News from the Selectboard
Submitted by Erik Spitzbarth, Chairperson

8/17/2018 STORM DAMAGE UPDATE: As of this writing, Middle Road still remains the last impassable road damaged by the August storm, BUT not for long. The repair contract has been awarded to Mathewson Companies for repair of the road bed and installation of a new 72” culvert under the road. Work has started and we are looking at a possible completion by early November. :)

A detailed description of all the damages incurred and the recovery efforts put forth can be viewed on the town web site. (www.hancocknh.org: Storm Recovery Plan 2018).

LONGVIEW BRIDGE REPAIRS: The new bridge deck placement is underway. Detours signs remain in place as of this writing designating the alternate route. A map is available on the town website showing the detour path. Thank you to all for your patience and understanding during the duration of this important town project.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATES: The committee has been making great progress and is ready to share some of their findings. This is a communication from the committee chair Dana Primiano:

"As you may know, the Select Board authorized a Telecommunications Committee to investigate viable options for improving the Town’s broadband (internet) and cellular connectivity & speed. The Committee is promoting a 7:00pm meeting on the 7th of November in the 1st floor Assembly Room at the Meetinghouse to give residents opportunity to learn of our efforts to-date, ask questions and express concerns. A town communications survey will also be made available shortly to provide specific & valued feedback concerning your current internet/cellular in-town experience."

“HANCOCK STREETS COMMITTEE”: A new committee is being formed to help advise and formalize our approach to maintaining the beautiful roads throughout Hancock. We will be hearing and learning more about “American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)” standards as guidance for road maintenance in the coming weeks. The Select Board is working out the details of the committee’s composition (size) and reviewing a draft Vision and Mission Statements to help with it’s guidance. Look for more information coming soon on the town website.

APPOINTMENTS & RECOGNITIONS:
Meetinghouse Stewardship Committee: David Drasba (Chair), Tom Shevenell, Chris Streeter appointed
Telecommunications Committee: Matthew Hale appointed to the committee
Recent training Certifications: The BOS supports the continual training opportunities for town employees. The following employee accomplishment is noted:

Skid School- Driver Skills Development (Primex):
Eric Bourgoine
Donald Freeman
Brett Martin
Jeremiah Paquette

Remember to Vote Nov. 6th – Your Vote Matters
We are fast approaching the season of the year many of us truly enjoy. Now you may be thinking it is the winter season when we can get out there for skiing and snowshoeing, but I am talking about eating. In the weeks to come we will be sitting down to Thanksgiving dinner and the many weekend get togethers. The Fire Service knows that Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires in the U.S. Here is a reminder about what you can do to stay safe. Remember, stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, boiling or broiling food. If you are simmering, baking or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the kitchen while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking. Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop. Stay alert! To prevent cooking fires, you have to be alert. You won't be if you are sleepy, have been drinking alcohol, or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy. You probably don’t want the Hancock Fire Department stopping by as uninvited guests. We'll try not to make a mess.

Speaking of winter, how many of you remember how to drive when the roads get slick? Frigid winter weather — with roads covered with slippery snow and ice — can challenge even the most experienced driver. It reduces the amount of traction your tires have, changes the time you have to respond to hazards, and makes your vehicle harder to control. Slow Down — the turtle wins this race. Driving slowly is the key to maintaining control on snowy or icy roads. Many motorists think that their all-wheel-drive or four-wheel-drive vehicles are unstoppable during winter driving. Truth is, while four-wheel traction systems can help you get going in snow and ice, plus provide extra control when turning, they won’t help you stop much faster.

Leave plenty of stopping distance between vehicles. Once snow or ice does arrive, take some extra time to make sure your car is clean, and your visibility is good. Clear off the entire car, not just a little peephole in the windshield.

Other basic fire safety tips for everyone as the cold settles in:
Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.
Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.
Never use a range or an oven as a supplemental heating device. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.
If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
Frozen water pipes? Never try to thaw them with a blowtorch or other open flame, otherwise the pipe could conduct the heat and ignite the wall structure inside the wall space. Use hot water or a laboratory tested device such as a hand-held dryer for thawing.

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If windows are used as emergency exits in your home, practice using them in the event fire should strike. Be sure that all the windows open easily. Home escape ladders are recommended.
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FINALLY...
Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm and be sure to check and clean it on a monthly basis. Plan and practice a home escape plan with your family.

Last month we wanted to make you aware of what goes on in the Hancock Fire Department Auxiliary. One of the Auxiliary activities is delivering poinsettias to the elderly and shut-ins in town and former residents who are now in assisted living facilities, nursing homes, etc. They are updating their list of recipients. If you know anyone who would enjoy a short visit and a poinsettia, please contact Maryanne Bates at mtbates86@comcast.net or at 525-3789. Lastly, they are always looking for new members. If you would like to support your local Fire Department, please contact Maryanne.

Raffle winners for the month were:
$40.00 Anna Mary Wallace
$20.00 Nina Pollack
$10.00 Sy Montgomery, Pat Russell, Ron Kurz
November 6th is Election Day

Tuesday, November 6th is election day. The polling station for the Town of Hancock is in the "Barbara Caverly" room in the lower portion of our Town Building at 50 Main Street. Parking and public access to this room is at the rear of the building. The polls open at 8 am and close at 7 pm. There are designated handicap parking areas close to this entrance.

As you will read below, I am asking for a number of courtesies from you, the voter, on this day.

First, please limit your parking of vehicles in the area behind the town building to a maximum of 45 minutes during the period when the polls are open. We are expecting a large volume of traffic from people coming to vote on Tuesday. We need to keep this area available for all coming to vote. I have met with the Select Board in years past and have asked them to take the appropriate measures to make this request enforceable. I ask that all people coming to work in the polling area or those coming to support their candidates to park in the lot in front of the town building. For those wanting a little more exercise or are counting steps, remember there is additional parking at the town beach.

It is a voter's right to have a clear and unhindered access to our polling area. To enable such a clear access there will be a designated electioneering area. This electioneering area is for all the supporters of the various candidates to stand, hold their signs and be available to share their enthusiasm.

The next courtesy that I ask is people coming to support their candidates remain in the designated electioneering area. If a voter wishes to interact with you that is their choice. But a voter's safe and clear access to our polling area is most important.

I also must ask that all pets remain at home. Despite my love of dogs, not everyone is comfortable with our fuzzy friends. Even a leashed friendly tail-wagging dog in the parking area can be very disturbing to some people. Please leave our four-legged friends at home. I know Mister Wiggles may want to vote with you but he needs to stay outside, as other voters' rights need to be respected. The exception to this are the service animals. These animals usually have signage explaining their service - please respect their role.

Another courtesy that I am asking is people refrain from is placing free-standing political signs in the designated electioneering area. Hand-held signs are acceptable as we can see who is responsible - the person holding the sign.

The free-standing signs (those that get pushed into the ground) are not appropriate.

Speaking of signage, we are obliged to ask that when you do come in to vote, you remove or cover any campaign signage / buttons etc. that you may be wearing.

The last courtesies that I ask of you are that you help us process you through the check-in and check-out desks. You can do this by having your photo id out and ready AND by clearly announcing your name when it is your turn at the desks.

If you need to vote as an absentee please visit the town hall as soon as possible - do not put that off. Details of applicable hours are available on the town website. If you are new to town please come in quickly to inquire about registering to vote here.

One final note - if I may repeat, our poll hours are set at 8 am until 7 pm. On the TV or on the radio, you may hear of different poll times for various city precincts, please be aware of our times. If you commute a substantial distance and are not sure if you will be back in town in time, consider applying for an absentee ballot. Please do that soon.

We look forward to seeing all of our neighbors. In the recent past we have recorded up to 98% registered voter participation. We are very proud that so many of our fellow citizens care to vote. I hope you can help us continue to record a high turnout this year as well.

Thank you for your attention and courtesies. I hope to see you on Tuesday November 6th!

Richard Haskins, Hancock Town Moderator
News from the Hancock Congregational Church

Elsewhere in this issue of Hancock Happenings you will find notice of our **Tempting Tastes to be held on November 11th beginning at 4 pm**. Veterans will enjoy tastes for free, and we hope there will be a good turnout for this important fundraiser. We have some major expenses coming up at the Vestry, and it is important for us to be able to meet them so that we can keep the Vestry open and available to the wider community.

2018 is the 100th anniversary of end of World War I (Armistice). In 1918, church bells rang around the world, to mark the conflict that was called “The War to End All Wars.” For many years, bells rang 11 times at that 11th hour of the 11th day on the 11th month. Then this custom slowly faded away, especially in the U.S. This year we will be ringing the bells in the Meetinghouse eleven times at 11:00 am on Sunday, November 11th as we remember those who have served, those who have died, and our never-ending hope for peace.

The Hancock packing team for **End 68 Hours of Hunger** packed 181 bags of food last month for food-insecure children in the ConVal School district. Our next packing date is on **Wednesday, November 14th**. Please note, that our team will begin at 11:00 that day, and also that it is the second Wednesday of the month (not the third, which is our usual time to pack). This is on account of the Thanksgiving break. Also, we continue to collect boxes of cereal in the vestibule of the Meetinghouse. The steeple work over the summer that limited access to the Meetinghouse has left us a little behind in our collections this year, so please help us make up the difference as the holiday season approaches.

Are you willing to be called on to bake or help serve food when there is a reception or memorial service in the Vestry? If so, please email Judy Copeland at hancockcongregationalchurch@gmail.com and let her know that you are willing to be part of the Hancock Vestry Auxiliary.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that in October we received a generous grant that will go a long way to helping us replace the failing **organ console in the Meetinghouse**. If you have enjoyed a concert, attended a funeral, or come to one of our Christmas Eve services, you know how important this instrument is; those experiences. The organ was originally installed in 1929, and received a major overhaul in the 1980s. We hope to have the new console installed early in 2019. Additional donations for this project can be mailed to The First Congregational Church of Hancock, UCC, P.O. Box 98, Hancock, NH 03449.

Submitted by Judy Copeland, Pastor of the Hancock Congregational Church

November Events at the Hancock Historical Society

**SOUP, PIE, and PEARSON**

**Membership Drive**

**Thursday, November 8th, 5:30pm Vestry**

Sample some hearty soups and tasty pies to satisfy your hunger while listening to excerpts from local author Haydn Pearson’s *That Darned Minister’s Son* for your entertainment.

*Suggested Donation $5*

**ARMISTICE DAY Remembered**

**Sunday, November 11th, 10:45am, Bandstand**

As church services end, join us to remember the 28 Hancock men who served in World War I on the 100th anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended the war.
Hancock Guild

The Guild hosted Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services/Visiting Nurses in October. They are celebrating 110 years of care in Southwestern NH. Their services range from in home hospice care, to Walk-in Wednesdays, Senior Nutrition Services, Caregiver Support Groups, rehabilitation services, as well as many other community care centered services. They are passionate about the support they provide and they can supply a wide range of care.

Coming soon to downtown Hancock, is the Hancock Guild’s Annual Holiday Craft Fair. This event is always well attended and this year promises to be no exception. We have many new crafters scheduled this year as well as many familiar faces returning again. If you have a favorite you always frequent, I’m sure you’ll see something fresh, and it’s always fun to see what’s available from a new crafter as well. Come on down on Saturday, November 3rd from 9:00-2:00 and shop in both The Meetinghouse and The Vestry on Main St. I’m sure you’ll find something exciting. While you’re browsing in The Meetinghouse, take a walk up on the stage. The Guild raffle will be up there. Prizes donated from each of the vendors available to try and win if you’re feeling lucky. Prizes are drawn at the end of the Fair. Don’t forget to visit the ladies in the kitchen! The homemade soups they have available to buy for lunch can’t be beat.

On Wednesday, November 14th at 7:30 pm, The Guild will be hosting local author of Views and Voices, Margaret Carlson. She’ll be talking about her past books and her writing. She might even be thinking it’s time for a new book on a “local topic”. Perhaps she’ll be looking for local lore or ideas? This event will be open to the public and donations will gladly be accepted.

The Hancock Guild is always welcoming new members from the Hancock and surrounding communities. If you’d like to see what we are all about, feel free to drop in at a monthly meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm at the Vestry.

“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.”

-Mother Teresa

Submitted by Darlene Tarr, President
Another "Tale From Home"
Rumor had it that there had been a trio job in Westchester County on which the trombone and banjo players, discovering that the last train back to Manhattan departed before the final set, left Art Hovey, the tuba player, to finish the gig alone.

Art later confirmed the story:
"Oh yes, I started with a dixieland tune and went into a sing-along medley. Then I decided it was time for a 'Tuba Feature' number!"

62nd Annual Ale & Quail Skeet Shoot
The 62 Annual & Quail Society Skeet Shoot was held the last Saturday of September at Elmwood in Hancock. Skies were most sunny as 22 shooters practiced their shots and competed in the skeet shooting event.

Pictured with the annual trophy is event winner Mike Douglas of Milford, who had a score of 21 clay birds out of 25. A three-way tie on targets shot was shared by Kevin Kennedy of Peterborough, Travis Terrill of Mason and host Rob Terrill of Hudson and Hancock.
The library will be closed for Veterans Day (Monday November 12th Observed) and Thursday November 22nd for Thanksgiving. Open the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Be sure to stock up on books, magazines, and/or DVDs before these holidays!

Thursday November 1st at 7:00pm
Plovers, Knots, and Spoonies:
Shorebird Success Stories from the Field
Shorebirds are extraordinary for many reasons, not least of which are the marathon migrations they undertake each year. As a species group, they’re also experiencing potentially catastrophic declines. Thankfully, there is much being done to reverse this trend. Join Scott Hecker, Director of Bird Conservation for the International Conservation Fund of Canada (ICFC), for a talk about the work ICFC supports in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Asia to protect Piping Plovers, Red Knots, Spoon-billed Sandpipers and more on their wintering grounds in the southern hemisphere. Co-sponsored with the Harris Center, this program will take place in the Daniels Room at the library.

Sunday November 4th 3:00pm
AT THE HARRIS CENTER
The Real Eastern Coyote
The clever, resilient coyote is our native “song dog” and a top predator in the Northeast. While Western coyotes evolved on the Great Plains, the Eastern coyote has been shaped by red wolves, gray wolves, and domestic dogs, as well as its wily Western cousins. Can we learn to live with this more wolf-like coyote? Join biologist Chris Schadler for a talk gleaned from her 30 years of experience with wolf and coyote research, sheep farming, and teaching – including specific strategies for coexisting with coyotes. Whether you’re a farmer, gardener, hiker, or just someone who wants to learn more about our wild neighbors, this one is for you! Co-sponsored with the Harris Center, this program will take place at the Harris Center.

Wednesday November 7th at 7:00pm
Death Dive into Saturn!
Join retired Conval science teacher Jon Manley as he takes us on a journey with the Cassini space probe. For more than a decade the Cassini spacecraft sent amazing images of Saturn until it plunged into Saturn’s atmosphere in 2017. Learn about the scientific data gathered by Cassini and all that is now known about Saturn and its moons.

Thursday November 8th 6pm-7:30pm
Bingo Night with Pizza
Come join us for Bingo Night at the library! For those wanting pizza please sign up by Nov 6th, either at the front desk or by calling us at 525-4411. Small prizes will be awarded to those who get bingo. All ages welcome! ——continued to page 8
Tuesday November 13th at 7:00pm  
**Lithuania: A Little Country with a Big History**  
Author Ursula Wong will discuss Lithuania from the Soviet occupation of WWII to modern times. Although independent from Russia in 1918, Stalin’s Red Army invaded Lithuania during WWII beginning decades of communist occupation. The Brothers of the Forest or Lithuanian resistance fighters, fought the Soviets long after the war ended. Then in a stunning move, Lithuania declared freedom from the Soviet Union in 1990, and to this day shares an uneasy peace with her powerful neighbor. Join us for an evening of history, pictures, and stories as we celebrate the centennial of Lithuania’s restored freedom. A Lithuanian-American, Ursula has spoken at several Lithuanian events in the area, and has written three novels, the *Amber War Series*, that tell the desperate struggle of the Lithuanians to achieve and maintain freedom.

**Wednesday November 14th at 7:00pm**  
**Game Night for Grown-ups**  
The days are getting shorter but the nights won’t feel so long if you’re scoring at Scrabble or getting confounded by Cranium. Come relax, have fun, meet new friends and neighbors with an old fave or challenging new-in-the-box board game. Bring a game if you’ve got one, and a snack or drink to share if you like. Every second Wednesday of the month from 7:00-9:00pm. RSVP to the library: 525-4411 or hancocklibrary@comcast.net just so we have an idea of numbers.

**Thursday November 15th at 12:30pm**  
**Books Sandwiched In**  
Join us in reading S.E. Hinton’s classic book, *The Outsiders*. We meet the third Thursday of the month – jump in anytime!

**Tuesday November 20th at 5:30pm**  
**Mais, Oui! Free-Form-Français continue cette été!**  
“*Parlez vous Français?*” Are you learning French and would like a chance to get better at speaking it? Were you fluent once and wish you had the opportunity to converse once again? Or would you just like to brush up on this *romance* language? The Hancock Town Library continues to host a French language conversation group and you’re invited! The setting is very informal and is open from 5:30 to 7:00 on the third Tuesday of the month. Arrive and leave at your leisure. All levels welcome. Modeled on the Manchester Franco-American Centre’s “*Prêt-à-Parler,*” the sessions will be free flowing and with your help, fun. Hélène Laliberté Bickford, French first-language speaker (“*mais tres rouillé*”), will help to keep the conversations going.  

“*Venez tous!*”

**Wednesday November 28th at 7:00pm**  
**Police Misconduct Litigation in the World of “Law and Order” Politics, Black Lives Matter, and Body Cams**  
This presentation will focus on the complex reality of representing clients who are victims of police misconduct. It will include a discussion about cases from around the country that involve issues of race and gender discrimination, police violence, crooked investigations, cover-ups, and systemic failures. Mark Reyes is a civil rights lawyer who has handled civil rights and/or police misconduct cases for more than 15 years. He represents clients in civil rights cases in federal courts around the country as a lawyer at Loey & Loey, a nationally recognized civil rights and whistleblower law firm in Chicago. Mark is licensed to practice law in Illinois, New York, and Vermont (inactive).

**Thursday November 29th at 7:00pm**  
**Holiday Concert with Harp, Voice and Psaltery**  
Join us for songs of the season with Susan Graham and Catherine Graves.

**From the Children’s Room**  
**Jennifer Wood, Children’s Librarian**  
**A Message from Miss Jenn**  
We will be offering cool seasonal pop-up programs this winter so please make sure to check our Facebook page for updates or stop by and check in with us!

**Thursdays at 10:30am Family Story time**  
Every Thursday morning, we will gather in the children’s room for stories, songs, and movement! All ages are welcome.

**Tuesday November 6th 3:30-4:30 Lego Club**  
Free build with Legos. Each participant gets one base to build on. At the end of the one-hour build time we put all our creations up on display! This program is open to all Lego fans and builders, all ages welcome.

**Thursday November 8th 6pm-7:30pm**  
**Bingo Night with Pizza**  
Come join us for Bingo Night at the library! For those wanting pizza please sign up by Nov 6. Small prizes will be awarded to those who get bingo. All ages welcome!

**Monday November 26th 3:30pm-4:30pm**  
**Paws to Read with Coffee with a seasonal craft!**  
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. We will be offering a cool seasonal craft to those who come to read to Coffee.
SAVE THE DATE
Come enjoy a range of sweet and savory delights at Tempting Tastes on Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11th, from 4-6pm, at the Hancock Vestry. Since we will be having this event on Veterans Day (the actual date is Sunday), we decided to honor veterans in our community. Tickets are 4 tastes for $5, 10 tastes for $10, and VETERANS MAY ENJOY TASTES FOR FREE.

In addition, we will have lots of auction items to bid on, led by our entertaining auctioneer, Neal Cass. Auction items include maple syrup, homemade cakes and pies, along with hot items like certificates from Mathewson Companies for a septic tank pumping, service at Preferred Computer Solutions in Peterborough, and certificates to Edmunds Hardware, Antrim Lumber, Belleteses, and Tenney Farm, to name just a few.

And we all know how versatile Bob Fogg is — he is offering two hours of his time to help you with whatever project you have for him.

Many area restaurants/businesses, including the Hancock Inn, are offering generous certificates to enjoy what they have to offer. There will also be gorgeous handmade woodwork by Steve Fillebrown, jewelry by Roberta Bell, and many different surprises to be found.

Star Wars enthusiasts will even find something to bid on. We have a Star Wars iHome Star Destroyer Bluetooth Speaker which is still in its original package.

Come honor your service, and the service of others, to our country. Invite friends and family. Include your kids in the bidding wars. Enjoy an afternoon of mouth-watering tastes. And don't forget your checkbook and generous bids. We hope to see a lot of new faces this year!

Sponsored by First Congregational Church of Hancock. Find us on Facebook at "Hancock Congregational Church".

Hancock Telecommunications Committee
Announces Survey and Public Meeting
Committee Tasked to Research & Report on Better Internet and Cellphone Service

The Hancock Telecommunications Committee has launched a survey of residents’ possible needs for improved Broadband service and will hold a special public meeting on this topic on November 7th at 7:00pm in the Meeting House, Assembly Room.

All residents of Hancock are encouraged to provide their input - one per household - via the survey on the last two pages of this issue of Happenings, or by completing the same survey placed at the Town Office, US Post Office, Library and Hancock Market. The survey has also been posted on the Town website to be printed, completed and mailed in, or - if technology allows - to be completed online.

The committee encourages all residents and Hancock-based business owners to complete the survey form and attend the meeting on Nov. 7th to learn about the committee’s work and provide additional input. The deadline for submission is November 29, 2018.

The Hancock Select Board has tasked the committee specifically to research and report on technologies and infrastructure improvements that would bring a high standard of broadband and cell service throughout the community at competitive costs.

More information on the committee and its work is on the town website.
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Autism Services for Children
Crotched Mountain’s Ready, Set, Connect! program will be opening an autism clinic at the Greenfield campus on January 2.

Ready, Set, Connect! provides ABA therapy for young children in a group setting, offering an environment of fun and learning and a path to a bright future!

Locations also in Manchester and Concord.

603.547.1430 or cmf.org/autism

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We are off to a wonderful start at Hancock Elementary School. The children are settling into their routines and learning.

Our first eight weeks of school have focused on developing routines and structures that enable all students to succeed academically and socially. Across the district, the elementary schools are using the structures of Responsive Classroom to develop a strong and safe learning community. Each class begins the day with morning circle and ends the day with closing circle. Morning circle provides a time for the children to greet one another, share an important experience in their lives, and preview the learning for the day. Closing circle offers students the opportunity to reflect and bring closure to their day. In addition to these important rituals, staff are incorporating social emotional learning in our morning meetings.

Social Emotional Learning is “the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.”¹ The ConVal elementary staff work with a consultant, Eric Mann, to develop a Social Emotional Learning Curriculum. The mini lessons assist students in identifying how they are feeling, how their feelings are impacting their academic or social learning, and identify specific strategies they can use to help them with managing their feelings. It is very exciting to see children use deep breathing when they are struggling with a new learning concept or take a quick walk when they are frustrated with a friend on the playground.

Of course, math, science, social studies, and literacy are the core of our day. The good news is that students are building the coping strategies to engage deeply with these subjects!

ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

Reflections on Nature
An Exhibition of recent work by the EarthSong Artists

Eight local artists in the EarthSong Artists group will showcase their recent paintings at the Hancock Library, starting Oct. 14th. The exhibit will include new works, extolling the beauty of nature, painted both in the landscape and in the studio. Participating artists are Beatrice Corriveau, Arlene Laurenitis, Mary Kirk, Barbara Danser, Carol Doleac, Susan Ellis, Ilona Kwiecien, Arlene Laurenitis, and Tamara Armstrong-Benaquist.

Viewing hours at the Library are Monday and Wednesday, 2-6pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 10am-7pm; and Saturday 10 am-4 pm. Call before your visit to ensure no special events are scheduled at that time.

For more information, contact Barbara at bd@danserart.com or call the Hancock Library at 603-525-4411.
News from the Depot

This month, our feature will be Threefor Thetaking. After a break of a year and a half, the core trio of Threefor theTaking began playing out again. Using the standard rock format, bass, guitar, and drums, the band covers a variety of music, including classic bands like Led Zeppelin and Tom Petty to jam bands like moe. and Umphrey’s McGee.

For more information, visit their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/threeforthetaking.1000

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!).

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.

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:

--> E-mail: Hancockdepotcabaret@yahoo.com
--> Phone: 508-641-0076

Like us on Facebook and receive automatic notifications about upcoming shows: www.facebook.com/hancockdepotcabaret

Upcoming Feature Acts
· December 1: The Kingsnakes – Jazz, and Popular music from the 20s, 30s, 40s
· January 5: TBD

Monthly Association Meetings
Interested in joining the Hancock Depot Association? If you’d like to help out with planning, events, cleanup days, etc., feel free to join us! For information about our next meeting, give David Young a call at 603-525-3085.

Rent the Depot for Your Special Event!
Have a birthday party or other significant event coming up? Consider hosting your event at the Hancock Depot! The venue is available for parties, meetings, celebrations, concerts, and other special events. To learn more, call David Young at 525-3085 or Nancy Adams at 525-4176.

Monadnock Roller Derby's junior team (Mad Misfits) and women's team (Mad Knockers) invite community members to try on skates or not and join us for fitness and friendly connection. Monday "rock star" training sessions are most Mondays through December 3. The first 45 minutes is off-skates strength training and endurance using body weight. Participants have the option to stay and learn to skate for the next 45 minutes for a $5 drop-in fee (with signed waiver). The sessions are for all ages and abilities, during regular practice time, 6:30pm at Great Brook School in Antrim.

Also open to the public are Community Roller Skating Night for all ages on November 10th, 6-9pm at Antrim Town Gym ($5 entry donation and $6 for rentals) and the "Pass the Biscuits" scrimmage, November 17th 3pm at Great Brook School gym (free). Both events will have concessions, league merchandise for sale. The theme for Roller Skating Night is magic and will feature DJ music and lights; costumes are encouraged (not required). The scrimmage will feature players from leagues across New England and is followed by a potluck for all, with recipes from our cookbook which will also be available for purchase. For anyone who hasn't seen a modern game of roller derby, this is a great chance to see it locally and support your hometown league!

We are recruiting new members and volunteers during our off-season and welcome you to get involved with this great community organization. For questions, email: contact@monadnockrollerderby.com or visit: www.monadnockrollerderby.com. See you out there!
Nov 1 (Thu) Plovers, Knots, and Spoonies: Shorebird Success Stories from the Field
Shorebirds are extraordinary for many reasons, not least of which are the marathon migrations they undertake each year. As a species group, they’re also experiencing potentially catastrophic declines. Thankfully, there is much being done to reverse this trend. Join Scott Hecker, Director of Bird Conservation for the International Conservation Fund of Canada (ICFC), for a talk about the work ICFC supports in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Asia to protect Piping Plovers, Red Knots, Spoon-billed Sandpipers and more on their wintering grounds in the southern hemisphere. 7 to 8pm at the Hancock Town Library. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center with the Hancock Town Library. For more info, contact Susie Spikol Faber at 525-3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org.

Nov 2 (Fri) Easygoing Hike to Crotched Mountain
Join Rich Taylor and Lee Baker for a moderately strenuous, 4-mile roundtrip hike through blueberry barrens to the top of Crotched Mountain. Bring lunch, and meet at 10am at Oak Park near the intersection of Route 136 and Forest Road in Greenfield, across the street from Greenfield State Park. Back by 3:30pm. For more info, contact Rich at (603) 827-4105, kayaks100@msn.com or Lee at (603) 525-5262, snowman3137@gmail.com.

Nov 3 (Sat) Watching for Golden Eagles from Mount Monadnock
Join Tom Warren during the peak week for Golden Eagles to migrate through the Monadnock Region on their way south from Quebec. We’ll hike Mount Monadnock’s Dublin Trail, stopping at suitable vantage points to scan the skies for this charismatic raptor. Though we’ll not be visiting the summit, expect a strenuous hike of about 2.5 to 3 miles roundtrip. Dress warmly, bring binoculars, and meet at 9am at the Dublin Trail trailhead off Old Troy Road in Dublin. Back by 1pm. Please RSVP to Tom Warren at 563-7190 or ttwassociates@myfairpoint.net.

Nov 4 (Sun) The Real Eastern Coyote
The clever, resilient coyote is our native “song dog” and a top predator in the Northeast. While Western coyotes evolved on the Great Plains, the Eastern coyote has been shaped by red wolves, gray wolves, and domestic dogs, as well as its wily Western cousins. Can we learn to live with this more wolf-like coyote? Join biologist Chris Schadler for a talk gleaned from her 30 years of experience with wolf and coyote research, sheep farming, and teaching - including specific strategies for coexisting with coyotes. Whether you’re a farmer, gardener, hiker, or just someone who wants to learn more about our wild neighbors, this talk is for you! 3 to 4:30pm at the Harris Center. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center with the Hancock Town Library. For more info, contact Brett Amy Thelen at (603) 358-2065 or thelen@harriscenter.org.

Nov 8 (Thu) David Attenborough's “Light on Earth” Film Showing
Explore the mysterious realm of living light with this award-winning documentary film, which follows David Attenborough and a team of researchers as they investigate the science of bioluminescence, including several species found right here in New England. 7 to 8pm in the Putnam Theater at Keene State College. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center with the Monadnock Conservancy and the KSC Film Society. For more info, contact Brett Amy Thelen at (603) 358-2065 or thelen@harriscenter.org.

Nov 16 (Fri) Railroads of Hancock and Harrisville
Join Historical Society of Cheshire County Director and historian Alan Rumrill for a fascinating trip through time, using old photos and historic documents to bring the railroad history of Hancock and Harrisville to life. See the Alcott Trestle in its glory days, find out who footed the bill, and discover why Harrisville was one of the last New Hampshire towns to be incorporated. 7 to 8 p.m. at the Harris Center. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center with the Historical Society of Cheshire County. For more information, contact Susie Spikol Faber at 525-3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org.
Boston’s leading string orchestra, *A Far Cry* (a Grammy-nominated chamber group with a distinct approach to music making in performances that encourage risk-taking and exploration for both player and audience) will perform *Sunday, November 4, at 4 pm*, at the Hancock Meeting House. They performed here in Hancock 9 years ago and two more times in 2012 and since then *A Far Cry* has sky-rocketed to great acclaim.

Known for its high energy, *A Far Cry* “brims with personality or, better, personalities, many and varied,” says the *New York Times*. “In its first decade, this conductor-free ensemble has earned and sustained a reputation for top-drawer playing, engaging programming, and outstanding guest artists,” according to *Boston Music Intelligencer*, leading to collaborations with artists including Yo-Yo Ma, Roomful of Teeth, the Silk Road Ensemble, Vijay Iyer, and David Krakauer.

Featuring Rane Moore (clarinet), Omar Chen Guey and Annie Rabbat (violins), Rimbo Wong (viola), and Michael Untertan (cello), a distilled contingent of *A Far Cry* will perform Mozart’s Clarinet Quintet in A Major, K. 581, and Haydn’s String Quartet in G minor, Op. 20, No. 3 for the Music on Norway Pond audience.

In addition to a long-standing residency at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and its own subscription series, A Far Cry has debuted at Columbia University’s Miller Theatre and the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) in New York, Washington Performing Arts, Toronto’s Royal Conservatory, and Duke Performances. This will be their fourth appearance in Hancock for MONP, where they always pack the house.

**Admission:** $20 per person, students come free. For a list of upcoming events and to purchase tickets including season tickets, please go to [www.musiconnorwaypond.org](http://www.musiconnorwaypond.org).
Upcoming Grapevine Programs and Events

2018 Grapevine Online Auction – Bidding starts November 1st!
LIVE Bidding NOV 1-30! Just in time for the holidays! Shop for gift certificates, local, creative arts & goods and services. This year we will be hosting the auction through a new auction platform. Visit https://www.32auctions.com/grapevinenh on November 1st to join in on the shopping fun!

The Vine Story Hour “Stuck!” – Thursday, November 29th at 7pm
Join us for an evening of storytelling – come tell your story or listen to others. Based on NPR’s The MOTH Story Hour! Admission is by donation. This event is open to adults and older teens. Refreshments provided. Proceeds benefit Avenue A's programs for local youth.

Youth Programs at Avenue A Teen + Community Center, 42 Main Street Antrim
Friday Night Open Hours for Teens 13-18; 6:30-9pm
Tabletop Game Club for teens in 7th grade and up - Mondays 5:30-8pm
High School Creative Writing Club - Tuesdays 6-8pm
Ave A Club for GBS Students: For grades 5-8, Wednesdays 2:15-4:15 pm; starting in October.
Pick Up Basketball: For Boys Grades 8 and Up, Wednesdays 7 – 8 p.m; at the Antrim Town Gym at Antrim Elementary School.
For our full Fall Schedule visit us at Facebook.com/AvenueATeenCenter!

Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren
If you are parenting your grandchildren or a family member, you are not alone. “Grandparents (Kinparents) Parenting Grandchildren” meets monthly and is free. Call 588-2620 and ask for Carol for more information, and to let us know you’re coming and if you will need childcare.

Services at The Grapevine:
- Information & Referral: Information about area resources for financial assistance, food, childcare, legal assistance, clothing, health and dental care, and other needs.
- Community Wood Bank: For those who use wood to heat their home and can’t afford to buy it. The wood bank has also helped residents who typically can buy their own wood but find themselves in a bind due to major ice and snow storms. Call if you need wood, if you have wood to donate, or to volunteer for the 2016-17 season.
- Heating Fuel & Electric Assistance: Call 924-2243 or 877-757-7048 for an appointment or The Grapevine for information.
- Child & Family Counseling by Monadnock Family Services and Riverbend Community Mental Health
- Help Finding Shelter for families who are homeless or face homelessness.

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization located behind the Tuttle Library and serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Francistown, Hillsborough, Deering and nearby towns. The Grapevine exists because of charitable contributions from people like you. Tax deductible contributions are gratefully accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, or drop by the center at 4 Aiken Street (behind the library). Visit us online at www.GrapevineNH.org and LIKE us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/grapevinenh.org/
HANCOCK HAPPENINGS
November 2018

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

Tax Collector - Thursday 9:00am to 4:30pm
Town Clerk – Monday 5:00 to 8:00pm
  Wednesday  3:00 to 6:00pm
  Closed on Federal Holidays
Town Dump and Demolition Hours – Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00pm; Saturday 8:00am to 5:00pm
Selectboard – First three Mondays at 1:00pm; 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. Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room
Zoning Board –2nd and 4th Wednesdays as needed at 7:00pm, meetings will be noticed; Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room
Advisory Committee – as noticed, Town Office
Conservation Commission – 1st Tuesday at 7:00pm, Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room
Historic District Commission – 4th Tuesday at 7:00pm, Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room
Hancock Library Trustees – 4th Tuesday at 5:00pm in the Daniels Room
Recreation Committee – 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm, Hancock Inn
Town Archives Committee – as noticed, Town Office Archives Room
Water Commissioners – 4th Wednesday at 4:30pm, Town Office Main Floor
Dump Committee –3rd Tuesday at 4:00pm, DPW
Trustees of Trust Funds – as needed, Town Office
Cemetery Trustees – 1st Wednesday of the month 11am, Town Office
Common Commission – every other 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm, Town Office Main Floor
School Board – 1st & 3rd Tuesday, Board Room

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Better Internet and Cellphone Service for Hancock

Do you have the quality Internet and Cellphone service that you need? Would you like faster broadband and better cellphone service at your residence and/or other locations in Hancock?

The recently established Hancock Telecommunications Committee has been charged by the Select Board to research and report on technologies and infrastructure improvements that would bring a high standard of broadband and cell service throughout the community at competitive costs. More information on the committee and its work is on the Town website.

To help us with this assignment and indicate your needs, if any, please complete this survey and place it in the survey box at the Post Office, Library, or Hancock Market, or mail it to: Telecommunications Committee, Town Office, 50 Main Street, Hancock, NH 03449. Submission deadline is November 29, 2018.

“Broadband”, also called “high-speed internet”, is the umbrella term referring to internet access that is always on and is faster than dial-up internet access. Broadband is typically measured by how fast a user’s computer can download and upload information from the internet. Download speed is the rate at which a computer receives data from the internet, while upload speed is the rate at which a computer sends data. Broadband is defined as a minimum of 25mbps (megabits per second) for downloading and 3mbps for uploading. It can be delivered wirelessly via towers, by cable, or by satellite. In addition to using computers, people increasingly use cellphones to access data on the internet. Availability of broadband can affect everything from public health and safety, to delivery of education, community vitality, government operations, where you work, worker productivity, and overall quality of life.

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Which devices do you use at home: ☐ cellphone ☐ computer

Are you satisfied with:

- the quality of your cellphone service? ☐ Yes ☐ No
  If “No” why? -------------------

- the speed of your internet service? ☐ Yes ☐ No
  If “No” why? -------------------

Do you stream movies etc. on your TV? ☐ Yes ☐ No
  If “No”, is it because of slow service? ☐ Yes ☐ No
  If “Yes”, would you stream more if you had faster service? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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If you have internet service at home, via cellphone and/or computer, what is the download speed? _____mbps
(You can check this by going to a test site like this one: http://www.speedtest.net)
If you are unable to conduct the speed test due to being on dial-up or satellite, please indicate this here:
_________________________________________________________________________________________

Which company provides your cellphone service? __________________________ Are you satisfied with your service? □ Yes □ No
What’s the most you would pay per month for better cellphone service? _____________

Which company provides your internet service? __________________________ Are you satisfied with your service? □ Yes □ No
What’s the most you would pay per month for better internet service? _________________

Which company provides your TV service? _________________________________

Do you use your cellphone with WiFi at home for phone calls or for the internet? □ Yes □ No
If “Yes”, would you use public WiFi in the downtown or other in-town ‘hotspots’ if available?
□ Yes □ No

Do you have a home-based business in Hancock or telecommute from home? □ Yes □ No
If “Yes”, please provide any comments you wish regarding the above services and how they affect your business.
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If you were to buy, sell, or rent a home, would good internet access be a factor in your decision making?
□ Yes □ No

What is your street address? (This information will be used confidentially with aggregated information to help the Committee map broadband coverage in Hancock.)
________________________________________________________________________________________
(street address)

Additional comments: ___________________________________________________________________________
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Name, email and/or phone number: (Optional) _____________________________________________________________
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Thank you for participating in this survey.

Hancock Telecommunications Committee