News from the Selectboard

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

September was a transitional month as the Selectboard geared up to head into Budget Season. We met with department heads to layout the Board’s budget goal of providing a stable town tax rate and maintaining an adequate unassigned fund balance. The department heads were directed for the 2018 Budget to identify cost savings procedures, promote efficiency and seek out alternative revenue sources; while, meeting key objectives of providing valued service to the community, maintaining and improving infrastructure, planning for future needs, and retaining a skilled workforce. The Board will also be working with both the Planning Board’s Capital Improvements Program Committee and the Budget Advisory Committee to bring a recommended budget to Town Meeting.

Lesson 7: The Selectboard’s Relationship with Other Town Officials, Part 4. Last month we looked at our relationship with the Police Department. This month let’s take a look at the Fire Department.

The town is not required by any state law to create a fire department. However, RSA 154:1 lays out five legal options for the administrative organization of a fire department if a town chooses to do so. Hancock selected the option described in RSA 154:1, I (a), where the Selectboard appoints the Fire Chief recommended by vote of the firefighters. Once appointed, the Hancock Fire Chief serves an indefinite term (since a defined term has not been stipulated by Town Meeting), subject only “upon good conduct and efficiency” (RSA 154:5, I).

The Fire Chief has the organizational and administrative control of the department, subject to any policies or guidelines that may have been adopted by the Selectboard (RSA 154:1, IV and RSA 154:5, II), including the appointment of the department’s “firefighters” (RSA 154:1, I (a)). The term “Firefighters” includes all personnel engaged in firefighting and other emergency situations. All department real estate and equipment are the property of the town (RSA 154:1-a). This includes any donations or gifts (including gifts from the Hancock Fire Department Association) directly to the department, which must be accepted by the Selectboard subject to RSA 31:95-b or 31:95-e. State law does not preclude the formation of a firefighter association (RSA 154:1-b). The Hancock Fire Department Assoc (which includes the Auxillary) is an approved non-profit corporation that has its own adopted bylaws and conducts fund-raising activities to benefit the department. But, its activities are not activities of the town (RSA 154:1-b, IV).

Who’s in charge in case of an emergency? Once the fire department is involved in fire or emergency situation, the fire chief controls and directs the activities as the “incident commander”. The police would provide a supporting role (RSA 154:7, III). State law shields the firefighters from liability for a variety of emergency response activities (RSA 154:1-d; RSA 31:106, and RSA 508:12-b).

As a bit of history, The Hancock Fire Department was first organized on September 20, 1907 with 20 men, 500 feet of hose and two nozzles. William W. Hayward was the Fire Chief; the Department raised $282.74 and expended $240.59; and was in need of a hose wagon, a hose house and 500 more feet of hose (2008 Hancock Town Report).

Next month I’m taking a break from the Selectboard’s relationship with other Town Officials and I’ll be looking at the Selectboard’s role in the annual budget process.
October is Fire Prevention Month with October 8th through October 14th being Fire Prevention Week. Fire Prevention Week is on record as the longest running public health observance, according to the National Archives and Records Administration’s Library Information Center which began in 1925. This year the national theme is “Every Second Counts. Plan Two Ways Out”. In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy. Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can’t help them. Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find. Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building. Think and be safe!!

New Hampshire State Fire Marshal Degnan recommends everyone have a comprehensive fire protection plan that includes maintaining smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, residential sprinklers, and planning and practicing a home fire escape plan. Smoke alarms and CO alarms save lives!

Now for your history lesson of the day. Pay attention because there may be a quiz later on. President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week on October 4-10, 1925, beginning a tradition of the President of the United States signing a proclamation recognizing the occasion. It is observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9th falls, in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began October 8, 1871, and did most of its damage October 9th.

The horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow - belonging to Mrs. Catherine O'Leary - kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn and then the whole city on fire. Chances are you've heard some version of this story yourself; people have blamed the Great Chicago Fire on the cow and Mrs. O'Leary, for more than 130 years. Mrs. O'Leary denied this charge. Like any good story, the 'case of the cow' has some truth to it. The great fire almost certainly started near the barn where Mrs. O'Leary kept her five milking cows. But there is no proof that O'Leary was in the barn when the fire broke out - or that a jumpy cow sparked the blaze. Mrs. O'Leary herself swore that she'd been in bed early that night, and that the cows were also tucked in for the evening. This story was published by Chicago Tribune reporter Michael Ahern. In 1893, however, Ahern admitted he had made the story up.

So if a cow wasn't to blame for the huge fire, what was? Over the years, journalists and historians have offered plenty of theories. Some blamed the blaze on a couple of neighborhood boys who were near the barn sneaking cigarettes. Some people have speculated that a fiery meteorite may have fallen to earth on October 8, starting several fires that day - in Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as in Chicago. But hold on interested readers -- the Chicago Fire was not the biggest fire that day!!!

The most devastating fire in United States history was ignited in Wisconsin on that same day in 1871. Over the course of the next day, this fire roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, consuming 2 billion trees and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended. Temperatures reached 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit, causing trees to literally explode in the flames. Despite the massive scale of the blaze, it was overshadowed by the Great Chicago Fire, which began about 250 miles away.

The blaze began at an unknown spot in the dense Wisconsin forest. It first spread to the small village of Sugar Bush, where every resident was killed. High winds then sent the fast-moving 200-foot flames racing “like a tornado” northeast toward the neighboring community of Peshtigo, Wisconsin, which suffered the worst damage.

On October 8, the fire reached Peshtigo without warning. Within an hour, the entire town had been destroyed. Only one building in the town survived the fire. Two hundred people died in a single tavern. Others fled to a nearby river, where several people died from drowning. Three people who sought refuge in a water tank boiled to death when the fire heated the tank. A mass grave was established because extensive burns made it impossible to identify the bodies.

Despite the fact that this was the worst fire in American history, newspaper headlines on subsequent days were dominated by the story of the Great Chicago Fire. Weather conditions across the entire region during the summer and fall of 1871 produced conditions conducive to large, rapidly-spreading fires should one ignite. Another fire in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula that consumed 2 million acres had an even smaller footnote in the next day’s papers. Large wildfires struck several areas in Michigan, with Holland, Port Huron, and Manistee seeing the most significant damage and loss of life. Although the exact death toll from the Michigan fires is unknown, it likely claimed in excess of 500 lives. However, the most costly fire in terms of loss of life occurred in and around Peshtigo, Wisconsin, and remains to this day as the deadliest fire in American History.
Our Fall Yard and Pie Sale will be held at the Church Vestry on Saturday, October 7th from 8:00 am until Noon, with the bag sale ($2.00 per bag) to begin at 11:30 am. The homemade pies (a perfect treat for the holiday weekend) go fast, so plan to come early. If you would like to contribute items for the yard sale, the drop-off hours are Thursday, October 5 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm and on Friday, October 6 from 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm. As we have in the past, we will also be accepting donations of household items for refugee families and will see that those are delivered to the appropriate agencies. Proceeds from the yard and pie sale are used to defray Vestry building expenses.

A Flu Clinic will be held in the Church Vestry on Tues, October 24th from 9:45 am until 11:00 am. This is being sponsored by Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services. Please wear clothing that allows access to upper arms, bring the appropriate insurance information or cash or a check for $35.00 made payable to HCS. If you have questions about the clinic, please contact Jo-Anne Yardley at HCS directly (352-2253, ex 118).

End 68 Hours is off to a great start again this year, but we continue to need your help. The number of children receiving a bag of food to carry them through the weekend is way up this year (including an over threefold increase in Hancock). Different communities and churches collect different items and we are again signed up for cereal. We will be receiving boxes of cereal in the vestibule of the Meetinghouse throughout the entire school year. You can drop them off anytime the Meetinghouse is open or during Church Office hours (10:30-12:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays). We are seeking donations of 10-13 ounce boxes—not the larger family or jumbo sized boxes, as they are too big to fit into backpacks and packing bags. And if you are homebound or like to do your shopping on-line, you can always have your donation delivered directly to the Meetinghouse. We have one family that lives out of town, but supports this cause by having a case of cereal delivered by Amazon. In case you’d like to follow suit, the address is Hancock Congregational Church, P.O. Box 98 (or 47 Main Street), Hancock, NH, 03449. Thank you for your continuing generosity. If you would like to learn more about this program, the Hancock Women’s Guild will be having a presentation on it at their October 18th meeting, beginning at 7:00 pm.

Finally, we hope you have had a chance to visit our new website at www.hancocknhchurch.com. Forms for requesting use of Vestry and Sanctuary are available there for you to download and print out as needed.

Submitted by Judy Copeland, Pastor

Hancock Elementary School
Amy Janoch, Principal

The First 15 Days at Hancock Elementary School

We have had a wonderful start to the school year at HES. The children have been working hard to build relationships with their new teacher as well as learn new structures and routines. Using Responsive School Discipline as our guide, the staff have worked to create a safe and supportive learning environment. To date, most students are expert at routines for centers, circle, turn and talk as well as that very important skill of ordering lunch for the day! Not only are students busy learning structures and routines, they have launched into important projects that bring science, reading, and math to life.

As I walk through the classrooms, I am excited to see children engaged in interesting projects. Our kindergarten friends have explored the seasons, the American Flag, what it takes to be a scientist and, of course letters, sounds, and numbers. The third and fourth graders have launched a new recycling program while the first grade children have been observing monarch caterpillars as they move through the stages toward becoming a monarch butterfly. Finally, the second graders have just finished their first read aloud. Students listened to and identified the story elements of My Father’s Dragon.

It is amazing how much has been accomplished in our first fifteen days. Imagine what will be accomplished in the next nine months!
Dump News

Some time ago, after Waste Management closed their facility in Peterborough, we set up a demolition dumpster as a convenience so residents wouldn’t have to travel all the way to Jaffrey to get rid of demolition material or bulky waste that can’t be deposited in our trash compactor. The cost to dump demolition material is much higher than regular trash so we established a fee system for the occasional user of the demolition dumpster: $40 for a pickup truck load or $20 for a carload. Lately this system has been somewhat abused, so please do not put anything into the demolition dumpster unless the appropriate fee has been paid. A new sign to this effect will soon be placed near the demolition dumpster.

By all accounts, the Swap Shop, housed inside our recently added addition on the building, is immensely popular. It is only possible because it is manned entirely by volunteers who believe strongly in the notion of swapping a no longer needed item with someone in need, but not for resale. The volunteers are solely in charge of what can be left in the Swap Shop. There is no room for furniture and nothing should be left outside when the Shop is closed. We can all use this facility for what it was intended and thank the volunteers for donating their time.

Hancock Dump Committee

Hancock Historical Society News and Events

On Sunday, October 15th at 2 pm, please join us for Calvin Coolidge: The Monadnock Region as I’ve Known It, when local historian Tracy Messer will bring our thirtieth president to life. The performance will be held in the Daniels Room at the Hancock Town Library. It is free and open to all.

Famous for his blend of Yankee wit and wisdom, "Silent Cal" had surprising connections to many towns here in the Monadnock Region: Chesterfield, Fitzwilliam, Keene, Marlborough, Stoddard, Peterborough, Walpole, Hancock, Dublin, Marlow, and Gilsum. You’ll laugh as you learn from the fascinating stories you’ll hear about Calvin Coolidge’s classmates, relatives, and road trips:

• What town welcomed first lady Grace Coolidge to their sesquicentennial?
• Which mayor of Keene is descended from one of Coolidge’s classmates?

• Where was the notorious intersection that led more than one US president astray?
• Who was the Monadnock artist who made a portrait of Calvin, Jr.?

On Tuesday, October 31st, come trick or treat at the Historical Society during our town’s annual Halloween celebration! (Trick or treating from 5-7 pm or as announced by the town.) Stop by see a 200 year old coffin — and to hear the story of why there are scratches on the inside of the box! Weather permitting, the Hancock Hearse may also be on display.

Candy donations are welcome to help with trick or treating. Bags of individually wrapped candy may be dropped off at the Historical Society on Fridays from 10am to noon, or at 4pm on Halloween night.
New Deputy Town Clerk
Please welcome Alisha!
Alisha Davis started work as Deputy Town Clerk on September 6th. Some of you may recognize Alisha, as she was born and raised in Hancock and has returned to live here permanently after earning her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Plymouth State University. She served as Director of the Hancock Summer Recreation Program last summer, and we’re thrilled to have her in the Town Clerk’s office now!

While training, you may experience longer waiting times because we can only connect one computer to the Division of Motor Vehicles. Here are some things you can do to decrease wait times and help us serve you better:

- Remember that you can always renew your registration by mail. We process them on our next business day (Mondays and Wednesdays) and put them in the mail that evening.
- If you come to the office in person, bring the renewal form you received in the mail as well as checks made out in the amounts shown on the form.
- If you don’t have your renewal form or are making any changes to your registration, be sure to bring your old registration with you.
- If you are switching plates from one vehicle to another, you must bring your registration.
- Always bring your photo ID with you.
- If you are new to town, bring proof of residency with you.

Thank you- we appreciate your patience during this period.

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The Hancock Inn
Innkeepers' Sunday Supper

October 2017

The 1st
Carrot and Fennel Salad
Braised Beef with Garlic Cream & French Fries
Apple Cake

The 8th
Chicken-fried Cauliflower
Provençal Fish Stew
Pumpkin Bars

The 15th
Frisée Salad with Poached Egg
Hearty Onion Soup Gratin
Blondie Sundae

The 22nd
Hot Crawfish Dip
Chicken Tchoupitoulas
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Dec. 10 - Harvey Reid and Joyce Andersen

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Community Supper

The next Hancock Community Supper will be held on October 26th and will be sponsored by the Hancock Democrats. We would like to thank the Hancock Republicans for hosting the September Community Supper and for a great Italian meal! We would also like to thank the Hancock community for your continued support of this great program. Submitted by Mike & Carol Domingue

Memorial Service for John “Jack” Carlson

John “Jack” Carlson passed away August 13, 2017. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017 11:00am at the Hancock Congregational Church.

September Fire Dept Raffle Winners:
$40.00 - Natalie Cass
$20.00 - Roberta Nylander
$10.00 - Linda Morgan, Matthew Gould, Robert Pettegrew

Thought of the month:
How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-ros.

Division of Motor Vehicles Temporary Closure

The Division of Motor Vehicles is implementing a new driver licensing system. This upgrade will require that all DMV offices be closed from Friday, October 6th through Tuesday, October 10th. During this period, they will be unable to issue or renew driver’s licenses or any registrations that normally require a visit to the registry. Town clerks will also be unable to process registrations during this period.

Online services will not be available from Wednesday, October 4th, through Wednesday, October 11th.

The Town Clerk’s office in Hancock will be closed on Columbus Day, Monday, October 9th, and we plan to be open as usual on Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 6. We are hoping that there will be no disruption in service.

You can help us to be proactive. If you are coming to the office on Wednesday to renew your registration, be sure to bring the notice you received in the mail along with your checks made out in the amounts indicated. If the computers are not up and running by 3, we will accept your paperwork, complete your renewals as soon as the system is available, and put the registrations and decals in the mail that evening.

Another "Tale From Home" at www.herb-gardner.com
Names for products sometimes just don’t seem to make any sense.

I have this mental vision of the Marine Band, with its harmonicas, advancing towards the Swiss Army with all of its knife attachments drawn.

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Hancock Town Library Events

Amy Markus, Hancock Library Director
http://hancocktownlibrary.blogspot.com
Mondays and Wednesdays 2:00 to 6:00pm
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00am to 7:00pm
Saturdays 10:00am to 4:00pm

Just a reminder that we have a few museum passes to offer our patrons, thanks to the Friends of the Library. Our list includes Canterbury Shaker Village, Cheshire Children’s Museum in Keene, the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, The Fells Historic Estate & Gardens in Newbury, NH, Montshire Museum of Science in Norwich, VT, and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. In the past, donors have generously contributed passes to their favorite museums. If you have a special museum in mind and would like to do the same, let us know!

Wondering if we have that new book you just read about? Is it 10:00 at night and you really want to know? No worries! You can check our catalog and reserve or renew books from the comfort of your own home. Come in and we’ll show you just how easy it is!

Finally, just a reminder that our new website can be found at https://hancocktownlibrarynh.wordpress.com/

Please note: the library will be closed on Monday October 9th for Columbus Day.

Tuesday October 10th from 6:00-7:00pm
State Representative Jon Manley
Come with your questions for Rep. Manley (Hillsborough County District 3: Bennington, Greenfield, Hancock) as he reports to his constituents on current legislation. Rep. Manley is at the Hancock Town Library the second Tuesday of every month.

Wednesday October 11th at 7:00pm
Board Games for Grown Ups!
Got Game? The days are getting shorter but the nights won’t feel so long if you’re frittering away an evening with board games and socializing. It’s a chance to relax and play games with neighbors. Once a month, we gather to play our dusty old favorites and break out those challenging new -in-the-box games. Bring one if you’ve got one, and a snack or beverage for the table. Second Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00pm. Please RSVP to us here at the library: 525-4411 or hancocklibrary@comcast.net just so we have an idea of numbers.

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Thursday October 12th at 7:00pm
The Fulbright Experience – Teaching the Andes
Walk along the Inka Road in Peru and Ecuador with Diane Goodman as she talks about her month-long journey with Ohio State University's Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad. You will learn a little Kichwa, the ancient language of the Inka Empire, as well as information about the pre-Inka culture of the Andean people of Ecuador. Diane Goodman has been teaching Spanish for the last 20 years and is presently a Spanish educator in the Keene School district and a teacher of adult education through Keene Adult Services. Her true passion is traveling the world and sharing it with her students. She lives in Hancock with her husband, two dogs and a cat.

Wednesday October 18th at 7:00pm
Climate Change in New Hampshire: Science, Sophistry, and Solutions
What's more 'New Hampshire' than maple syrup, fall foliage, and the iconic moose? Sadly, these and other wonders of our natural world are under heightened threat from climate change, and the time to change course is running out. See the latest trends in local climate science and learn seven practical steps you can take to dispel climate sophistry and be part of the clean energy solution. Dan Weeks grew up in Temple and raced with the ConVal Solar Car Team in high school before leaving to serve with AmeriCorps and study at Yale and Oxford. Now he works as a director at ReVision Energy, a local Benefit Corp. committed to accelerating New England clean energy transition.

Thursday October 19th at 7:00pm
Ukelele Society of Antrim
Come enjoy the tunes as the Ukelele Society of Antrim performs all your favorite Beatles songs! The Ukelele Society of Antrim consists of Walker Boyle, Victor Rosansky, and Brian Murphy – they promise to amaze and entertain!

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

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

Tuesday Oct 3rd 3:30-4:30pm Lego Club
Lego Club is back! Free play with Legos is back for the 2017-2018 school year, always the first Tuesday of the month. This program is open to all Lego fans and builders, all ages welcome.

Wednesday Oct 11th 4pm-5pm Teen Advisory Board
This month’s meeting will be planning out October’s events including Halloween party possibilities. I hope to see you there!

Wednesday Oct 18th 3:30pm-5pm
Halloween Crafts and Snacks
Join us for a mini Halloween celebration! We will have crafts, snacks, and a few activities. Feel free to come in costume. Some of the stations will include mask making & cookie decorating. Please be sure to stay with your younger children has they will require your assistance with the crafts. This is free and open to all ages

Monday October 23rd 3:30-4:30pm
Read with Coffee Monday
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!

November 2nd 5-7pm
Game Night for Teens!
Join Jenn and Jacqueline for a fun night of XBox games and snacks! Jacqueline from Avenue A will be bringing over their Xbox One for us all to play! This program is FREE and available to ages 10 and up. This program is a joint program between the Avenue A Teen Center and Hancock Town Library.

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**Old Home Days** is fading now into the fall, becoming a memory!

ABOVE and BEYOND!

If you have pictures for Facebook or ideas for next year, please contact those below.

The contact person for Town Photo is Sean Kerwin at 831-3269. We thank Deb Porter –Hayes for her photography!

One detail lingering is that tee shirts can be still ordered via Melody. Cost is $15 per adult shirt. Call and send check before October 15th. 547-0887. Children’s sizes available in Town office.

Next spring the committee will start up again.

Remember that even an hour here or there helps the whole.

Posters up, mailings for donations and prizes, work crew to carry chairs and tables, recyclers, judges, information table hostesses...Whatever you like to do!

Pitching in makes it even more fun.

We would love to have middle school people and teens more involved!

Want to bring back “Reminiscences”?

Whatever comes into reality depends upon the group creation!

Again, thanks from this year’s committee!

Sarah Laeng-Gilliat  mainstcheese@gmail.com
Mandy Whicker  mjwicker15@hotmail.com
[Facebook co-ordinator]
Melody Russell  melodyzahnrussell@gmail.com

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**Hancock Guild**

**Clothing Sale**

(Gently used Fall & Winter Clothing)
Clothing Drop-off Times
at Hancock Meetinghouse- Main St

Accepting donations of gently used men’s, women’s, tweek’s, and children’s clothing, footwear, outerwear, hats, scarves, mittens/gloves, socks, linens, blankets

Tuesday, October 3rd through Thursday October 5th
2:00-4:00pm
6:00-7:30pm

Clothing Sale Times
Friday, October 6th 1:00-5:00pm
Sat., October 7th 8:00am-1:00pm
Bag Sale from 12:00-1:00

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Nancy Driscoll, is restructuring her business and, by October 1, will have eliminated the need for her storefront location in Swanzey, the location of her former business, Ed’s Shoe & Leather Repair.

Customers can fill out a ticket on the Contact page at nancyssewingandcrafts.com, and put the ticket into a bag with the item to be repaired (one item and ticket per bag), and drop off Hancock Market. Driscoll will pick up items on Tuesdays. She will call each customer with a work cost estimate and will return the work to the drop-off location on the following Tuesday unless otherwise agreed.

In the spirit of Yankee frugality, Driscoll restores clothing, shoes, and other items made of fabric or leather. She replaces elastic and Velcro® on shoes and adds heel guards, and she replaces zippers and eyelets in boots and clothing. She refers any shoe repairs she doesn’t do herself to a fellow shoe repair professional and handles the deliveries and pickups.

In addition to altering clothing and hemming drapes, Driscoll also offers custom sewing and knitting. For more info, including a more complete list of services and products and “before” and “after” photos, visit nancyssewingandcrafts.com, or contact Nancy Driscoll at 603-355-1133 nancy@nancyssewingandcrafts.com.
“Summer Hum, The Art of Poetry and Photography,” a collection of poetry and photographs by Linda Greenwood, remains on view in the Daniels Room through October 12. Linda, originally from Long Island, New York, visited art museums in Manhattan with her mother while growing up. This spawned a love of art that has continued throughout her life.

After retiring from a business career a few years ago, Linda was able to pursue her interest in photography once again, concentrating on picture-making and learning how to use digital equipment and image-editing programs. She has taken classes in art and photography at The Sharon Arts Center in Peterborough and with the CALL Adult Education Program at Keene State College.

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Two local artists, Cathleen Calmer and Deborah Navas, will be exhibiting their work in the Daniels Room from October 14 to November 20. Titled “New England Light,” the show will include acrylics, oils, watercolors, and pastels. A reception is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

New England has always been Cathleen Calmer’s home, and she has resided in Hancock since 2000. Her work is inspired by where she lives and what she seeks out in our exquisite natural settings. The vista and quality of light for that moment, how the landscape is illuminated, and the play of color harmonies are her focus. Knowing the specific land and its wildlife and plants are an important part of the joy and the reason that Cathleen paints.

As a teacher of art and photography for 20 years, Cathleen has always been drawn to the splendor of the outdoors. She strives to portray in her paintings that personal site connection and the varied landscapes with New England’s changing seasons.

Deborah Navas was painting long before she pursued a career in publishing, but her work as an editor and writer for Yankee magazine and then for a series of business IT magazines became her focus for many years as she supported herself and her three children. Nevertheless, she still tried to carve out some time for painting pictures of Block Island, Rhode Island, where she and her family bought a small cottage in the late 1960s and summered for 50 years. After selling the place, she continued to return to the island and began to concentrate on painting as a way to capture and hold aspects of the island light and landscape.

Deborah has lived in New Hampshire for 40 years, with Nelson being her home for the last 15.

Art shows can be viewed in the Daniels Room during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2:00 – 6:00 pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; closed Friday and Sunday.

Because the Daniels Room is sometimes reserved for community activities, please be sure to check ahead with the library (525-4411) to make sure the room will be available at the time of your visit.

Submitted by Sandy Taylor
On October 7th, our feature performer will be Sweet Wednesday. Dave Falk and Lisa Housman formed Sweet Wednesday in 2006, and since then the duo has released four albums to critical acclaim, toured extensively as an acoustic duo and with their full band, and been featured on radio and television programs throughout the U.S. and abroad.

In addition to inspiring fans near and far, Sweet Wednesday has received several songwriting awards, including First Place in the Great American Song Contest, First Place in the Dallas Songwriting Competition, and Runner-Up in the John Lennon Song Contest.

An accomplished multi-instrumentalist, Dave brings his unique style to the guitar, mandolin, harmonica, banjo, and fiddle, while Lisa sings of long-distance friendships, having a hard day working as a clerk in a bakery in New York City, lost love, and those crazy mermaids you might encounter after being out on the ocean for several days.

Check out Sweet Wednesday’s web site: http://www.sweetwednesday.com/ to learn more, listen to some of their music, and see some cool videos!

Logistics & More
All shows begin at 8:00; doors open at 7:30 for performers who want to sign up for one of several open mic spots. In addition to the entertainment, 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 Rd.

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:

--> 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
- November 4: Crabgrass
- December 2: Volkert Volkersz

Rent the Depot for Your Special Event
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 525-3085 or Nancy Adams at 525-4433.
HANCOCK GUILD

The Hancock Guild has begun planning new programs for the upcoming year, and we were reminded of our last program in May. We were joined by James Mangok Wol, now of Manchester, as he shared his story as One of the Surviving Lost Boys of Sudan. He fled his village while it was under attack at the age of 5. His journey took him from Sudan, through Ethiopia, and Kenya. He saw friends attacked by lions, die of starvation and poisonous snake bite, and shot by armed gunman. After many years, and the help of the US government and humanitarian aid organizations, he finally arrived in the US via Philadelphia before making his way to New Hampshire. He has since been reunited with a brother and his mother, although his father and four other siblings were killed. His story of survival as he escaped war-torn Sudan is truly terrifying and miraculous.

The Hancock Guild began its 2017-2018 session with the annual potluck dinner. This time around it seemed a true “pot luck” as Shepherd’s Pie made multiple showings, to the accompaniment of a delicata squash side dish, rolls, and numerous desserts. It was all delicious and a festive way to begin the new “year”.

Our first program for this year will be a presentation by Linda Caracappa of “End 68 Hours of Hunger”. Did you know that 1 in 5 children struggle with food insecurity in the US? That we have children struggling with this issue in our school district? “End 68 Hours of Hunger” is a private, not-for-profit, effort to confront the approximately 68 hours of hunger that some school children experience between the free lunch they receive in school on Friday and the free breakfast they receive in school Monday. Please join us for this free informative presentation in the Vestry on Weds., October 18, at 7:00 pm.

Also coming in October is our semi-annual clothing sale. This event is always greatly anticipated, and again we will be selling concurrently with the Hancock Congregational Church yard sale. Please look for all the details about clothing drop off and sale times including the ever popular “bag sale” elsewhere in “The Happenings”.

Finally, the Guild’s Craft Fair is just around the corner. We will be holding the fair on Sat., November 4th from 9-2 in both the Vestry and the Meetinghouse. If you’re a crafter or a vendor and are interested in table space, please email Linda or Darlene at hancock-guild@gmail.com. We’ll be happy to forward you an application letter.

Submitted by Darlene Tarr, Hancock Guild, President

HANCOCK WOMAN’S CLUB

Now that fall is here the Woman’s Club is beginning another club year. Joining our President, Doreen Ames will be Joyce Perry as Vice-President, Sue Vaillancourt and Carol Owen as Recording Secretaries, and Peg McLeod as Treasurer. We have many great programs planned this year and hope you will consider joining us on the second Wednesday of each month. Our meetings are open to the public, no matter what town you live in within the Monadnock community, and all are welcome. Members may pick up the 2017/2018 Yearbook at the Hancock Market or at the first meeting in October at the Vestry.

Our first 2017/2018 club meeting will be held on October 12th at 2:00 pm. The topic will be “Hatboxes Then and Now.” Our guest speaker is Debbie Mills, owner of Sarah’s Hatboxes, located in Hancock. The program will tell the history of hatboxes and how they are fabricated. Hatboxes are enjoying a wonderful resurgence so come hear how people are using them today. Following Debbie’s presentation, a tea will be held with delicious homemade goodies.

November 8th meeting topic is “Feng Shui for Your Home and Lifestyle” presented by Lisa Law, Feng Shui Consultant and Author.

December 13th; Christmas Luncheon at 12:30 also held in the Vestry.

January 10th; “Turkish and Mediterranean Culture & Cuisine” presented by Bonnie Gatlin and Ramazan Genç from the Mediterrano Restaurant in Hillsborough

February 14th; “Button, Button Who’s got the Button? We All Do!” presented by Jane Simpson, Artist & Picture Framer.

March 14th; “Farm to Fork Project” presented by Hannah Bissex, Cornucopia Project, Farm to Fork Coordinator

April 11th “Hancock Town Library in the Digital Age” presented by Amy Markus, Librarian of the Hancock Town Library.

Check us out on the FB: Hancock Woman’s Club
Hancock New Hampshire
Submitted by Sara LeFebvre
ESI Course – Fungus Among Us: Mushrooms and Fungi in our Forests and Backyards
Fridays, October 6, 13, 20, and 27
3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Harris Center and local field sites
$40 for Harris Center members / $60 for nonmembers
Join naturalist John Benjamin for an investigation into the fascinating world of fungi! We’ll explore the incredible diversity, strange adaptations, and unique life cycles of mushrooms and fungi, as well as the essential role they play in our ecosystems. We’ll also learn how to find and identify a variety of wild mushroom species, including edible varieties. Classes will include informative slideshows, hands-on examination of specimens, spore printing, and hikes on the Harris Center’s trails in search of mushrooms. Space is limited and registration is required. Contact Sara at (603) 525-3394 or dmuhonen@gmail.com

Oct 6 (Fri) Easygoing Hike Along the Wapack Trail
Join Lee Baker and Rich Taylor for a strenuous 5-mile hike on the Wapack Trail during peak foliage. The route will feature lots of ups and downs, totaling 1000-feet elevation gain as we wind north from Temple Mtn in Peterborough to Mountain Road in Greenfield. Bring lunch and meet at 10am next to OceanStateJobLot in Peterborough (at the intersection of Routes 101 and 202) to carpool. Back by 4pm. For more information, contact Lee (603) 525-5262 or snowman3137@gmail.com or Rich at (603) 827-4105 or rtaylor@gerkensinc.com

Oct 14 (Sat) Hancock to Harrisville on the Old Manchester and Keene Railroad Bed
Join Meade Cadot and Dave Butler for an easygoing 2.5-mile roundtrip hike through Harris Center-conserved land along a newly opened section of rail trail. We’ll walk on the rail trail through the Merrill conservation easement in Hancock around the base of Dune Mountain to the Jaquith Brook “mini-gorge” in Harrisville. Meet at 9 a.m. at Merrill’s Four Corners at the junction of Old Dublin and Jaquith Roads in Hancock. Back by noon. For more info, contact Meade at 525-3394 or cadot@harriscen ter.org or Dave at davidlbutler@comcast.net

Oct 15 (Sun) Family Program: Exploring the Hidden World of Tenant Swamp Sunday, October 15 in Keene
Join naturalist Jenna Spear for a gentle stroll at Tenant Swamp in Keene, where we’ll slow down and use our senses to explore a landscape that would be out of reach if not for a new, accessible boardwalk. All are welcome, although this outing is especially geared towards preschool, early elementary school-aged children, and their families. Meet at 3 p.m. at the back of the playing fields behind Keene Middle School. Back by 4 p.m. For more info, contact Jenna at (603) 525-3394 or spear@harriscenter.org

Oct 21 (Sat) Hiking the Deering Wildlife Sanctuary
Dave Butler will lead this moderately easy, 3-mile hike in NH Audubon’s Deering Wildlife Sanctuary. We’ll explore two of the ponds on the property, both of which have active beaver populations. This trip will be mostly on flat trails, with one uphill section. Bring lunch, and meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Deering Wildlife Sanctuary trailhead on Clement Hill Road in Deering, 2 miles east of the intersection of Clement Hill Road and Route 149. Back by 3 p.m. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center with NH Audubon. For more info, contact Dave at davidlbutler@comcast.net.

Oct 22 (Sun) Harris Center Annual Meeting
Join fellow Harris Center supporters and staff for our 2017 Annual Meeting. The program will feature a brief business meeting, highlights from the past year, special recognitions, and a talk by Eric Masterson about his 6,000-mile journey following the broad-winged hawk migration from NH to Panama - on his bicycle. 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Harris Center. Please RSVP to Diana Jacobs at 525-3394 or jacobs@harriscenter.org.

Oct 28 (Sat) Skatutakee Trail Run
Join Dan Langille and Dennis Muhonen for this 5-mile trail run up, down, and around Mount Skatutakee on a combination of trails and scenic back roads. At the summit of Skatutakee, keep your eyes peeled for the last of the fall raptors! Meet at 9 a.m. at the Harris Center. Back by 11:30 a.m. Registration is required. For more info and to register, contact Dan at danlangille@yahoo.com or Dennis at dmuohon@gmail.com.
Norway Pond Junior Minstrels still have a few more spots

If you have a child between second and eighth grade who loves to sing and maybe even act, Junior Mints might be the perfect activity! The first rehearsal is on Tuesday, October 17th, so there is still time to consider joining.

The Junior Mints rehearse in Hancock mainly on Tuesday afternoons between 4:15 and 5:45. In the fall they prepare for their performance in the Hancock Family Christmas Concert and in the spring, they put on a musical. In the spring, they reconvene and put on a musical production - *Honk!, Wizard of Oz, 1776, Damn Yankees, Peter Pan, HMS Pinafore, and Once Upon a Mattress* over the last several years.

There are no auditions. The 25 spaces are filled on a first-come-first-served basis. We do ask that you make sure that your prospective Junior Mint loves to sing (and generally sings with decent sense of pitch) and has a reasonably good attention span. Returning Junior Mints have “first dibs” on their place and once we hear from them, we open it up to new children.

The Junior Minstrels are unique in our region. The age range is wide and the older kids mentor the younger kids. The singing is at a pretty high level - the kids even sang with the Boston Symphony at Tanglewood the past two summers!

Please call or email director Jody Hill Simpson 525-9303 jhspals@aol.com to sign up or ask any questions.

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Monadnock Roller Derby is on a roll!

The MAD-ness of fall continues as Monadnock Roller Derby celebrates our most successful season ever, using our momentum to bring some great activities ahead.

**Community Roller Skating Nights - beginning Saturday, October 7th**

Monthly community roller skating nights are back! If you’re looking for local fun, this is one of the best deals around. Professional music and lights, hot & cold concessions, competitive games, and free skating instruction from real MRD skaters. Come join us in the community for a great, active, entertaining night on skates.

Next date: Saturday, October 7th from 6-9pm at Antrim Town Gym.

**NEW RECRUIT NIGHT! - Wednesday, October 18th**

5:30 PM (Mad Misfits – ages 8-17)
6:30pm (Mad Knockers – ages 18+) – Great Brook School Officials (skating and non-skating) welcome at any time

Know someone who could use a good challenge? Our league is all about lifting ourselves and one another up in a safe, friendly, inclusive environment.

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

All levels of ability are welcome. We have gear to borrow and plenty of seasoned skaters ready to teach you everything you need to get started with roller derby. Whether for fitness, competition, or a healthy personal routine, we’ll take you through the necessary skills and offer our experience and encouragement. Email contact@monadnockrollerderby.com to RSVP.
Happy Fall and Harvest Season! We have kicked off the new school year with some wonderful programs and events for folks of all ages. We are currently calling for donations to our Annual Grapevine Fall Online Auction. Do you have a home or local business or a service or good to donate? The bestselling items tend to be things that can be done at home! Think: baking, knitting, art, music, lessons in sports, yoga, writing, and other gifts of time and expertise. You'll receive free advertising at our auction website while giving to a great cause! If you have something to offer, give us a call or contact the Grapevine at email info@grapevinenh.org with the word “Auction” in the subject line. Thank you!

Grapevine Special Programs and Events
Partners in the Special Education Process with the (PIC) Parent Information Center – Monday, October 2nd from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Antrim Elementary School in the Multi-Purpose Room. This is a workshop that highlights the importance of effective communication as a critical skill for parents and educators striving to work effectively together in supporting children with disabilities. Participants learn about how they can become more effective advocates for children by working together as partners in the special education process. This session can be tailored to meet the needs of the group. Please register by calling The Grapevine or at info@grapevinenh.org. FREE. Childcare and pizza available with advance registration.

2017 Grapevine Online Auction – Calling for Donations NOW! Donations of Gift Certificates, creative goods or services and like-new items accepted during September and October. We will include a business logo or item photo that you provide, a description, and a website link if any. Donations are tax deductible and proceeds go to support the many programs and events we offer. Talk about a win-win! LIVE Bidding NOV 1-30 - See how much FUN it is and join us at grapevineauction.org

Fall Season Youth Programs at Avenue A Teen + Community Center
Tabletop Game Club – Mondays 5:30 - 8pm - Play new board games, strategy games, and chess with us...With over 75 games to choose from, there's something for everyone! Chess volunteer Steve is on hand from 6-7:30 for those who want to learn chess, play a game, or improve their strategy! Open to middle and high school students!

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!

Middle School Writers' Society - Tuesdays 2:15 - 4:15pm - Are you writing a novel? Poem? Song? Rap? A journal of your life as a top-secret juggling expert? Come share it with us! Meet local authors, and join us for fun creative writing activities, snacks, and the company of other writers and our cactus, Marvin!

Avenue A Club - Wednesdays 2:15 - 4:15pm - Open to grades 5-8! Students enjoy group activities, snacks, and free time in Avenue A’s awesome space. School bus transportation to Avenue A from GBS is available with late bus pick up. Registration forms are available in the school office! The Club starts October 4th!

Pick-Up Basketball - For guys in grades 7-9 - Wednesdays, 7-8pm, October 4th - November 8th - Just in time to get ready for tryouts! Bring your friends, join a team, and practice your skills! Bring a pair of gym shoes or be prepared to clean your shoes off before entering the gym! (This program is held at the Antrim Town Gym in AES.)

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!

Special Events
The Vine Story Hour “Mishaps and Fiascos” – Thursday, October 5th at 7pm - Join us for an evening of storytelling based on NPR’s MOTH Story Hour. For this Story Hour, the theme is "Animal Tales"! Appetizers will be provided by parents of Ave A teens. All proceeds benefit our programs for local youth. If you plan on sharing a story, please contact avenuea@grapevinenh.org.

Halloween Party! - Tuesday, October 31st from 5:30 - 8:30pm - Join us for an evening of Halloween fun! Stop by during trick-or-treating or stay the whole time. Our costume contest is open to ages 12-18. The winner takes home a prize!

Email avenuea@grapevinenh.org for more info about our programs. Or call The Grapevine at (603) 588-2620.
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, 6:30pm., 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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YARD AND PIE SALE

Saturday, October 7, 2017
8AM – NOON
Main Street, Hancock, NH

Bag Sale 11:30-noon
Everything is FREE while cleaning up

DONATION DROP-OFF TIMES:
Thursday ~ October 5 ~ 5-7 PM
Friday ~ October 6 ~ 2-7 PM

Please call first before donating furniture.

CONTACT: Sue Shute 924-7898

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