aria Frehner, Hadi Lancaric and Jaimini Viles will be singing a piece by French composer Henri Dutilleux called The Shadows of Time. This will be the fourth group of children I have trained to sing this piece over the last 20 years including its world premiere in Boston and New York. The movement they will be singing, Memory of the Shadows, is the “heart” of the score, and Dutilleux dedicates it “to Anne Frank and all the children, innocents of the world (1945-1995)”.

Graduating eighth grade Junior Mints taking their final bow after Once Upon a Mattress, including Hancock’s own, Aria Frehner and Claire LaPlante.
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ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

The Left Bank Artists are currently exhibiting at the Hancock Town Library through Thursday, August 3, 2017.

The Left Bank Artists are a group of eight friends, all professional artists, who have exhibited together throughout the Monadnock Region since 2000. All eight artists have regularly opened their studios during the Monadnock Art Open Studio Tour as well. They create a wide range of work, both abstract and representational.

Evelien Bachrach Seeger paints in oils and watercolors, draws with colored pencils and ink, and also does monotype prints.

Sue Callihan is a painter in oils and watercolors who also creates black and white charcoal drawings.

Kim Cunningham has a background in printmaking and specializes in block prints, collages, and ceramic plaques.

Scott Cunningham works 3-dimensionally with welded steel sculptures and also does painting with casein (milk) paint and ink drawings. He will be exhibiting his 2-D works at the Library show.

Christine Destrempes explores several mediums as well, from oil and acrylic paintings to monotype prints and collages.

David Dodge, John Sirois, and Daniel Thibeault are all plein-air (outdoor) oil painters, each well known in the Monadnock Region for their unique styles.

The Left Bank Artists Exhibit can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2-6 pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 10am-7pm; Saturday, 10am-4pm. The library is closed on Friday and Sunday. Because the Daniels Room is sometimes reserved for other activities, please check with the library (525-4411) to make sure the room will be accessible during the time of your visit.

Please note: The library will be preparing and holding its annual Old Home Days book sale during the month of August, so there will be no art shows in the Daniels Room after the current exhibit ends on August 3.

The next show, running from September 2 to October 12, will feature the work of photographer Linda Greenwood of Peterborough. More details in the September issues.

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News from the Depot

July 1 Depot Cabaret: Fourth of July Edition!
This month, our feature will be finger-style guitarist/singer Caleb Wetherbee. Caleb performs songs in a range of styles influenced by traditional and contemporary folk music with intricate bare-finger accompaniment. Audiences can expect a repertoire of sensitive folk ballads, country-blues tunes plus older songs in the vein of Fats Waller along with many solo guitar favorites. With his controlled baritone voice and six-string stylings, Wetherbee's singing and playing are sure to inspire and entertain!

About the Venue
The show begins at 8:00; doors open at 7:30 if you want to sign up to play at one of several open mic spots. In addition to the music, visitors will enjoy snacks, veggies, and drinks (BYOB!). We also hold a 50/50 raffle, so you just may walk away a winner! All proceeds go to help support the Depot Association.

Sponsored by the Hancock Depot Association and the Keene Music Festival and hosted by Crazy Cowz, the Hancock Depot Cabaret is a music, arts, and function venue located in the old Hancock Train Station/Depot on Depot Road.

The Cabaret was created to provide a venue for local and regional musicians, poets, and other artisans to share their talent in a comfortable, friendly, and inspirational environment. While admission is free, we suggest a $5 donation, which the Depot Association will use to keep the lights on and provide general maintenance for the Depot (upkeep, enhancements/upgrades, insurance, utilities, etc.).

If you are interested in performing as a feature performer, want to sign up for an open mic spot, rent the Depot for an event, or simply want more information:

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Upcoming Feature Acts
· August 5: Wendy Keith & Her Alleged Band
· August 19 (Old Home Days): Mottau, Drew & Clark
· September 2: Teresa Storch

Monthly Association Meetings
Interested in joining the Hancock Depot Association? In general, we meet at the Depot during the third week of each month. For more information, call David Young at 603-525-3085.

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Did you know you can rent the Depot? It’s true – the Depot is available for parties, meetings, celebrations, concerts, and other special events. To learn more, call David Young at 603-525-3085.

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NATIONALLY-KNOWN STORYTELLER TRICIA ROSE BURT TO CONDUCT STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

Tricia Rose Burt, a frequent guest storyteller for The Moth, the acclaimed international storytelling collective, will continue her popular storytelling workshop series from 6-9 pm, Thursday, July 6, at the Hancock Library. Cost is $95; space is limited to 10 participants.

During the workshop, participants will learn to take individual experiences and create compelling stories for any audience — at the dining room table, on a stage, or in a business presentation. Through discussion and video examples from some of today’s best storytellers, participants will learn the elements of first-person narrative storytelling. The workshop will help participants not only develop their own personal stories but also lay the groundwork for essays and other creative endeavors. In addition, these storytelling fundamentals can be applied in a business context.

"Plato said it best," said Burt. "Those who tell stories change the world."

Tricia Rose Burt has been heard on both The Moth Radio Hour and The Moth podcast. In addition, Tricia is part of The Moth’s corporate arm, conducting workshops for some of America’s top businesses and academic institutions.

For more information about the workshop, contact Tricia at triciaroseburt@gmail.com.

News from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Dept

Leave Fawns and Other Young Wildlife Alone

The best chance a young wild animal has to survive is in its natural environment under the care of its mother. As deer give birth during the spring and early summer many New Hampshire residents see young fawns by themselves and fear the worst. Has the mother died? Has she abandoned her fawn? The answer in most cases is NO. The doe is likely not far off, waiting to return to feed her newborn fawn.

Adult deer can be easily detected by predators due to their scent and large size. Because of this, does will spend long periods of time away from their fawns to disassociate their scent from the fawn and keep them safe from predators. For the first month of life, the doe will only visit the fawn a few times a day to nurse quickly before leaving again, although usually not going too far.

Unfortunately, well-intentioned, but misguided, individuals sometimes see fawns alone, assume they are abandoned, and take them in to "help" them. Most of the time, they are removing the fawn from the care of its mother, who was waiting to return.

July quote: This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave. ~Elmer Davis

Happy Fourth of July

July Recess:
Anne Marie Will and Susi Marrotte are in recess from July 1st - July 31st. See you in August.

July Gardening:
"PRUNING TOMATO PLANTS"

To help your tomato plants direct all their energy into growing the fruit that’s already set, prune off some of the vines that contain flowers but no young fruit. Pinch off suckers growing from where the branches connect to the main stem (the leaf axils). Keep moisture levels even to prevent blossom end rot. Renew mulch if necessary.” www.theheartofnewengland.com

July: best planting days during the light of the Moon: July 3rd, 4th, 9th, 30th and 31st.

July best planting days during the dark of the Moon: July 12th, 13th, 14th, 17th 18th, 21st, 22nd

May we all be blessed with a safe summer. See you in August.

Respectfully submitted, Arlene
The Hancock Woman’s Club is happy to announce that it will be sponsoring its second Historic Homes & Summer Gardens Tour in July 2018. The proceeds of this event will go to local charitable organizations and The Club’s Annual Woman’s Scholarship.

The first Historic Homes and Summer Gardens Tour held in July, 2009 was very successful raising thousands of dollars that benefited our community. It garnered the attention of New Hampshire Homes Magazine and Yankee Magazine. It was partially sponsored by Monadnock Living Magazine and was featured in its summer edition.

New England is known for beautiful old buildings and homes. Each year our little corner of the country attracts people from all over who enjoy and appreciate these heirlooms of our past. Hancock is particularly blessed to have many of these historic homes and structures.

Hancock is also blessed with some lovely gardens. The Woman’s club has sponsored numerous Garden Tours over the years and each one has drawn hundreds of garden lovers.

It’s our intention to once again put Hancock in the spotlight and to delight and inspire people anxious to enjoy our lovely town and welcoming hospitality.

Submitted by ………
Diane Loomis, Event Chairman

If you have a beautiful old home that you are proud of…. or a garden you so lovingly care for…. and would like to participate in this event, please contact me, Diane Loomis at diane8862@yahoo.com or call 525.4192.
Dear Hancock Friends and Neighbors,

Thanks to all of you who contributed to our online NH Gives Campaign on June 6 and 7! Thanks to individual support we raised $1330 toward new supplies and equipment for our child and youth programs! A few things to highlight for July...(see further down for more info)

Calling all kids ages 4 - 9! Come get wet, muddy and silly with us at our Summer Adventures at The Grapevine!

Calling all teens! Check out the amazing, diverse “camp” programming we are offering at Avenue A this summer. There is something for everyone!

Calling all adults! Join us at our Big, Bold Paint Camp on July 22nd - a fun experience learning to paint freely – without expectation or judgement.

**Grapevine Special Programs and Events this Summer**

**for all programs please call 588-2620 to register and for more information or email: info@grapevinenh.org**

**Summer Backyard Adventures Series this July**

The Grapevine will once again be running its popular series of “Backyard Adventures” led by Francestown educators, Carol Lunan and Rachel Lunan-Hill. This summer’s programs include:

- **Backyard Art Adventures for 4 ½ - 7 year olds**
  - July 17 – 21 from 9:30 – 11:30
- **Backyard Adventures for 4 ½ – 6 year olds**
  - July 24 - 28 from 9:00 – 12:30
- **Backyard Science Adventures for 7 - 9 year olds**
  - July 31 – August 4 from 9:00-1:00

Contact us to register and for more information.

**An Adventure in Creativity: Big, Bold Paint Camp – a multi-generational experience**

**Saturday, July 22nd, 9:00 – 12:00**

For caregivers, parents, early childhood professionals. A fun, interactive time to paint like a 5 year old. Don’t worry if you “don’t know how to paint”. What would you paint if you didn’t worry about what it would look like?

Be ready to have fun! Cost: $40, includes materials.

Space is limited, please call to register by June 30th or email: info@grapevinenh.org.

**Youth Programs at Avenue A Teen + Community Center**

**Blues Songwriting - Summer Experience - Mondays 5:30-7pm, July 17- August 21**

Learn about Blues music with local musician Russ Novotny! Students will get the chance to create an original blues song and then perform it! Cost is $25 for the 6 week session. Open to grades 9-12. Scholarships are available! Email us to register!

**TV Production - Summer Experience - Thursdays 6-8pm, July 13 - August 17**

Come make television with us! Learn about camera operation, editing, studio shows, script writing, filming live events, and more. This 6 week program is led by Dave Kirkpatrick of Cheshire TV. Open to grades 9-12. Cost is $25 for the 6 week session. Scholarships are available! Email us to register!

**BioInventor Mini-Camp! – Starting July 24th**

When you think about it, nature is pretty smart! Plants, animals, and environments have amazing patterns and systems. Some of the greatest innovators in the world came up with their big ideas by emulating systems in nature. This is called biomimicry, and we’re trying our hand at it this summer! Join us as we brainstorm our own nature-inspired big ideas. We’ll work with guest scientists, artists, and educators to bring these ideas to life with actual prototypes! Open to grades 5-8. Email us for registration info.

**Camp Cooks A Lot - Wednesdays, July 12th, July 19th, August 2nd, August 9th.**

Chefs (or want-to-be-chefs) this camp is for you! During this culinary adventure, you’ll learn how to make healthy and delicious meals and afterschool snacks! Harvest food from the Ave A garden and practice making everything from breakfast sandwiches to scrumptious smoothies. Local chefs, bakers, and gardeners will visit to teach us their favorite recipes, and each camper will leave with their own recipe book! Open to grades 5-8. Email us for registration info.

**Cooperative Game Club – Mondays 5:30-8pm**

Come play awesome new cooperative board games (think zombie apocalypse, murder mysteries, and beat the clock escape games!) with game gurus John and Mark!

**Chess Club – Mondays 6-7:30pm (Meets every other week starting on June 19th)**

Free and open to all skill levels. Learn chess, find opponents to play against, and improve your skills. Chess volunteer Steve teaches strategy and is always willing to play a game or two!

**High School Writing Club – Tuesdays 6-8pm**

Share your writing and get feedback from other writers in our friendly, fun environment! New writers (grades 9-12) always welcome!

**Teen Open Hours –Fridays from 6:30-9pm**

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to join us for pool, foosball, Xbox games, snacks, karaoke, and all-around awesomeness!

Email avenuea@grapevinenh.org for more info about our programs. Or call The Grapevine at (603) 588-2620
Thank you to our members. It’s your support that makes these programs possible.

The Harris Center for Conservation Education, a member-supported nonprofit organization, is dedicated to promoting understanding and respect for our natural environment. If you’d like to join or donate to the Harris Center, we invite you to visit us online at harrisceniter.org; call our office at (603) 525-3394; email Diana at jacob@harrisceniter.org; or visit us in person at 83 King’s Highway in Hancock. For information about our community and education programs, visit us at harrisceniter.org.

You can help ensure a grand future for the Monadnock Region by naming the Harris Center as a beneficiary in your will or estate plan. Anyone can make a bequest, and no amount is too small. For more information, contact Jeremy Wilson at wilson@harrisceniter.org.

HARRIS CENTER
FOR CONSERVATION EDUCATION

July 7 (Fri) Easygoing Hike to Seven Falls
Join Rich Taylor and Denny Wheeler for a moderately strenuous, 3-mile roundtrip hike to the lower part of the Seven Falls area in Swanzey. Bring water and lunch, and meet at 10am in the southwest corner of the Keene Walmart parking lot to carpool. Back by 2 pm. For more information, contact Rich at (603) 827-4105 or rtaylor@gerkensinc.com or Denny at (603) 313-0350.

July 7 (Fri) Butterfly Walk
Join biologist Kent McFarland for a ramble around the Harris Center’s fields and forest edges in search of butterflies. After our walk, we’ll return to the Harris Center and learn how to contribute our sightings to eButterfly, a new citizen science project focused on recording the diversity and distribution of North American butterflies. Beginners welcome! 3 to 5pm at the Harris Center.

Cosponsored with the Vermont Center for Ecotudies. For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at (603) 358-2065 or thelen@harrisceniter.org

July 8 (Sat) Evening Paddle on Harrisville Pond
Dave Butler will lead an evening paddle on Harrisville Pond and the adjacent beaver impoundment (a very easy portage). Bring your own canoe or kayak, personal flotation device, and water. Meet at 6 p.m. at the boat ramp on Prospect Street in Harrisville village, 0.1 mile from Main Street. Back by 8 p.m. For more information, contact Dave at davidbutler@comcast.net.

July 9 (Sun) Lake Nubanusit Paddle
Tom Warren will lead an easy paddle to see the breeding pair of Bald Eagles on Lake Nubanusit, timed to coincide (we’re hoping!) with fledging. Following lunch at the Spoonwood Pond dam, we’lI continue onto Spoonwood Pond to search for nesting loons. Bring your own canoe or kayak, personal flotation device, lunch, and water. Meet at 10 a.m. at the Nubanusit public boat landing on King’s Highway in Hancock. Back by 3 p.m. Please RSVP to Tom Warren at (603) 563-7190 or ttwassociates@myfairpoint.net.

July 9 (Sun) Hike to the Emery Mill and Homestead
Join Alan Rumrill (Director of the Cheshire County Historical Society) and Jeremy Wilson (Director of the Harris Center) on an easy, 1½-mile hike over uneven terrain to the site of the old Emery Mill on the North Branch River in Stoddard. John Emery built a powder keg mill on the North Branch in the 1830s, and the remarkable stone foundations remain today. Alan will share his knowledge of water-powered mills and Emery’s operation. We’ll also visit the site of the Emery homestead and hear the story of Stoddard’s famous stone arch bridge, which is located just downstream from the mill. Meet at 1 p.m. at the tall chain link fence on Route 9 in Stoddard, about ½ mile west of the Stone Arch Bridge rest area and historic marker. Wear comfortable shoes, and bring water and bug spray. Back by 3 p.m. Cosponsored with the Historical Society of Cheshire County. For more info, contact Jeremy at (603) 525-3394 or wilson@harrisceniter.org.

July 23 (Sun) Contoocook River Paddle
Dave Butler will lead a lazy paddling trip on the Contoocook River in Henniker. Bring your own canoe or kayak, personal flotation device, and water. Meet at 1 p.m. at the large parking area on River Road in Henniker. From the blinking light in Henniker village, drive 2.8 miles south on Route 114 and turn left onto River Road. The parking area is 0.4 miles down River Road, on the left. Back by 4 p.m. For more information, contact Dave at davidbutler@comcast.net.
Hancock Hours and Meetings

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

Tax Collector - Monday 3:30 to 6:30pm
Thursday 9:00am to 12:00pm

Town Clerk – Monday 6:00 to 9:00pm
Wednesday 3:00 to 6:00pm

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

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

Planning Board - On the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm: may hold working sessions for planning purposes. On the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm: meets to process subdivisions, site plans and other applications which may legally come before the Board. Appointments can be made by calling the Town Office at 525.4441. Applications must be received prior to the end of the preceding month to be included in the schedule and satisfy notification requirements. The Planning Board may hold working sessions for planning purposes the first Wednesday of every month; Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room

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

Advisory Committee – as noticed, Town Office

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

HEAT Committee – Meets on an as needed basis

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

Hancock Library Trustees – 4th Tuesday at 5:00pm in the Daniels Room;

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

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

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

Dump Committee –3rd Tuesday at 4:00pm, DPW

Trustees of Trust Funds – as needed, Town Office

Cemetery Trustees – as needed, Town Office

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

Meetinghouse Restoration Committee – as noticed, Meetinghouse

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

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July 27  EASY STREET BAYOU  Louisiana Cajun, Zydeco, & Swamp Pop
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August 3  TATTOO  Acoustic Dance Music
Sponsored by: Josie & Richard Warner and Mollie Miller & Robert Roda

August 10  SKIP PHILBRICK BLUES BAND  Blues
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