News from the Selectboard

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

The summer season will have passed us by when you are reading this issue. The Selectboard wants to thank the ‘Old Home Day’ Committee and all the volunteers for a successful event! The Summer Rec Program turned a corner this year offering a full-day program and the Rec Committee is hoping to build on this year’s success with a more robust recreational program next year. If you want to help, please join the committee.

Lesson 6: The Selectboard’s Relationship with Other Town Officials, Part 3. Last month we looked at our relationship with the Public Works Department. This month let’s take a look at the Police Department.

The State Constitution in Article 12 states “Every member of the community has a right to be protected by it, in the enjoyment of his life, liberty, and property; he is therefore bound to contribute his share in the expense of such protection, and to yield his service when necessary.... “ There are no state laws that require a town to have its own police force to protect the community. However, RSA 105:1 allows the selectmen of a town “when they deem it necessary, may appoint special police officers who shall continue in office during the pleasure of the selectmen, or until their successors are chosen or appointed. The selectmen may designate one of the police officers as chief of police or superintendent and as such officer...shall exercise authority over and supervise...other police officers, police matrons, watchmen, or constables appointed under the provisions of this chapter....” The NH Supreme Court has defined the term “special police officer” to be any (full-time, part time, temporary or permanent) officer who is appointed by the Selectboard.

There have been questions in the past as to whom is the “hiring authority”. It is clear that the Selectboard is the hiring authority when it comes to appointing the Police Chief (RSA 105:1). However, all of those officers are subject to appointment by the Selectboard (RSA 105:1; Pol 101.24(b) and Pol 101.30(b)). The Selectboard is responsible for managing the tenure of any police officer (RSA 41:48): “Any permanent constable or police officer who is either elected under the provision of RSA 41:47 or appointed for full time duty under the provisions of RSA 105:1, and who is in compliance with the requirements of RSA 188-F:27, shall continue to hold such office during good behavior, unless sooner removed for cause by the selectmen, after notice and hearing....”

The Police Chief is also granted additional powers (RSA 105:2-a) subject to formal polices adopted by the Selectboard, including being responsible for the efficient and economical use of all department equipment. No one may be appointed a police officer, except of a temporary or probationary status, unless the officer has completed police training approved by the Police Standards and Training Council per RSA 188-F:27. In addition, all officers are required to complete refresher technical training on a periodic basis (RSA 188-F:26, III) consistent with rules adopted by the Police Standards and Training Council, as well as a medical examination and physical fitness performance test (RSA-188-F:27 III-d and III-f).

In short, the police are accountable to the community through the Selectboard, and responsible in maintaining their technical training and fitness to perform their duties, as they establish and promote a safe community in protecting our constitutional rights of enjoyment of life, liberty and property.

Next month I’ll look at the Selectboard’s relationship with the Fire Department.

Hancock Happenings Mission Statement

Hancock Happenings is the monthly newsletter of the Town of Hancock, established in 1999 for the purpose of publishing news articles by Town Departments and local organizations. The publication is self-supported through the sale of block and classified advertising. Hancock Happenings is not a forum for opinion pieces of any nature, political advertising and political columns; any such submissions will be edited or rejected.
Thanks to everyone who came out and supported your Hancock Fire Department Association and Hancock Fire Association Auxiliary during Old Home Days. Your support is greatly appreciated. And a big thanks to the behind the scenes helpers who made the HFD Chicken Bar -B-Que a success. We would also like to thank Seven Maples Campground for their generosity in hosting a swim and cookout appreciation afternoon for the fire and police departments. At that event we were informed that Seven Maples is making a generous donation to both departments. Thanks to Seven Maples and all of their guests who made this possible. We sure do like to thank people. It keeps us humble.

The winner of the Auxiliary’s raffle was Roberta Beeson. That’s kind of ironic, since Roberta’s garage burned a couple of years ago. We extinguished the fire, but not before it took Roberta’s kayak. Happy paddling, Roberta!

We have a couple of new members on the fire department. They are TJ (Thomas) Webster and Molly Carson. TJ works for Cohen Steel in Concord and is a member of the Vermont Air National Guard. He was a member of Potsdam (NY) Rescue for three years as well as being a Certified Combat Lifesaver. Through the Air National Guard, TJ will study to become a certified firefighter. Molly is employed by C & S Wholesale Grocers in Keene. She was an EMT with the Potsdam (NY) Rescue for two years and is an Emergency Actions Controller for the US Air Force. We are working for her to become a NH licensed EMT. The other amazing news about these two is that they are getting married the end of September. Our congratulations go out to them from all of the members of the fire department. By having these two young adults as part of the department our median age just dropped quite a few years. The Hancock Fire Department is always looking for new members. Just contact anyone in the department or leave a message at 525-3366.

We have used the slogan “we can’t help you if we can’t find you” in the past for address signage used at your home. This could be modified a bit to say “we can’t help you quickly if we can’t get to your home from a public roadway”. Some areas of our community have homes at the end of long private driveways. Some of these are narrow driveways with overhanging trees or bushes. If these driveways are not built and maintained to accommodate our larger fire apparatus, it makes it difficult to respond to a fire or medical emergency. A growing trend is for homeowners to install gates across their driveways, especially if they are enclosed in a fenced parcel. We urge you to check out your driveway. It may need some brush trimming and some gravel patching here and there, but, if it is long and has narrow lanes, steep angles and is encroached with plant-life, you may want to contact us so we can help plan in advance as to how we can access your home in an emergency. Your personal vehicle can make it in but can we?

Raffles winners for August
$40.00 Hon. Samuel K. Lessey Jr.
$20.00 Richard Nevell, $10.00 Scott O’Brien
$10.00 Chris Ingalls, $10.00 Jocelyn Coty

My enlightening thought of the month:
Fire is just a thing, people are the priority

Hancock Happenings Addendum
A couple of weeks ago strong winds hit the North side of Hancock. We weren’t sure if these were a microburst, straight line winds, or a small tornado. HFD responded to seven different incidents of trees and wires down that evening. Most of us didn’t crawl into bed until 3:00am. During that time Hancock had several roads that were impassable. We cleared as much as possible in order to have emergency access to homes in that area. The Hancock Police Department and Department of Public Works did a great job helping us. Public Works still had a lot to clean up the next morning. A couple of the firefighters likened it to the ice storm some time ago. One thing our department found out was that even though we have a few chainsaws it still wasn’t enough for this magnitude of damage. It was also apparent that we probably need to get more chainsaw chaps and safety helmets. Practice what you preach – Safety First.
Our Annual Tempting Tastes Event will be held on Saturday, September 23rd. The event begins at 4pm with the auction starting at 4:30 pm. There will be sweet and savory “tastes” to sample, as well as an auction of goods, services, and gift certificates. Tickets for the taste cost $5.00 for four, $10 for 10. Please contact Sue Shute at 924.7898 or svishome@comcast.net if you are willing to contribute appetizers or desserts for this event call Chris Streeter at 525-3361 or christopher.streeter@outlook.com if you have an auction item to contribute. The proceeds from this event support the upkeep and maintenance of the Vestry building.

Our new church website is live now at www.hancocknhchurch.com. One of the things you will find there are Vestry and Sanctuary Use Request forms. We remind groups and organizations that want to use the Vestry or Sanctuary this fall to get your requests in. Weekend space is at a premium and the schedule is filling in quickly.

We have volunteers ready to go if there is a sufficient interest to launch a 4-H Club after school in the Vestry this fall (exact day and age group to be determined on the basis of interest). Please contact Judy Copeland at hancockcongregationalchurch@gmail.com for more information.

Many thanks to those who have already responded to our 2017 Community Appeal and to those of you getting ready to do so. Our volunteers are in the process of sending out individual thank you notes, but we want the entire community to know how grateful we are for this annual show of support from the wider Hancock community. Our congregation is small and the overhead to keep the Vestry and Sanctuary open and available to the community can be daunting, but to paraphrase the Beatles, “we get by with a little help from our friends.”

The Meetinghouse vestibule is the collection point for cereal for End 68 Hours of Hunger. In the last year, we have collected over 700 boxes, all of which went home with schoolchildren in the ConVal district. Please keep in mind that in order for them to fit into packing bags, we need 10-13 ounce boxes (not the jumbo or family sized ones).

Labor Day weekend will be our last worship service at the summer schedule hour of 9:00 am. Our Sunday morning services will revert back to 9:45am starting on September 10th. We invite you to join us any Sunday!

Submitted by Judy Copeland

Hancock Historical Society News and Events

On Sunday, September 24th, please join us for Yankee Ingenuity: Stories of Headstrong and Resourceful People, presented by folklorist and oral historian Jo Radner in the Daniels Room at the library at 2 pm. In this program, Jo shares a selection of historical tales — humorous and thought-provoking — about New Englanders who have used their wits in extraordinary ways to solve problems and create inventions. The stories are engaging and entertaining, but also may raise some profound questions about our admiration of ingenuity and about the ethics of pursuing discoveries without taking their potential outcomes into account. This program is offered through the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is co-sponsored by the Hancock Town Library.

The last of our new Heritage Series will be held on September 10th from 2 to 4 pm in front of the Historical Society building. Don Briggs will demonstrate the art of chair caning, a form of basketry which has been used in furniture for many years. We are fortunate to have one of our own Hancock residents share with us the art of chair caning as well as a piece of our history. Our World War I exhibit, which is new this year, will be open at the same time. Please stop in — the exhibit is fascinating! It will be open Sundays from 2 to 4 pm through September 17th.

Submitted by Pat Payne
Report from Old Home Days…

Hello Dear Townsfolk!

As I type, Old Home Days has just come to completion!

It seems like it was a very fine day for many!

This is a thank you note to all of you who chipped in time, energy, $$$ to make the days so successful!

What a wonderful mosaic of human exchange!

Of course there are always some blind spots and boo boos. Please forgive us committee members for our blunders! I for one, never called the Monadnock Disposal Waste for a dumpster for the chicken BBQ. Fire Chief Bates was kind and found a remedy. So sorry! Could have been a raccoon orgy after sundown!

We also never found a volunteer for the Kids Alley so that never came into being. We asked several folks but never the right one!

The other sad point was the rain on Friday night. Weather is not under our control!

Next year we want to advertise the Contra Dance more and encourage more of our local Talent to come out for the Talent Show. We need to practice eating more ice cream on foggy and rainy nights!

Thank goodness for the ideal weather on Saturday!

What a sight to see Mary and all the Garlands looking like movie stars!

From the early morning runners to the chicken BBQ dinner and movie under the stars we were blessed by perfect New Hampshire summer sky.

Parade prize winners were:

- Grand Prize OUR TOWN LANDSCAPING
  Business #1 Bellows – Nichols Insurance
  #2 Fiddleheads Café

- Family #1 Dumpella Cunningham
  #2 C Willard Trucking

I went home with 6 extra chicken dinners, fell down on the couch, put my feet up and listened to the happy wedding celebration at LaPlante’s!!! Hooray for them!

Dreamed about going to the Library Bag Sale…

Thank-you one and ALL!

Please send us feedback…the good, the bad the ugly and volunteer for 2018!

Submitted by Melody Russell

PS. There is a passionate group planning to print up more of Kim’s fabulous tee shirts! Sadly there were only 12 small kids size left. The good news is that the sales all support the Old Home Days budget sponsored by the Town of Hancock!

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Melody Russell melodyzahrussell@gmail.com
To All of the Supporters of the Hancock Hospital Auxiliary:
Our sincere appreciation to all of the residents of Hancock, family, friends, and guests of Old Home Day who very generously supported the Bake Sale with your great Baked Goods and monetary donations and purchases. This is our only Fund Raiser and this has been a wonderful tradition added to the celebration of Old Home Day in Hancock.

As always it is so very rewarding for the positive response received from the 50 Callers when asked for their help. One can hardly comprehend but yet so touching to know of the dedication that you all have given to us. We appreciate each and every one of you for volunteering your time to help with all of the telephoning so that as many Hancock residents can be contacted as possible. It would be impossible to put this Bake Sale on and have it as successful without all of your help. It appears at this date that we have made the second best Total of money we have ever done in the 60+ years the Hancock Hospital Auxiliary has been running the Old Home Day Bake Sale.

Our special Thank You goes out to all of the CALLERS as following: Laura Akerley, Adine Aldrich, Kathy Anderson, Jane Billings, Sandy Brooks, Natalie Cass, Deborah Claflin, Polly Curran, Sara Dowse, Edna Drasba, Ann Eng, Gail Fath, Marie Fogg, Lynn Frank, Robin Gregg, Sarah Hale, Cindy Hixon, Sarah Hutchins, Sandy Jackson, Shirley Kane, Gert Kanner, Ellen Kidd, Roberta LaPlant, Sandra Levesque, Diane Loomis, Karen MacQueen, Sonja Mucha, Nancy Musarra, Karen Nigh, Roberta Nylander, Bev Patten, Marcia Pettee, Ethel Piotrowski, Deborah Priest, Karen Primiano, Angela Ramsden, Margaret Ray, Paula Rounds, Betsy Salazar, Debra Thompson, and Ellena Zimmerman.

A Thank You to Linda Coughlan for helping out prior to the Bake Sale.

All monies made on the Bake Sale will be used for equipment/services at the Monadnock Community Hospital for the patients and Re-hab that will get direct benefit from. Last year the proceeds of the Bake Sale purchased a “Voice Assessment Equipment” for the Speech Therapy Dept. and a “Hand Held Doppler”, (Portable Ultrasound Device) for the Monadnock Surgical Associates.

The Hancock Hospital Auxiliary members: Doreen Ames, Jan Johnson, Terry Lombardi, Mimi Mason, Karen McCormack, Lorelei Murphy, Marcia Schwartz, Joyce Stevens, Peg McLeod

Submitted by Peg McLeod

The Fabulous Fabers and Phil Brown took home yet another trophy from the Hancock Old Home Days basketball tournament. The team consisted of Michael, Paul and Trevor Faber, along with team MVP Phil “Downtown” Brown. This was their second championship in as many years. “Last year’s win was sweet,” said Downtown Brown, as he embraced the championship trophy. “But this year is unequivocally the sweetest.”

Paul Faber, the team’s elder statesman, was called out of retirement for one more shot at the championship. “I told these guys last year I was done, but they pulled me back for one more ride on the merry-go-round,” Faber said. “This is a young man’s game. Time to retire to my fruit trees.”

Congratulations to the champions, and a big thank you to all who came out to support the teams!

OHD Tennis Tournament
Three things in life are certain: death, taxes, and a Larry Duberstein victory in tennis. The dynamic duo of Larry Duberstein and Steve Sanders took home the championship trophy in this year’s tennis tournament. In mixed doubles, Mary Lou O’Neil and Steve Sanders won the top prize.

OHD Softball Game
Garrett Cassidy drives in John Jordan with the winning run as pitcher Tom Gloudemans looks on in disbelief.
Another "Tale From Home" at www.herb-gardner.com

Since time was tight at the end of a jazz trio job, two of the musicians decided to change into the lederhosen, colorful long stockings and little German hats for their Octoberfest job before driving to the location.

"You can’t do that," protested the third, who wasn’t on the German band gig. “What if you get in an accident?!"

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.

THANK YOU to all my customers!

I followed a job out to Portland, OR & am loving the change! I worked for the best people & I leave behind many friends.
	hanks for good memories..

Peggy Emerson

Hancock Improvement Association Mounts Plaque in Meetinghouse

The Hancock Improvement Association has placed a plaque in the Meetinghouse Lobby to commemorate the broad community support for the recent Meetinghouse restoration. The plaque notes the funding support from Hancock residents, from foundations and the State of New Hampshire, and from the generosity of many private donors. It joins other plaques in the lobby that mark other community contributions.

Thanks to Woody Huntington for the walnut backing and mounting on the wall.

Submitted by Rod Perry, Chair,
Hancock Improvement Association

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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

**Book Sale Success!** A heartfelt thank you to the many (around 50!) volunteers who helped with this year’s book sale. It indeed takes a village to run the book sale! To all who sorted, packed, moved books downstairs and then moved books upstairs, unpacked and displayed books, as well as those who worked the sale collecting money and assisting buyers, we salute you. Jane Richards-Jones and Donna Geer, as co-chairs of the annual book sale, we bow to you. Your calm and competent leadership leaves us in awe every year. And to our many donors and buyers, thank you! It has been another successful year. Don’t let anyone tell you the printed page is dead!

**Tuesday September 5th at 7:00pm**
**Fermentation with Erica Fayrie-Malone**

It’s time to ferment! Come join Erica Fayrie-Malone on September 5th at 7pm at the Hancock Library and *lacto* ferment some of your favorite veggies! (Lacto what!?) Lacto-fermentation is the process of using the healthy bacteria, *lactobacillus*, found on our favorite healthy fruits and veggies to safely pickle your harvest naturally! Always wanted to try and been worried? The best way to ferment is to ferment in a group! Erica made her first batch of sauerkraut 14 years ago and hasn’t stopped since. Her claim to fermentation fame is that she was in the Portland, OR Fermentation festival a few years in a row with her Beet Kraut... and got to meet the famous Sandor Katz (who tried her kraut and gave her a hug)! But fermentation doesn’t stop at cabbage, you can ferment any of your favorite veggies (and even fruits!) In this workshop you will learn the basics of fermentation by creating your own small batch of the veggie of your choice. This workshop is BYO: knife, cutting board, jar (lid not needed) and veggie of choice. Never hurts to grab some garlic as well. Sea salt will be provided. Some suggestions: carrots, garlic, cabbage, green beans, beets...If you like seasonings feel free to bring any you’d like to experiment with (dill, ginger, fennel...) Can’t wait to ferment with you! Please RSVP to the Hancock Town Library at 525-4411 as this program is limited to 12 people. Free!

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Thursday September 7th at 7:00pm  Ask An Economist Anything with Dr. Peter Toumanoff

Peter Toumanoff will try to answer your questions about economics. Any questions regarding economic theory, the practice of economics, economic policy, economics and politics, different economic systems, economic development and growth, economic education... are fair game.

For example:
What is "the economy?" Do dogs know calculus?
What does "on the margin" mean?
Does economic theory assume that everybody is rational?
What questions can economics answer?
What questions cannot be answered by economics?
What role does government play in "the economy?"
What’s better, market or hierarchy, democracy or dictatorship? Why did the Soviet Union fall?
Will China continue to grow?
What do economists know about stock and bond markets?
Is there gender pay equity?

Peter earned a B.A in Economics at Yale University in 1972, and an M.A. (1975) and Ph.D. (1977) in Economics at the University of Washington (Seattle). He held an IREX Exchange Fellowship to Leningrad, USSR in 1977-78. He was part of a joint research project with the USSR Academy of Sciences, sponsored by the Council on Economic Priorities in 1988-89, and further research projects in Moscow in 1990-91. He was a consultant for the Citizen Democracy Corps in Yekaterinburg, Russia in 2000, and a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Yekaterinburg in 2002. He served as a Fulbright Senior Specialist in Komsomolsk-na-Amure in 2006, and as a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Armenia in 2016. He taught at Bates College in Maine from 1978-79, and at Marquette University in Milwaukee from 1979 through 2014. He received the Marquette University Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence in 2005. He and his wife Susanna moved to the long-time Toumanoff family property in Hancock in July 2015. He has been told that next year he must play in the advanced division of the Hancock Library Ping Pong tournament. Free and open to all.

Tuesday September 12th at 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. Free and open to all.

Wednesday September 13th 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. Board Games for Grown Ups begins this fall. It’s a chance to relax and play games with neighbors. Once a month, we’ll 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. Free and open to all adults.

Thursday September 14th at 7:00pm
Water Planet

Join enthusiastic, recreational scuba divers Sheila Mahon and Ellen Moran for a visual presentation and discussion of all the incredible creatures they have seen under the sea. Diving destinations include the Pacific and Atlantic oceans as well as the Caribbean Sea. The gals will also discuss the impact of marine debris on the eco system and how we as "citizen scientists" can aid marine research. Dive destinations visited include: Belize, Bonaire, Cayman Islands, Curacao, Dominica, Florida, Tavuni Fiji, Massachusetts, Yucatan Mexico, Western Panama and Saba. Both Sheila and Ellen live in Hancock. Free and open to all.

Thursday September 21st at 7:00pm
We Have Lost Our Way ~ Why Sacred Practices May Offer Collective Healing

Please join Emily Read Daniels, owner of "HERE THIS NOW," to engage in a guided discussion about trauma - historical trauma in particular - and why she believes sacred healing practices may usher in the collective healing we so desperately need. Emily launched her business, "HERE this NOW," in June 2017. Through coaching, training, and facilitating, Emily works with school districts, health care systems, and public sectors to help them build capacity for becoming trauma informed. "Becoming trauma informed" means understanding and addressing the truth that our health (e.g. physical and mental) is shaped by our individual and cultural life experiences. Free and open to all.

Sunday September 24th at 2:00pm
Yankee Ingenuity: Stories of Headstrong and Resourceful People

Jo Radner shares a selection of historical tales—humorous and thought-provoking—about New Englanders who have used their wits in extraordinary ways to solve problems and create inventions. The stories are engaging and entertaining, but also may raise some profound questions about our admiration of ingenuity and about the ethics of pursuing discoveries without taking their potential outcomes into account. The performance will include discussion with the audience, and may introduce a brief folktale or a poem about inventiveness and problem-solving. Storyteller Jo Radner received her PhD from Harvard University. Before
returning to her family home in western Maine as a freelance storyteller and oral historian, she spent 31 years as professor at American University in Washington, D.C., teaching literature, folklore, American studies, Celtic studies, and storytelling. She has published books and articles in all those fields, and is now writing a book titled *Performing the Paper: Rural Self-Improvement in Northern New England*, about a 19th century village tradition of creating and performing handwritten literary newspapers. She is past president of the American Folklore Society and the National Storytelling Network. Co-sponsored with the Hancock Historical Society. Free and open to all.

**From the Children’s Room**

**Jennifer Wood, Children’s Librarian**

**A Note from Miss Jenn**

Congratulations to all our summer readers! If you missed Amy and I getting pies in the face never fear, there is a video of the event on our Facebook page. As we start the new school year I wish to remind everyone that we do have access to online databases to help with research projects and we can use interlibrary loan to get books from other libraries if you have a unique topic you are interested in.

**Thursdays 10:30am Family Storytime**

Come join us for stories and songs. This story time is open to all!

**Monday September 11th and 25th 3:30-4:30pm**

**Read with Coffee**

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

**Tuesday Sept 5th 3:30-4:30pm Lego Club**

Lego Club is back! Free play with Legos is back for the 2017-2018 school year. This program is open to all Lego fans and builders, all ages welcome.

**Wednesday Sept 13th 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 Sept 20th 3:30pm-5pm**

**Berry Baskets and Duct Tape Crafts**

We will have many different kinds of Duct Tape out along with tutorials for several different types of crafts. We will also have a stations set up for weaving baskets out of paper bags. This craft day is open to all ages. Participants under 8 should bring a helper.
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HCS to Hold 110th Birthday Celebration

On September 17, 1907 Miss Mary Morison and seven ladies gathered to establish visiting nurse services in Peterborough. Their vision created a home health care service that has continued for one hundred and ten years, now serving the entire region.

On September 17, 2017, the visiting nurses, now known as Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services, invite everyone in the Monadnock Region to celebrate and look to the future! Dr. Angelo Volandes, Harvard Medical School physician and author of "The Conversation: A Revolutionary Plan for End of Life Care," will speak on the question "how do you want to live?" with a solution that is medicine’s oldest and least technological tool in the proverbial black bag – talking.

The birthday celebration and Dr. Volandes’ presentation will take place at 2:00pm on September 17 at the Mariposa Museum, 26 Main Street in Peterborough. Books will be available for purchase and signing. The presentation is free of charge and the public is invited. For more info, call 352-2253 or visit HCSservices.org.

HELP WANTED
Town of Hancock

The Town of Hancock, Department of Public Works, has an immediate opening for the position of Light Equipment Operator. The Town of Hancock offers a competitive wage scale and an excellent benefit package. This position is a full time position and does require 24-hour availability to meet the needs of the Town of Hancock. The Town of Hancock is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Qualifications:
Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent, apprentice level trade knowledge, and one to three years prior work experience in vehicle and equipment operation as used in the maintenance and repair of roadways. A CDL-B license and experience plowing is required; experience in Public Works a plus. The successful candidate must be able to pass a physical, substance abuse screening, and a criminal background check prior to employment. Applicants must be at least 18 and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Candidates must be available to work Monday through Friday and on call 24 hours per day 7 days a week, particularly in the winter months for storm management; For more information and complete job description please visit the Employment Section of the Town Website www.hancocknh.org. For questions about the position email Director of Public Works, Mia Gagliardi hwydept@hancocknh.org or call 603-525-4087. Please send your application and resume to Town Administrator PO Box 6 or email to townadmin@hancocknh.org.

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ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

Summer Hum, The Art of Poetry and Photography

Artwork by Linda Greenwood of Peterborough will be on display in the Daniels Room at the Hancock Town Library from September 2 through October 12. Titled “Summer Hum, The Art of Poetry and Photography,” the show presents a collection of her framed photographs, her poetry, and her family’s poetry. Linda will host an opening reception in the Daniels Room on Sunday, September 10th, from 3:00 to 5:00pm.

“Summer Hum” comes from the title of the book of poetry that her mother published many years ago. “My mama would ask me to critique her poems when I was a child growing up on Long Island, and I was thrilled to be asked for help. She focused on writing Japanese verse called haiku.”

It wasn’t until many years later that Linda started to write her own poetry. “Suddenly, while I was riding my bicycle down country roads, skiing in the winter, or hiking local trails in the Monadnock Region, lines for haiku would pop into my head. The beauty around me inspired me not only to capture images with my camera but also to create poetry.

“More recently, I’ve started creating verses in collaboration with my grandchildren, illustrating their poems with my photographs. Working with them brings back wonderful memories of helping my mother.”

Linda is intrigued with the process of catching nature’s splendor in her distinctive photographs. Creating a mood and a feeling through images is key for her. She likes to capture the life cycle of flowers from budding to fading, as well as the change in New England seasons, in a way that features both the beauty and the reality of existence. She feels that it is vital to look for the lines, shapes, and colors in nature that will produce a significant and imaginative photograph.

Her work has been accepted for juried shows around New Hampshire and she has exhibited in many local shows as well. Linda is a member of the Monadnock Area Art Association, Arts Alive, Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce, and the Women’s Caucus for Art, and she is president of the Monadnock Camera Club. She has received awards for her artwork, with the most recent being a Special Merit award by Light Space and Time Online Gallery, an online international art competition, for her "Painted Apple Blossoms."

“Summer Hum” can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2:00 pm – 6:00pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00am – 7:00pm; and Saturday, 10:00am – 4:00pm.; the library is closed Friday and Sunday.

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

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Greetings from the Depot! Thanks so much to all the wonderful musicians and fans who attended our Second Anniversary Show on August 19th. We had a great audience, Eddie Mottau and Jimmy Clark were fabulous!

On September 2nd, our feature performer will be Teresa Storch, a critically acclaimed international performer of joyful strength and riveting, emotional power. Her soulful-Americana songwriting balances on the fence between folk and jazz, drawing comparisons to Emmylou Harris, Patty Griffin, and Shawn Colvin. Audience members say it’s like seeing Bonnie Raitt when she first started. She has recorded 3 studio and 2 live albums and toured for 12 years, bringing her songs to theaters, clubs, coffeehouses, and living rooms. In 2009 she returned to Colorado after 10 years in the Boston music scene.

Teresa’s latest album “Come Clean” (2014) produced by Philip Parker and Jamie Mefford (Gregory Alan Isakov) has garnered international attention, being chosen for The Top Country/AmericanaAlbums of 2015 by Martin Chilton of The Telegraph (UK). John Apice of No Depression Magazine states “Emmylou Harris would find a wealth of inspiration in these songs…” She was chosen a 2015 GrassyHill New Folk Finalist at the Kerrville Folk Festival, selected as an Emerging Artist at the 2015 Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, and received Honorable Mention in the 2015 Rocky Mountain Folks Fest Songwriter’s Competition.

Here's what the press and other are saying about Teresa:

- "...Someday this artist will be in the league with Emmylou Harris, Patti Griffin, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Shawn Colvin, and Roseanne Cash." –John Apice, No Depression Magazine.
- "She inhabits her songs so fully you can’t help but be pulled into her world.” – Boston Herald writer Daniel Gewertz
- "Mesmerizing vocal riffs…bounding folk-rock sound.” – Northeast Performer Magazine
- "One of the most inventive writers and solid performers of the current crop of singer/songwriters coming out of Boston. [She] makes me proud to be one.” – Veteran singer/songwriter Vance Gilbert
- "Infuses contemporary singer/songwriter with traditional folk vibe. It’s no wonder she’s being recognized in her genre.” –Soundcheck Magazine

Check out Teresa’s web site: http://www.teresastorch.com/ to listen to her 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 Road.

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

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

Upcoming Feature Acts

- October 7: The Lied To’s
- November 4: Crabgrass
We are making changes in our Holistic Health Professional Center from August 1st through October 1st. Redecorating the studio, creating new ads, building a new website.

In the meantime if anyone needs a private consultation/session we will make arrangements for you. Please text: 603-933-3294 for your appointment.

Get Your Bikes Out and Ride for the Animals!

Wheels4Paws - A 100-mile charity motorcycle ride to benefit the animals of Monadnock Humane Society. MHS is pleased to announce for the third year a charity motorcycle ride - Wheels4Paws (W4P) held on Saturday, September 16th.
Dear Hancock Friends and Neighbors,

The Grapevine is gearing up for Fall programs again and we are excited to welcome new and returning families! We continue construction of The Grapevine Community Tool Shed. This project is over a year in the making, with volunteer and builder Glenn Stan leading the effort. Glenn came to The Grapevine with this concept through his experience as a member of the People’s Service Exchange. Together we recognized that people don’t always have access to tools, equipment or know-how to do the job themselves. Combined with planned opportunities for on-site workshops, the tool shed idea was born! Thanks to a skilled and dedicated group of volunteers, our shed is expected to be completed later this fall. Call us to build and get involved - youth volunteers welcome! And, start looking around in your tool closet and garage for tools and equipment you may not need anymore. Later this fall we will put out a call for donated tools - so stay tuned! This shed is made possible with the generous contribution of a family who wish to honor their late daughters. We are touched and grateful for their lasting contribution.

Grapevine Special Programs and Events

Bring Your Own Picnic - Friday, Sept. 15th at 5:00
If you are currently in a Grapevine program, if you were part of a Grapevine program in the past, or if you are considering joining us in the future…. bring your own picnic and a blanket to sit on. AND help us decorate the Grapevine’s Home and Harvest Float. Join us for the fun!

2017 Grapevine Online Auction
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

Cooperative Game Club – Mondays 5:30-8pm
Come play awesome new cooperative board games (think zombie apocalypse, murder mysteries, and beat the clock escape games!) with game gurus John and Mark!

Chess Club – Mondays 6-7:30pm
Free and open to all skill levels. Learn chess, find opponents to play against, and improve your skills. Chess volunteer Steve teaches strategy and is always willing to play a game or two!

High School Writing Club – Tuesdays 6-8pm
Share your writing and get feedback from other writers in our friendly, fun environment! New writers (grades 9-12) always welcome!

Learn to Skate Classes - Thursdays, September 7th, 14th & 21st 6-8pm
Open to middle & high school students! All skill levels & abilities welcome!
Jocelynn Drew from the Monadnock Roller Derby will be teaching basic skating skills, footwork, transitions (180° & 360°), stops, backwards skating, jumps, & other cool skills! Bring skates if you have them! Students must have a signed waiver/permission slip from their parents to participate. Email us to register! This program is offered in partnership with The Monadnock Roller Derby!

Art at the Avenue Workshop - Thursday, September 28th - 6pm
Mark your calendars! This will be our first art workshop of the school year! Open to middle and high school students Subject TBA! Stay tuned for more info.

Avenue A Special Events

Avenue A Club Open House - September 11th -6-7pm
Come meet our Avenue A Club staff, check out the Teen Center, and register for the club if you’d like!

Email avenuea@grapevinenh.org for more info about our programs. Or call The Grapevine at (603) 588-2620.

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 info.
• Child & Family Counseling by Monadnock Family Services
• Help Finding Shelter for families who are homeless or face homelessness.

Melissa Gallagher, Executive Director
Practice information:
Mon & Wednes at Great Brook School (Sep-June)
Mad Misfits (juniors 8-17) 5:30-6:30 PM
Mad Knockers (women 18+) 6:30-8:30 PM

First-time or visiting skaters, please get in touch with us before attending: contact@monadnockrollerderby.com

Monadnock Roller Derby is a registered NH non-profit. We are a league of skaters and community members dedicated to the sport and spirit of roller derby. Our members come in all shapes, sizes, colors and flavors. We have multiple jobs, roles, challenges, and gifts, but above all, we are tribe.

Our mission is threefold:
Challenge ourselves to get back up, as many times as it takes;
Challenge one another to be our best, because no one survives alone;
Create a safe and supportive space for all members to learn, grow, and destroy their fears.
Sept 22 (Fri)  First Session of Babies in Backpacks and Toddlers in Tow
Fridays, September 22, 29, and October 6 at the Harris Center
Join naturalist Susie Spikol Faber for gentle morning hikes around the Harris Center’s beautiful grounds and trails with your babies and toddlers. As we walk, we’ll look for signs of the changing seasons and discuss ideas for getting outside with young children in all seasons. 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harris Center. Bring your child’s pack, snacks, and water for yourself and your kiddos. For more info, contact Susie at spikol@harriscenter.org.

Sept 26 (Tue) An Introduction to Bird-Friendly Bldgs
Every year in the United States, millions of birds die in collisions with windows, doors, and other glass structures. Although skyscrapers are notoriously deadly, smaller buildings pose an even greater threat. The good news is that there are solutions! Join Laura Deming, Senior Biologist for NH Audubon, to learn how you can make your home, school, or business safer for birds. 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Putnam Science Center at Keene State College. Co-sponsored with NH Audubon. For more info, contact Brett Amy Thelen (603) 358-2065 or thelen@harriscenter.org.

Sept 28 (Thur)  First Session of ESI Course Rock Stars of Hancock
Thursdays, September 28 and October 5
10 a.m. to noon at the Harris Center and local field sites
$20 for Harris Center members / $40 for nonmembers
Hancock, often referred to as Hanrock by locals, is home to some of the Monadnock Region’s biggest boulders. Join Harris Center naturalist Susie Spikol Faber and a regional geologist for two mornings of rockin’ out on Hancock’s geological history. In our first session, we’ll meet at the Harris Center to learn why this little town has such big rocks. Our second meeting will be a driving and walking tour – complete with stories from local legend – of such famous rocks as Elephant Rock, Balancing Rock, and Merrill’s Cliffs. Susie Spikol Faber is a longtime Harris Center naturalist. When she’s not out rambling around the woods, she spends her days writing, running, and tending her family’s organic orchard. Space is limited and registration is required. Contact Sara at (603) 525-3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

Sept 28 (Thur)  First Session of ESI Course Scale Your Inner Everest
Thursdays, September 28, October 5, 12, and 19
7 to 8 p.m. at the Harris Center
$40 for Harris Center members / $60 for nonmembers
Scale Your Inner Everest is a new step-by-step program for women who want to quiet their inner critic, boost their body image, and kick life in the shorts! Presented over four weeks, this program will rely on the power of time outdoors to help women appreciate their bodies, make peace with their “flaws,” and focus on what their bodies can do rather than how they look. Participants will receive an e-workbook with activities designed to boost their body image, a downloadable action plan to help them follow through with their commitments, and supportive interactions with like-minded women. Sonya LeClair is an ecologist, writer, and certified health coach with a focus on using time outdoors as a springboard to improve physical and mental health. She has a B.S. in Wildlife Biology, an M.S. in Biology, and over 20 years of experience with ecology, conservation, and engaging people with the outdoors. Space is limited and registration is required. Contact Sara at (603) 525-3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.
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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NORWAY POND FESTIVAL SINGERS GATHER FOR THEIR TWELFTH SEASON

Calling all Norway Pond Festival Singers!

“Song elevates our being and leads us to the good and true.” Friedrich Nietzsche

Greetings as the no-longer endless summer slowly morphs into inevitable autumn. But we all love the fall…not only for the incredible weather but for the fact that it means it is time to start singing again and that is good news for all of our souls!

It is time to form our ensemble for the Fall Session.

We meet from 12:15-1:45 on Thursdays in the lower level of the Meeting House. We prepare for our appearance at the Hancock Family Christmas Concert. Everyone is welcome to join us. There are no auditions. After you come to a rehearsal or two, you will know whether it suits you and at that point, you can commit to joining. In a sense, you audition us! And if you know a person who might be a good fit for our group, please bring her along, too.

We usually have between 20 and 30 singers. The pace is fast and fun. The music-making is very satisfying, both to the singers and the audience. Our Fall Session begins on Thursday, September 14th. Dues are $80 and scholarships are available. Contact Jody Hill Simpson to sign up or any questions. jhsplans@aol.com 525-9303 musiconnorwaypond.org

Who wants to join the Norway Pond Junior Mints?

The Junior Minstrels Theme Song
(sung to the tune of Frere Jacques)

Junior Minstrels, Junior Minstrels
That’s our group!
That’s our group!
Singing, acting dancing,
Singing, acting, dancing,
What a troupe!
What a troupe!

It is not too early to let us know if you have a child between second and eighth grade who loves to sing and maybe even act. 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 show (still not yet decided).

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 last summer!

Please call or email director Jody Hill Simpson (525-9303 jhsplans@aol.com) to sign up your child or ask any questions.