

WIND CONTROVERSY UPDATE

The NH State Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) that has jurisdiction over the proposed wind energy project in Antrim heard testimony at an adjudicative proceeding in Concord the week of 29 October from Antrim Wind Energy LLC (the company that will construct the project if granted a license) and cross examination from witnesses (“Interveners”) who support the project and witnesses who oppose the project. The Committee will reconvene 27–30 November for further Antrim Wind Energy and Intervener testimony. If the testimony is not completed, another session may be convened in December. The hope is to reach a final SEC decision as to whether or not the project will go ahead, and if so under what conditions, by the end of the year, although that is not certain.

— Editor

FESTIVAL OF TREES
COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING
All events at James A. Tuttle Library

Friday November 30 * 7:00–9:00 p.m.
Evening of Lights Gala

Sunday December 2 * 1:00–6:00 p.m.
Festival of Trees Open House

Sunday December 2 * 4:00–6:00 p.m.
Caroling, Lighting of Tree, Visit with Santa, Quilt Raffle Drawing

Festival of Trees continues for the month of December

ANTRIM POLICE DEPT

Chief Scott R. Lester

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the progress and steps taken in preparation for the new police station proposal. Administrator Stearns and I have been in constant communication with Baybutt and their Architect, Raymond Giolitto. At an October 18th

meeting, we were presented with their first design of the anticipated Antrim Police Station. This design met our expectations and fit our projected needs. We then went through the plans and discussed ways to cut cost. This “first draft” had a one level building on a slab foundation with room to grow and garage space for all three vehicles. We needed

to identify the most important areas and determine the most cost effective solution to reducing the size of the building in order to come in at a reasonable cost and still meet our goal of sustainability.

We were able to find ways to eliminate space and reduce the overall size of the building. Minor adjustments were

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CIVIL WAR MONUMENT REDEDICATED

Lyman Gilmore

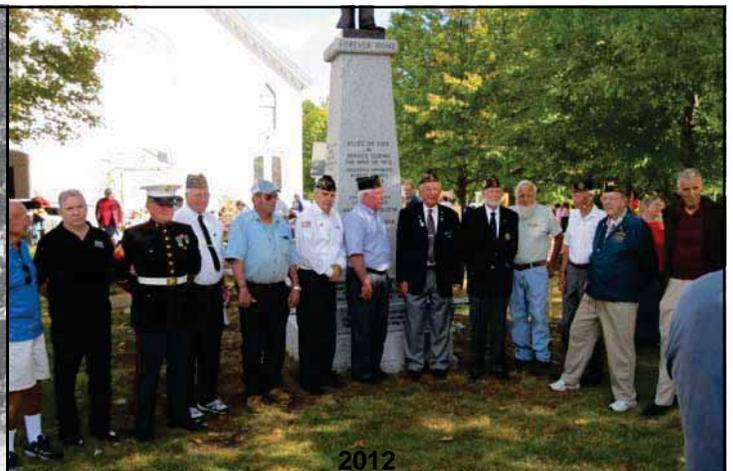
Antrim’s proud Civil War Soldier statue, originally dedicated on July 13, 1892, was rededicated on September 15, 2012, during the Home & Harvest festival. The old statue made of 19th century zinc had disintegrated and been removed

for safety in 2008, while the new soldier recast in more permanent bronze will stand in front of the Baptist Church for many more years.

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suggested to the layout of the floor plan and emphasis was put on reducing the potential cost of the building project. We presented options of a partial basement that could be used for long-term storage and mechanical items (e.g. furnace). This would free up space on the main level that could reduce the overall size and reduce cost. Mr. Giolitto was confident that he would be able to make the recommended changes and reductions and maintain the functionality of the building and needs of the department. Further research into computer, communication, and security services was assigned and we scheduled additional meetings to review the changes and prepare for a public presentation.

At the time of writing this article, I feel confident that we will be able to propose at a public meeting in January a sustainable and functional police facility at a reasonable cost. There has been some talk regarding spending on this project thus far. I have asked about what has been spent and administrator Stearns has informed me that the cost for purchasing the land, funded by the approved warrant of \$100,000 at the 2012 town meeting, was just under \$72, 500 (including all closing costs). This was less than originally anticipated. The remaining \$27, 500+ will be used to pay the \$28,000 pre-bond costs to Baybutt (which has not been billed yet). All remaining expenses will be built into the bond. I hope this gives you a clear understanding as to where we are and what has been done so far.

On behalf of the members of the Antrim Police Department, we greatly appreciate all your past and future support. ❁

MISSING LIMRIK

Lyman Gilmore

Those of us on the *Limrik* staff see the *Limrik* as the journal of record for the town of Antrim, so far twenty-one years of quarterly reports on what Antrim and its residents are planning, doing, and thinking about. To make this information more available to everyone in town, we plan to have all eighty-four issues scanned, digitized, and loaded into the town websites at the library and Town Hall where you can search by date or topic for any article or issue. Once the past issues are available we shall add every new issue.

We have an almost complete run of all eighty-four issues, but one issue is missing that we hope someone may have stuck away in the basement or attic: **Volume 3, Number 4, September, 1994**. If you have that issue and would either give it to us or let us copy it, we would be very grateful. ❁

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ANTRIM'S FESTIVAL OF TREES

EVENING OF LIGHTS GALA * FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

FESTIVAL OPEN HOUSE * SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Missy Taylor

The Antrim Historical Society and the Friends of the James A. Tuttle Library will once again be lighting up the season at Antrim's library with the 3rd annual Festival of Trees. Local organizations, businesses and individuals will be putting up and decorating over 70 artificial trees and wreaths in a dazzling and glittering display. The community has responded to the Festival with increased enthusiasm and imaginative creativity every year and this year there is word of some very unique designs slated for display, including a Fritz Wetherbee tree.

The Festival kicks off with an Evening of Lights Gala at Tuttle Library on Friday, November 30 from 7:00–9:00 p.m., when friends new and old will gather to launch the holiday season. The Gala will feature music by Brian Murphy, sweet and savory treats, a punch bowl, a silent auction and an opportunity to view all the trees and wreaths in full illumination and vote for favorite trees and wreaths. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be reserved by emailing Tickets@AntrimFestivalofTrees.org, purchased at Tuttle Library, Edmunds Hardware or the TBird in Antrim, or by calling Missy Taylor at 588-7146. The Gala was a huge success last year and the number of tickets is limited so guests are urged to reserve early.

New this year, the Festival of Trees will be hosting Antrim Friends of Recreation's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and visit with Santa at the Festival Open House on Sunday, December 2. The festivities will take place from 1:00–6:00 p.m., when the Library will throw open its doors for all to see the delightful display of trees and wreaths adorning every nook and cranny of all three floors of the Library. A busy team of bakers will supply holiday refreshments both savory and sweet. There will be a scavenger hunt for the children and a last chance to buy raffle tickets for the Christmas Tree Quilts created by the Festival Committee. The Open House is free and all are invited to enjoy the refreshments while viewing the displays and voting for favorite trees and wreaths in a variety of categories.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on the Tuttle Library lawn beginning at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to join in the caroling and excitement waiting for Santa's arrival by fire truck and the official Lighting of the Tree before retiring to the main room of the Library where Santa will take up a special seat by the fireplace and visit with children.

The trees and wreaths will remain on display through the beginning of January during regular library hours. This year, the Library will also open on Sunday, December 16, from 1:00–4:00 p.m. and on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, from 1:00–4:00 p.m. in order to give everyone and their out-of-town guests the opportunity to see the decorated trees and wreaths.

The Festival of Trees was created to “put a little sparkle in our winter holidays while celebrating community,” and we strive to include in the displays as many cultures, religions



and ethnicities as we can. The Festival Committee gratefully acknowledges the support of the Library staff and the Library Trustees, as well as the Antrim Historical Society and all the many participants and volunteers who make the Festival possible. It is our hope to continue this tradition, self-supporting and free to the community, for many years to come. For more information about the Festival, please visit the Festival website at www.AntrimFestivalofTrees.org, follow it on Facebook, or call Missy Taylor at 588-7146. ❄️

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THE CON-VAL MODEL STUDY RESULTS FROM THE PUBLIC POLL

Crista Salamy, Con-Val School Board

The Model Study Committee has finished its tally of the public poll results about the models and educational priorities that people in the district returned. In looking at all the models, there was no clear option that seemed to indicate more interest than the rest. In fact, the voters seemed to want some sort of change, but there was no clear direction as to which model they favored.

The "Status Quo Models plus Enhancements" had roughly 23% of the votes. Model 4 which proposed closing some of the smaller elementary schools received roughly 24%, and Model 5 that closed all elementary schools except Antrim and Peterborough with one middle school at South Meadow, received 23%. The combination Models 2&3 that entailed closing Great Brook here in Antrim and moving fifth grades back to the elementary schools had the most votes with roughly 30%. That being said, this model didn't show a significant majority in favor of it either.

The committee discussed at length what should be the next step based on the information we were able to get back from the public, and we voted to ask the School Board to bring forward a warrant article to change the language in the Articles of Agreement. It is the idea of the committee to see if the school board will make the language state that when a school (either elementary or middle school) becomes too small, the school board may with a 2/3 vote start the process recommending the closing of that school. We stated that the threshold for too small a school would be determined by the School Board; the school in question must be 2-3 years below that threshold before the Board can take any action. The committee has now handed off the recommendation to the School Board to see if this is a viable solution or not. If it is and the school board decides to move forward, you will see it on the ballot in March. If not, the Model Study Committee will come together again to think about what steps should be taken. Please remember you can go to the Con-Val School District website and look under "Model Study Minutes" to read what was talked about in detail and voted on. Any other questions please, feel free to contact me at 588-2574. ✨

SELECTBOARD

Galen Stearns

We survived hurricane Sandy with some minor trees and limbs down, but we escaped the brunt of the storm. A special thanks to our Police, Fire, and Highway Departments for their efforts during and after the storm.

We are moving into budget season and preparation for the 2013 Town Meeting and want to remind everyone of some of the upcoming important dates. December 12th is the last day to submit petitions to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Historic District Ordinance, or Building code for the 2013 Town Meeting. The filing period for declarations of candidacy for Town offices is Jan. 23 through Feb. 1st. The last day that voters can file a petition with the selectmen to include a warrant article is Feb. 5th.

The Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) hearing process continues on with Antrim Wind project with the first portion of the hearings being held Oct. 29 through Nov. 2nd and the next scheduled hearing on Nov. 27 through Nov. 30.

The preliminary plans for the Police Station are being reviewed and we expect to hold public meetings in the next couple of months to show the voters the proposed building and to be able to explain the plan and answer any questions. ✨

ANTRIM BENNINGTON LIONS CLUB

Rick King

It's that time of year for all of us to get ready for the holidays and the Lions Club will once again be providing Christmas trees at our old location, Tenney Farm. We will be open with Lions Club members selling the trees on weekends starting December 1 and will stay open until all of our Christmas trees are sold. Our hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and we can provide assistance to make sure you get the right size tree you need for your home. Think about coming and getting your tree early as you will have the best selection to choose from.

The elections are over and our club hopefully helped in getting more informed voters to the polls. We held three Candidate Forums in October, two for the House races (District 1 and District 38) and one for the District 8 Senate race. The average attendance was about 45 with positive feedback for all three forums so we will plan to do this again in 2014.

We would also like to thank all of you who had your BBQ dinner on Saturday night before the fireworks at Tenney Farm during the Home and Harvest Festival in September. Luther "Guitar" Junior Johnson provided entertainment along with the Bursitis Brothers who helped keep this evening a major event. Once again we had great BBQ chicken cooked by our master chef, John Robertson, along with fresh corn from Tenney Farm and homemade coleslaw from the Toll House Restaurant. ✨

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ANTRIM'S SKI AREA EXPERT: TIM SMITH

Lyman Gilmore

Antrim's Recreation program is lucky to have a local neighbor in Tim Smith, Operations Manager of Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride. Tim, his wife Katie, and their two-year old twins, Ross and Riley, live on Highland Avenue, just ten minutes from Tim's office at the mountain. Being Operations Manager means that he is in charge of everything outside the lodge: snow making, grooming, lift operation and maintenance, terrain park creation, and caring for all buildings and grounds. When something goes wrong, or a blizzard hits, he can't be more than ten minutes away.

That is a lot for any thirty-two year old to know, but Tim comes by his expertise from many years working in the ski industry, beginning with a BS degree in "Ski Area Business Management" from Northern Michigan University in 2003. He was born in Travis City, Michigan, which he says was ranked "one of the snootiest ski towns" in the country, but he also learned the basics of his profession at what some people consider the snootiest—and one of the best—ski areas in the country, Beaver Creek in Colorado whose motto should give you an idea about the social class of skier they are hoping to attract: *Not exactly roughing it!* Tim spent three seasons at Beaver Creek where he met his wife Katie who worked there in "Hospitality Management." Both had jobs in restaurants in the summers.

While he learned a great deal about snowmaking and grooming at Beaver Creek, Tim wanted experience in every aspect of running a ski area which he was unlikely to get there. So he found a job running a small ski area, Hidden Valley, near Green Bay, Wisconsin, where "I did everything. It was wonderful!" Not only did he manage the outdoor operation, but he also took care of the equipment rental shop and was a member of the ski patrol. Katie joined him in Wisconsin where she managed a large catering business.

After two years at Hidden Valley Tim got a call from Peak Resorts that owns Crotched Mountain and eleven other ski areas, including in New England Attitash and Wildcat in New Hampshire, and Mount Snow in Vermont. They flew him to Crotched from Wisconsin, and

he was hired in 2008. Katie followed him, and they were married in 2009 and lived in one of the Crotched Mountain condos on the hill before buying their Antrim home last December. Katie now works for a successful business in Dublin, "2Toms Advanced Athletic Products" that makes hi tech blister and chafing preventers and a sports odor eliminator for shoes and equipment that I swear by, "Stink Free Shoe & Gear Spray."

While Tim has been a member of the National Ski Patrol for years, he never tried racing until coming to Crotched when he began racing in Nastar competition. He says he enjoys racing, but he is so busy keeping the mountain operating that he doesn't have much time on skis.

For our interview Tim and I were sitting in his office crowded with slalom poles, trail signs, and tools of every imaginable sort, and suddenly he jumped up and led me outside to the new high-speed-detachable-quad chairlift that has replaced the original "Pluto's Plunge" chair (named by students at Antrim's Great Brook School) and that now goes to the very top of the mountain adding twenty more acres of ski trails. The following week I went back and watched the big helicopter lift, carry, and hold for installation thirteen chair lift towers up the mountain, all of which Tim oversees. Tim has had job offers at larger and more famous ski areas, but he and Katie have grown to love Antrim and Crotched Mountain, and they plan to stay.

He says all they need now is snow. ❁



ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Peter Moore

What could be better than to serve hot apple crisp and ice cream to 260 patrons during this autumn's Home & Harvest Festival on Main Street, raising over \$1,000 to help the Antrim Historical Society keep our town's colorful and storied history alive? Well, I would say that it runs neck-and-neck with the effort and spirit of the folks who helped our organization put the delectables on the table. Special appreciation goes to Diane Campbell and Liz Robertson for coordinating the "bakers" of the crisp, to Suzanne, Michael and Josh Labrie-Gould, and Alli Beckman for helping to serve it up, and to the bakers-many, who over the years have lent their expertise and ovens to producing the seasonal faire so much enjoyed by so many: Janet MacLachlan, Mary Payne, Pam Bagloe, Margie Warner, Joyce Davidson, Joan Dunlap, Diane Chauncey, Diane Gutgesell, Pat Leonard, Sidney Wilson-Smith, Liz Robertson, Cinda Gilmore, Thelma Nichols, Sheila Nichols, Schatze Moore, Joan Gorga, Janet McEwen, Missy Taylor, Anne Haggert, and Steve Ullman.

The AHS Membership's Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, October 14, with a brief discussion to review our organizations state-of-affairs, accomplishments of the year, and a time to honor Nina Harding, Giffin Russell, and Lyman Gilmore for their selfless efforts and contributions to the

Antrim Historical Society Board. A highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Maggie Stier of the NH Humanities Council, who gave both a historical perspective and up-to-date plan for remembrance of the venerable Old Man of the Mountains.

Monthly programs sponsored by the AHS take a hiatus during the unpredictable weather months of deep winter, but looking ahead, the AHS Program Committee, lead by Steve Ullman and Liz Robertson, have tentatively scheduled Sunday afternoon, May 26, "Preachers: Historians of our Town's Past," and June 16, "Memories of Antrim High School." Board member Steve Ullman also hosts the "Presidential Book Club" which meets monthly for discussion of the lives and times of those that have lead our country from its highest office. For more information about these dates and the dignitaries to be discussed, contact Steve by email at, sullman@brockport.edu

Also, very much worth noting on your calendars, and attending this winter, is the "Festival of Trees" sponsored by the Antrim Historical Society, and hosted by Antrim's Tuttle Library through the month of December. Not to be missed is the opening of this month-long event, the "Evening of Lights Gala" on November 30, and Open House, Sunday December 2. This is a great way to kick-off the holiday season with style, fanfare, and fun for the whole family.

As my term of AHS Board President ends, I'm pleased to announce important upgrades to the Stone Church. While the transfer of the property to the Historical Society has not yet been completed by Carol and Jim Rymes, the board has had a big hand in making critical improvements to the structure. By December 1 we anticipate the completion of internal steel turn-buckle collar ties as well as an entirely new 40-year roof, and new red cedar siding on the steeple and front gable-end. On behalf of the AHS Board, I want to thank the Rymes Family for their continued stewardship of this important historical building. ❁



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A TRIP TO THE MARKET BASKET

Sandy Snow

A funny thing happened on my way to the grocery store the other day. You know, I had a short shopping list for such things as a dozen eggs, bread and something for dinner – the usual stuff.

First, though, I have to explain that I abhor shopping at Shaws in Hillsborough – their prices are outrageous -- so Carol and I prefer to shop at Market Basket where prices are much more realistic.

I got on the internet and went to Market Basket's web site to see which store was closest to Antrim. The web site included a page where I could get directions to any of their stores. For the Rindge, NH, store I typed in Antrim, NH, as my starting point. It showed me how to take Rte. 202, but the mileage was 24.7 miles. Thinking that the Concord store might be a little closer I typed in Antrim but didn't include NH, assuming the web site would understand that I meant New Hampshire because I had used that in my first request.

Well, I assumed wrong. The web site put in UK (United Kingdom) after Antrim and what it returned were directions from Antrim in Ireland to Market Basket in Concord, NH. It was nothing short of incredible! When I printed them out it took 23 sheets of paper.

The directions were just as detailed as could be and complete. You can actually travel from Antrim in Ireland to Market Basket in Concord, NH.

So, with shopping list in hand, I kissed Carol goodbye and headed for Antrim, Ireland, to begin my journey. I rented a car and began following Market Basket's directions:

“Head east on Church St/A522

“Continue to follow A522

“Go through 1 roundabout”

“About 56 secs -- 0.3 miles”

“At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Fountain Hill (0.1 mile)”

“Turn right onto B95/Greystone Rd.”

“Turn right onto B95/Greystone Rd.”

“Go through 2 roundabouts”

“about 6 mins – 2.6 miles”

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About 122 miles into my trip the directions said:

“Take the Dublin, IE – Holyhead UK ferry to Holyhead”

It was listed on the directions as a toll road (translated: ferry ticket).

The ferry ride took two hours, 20 minutes. At Holyhead I continued my directions. I was now 553 miles into my trip to Market Basket. I was told to take junction 11A, exit toward Channel Tunnel. After a few miles I was told to “Take the train. About 20 minutes.”

So I purchased my ticket for the car and myself (which wasn't cheap). I knew I was going to have to stop at an ATM soon to replenish my supply of pounds.

At step 44 on my directions my car and I caught the train to Frethun and then had to take another train to Coquelles. This looks like France, I thought.

At 682 miles into my trip I was told to take the interchange **Zwinjnaarde**, keep right and follow signs for E17 toward **Gent/Antwerpen** and follow signs for **Gent-Centrum/B401**.

I realized I was in Belgium now and traveling east. That's strange, I thought. Why wouldn't Market Basket just tell me to go across the Atlantic to Manchester, NH? But, they're a big company and must know the best way to get to their store on Fort Eddy Road in Concord.

Well, to make a long story just a little shorter at 720 miles I took a “Slight right to stay on **E34** (signs for **E313/Luik/Hasselt/Eindhoven/Turnhout**).

At Eindhoven I was in the Netherlands and it was a quick ride to the interchange **14-Kreuz Kaiserberg...for A3 toward Hannover/Arnheim**. This must be Germany. My mileage was now at 1,488 miles. Boy, I was glad I had rented a gas-efficient Prius back in Antrim, Ireland.

I skirted south of Berlin. (I'd heard traffic jams in the city were a nightmare. Thank goodness, Market Basket was trying to save me time.)

At the 1,500 mile mark I was told to “Continue onto **most Generala Stefana Grota-Roweckiego** for about 1 min. This must be Poland, I thought.

At 1,645 miles I was told: “112. Continue onto Варшавское ш./Варшайская шаша About 5 mins.” When I saw that instruction I knew I was in Belarus and heading toward Minsk. My mileage was accumulating at a dizzying rate. At step number 123 I had covered 2,325 miles and was told: Continue straight onto ш. Энтузиастов. About 2 mins.

I was making good time but I had to stop occasionally so a local could help me out with the language on my directions.

Russia was just as difficult to decipher. Fortunately, most of my traveling was on good highways. At 2831 miles I got onto the M7 and eventually skirted around Moscow. **139. Continue straight onto ул. Кузбасская**. Well,

I won't bore you with the details but thank goodness Market Basket was avoiding taking me through the big cities.

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ANTRIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Pamela Campbell, Principal

We are in full swing teaching mode! Students have all been assessed. We have been through one six week cycle of small group intervention (referred to as WIN-what I need). We have re-assessed and are now on track for another six-week cycle of small group intervention. This allows us to focus in on student's needs, be it remediation or enrichment.

By the time this goes to press the Antrim PTO will have held its third annual craft fair. We are so fortunate to have such an active PTO this year. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m., and all are welcome. Come February 9th the PTO will hold its annual Winter Fest in the gym at Great Brook Middle School from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. These are the schools' two biggest fundraisers for the year. We value and appreciate your participation.

Antrim Elementary continues to work hard on a project called Eagle Groups that are multi-age, year-to-year groups that focus on our school values of kindness, cooperation, honesty, and respect. They are often held within the confines of the school building and sometimes within the arms of the community. During the month of November students collected non-perishable food items and donated them to the local food bank. In December we will be making ornaments for the Festival of Trees that happens in the town library. In January we will be doing a "story walk" in the woods behind the school, based on the book *Stranger in the Woods* by Carl Sams & Jean Stoick.

We continue to work with Great Brook students on a program called "Griffin's Nest." This is a modified big brother/big sister intervention that has been a very successful program for several years.

All of the classrooms at Antrim Elementary School now have 21st century computer-connected "interactive white boards" which are touch sensitive and work like an iPad that can take students on virtual field trips. These are great assets for teachers and students in our multi-model method of teaching. They bump up student engagement in a big way.

As we approach the budget season, I would like to urge the public to be involved in the district process and attend school board meetings and the district's deliberative session scheduled for February 6.

In closing I'd like to again thank parents and volunteers for all the work you put into our elementary school. We would not be the great school we are without your support! ❁

Recreation Dept

SPECIAL MOVIE EVENT

Wild Horse, Wild Ride: Wild American Mustangs

Dec 28 • 6:00 pm • Antrim Town Hall

ANTRIM ELEMENTARY PTO

Sheena Baldwin

The Antrim Elementary PTO has had a great start to our school year! We have had tremendous support from the community and a whole new group of parents has joined our team. Because of previous events and parent volunteers, the PTO was able to help provide refreshments for the AES Open House. There was a huge turnout and it was great to see so many supportive parents and families there. We have kicked off the school year with the sale of our "AES Eagles Soar" car magnets. We hope you have noticed them popping up around town. They are \$5 a piece and can be purchased at PTO events and at the main office at AES.

In October students reached out to friends and family for our Yankee Candle fundraiser. The children far surpassed any expectations and raised over \$1500. Thank you to all who helped support our children and school by purchasing items through this fundraiser.

Our 2nd Annual Holiday Gift Extravaganza was successful yet again with many local vendors, raffles, a special pampering area, and Little Zoe's Take and Bake providing great food. We hope this continues to be a yearly event for the community to enjoy.

The PTO is busy planning new events for the children and the community. For the upcoming holiday season we will be busy with our annual Holiday Shop for the children of AES to purchase gently used items donated from the community. If you have any gift items you wish to donate, there will be a collection box at the school.

As always, we will be meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at AES, and we always welcome parents and ideas from the community. Please feel free to contact Sheena Baldwin at antrim.elm.pto.0340@gmail.com if you have any questions about PTO, or friend us on Facebook to get up to the minute information about events.

The AES PTO would like to extend a big thank you to all the people of the community who have helped support us and our children throughout the years. May the holiday season find you all in good health and spirits. ❁

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PAPA'S CHRISTMAS SURPRISE

Charles Butterfield

Not long ago a newspaper article caught my eye. It announced that incandescent Christmas lights would be exempt from a new law requiring that older light bulbs be replaced by the newer energy-saving LEDs. As I was reading the article there flashed somewhere in my memory bank my recollection of what we came to call Papa's Christmas Surprise.

Papa was industrious, enterprising, and "had a good head on his shoulders," people said. While he could always tell a timely joke, more often tasteful than not, nobody thought of him as frivolous. No one ever called him extravagant. Some might have said Papa's Christmas Surprise was a bit out of character.

But it wasn't. It was only a slight swerving from a generations-old family custom that took advantage of an ecological anomaly on our farm. About half our land was cleared for pasturing my father's milking herd. The rest was covered with mixed hardwood, and hemlock and pine that he worked and managed as enthusiastically as he did any other aspect of his farming. He loved working in the woods, and he knew trees. He couldn't explain, though—nobody could—why the north-west corner of our woods was unusual forest habitat.

In this densely shaded corner I came to think of as magical, the land rises steeply to our north boundary, and half-buried in the wetland at the base of this hill is a mica deposit. Where I scratched aside the forest duff, I could peel off the mirrored rock in paper-thin sheets. I always brought some of the shiny layers home, though I had no use for it. Papa explained that it had some commercial value in furnace doors and fireproof shingles, and that was enough to whet a boy's entrepreneurial appetite. I had a milk crate full of mica leaves waiting to be marketed.

But it wasn't mica Papa and I were after when we hiked into this corner of the farm at this year's winter solstice, honoring a custom followed by his father and uncles.

Red spruce grew there in abundance and nowhere else in our woods. Probably potash-bearing mica contributed minerals to the soil that nourished the red spruce. That corner, with white mica and red spruce, I called the Christmas Woods.

Not common in central New Hampshire, red spruce makes an elegant Christmas tree. With branches clear to the ground, strong twigs over its entire conical shape, red spruce provides perfect infrastructure for decorating. Half-inch-long square needles completely cover the twigs, giving each branch and branchlet a dense green, stiff brush, just right for hanging Christmas ornaments and lights, and hiding small presents.

Our mission was to find and cut two perfect Christmas trees.

Evergreens growing in the wild are often less than ideal in shape for home decorating. Some are lopsided with branches on one side stunted from growing too close to neighbors. Growing in sparse light under older trees, the parlor-sized offspring are sometimes too spindly. Often the perfectly shaped ones are too short; the ones that are the right height are too thin or crooked. What we looked for every year were two full specimens, about eight feet tall, and close to symmetrical. It took time to find trees that, all things considered, would look beautiful enough for our living room and that of my grandmother who lived above (upstairs) us in the farmhouse. Some winters I was chilled to the bone by the time we found two trees Papa considered good enough.

But the year of Papa's surprise, we stayed longer in the Christmas Woods than usual. We had accomplished our mission. My feet were numb and my pockets were full of mica, and it was past the time I expected we'd leave the woods. Papa, who never seemed to feel cold in the woods, went on searching for still another good tree. He was eyeing trees too tall to stand in our living rooms. He was looking at trees I knew were too big to carry through the house. As he searched, I shivered and wondered what he had in mind. Three trees. What was going on?

Finally he found what he wanted and cut it down. He shouldered the big tree, picked up the trunk of one of the smaller ones and headed out. I followed with the third tree on my shoulder and his ax in my frozen hand.

I could have asked him why we were bringing out three trees the year of the surprise, but I played the game with Papa. He didn't offer an explanation, and I didn't look for one. This

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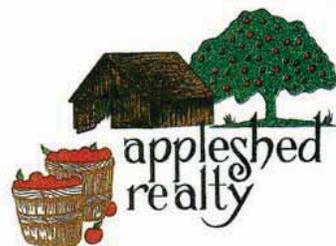
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D'ARTAGNAN

Sheila Nichols

Goat kids are precious; Nigerian Dwarf kids average two pounds at birth. The does usually have twins, but triplets are not at all uncommon. I wanted to expand our herd, and being a novice, I started reading about how to make that happen. Seems you need a buck.

Nigerian Dwarfs come into heat about every 25 days, and there is a window of 24 hours, give or take, for maximum potential breeding. We do not keep a buck on our farm, so we need to take our does to a buck. The trip can be long and stressful for the farmer and the does. The does sometimes are simply not *interested* after the trip therefore you need to have a plan in place.

The plan:

- ✓ Choose a breeder
- ✓ Choose a buck that can contribute herd enhancing characteristics
- ✓ Have transportation in place
- ✓ Look for signs that your doe is in heat
 - Doe is more vocal than usual
 - Doe is overly affectionate
 - Doe is flagging her tail
 - Doe's *lady parts* show swelling
- ✓ Record cycles of heat
- ✓ Be sure doe is in *Standing Heat*, i.e. willing to be *courted* by the buck
- ✓ Keep a *Buck Rag* handy

A Buck Rag? That one stopped me too. Seems bucks make themselves attractive and alluring to does by creating a scent no doe can resist, and they do this by urinating on themselves. They come by the expression, "smelly old goat," honestly.

Off to a breeder I went with the requisite cotton towel and a plastic bag. I watched her rub that towel all over her cooperative buck, saturating it with his special fragrance. She handed it to me. She returned the buck to his pasture. I cannot ever remember a time where I more deftly entombed something in plastic. After depositing the bag in the truck I sought out some strong soap and cleaned my hands. This would prove to be the most valuable aspect of the plan.

When I noticed what I thought were signs of heat, I was to open the *Buck Rag Bag* and present it to the doe. If she were in *Standing Heat* she would eagerly rub herself on the rag, make some come hither throaty sounds, and follow that bag wherever I moved it. When the final box of the plan checked, it was time to call the breeder and load the does for transport to the buck.

A short back-story...

Our parents were friends before we were born and we have grown up together. If you are lucky enough to have a friend like Cheryl you will understand the value of the kind of friendship that has spanned nearly 6 decades. Growing up we spent

our summers in Gilmanton, NH. Cheryl and I always had animals.

She always kept various animals in her bedroom, a clutch of turkeys, a piglet, hamsters, and others were regularly at hand. It was her wolf spider freely weaving its web on her bedroom wall that unnerved me, and while she tried to calm my worries by saying it was fine, I slept with one eye open.

One night we were awakened by her dad shouting the wood furnace was smoking and we needed to immediately get out of the house. She quickly gathered cages and boxes and gave me various animals to carry as we dashed out of the house. It was just a down draft and all was well. I was eager to help tote all except that spider. We both have continued to love animals.

She is now a nurse and in her spare-time breeds miniature horses, goats, rabbits, chickens, and ducks. Her open farm day is a lovely time for people to come and meet the animals and listen to her husband sing ballads. She has a Yorkshire terrier aptly named Pixie who is sure she is a huge farm dog. Pixie keeps all the animals in place.

Cheryl has a handsome Nigerian Dwarf Buck named D'Artagnan. I called Cheryl in March and asked her if she had any sperm she could spare, not a question you could ask of just anyone. She laughed her signature laugh and said come on up.

The hour and a half drive to Gilmanton Iron Works was uneventful. We, Maxine, Luna and I, made many folks smile as they passed us on the roadways. It is not often even in New Hampshire to see goats out for a ride in a pickup truck. Cheryl was on her front steps waiting for us when we arrived. She and I, hugged hello, unloaded the does, attached leads, and went to introduce them to D'Artagnan.

D'Artagnan wholeheartedly welcomed Maxine and Luna into his spacious box stall as he could not believe his good fortune of having two lovely does visit. Cheryl and I stayed close at hand for a while to be sure they would all get on ok. When we were convinced they needed some time to themselves, I offered to help Cheryl with some of her barn chores.

We watered and fed her rabbits, chickens, ducks, goats, and horses. I must say her two-week old kids were showstoppers as they jumped and skipped around our legs. We checked in on Maxine, Luna and D'Artagnan periodically. After we both witnessed what seemed to be promising couplings we left them to rest and went in to have some tea.

It is so nice to be able to spend time with someone who has known you since birth. No need to explain this or that, just start up right where you left off last visit. We spent many summers horseback riding, performing silly plays for our parents, stacking wood, swimming, haying, singing, and laughing. The laughter and knowing that you always have someone with whom you can connect is priceless.

All too soon it was time to load up my does and travel home. Fingers crossed that we will have some new additions to the farm mid-August. ❁

CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS'S *MORTALITY*

Lyman Gilmore

Mortality is Christopher Hitchens's final book, published this year just after he died of esophageal cancer in December 2011. It is a brilliant book, chock full of wit and humor and biting descriptions of his treatment's "torture," as well as his familiar anger at what he considered the cruel stupidity of religion, and a wonderful story of what it is like to "live dyingly" in "Tumorland" which, if like Hitchens you happen to have terminal cancer as I do, is like living in a foreign land and reading about your home country. Over his long writing career Hitchens was a contributing editor at *Vanity Fair*, *Slate*, and the *Atlantic*, and he published many books including those on Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine, George Orwell, and Henry Kissinger. He also wrote the international bestsellers *god Is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything*, *Hitch-22: A Memoir*, and his huge collection of powerful essays written for various publications over a fifteen-year period, *Arguably* (2011).

Only a short 104 pages, including moving remembrances in a Forward by a longtime *Vanity Fare* editor Graydon Carter, and a loving Afterword by his wife Carol Blue, *Mortality* (bound in funereal black) consists of seven brief essays followed by nine pages of Hitchens's promising if unrealized notes the publisher describes as "fragmentary jottings . . . left unfinished at the time of the author's death."

Hitchens describes the terrible onset of his cancer, his realization that suddenly he is facing death, and the horrors of chemotherapy. About dying he mentions Elisabeth Kubler-Ross's five stages of grief in which one goes through denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and finally, acceptance, only one of which applies to him, the *bargaining* stage. "The oncology *bargain* is that, in return for at least a chance of a few more useful years, you agree to submit to chemotherapy and then, if you are lucky with that, to radiation or even surgery. So here's the wager: You stick around for a bit, but in return we are going to need some things from you. These things may include your taste buds, your ability to concentrate, your ability to digest, and the hair on your head. This certainly appears to be a reasonable trade. Unfortunately, it also involves confronting one of the most appealing clichés in our language. You've heard it all right. People don't have cancer.

They are reported to be *battling* cancer. . . Allow me to inform you, though, that when you sit in a room with a set of other finalists, and kindly people bring a huge transparent bag of poison and plug it into your arm, and you either read or don't read a book while the venom sack gradually empties itself into your system, the image of the ardent soldier or revolutionary is the very last one that will occur to you. You feel swamped with passivity and impotence: dissolving in powerlessness like a sugar lump in water."

Hitchens speaks of the doubleness of terminal cancer. "The absorbing fact about being mortally sick is that you spend a good deal of time preparing yourself to die with some modicum of stoicism (and provision for loved ones), while being simultaneously and highly interested in the business of survival. This is a distinctly bizarre way of "living"—lawyers in the morning and doctors in the afternoon—and means that one has to exist even more than usual in a double frame of mind." And he warns of a psychological dilemma: "Cancer victimhood contains a permanent temptation to be self-centered and even solipsistic."

Hitchens is an extremely quotable author, and among his many famous sayings, two stand out for me as representing his wry humor and his firm conviction: "Owners of dogs will have noticed that, if you provide them with food and water and shelter and affection, they will think you are god. Whereas owners of cats are compelled to realize that, if you provide them with food and water and shelter and affection, they draw the conclusion that they are gods."

About his life-long opposition to religion he says: "The only position that leaves me with no cognitive dissonance is atheism. It is not a creed. Death is certain, replacing both the siren-song of Paradise and the dread of hell. Life on this earth, with all its mystery and beauty and pain, is then to be lived far more intensely. We stumble and get up, we are sad, confident, insecure, feel loneliness and joy and love. There is nothing more; but I want nothing more." (Both quotes from his *The Portable Atheist*.)

So, if you have cancer or are an atheist, you will find *Mortality* supportive and memorable. Even if you are healthy and religious, you are likely to discover in Christopher Hitchens's *Mortality* exquisite writing, courageous truth-telling, and valuable illumination. *

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CUB SCOUT PACK #2

Monica Harrington

Winter is upon us, for we have just had our first snow, and it is a time of reflection for the scout leaders of the past year and the exciting year ahead. Pack 2 is an active group of 5 dens. In this 2012-2013 year we have 2 Tigers (1st grade), 3 Wolves (2nd grade), 3 Bears (3rd grade), 5 Webelos I (4th grade) and 8 Webelos II (5th grade). Our boys are from Antrim, Bennington, Frankestown, Greenfield, and Hancock and are schooled in the public and private systems as well as being homeschooled. They have specialties including sports, astronomy, farming, knitting, and many others. We have an amazing group of young men who work with us as we build on their character, work ethic, manners, honor, and integrity.

These future leaders have, since September, been hiking, doing roadside cleanup, marching in the Home & Harvest Parade and raising their own money for scouting events via a Bike-a-thon when each boy rode 3-6 miles and raised an average of \$150. In addition to this they have each attended at least two den meetings a month and worked on achievement for their rank as well as belt loops and pins. These are hard working, dedicated young boys and we are so proud of them.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO SUPPORT OUR PACK

Sunday, Dec. 2. Pack Meeting at Bennington Church from 4:00–6:00 p.m. All welcome.

Wednesday, Dec. 19. Christmas Caroling in towns by dens, finishing as Pack at Antrim Village at 6:30 p.m. Please call Monica Harrington at 689-6285 if you know someone who would be encouraged this Christmas by our singing to them.

Saturday, Jan. 12. FUNDRAISER, Cub Scout Spaghetti Supper at the Hancock Vestry from 5:00–7:00 p.m. Please come and bring your friends and family for a wonderful dinner to support your local Cub Scouts. Prices are \$8/Adult, \$4/Child, \$20/max per family, and children under 5 are free.

Saturday, Jan. 26: Cub Scouts providing, serving, and eating lunch with the residents of Antrim Village. Our young men will learn from the older generation as they share conversation and a meal.

Saturday, Feb. 16: Sleepover at Museum of Science in Boston. Our adventurous boys will sleep with the dinosaur, learn about electricity, astronomy, mechanics, and botany, all that the museum has to offer, and not have to go to sleep until Midnight!

If you have any questions about scouting or know a boy who would like to join, please call Melissa Stewart at 588-6963 or Monica Harrington at 689-6285. Our women leaders answer questions regarding scouting, but we have male leadership in 4 of the 5 dens. ❁

ECONOMIC CLIMATE IN ANTRIM

Connie Kirwin

There is growing evidence of improvement in the economic climate in Antrim. The photograph below is a sample of the “housing starts” seen around town. Mr. and Mrs. Sid Beaver have acquired this lovely site on Route 202. It has a bubbling stream of fresh water running through the property and is close to town.

The Beavers are preparing the foundation of their home and plan to move in before the first freeze and snow fall. ❁



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MILT-MORE OR MIL-TI-MORE

Dick Winslow

I live at the corner of Miltimore Road, a perfectly beautiful half mile of rolling, twisting, tree-canopied, unpaved, byway, directly connecting Antrim Center with Smith Road. Some folks pronounce the name of this treasure “Milt-more,” leaving out the middle syllable, and they are supported by the road-sign spelling it that way. But many, particularly older folk who grew up in Antrim, pronounce it with three syllables, “Mil-ti-more,” and that’s the spelling used by Town Hall for tax purposes. What follows convinces me that the three-syllable version is correct.

In Antrim of the late 1700’s, when the center of town lay atop Meeting House Hill above where the Grange Hall now stands, an important man in the community was Daniel Miltimore. His house was on what is presently called Smith Road, on the footprint now occupied by Alabama Farm, and I surmise that the road leading to it from the then center of town was called “Miltimore Road.”

Cochrane’s *Antrim Town History* tells that in those days, there being no churches, the town would each year vote money for Sunday “preachings” and indicate in whose homes those preachings would take place. For instance: “On March 8, 1785, the town voted 12 days preaching and ‘publick worship be at Daniel Miltimore’s this year.’ It was here, Mr Whipple preaching for them, that, the little building being crowded full, the floor gave way, and dropped them all, minister, people, furniture, and Bible, into the cellar. Strange to say, nobody was hurt; and with a small fright and a few scratches and a short interruption, the service went on.”

The *Antrim Town History*’s genealogy section gives us this about Mr. Miltimore: “Col. Daniel Miltimore, son of James and Elisabeth Miltimore of Londonderry, was born in that place in 1752. He came here from Londonderry in 1777 and began his home. He was among the ablest of the early settlers and was much in town office.”



I believe Daniel Miltimore would be astonished to learn that his name had been flattened out by the omission of its middle syllable. It’d be as though “Washington” had become “Washton” or “Jefferson” “Jeffson.”

In any event, “Mil-ti-more” seems to be a challenged word. Recently I had a letter in which, as a typo, it suffered mightily:

“Mit-li-more”.

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CANOEING THE MIGHTY CONTOOCOOK RIVER

Robin Rockwell

It's been a long time since my last canoe float on the mighty Contoocook River. I would guess it was around 1980 when I last attempted it. There were three canoes in the river that fateful day. Each canoe had two paddlers. The first was captained by David Boulé along with my sister, Bonnie, the second by Gregg Lacombe and Lucille Michaud, and in the third was my wife, Linda, and me. It was a chilly day in late April and the starting point was the Bennington Paper Mill. Our destination was the bridge (now rusting away) leading to the Platt farm. We unloaded the canoes and placed them into the water and in a short time were off.

It was the first time for Linda and me in a canoe and she had little or no confidence in my canoeing abilities. I assured her I knew how by watching Davey Crockett on TV when I was a kid. That didn't ease her fears but I convinced her there was nothing to it and advised her to "just paddle and don't stand up." For the first thirty minutes or so it was smooth sailing. David and Bonnie led the way while we brought up the rear. At the half way mark, we came upon a tree lying across the river. The first two canoes easily passed by but Linda and I got stuck. Our canoe had drifted onto the side of the fallen tree and there we sat, unable to move. The others waited while we attempted to free ourselves. I took the end of my oar and gave the tree a mighty push and the next thing I knew, Linda and I were in the water! And the water was freezing! I couldn't locate Linda immediately until I saw the canoe rise up from the water with her under it, holding it up above her head. I could hear David laughing, so I glanced over in his direction just in time to see my sister and him flip over as well. (HA HA, there is a God!) Needless to say, we froze the rest of the trip while we continued to paddle to the bridge. It seemed an eternity but we finally made it. We couldn't wait to change into dry clothing.

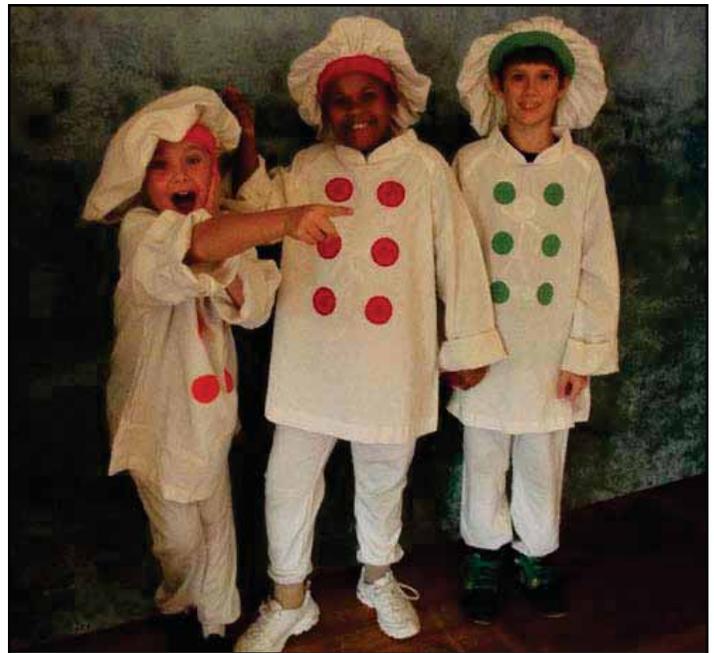
That brings us to May, 2012. This time there was only one canoe and Steve Brzozowski acted as my co-pilot. Getting a canoe was no problem, Steve owned one. The launching point was once again at the Bennington Paper Mill. We began our trip under cloudy skies with the temperature in the low 60's

and a light drizzle. It would remain this way for the duration of our voyage.

The Contoocook River was fairly high as it had rained for several days. There was a slight current that made it easier for us. We saw several ducks along the way as well as numerous trees that had fallen across the river. Fortunately for us, none blocked our path completely, so we were able to navigate around them. We arrived at the Platt Farm 2 ½ hours later and pulled the canoe up over the bank and into Steve's truck. From there we drove up Thompson Road and stopped to visit Doris Platt whom we hadn't seen since graduation day, 1968. Her daughter, Sally, was our classmate. The first thing she said to us was "It's been a long time." "Yes," I answered, "forty-four years." ❁

THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA

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GLASSBLOWER

Lyman Gilmore

Antrim glassblower Alex Kalish creates exquisitely beautiful vases, lamps, Christmas ornaments, jewelry, paperweights, sun-catchers, and tableware—wine glasses, rocks glasses, candlesticks, and champagne flutes. His lovely opaque four-and-five-inch high “Baby Shard vases,” are one of a kind and come in a variety of colors including Opal Purple, Kaiser Red, Turquoise, and Lapis Blue.

On a mid November afternoon I sat fascinated for an hour and a half in Alex’s self-built studio “The Crystal Palace” on Old Carr Road (off Old Pound Road) while he crafted a colorful vase from the molten glass in one of his two roaring furnaces. He would dip the end of the four-foot long metal blowpipe into the crucible or “pot” inside the hot furnace and get a blob of melted glass that he would then spin and twist, forming the red hot glass into a symmetrical globe, and rolling it on a steel table in powdered glass pigment, including gold, which would melt and fuse color to the globe. Then he would thrust the globe-end of the blowpipe into the other furnace to soften the glass so that he could shape it again and again, both by twirling the pipe, by blowing into the cool end of the blowpipe and expanding the vase, and by sitting down on a bench and stroking the hot soft glass with a hand-held paper pad which appeared to fix the colors and further alter it into a flattened form. I was impressed with how ambidextrous Alex is as he continually performs different movements and operations with each hand. The finished vase is an extraordinary work of art.

Born in New York City, Alex, 47, became interested in glass as a student at Franklin Pierce College in January of 1984 when a friend took him to the glass blowing studio. He says, “The fire, the hot molten glass, and the people moving the glass, was mesmerizing.” He began taking glass courses, but he became disillusioned with the college, and after taking a walking tour of Europe with a group of students and a professor, he left Franklin Pierce to work in Manhattan in retail for a year, enrolling in glass courses in his spare time.



Again disillusioned, he left New York and returned to FPC for two more semesters

During his final two semesters he met and began to work for Antrim glass artist Chris Salmon, whom he continued to work with for five more years. During his last year at old Hancock Glass works Alex cofounded North Country Glass in Washington, New Hampshire, from 1996 to 2011. In December 2011 he came to Antrim and began to build his studio behind his house and dog run where his Black Lab mix Jake lets him know when anyone approaches. During my visit he introduced me to his “newly found friend,” fellow FPC graduate and glass artist, Christina Altieri, who deftly helped him with the furnace and blowpipe in his making of the vase.

Alex has been a juried member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen since 1996, and he markets his work through his attractive website (<http://kalishglassdesign.com>) and shows throughout New England, and by appointment at his studio by calling 588-2390. As I got ready to leave Alex said: “One amazing thing about glass is that it is the one craft that has sprung up from a single place and spread throughout the world, from ancient Mesopotamia where the artists specialized in beadwork and jewelry. As for me, I have come full circle, first working Antrim twenty years ago straight out of college, and now I’m here again and plan to stay.” ❁



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was some secret mission we were on, and Christmas is about prolonging mysteries.

Normally, when we had maneuvered the Christmas tree through the house, knocking lamps sideways and brushing magazines off the table, Papa's work was done. Mama took over the decorating while he settled down with the Sunday *Herald*, a cup of coffee and fresh penuche until chore time. But the year of Papa's Christmas Surprise something else was on his mind.

Papa went outside, and I followed to see what was up. He sent me to the barn for the crowbar and the stepladder. He went into the cellar with his long, black extension cord wound on his arm. Soon the cord was poking through a cellar window, the one exactly centered in the gable end of our house between the two windows downstairs and upstairs typical of federal style farmhouses.

Papa stood the tree on the frozen lawn, moving it closer and farther from the house until he was satisfied with its placement.

With the crowbar he punched a deep hole in the hard ground, and stood the tall tree upright, stamping the ground tight around the base.

"You could get that bag out of the truck, Son." I had seen the bag he brought from the hardware store in Hillsboro, but figured it was some piece of equipment he needed. When I opened the bag I found boxes of Christmas tree lights marked "For Outdoor Use."

"If you've got some of that mica, you could cut some pieces with the tin snips and hang them on the branches," he said.

I knew, then, what Papa was up to. From the stepladder he strung fifty-four bulbs around the tree, then asked me to plug in the final string.

It was nearing dark on that shortest day of the year in 1945. The tree exploded in color and glitter. My grandmother stepped to her window upstairs, fearful that something had caught fire, I suspect. Mama left off decorating the tree inside and stepped off the porch, pulled her old sweater tight around her shoulders, then clapped with glee. I stood beside the glowing tree, hoping a car would go by.

Papa's Christmas Surprise made a fitting end to the last, long year of war. For what felt like endless months we had scrimped and saved and done without, and many, some even our neighbors, had paid a terrible price to win the war, but now we found ways to celebrate. Papa's Christmas Surprise seemed to say to all, "Rejoice!" ❁

Historical Society Board member Thelma Nichols formed a committee in 2010 to renovate and replace the statue: Ben Pratt, Wayne Nichols, Eric Tenney, Al Gould, Cindy Gould, Bob Chagnon, Lyman Gilmore. When Thelma and Wayne Nichols left to winter in Florida, Al Gould took responsibility for the project and guided it successfully through hiring an expert granite stonecutter in Milford to create a new plinth or base, finding a Boston foundry specializing in statuary that would recast the statue in bronze, and speaking passionately and effectively at the March 2012 Town Meeting in obtaining financing for the new statue.

Aided by volunteer Andy Robblee owner of Robblee Tree Service whose boom truck hoisted both the granite plinth and the statue into place, Gould oversaw the project from start to finish, including an impressive dedication address with Antrim military veterans and relatives of the Antrim men from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, and the Civil War whose names are listed on the monument. ❁



Recreation Dept
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 30 **"3rd Annual Festival of Trees" Evening of Lights Gala** • Tuttle Library • 7:00–9:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 1 **Wreaths & Poinsettias for sale** • downtown Antrim location TBA • Boy Scout Troop 2
- 2 **"Festival of Trees" Open House** • Tuttle Library • 1:00–6:00 p.m.
Community Tree Lighting, Caroling, Visit with Santa • Tuttle Library • 4:00–6:00 p.m.
- 2 **Celtic Evensong** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 8 **Wreaths & Poinsettias for sale** • downtown Antrim location TBA • Boy Scout Troop 2
- 8 **Stop, Drop & Shop** • The Grapevine • 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- 11 **Reading to Mozart** (*reading companion dog*) • Tuttle Library • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- 16 **Christmas Pageant/Musical** • Baptist Church • 10:30 a.m.
- 16 **"Festival of Trees" Open House** • Tuttle Library • 1:00–4:00 p.m.
- 19 **Christmas Caroling** • downtown Antrim • Cub Scout Pack 2
- 20 **Free Community Supper** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 28 **Special Movie Event: Wild Horse, Wild Ride** • Recreation Dept at Antrim Town Hall • 6:00 p.m.



JANUARY

- 1 **"Festival of Trees" Open House** • Tuttle Library • 1:00–4:00 p.m.
- 6 **Celtic Evensong** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 8 **Reading to Mozart** (*reading companion dog*) • Tuttle Library • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- 8 **Post Holiday "Parents Only" Taco Night** • The Grapevine • 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- 12 **First Aid, CPR, AED course** • Recreation Dept at Antrim Town Gym • 1:00–4:30 p.m.
- 17 **Free Community Supper** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 18 **Story Time: Winnie the Pooh Day** • Tuttle Library • 10:20–11:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY

- 3 **Celtic Evensong** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 9 **Experiencing Childhood: Workshop** • The Grapevine • 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- 12 **Explore the Winter World** • join The Grapevine at the Harris Center, Hancock • 10:00–11:30 a.m.
- 12 **Reading to Mozart** (*reading companion dog*) • Tuttle Library • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- 16 **Sleepover at Museum of Science in Boston** • Cub Scout Pack 2
- 17 **Stop, Drop & Romance** • The Grapevine • 4:00–7:00 p.m.
- 16 **Conservation Commission talk by Rod Zwirner** • Antrim Grange at Town Hall
- 21 **Free Community Supper** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 26 **Pajama Story Time** • Tuttle Library • 6:30–7:30 p.m.



SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Brian Beihl

Each fall Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts throughout the U.S. collect food for local food banks in one of the largest food drives in the world, called "Scouting for Food." Troop 2 and Pack 2 mobilized over 40 boys and their families this year to collect food on November 10 and 17th. "Food collected in Antrim and Bennington went to the Antrim-Bennington Food Pantry at the Antrim Baptist Church, while food from Francestown was delivered to a new pantry near Crotched Mountain," said Troop 2 Life Scout Justyn Christophers, organizer of the event. "If you did not receive a 'door hanger' flyer, Troop 2 encourages you to donate by donating food at drop boxes in Antrim Marketplace, Rick & Diane's Pizzeria, or Bennington Country Store," he said.

Dawn Hugron from the Antrim-Bennington Food Pantry reminded the community that the need has been significant again this year, and that donations throughout the year are appreciated. Dawn can be contacted at 588-3890.

If your donation bag was missed on November 17, please call Justyn at 680-1996, and he will arrange for it to be picked up.

TROOP 2 WREATH & POINSETTIA SALE

Wreaths and Poinsettias will once again be available from Troop 2 during the holiday season. The troop discontinued

the pre-Thanksgiving flyer this year and instead they will sell wreaths from various locations in downtown Antrim, Bennington, and Hancock on the Saturdays of November 24, December 1, and December 8. After those dates, the troop will sell wreaths at Hilltop Farm in Hancock, on Norway Hill. Previous customers can expect a phone call from a Troop 2 Scout or leader as a reminder. The wreath and poinsettia sale is the primary fundraiser for the troop, and pays half of the cost of camp for any Scout wishing to go.

SCOUTS HOST COMMUNITY SUPPER FEBRUARY 21

The boys of Troop 2 will also host the monthly Community Supper at the Antrim's First Presbyterian Church in February. This free supper, coordinated by the Grapevine, offers a good home-cooked hot meal as well as good fellowship. Troop 2 uses the supper as an opportunity to teach culinary skills to the Scouts, who prepare, serve and clean up the meal, under the guidance of older Scouts and leaders. The menu has not been decided, but last year's Shepherd's Pie was a hit!

NEW EAGLE SCOUT ETHAN BEIHL HONORED

In a ceremony on November 24th, Troop 2's 17th Eagle Scout was lauded by local civic organizations, politicians, and Scout leaders. Ethan completed his Eagle project earlier this year, leading Troop 2 Scouts in identifying veteran's graves in Antrim's five cemeteries which no longer had flag markers, or were never given markers. His survey now resides on the town website, and the information has been shared with the Myers-Prescott-Olson American Legion Post 50 to keep a permanent record of veteran's graves. Each spring, Troop 2 assists veteran's organizations in the placing of flags in the cemeteries. Ethan attends Stony Brook University on Long Island, studying mathematics and music. He received letters of congratulations from Vice President Biden, President Carter, Senator Shaheen, Congressman Bass, Governor Lynch, several military and veteran's organizations, and others as part of the ceremony. ❁



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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Celeste Lunetta, Director

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Please take note regarding an important update concerning the Friends of Recreation Annual Tree Lighting. This year, the tree lighting will be held in concert with the Festival of Trees at the Tuttle Library. Please look on page 1 for details about the tree lighting on Sunday December 2nd which will include a visit with Santa.

DECEMBER, JANUARY & FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

FREE MOVIES AT ANTRIM TOWN HALL

Friday December 14 at 6:30 p.m.—Arthur’s Christmas;
Thursday December 27 at 3:00 p.m.—Ice Age, Continental Drift; and at 6:00 p.m.—Batman, The Dark Knight

SPECIAL MOVIE EVENT!

December 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Wild Horse, Wild Ride

Join us at Antrim Town Hall for a very special event. Come learn about the Wild American Mustang. We are delighted to host members of the Kokal Family, our neighbors in Greenfield who operate the Horsetenders Mustang Foundation. Two members of this remarkable family were selected to be trainers for wild mustangs in a journey that was chronicled in the film “Wild Horse, Wild Ride.” We are glad to welcome them to the Antrim Town Hall for a preshow talk, followed by a showing of the film, and then a Q&A session.

MORE FREE MOVIES AT ANTRIM TOWN HALL

On the following Fridays: January 11, 25, and February 8 we will have movies in the early evening. Show times and titles will be announced on the website (www.antrimnh.org) in late December and will include “Beasts of the Southern Wild,” “Diary of a Wimpy Kid,” and “Trouble With The Curve.” A very warm thank you to our dear friends at the James Tuttle Library for acquiring our movie requests for us. We love our library.

FAMILY ROLLER SKATING NIGHTS

Sponsored by Antrim Friends of Recreation, we have Family Roller Skating every second Saturday, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Skate rentals are provided for almost all sizes for ages 3 and older. DJ music and lights really make this a great fun. Saturday, December 8, our theme is Reindeer, Elves, and Legends of the Season. Saturday, January 12, our theme is Pajamas! The theme for February 9 is TBD. Participants in the monthly theme get a free raffle ticket for our door prize give away! The cost is \$7 per person including skate rentals.

TODDLER PLAYGROUND IS BACK!

Join us on Wednesdays starting January 2 through March at Antrim Town Hall from 10:00–11:30 a.m. for free play, music, and simple fun activities for children ages birth through 3 years old. We set up mats, bring balls, tunnels, parachutes, and more. Free for Antrim Residents. One of our most popular programs. Come! The kids love it.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Basketball Registrations are open for 1st and 2nd grade children through Friday December 14. Youth basketball starts in January, and is on Saturdays, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Jump Rope Club will be back, and open to kids ages 8 and older. This group will meet at the Town Hall at 4:00 p.m. on the following Fridays: December 14 and 28, January 11 and 25 and February 8. We will have a Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser at the Antrim Town Gym on Wednesday February 13 from 3:20–5:00 p.m. Cost for the Jump Rope club is \$15 per child, and includes a jump-rope!

New Hampshire Dance Institute Dance Camp: February vacation brings a very special treat! Lisa Cook will join us for a week-long morning camp from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Antrim Town Gym. Watch for registration details for this exciting new offering. Registrations will be accepted for the first 30 children. Forms are available on www.antrimnh.org or at the Recreation Department.

After School with the Harris Center for Conservation Education! Join us with naturalist and local hero Jenn Sutton for after school programming on Wednesdays in February, March, and April. In February, we will explore and learn from nature’s adaptations as we snowshoe, practice survival, and thrive in the winter climate. In March, we’ll explore the properties of science with “Little Einsteins,” and in April, we will

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You know, you really don't understand how big Russia is until you cross it in a Prius. At Novosibirsk I Continued onto **Объездная дор. (Ново-Ленино)/М53.** (About 56 secs). I was now about 6,000 miles into my trip to the grocery store. I sure was getting tired with these crummy roads. But my biggest problem while I was skirting north of Mongolia was the lack of gas stations.

Finally I was told: Take the ramp onto
301国道/海满一级公路

Continue to follow 301国道 Partial toll road. About 1 hour 25 mins. My direction of travel now clearly was southward.

However, my worries heightened. Where was I headed? South could mean the directions were going to take me to China or worse – North Korea. That night I had a dream. I dreamt the instructions sent me through North Korea and at the North Korean border crossing a fierce border guard equipped with a fiercer looking machine gun hollered at me.

“Halt. What is your purpose for entering the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea?” the angry-looking guard asked. His machine gun was pointed directly at my chest and I assumed he would prefer to use it on me instead of letting it go unused.

“I’m going grocery shopping.”

His eyes narrowed. “You sure you’re not a spy?”

“I’m sure. See, here’s my shopping list.”

“Okay you can pass but you didn’t put milk down on your list.”

At that point I woke up bathed in sweat. I quickly grabbed my instructions. Thank goodness, the instructions were taking me toward China.

At the Chinese border a more friendly guard than the one from my dream several nights before, welcomed me.

“What is your purpose for entering the Peoples Republic of China – is it business or pleasure?”

I answered him in my best Chinese. “I’m going grocery shopping.”

He gave me a sympathetic look. “Well, then, it certainly isn’t pleasure.” He smiled, handed back my passport and swung open the gate.

Unfortunately, I found China confusing. I had driven close to 8,696 miles but I got confused with instruction 335: Take exit 长春西环/G0102/一汽/沈阳 to merge onto G0102长春绕城高速.Toll road. About 33 mins.

Fifteen minutes later the road simply ended. Fortunately a passing pedestrian stopped to ask me if I was lost. I showed him my driving instructions.

“Well, there’s your problem,” he said. “You took 长春西环/G0102/一汽/沈阳 to merge onto G0102长春绕城高速.” The directions are wrong. You should have merged onto 春西环/G0103/一汽/沈阳 . Go back past the fourth sweat shop and go right, not left.”

“Thank you very much. I’m new in China,” I said.

“That’s okay. A lot of Americans miss that turn.”

The rest of China was pretty uneventful.

However, in Shanghai I had a problem.

Instruction 344 was pretty straight forward: Continue onto 塘后支路 About 1 min. go 0.2 mi. total 8,700 miles. But instruction 345 said: Jet Ski across the Pacific Ocean About 13 hours 2 mins. Was Market Basket pulling my leg? Would I have to abandon my Prius to get to Japan? Becoming more distrustful of the instructions, I was fortunate enough to find a ferry to Kagoshima, Japan. The country was very welcoming. People cheered when they saw me -- an American – drive off the ferry in a Prius.

Instruction 405 in Chiba, just east of Tokyo said “Sail across the Pacific Ocean. About 156 hours. It took time to find a freighter which would take me across the ocean with my car, but I did manage to catch one leaving the following morning.

It was about 4,000 miles to Hawaii. But, the trip was worth it. I got off the ship and took a right onto Kalakaua Ave. It was an easy drive after taking a “slight right to stay on 1-H-1 W (signs for Interstate H1 W/Airport/Hickam AFB/ Pearl Harbor.)

My major problem was on HI-99 N/Kamehameha Hwy. I found my instructions said, “this road is closed until 28 Oct.” (I wished I had looked ahead a little bit on page 21.) But it was nice doing some sightseeing and not having to do the driving myself.

Finally, on instructions 415, 416 and 417 I knew I was approaching a defining moment in my trip to the grocery store.

“415. Turn left onto Kuillima Dr. About 2 mins. 416. Turn right. 417. Sail across the Pacific Ocean. About 111 hours.”

I looked up my friends on the Japanese trawler and luckily discovered they were headed to Seattle, Washington. “Great!” I said. “That’s where I’m headed.”

I had finally covered 16,816 miles when we pulled into Seattle. With tearful Syonaras all around I took a “Slight left onto N. Northlake Way and then a slight right onto Stone Way N. I was now on the final leg of my journey to Market Basket.

It was a breeze driving mostly on interstate highways to Concord. I felt a chill go up my spine as I read instruction 464: “Take exit 14 for New Hampshire 9/Loudon Road toward State Offices.” And 465: “Merge onto Fort Eddy Rd. Destination will be on the right. About 2 mins.”

I pulled into the parking lot and got my shopping done in about 20 minutes. I had covered 19,876 miles in 22 days and four hours, according to my instructions.

I figured Carol would be thrilled to see me drive up to the house.

“You no-good bum. Where have you been?” I explained I had just been following Market Basket’s directions to the store in Concord.

“Well, you’re late! And look at this, you bought milk. You know we don’t need milk!”

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“Well, you see, I had this dream I was at the border of the Democratic People’s Republic of Koreaa and the border guard, who I was afraid was going to shoot me, told me I better get milk. In my dream I wrote it on my list.”

“And where’s the bread?” Carol shouted. “Give me that list. See, you forgot the bread! It’s the second thing on the list.”

“Well, I was really happy to find Market Basket and I guess I rushed too much.”

“You get back in that car and get a loaf of white bread.”

“Okay,” I said sheepishly. “I think this time I’ll go to the Market Basket in Rindge. It’s closer.”

Editor’s Note: This itinerary actually came from Google Maps. ❄️

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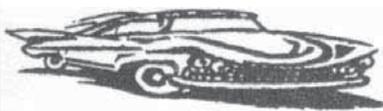
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explore our local hills and valleys as we hike local conservation sites. Watch for program details and registrations in January.

Youth Baseball, Softball and Lacrosse registrations are all open now. Indoor training for these sports begins in January and February, the sooner you register, the sooner you know the details. Forms are online at www.antrimnh.org. We need adults to take the officials' training for all of these sports. Youth sports officials serve a valuable role, and we pay our officials. If you are interested in training, please contact Celeste at the Rec Office. 588-3121.

Sunday Gymnastics with the Wozmaks. A wonderful gymnastics-training program for children ages 5 through 10. The Wozmaks have coached gymnastics for years. This is a program you can try out, drop in for, or register for the whole month—it is ongoing. The classes are on Sundays, 3:00–4:30 p.m. at the Town Gym.

After School Skiing and Riding at Crotched Mountain: We go up to the mountain on Wednesdays. We have room on the middle school bus, which departs from the Town Gym at 2:20 p.m. every Wednesday in January. Registrations for the lessons have ended, but we may still be able to get you a lesson package, give us a call. If your child already has a pass, and just wants to join us to get up to the hill, the cost is \$35 for the month, or \$5 per Wednesday, preregistration is required.

After School TaeKwonDo at the Town Gym: Thursdays, 3:30–4:30 p.m. with Elizabeth Kenny. You can join in at any time. For kids in Kindergarten through middle school.

Coming Soon: After School Bowling, After School Swimming, and Track and Field.

ADULT FITNESS PROGRAMS

Indoor Walking at the Town Gym and AES: weekday mornings, 7:00–8:00 a.m. Keep up your activity during the months where outdoor walking becomes more treacherous. Adults are invited to take walking laps round the AES/Town Gym indoor loop. Please bring indoor shoes, and sign in at the Rec Office each time you take advantage of this indoor walking program.

Yoga: Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. with Jeanine Clarke Edmunds

Zumba with optional Fab Abs: Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30–7:00 p.m. with Cathy Garland

Adult Basketball: Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:00 p.m. and Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Pick-up game at Antrim Town Gym.

Adult Volleyball: Thursdays, 7:15–9:45 p.m. Pick-up game (dedicated crew) Antrim Town Gym.

Pickleball is coming to Antrim!

On Tuesdays from 3:45–5:00 p.m. at Antrim Town Gym. Pickleball is a fun game that is played on a badminton court

with the net lowered to 34 inches at the center. It is played with a perforated plastic baseball (similar to a whiffle ball) and wood or composite paddles. It's easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. For curious minds, Pickle is the name of one of the creator's family pet cocker spaniel who had an affinity for the ball. This program is intended for Seniors ages 55 and older. We are working with Dick Loveland to get this program started. Two open house/demonstrations are scheduled for Tuesday January 8 and 15. We will work to create teams, and start regular pickleball games every Tuesday, from 3:45–5:00 p.m. at the Antrim Town Gym. If you are interested, contact Dick Loveleand at 478-1344, or Celeste at the Rec Department. The program is free, though donations will be accepted to cover the startup costs.

FIRST AID, CPR, AED COURSE

Saturday January 12 from 1:00–4:30 p.m. at the Antrim Town Gym. This class will be for community members who want to refresh or learn the basic steps of what to do in an emergency. This community class will not result in a credential like the type required for teachers, therapists etc. It is an informational, instructive course that will give you knowledge and skills. The course is free, but pre-registration is requested. We will collect contributions for materials, and there will be an opportunity to purchase some first aid supplies. The class will be at the Town Gym. Pre-register before Tuesday January 8.

ANTRIM PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION NEWS

Please join us in welcoming Isaac Lombard, Tim Smith, and Andrew Robblee to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The full board is Joan Gorga, (Chair), Sam Harding, Peter Lamb, Tim, Isaac and Andrew (alternate). John Robertson serves as the ex-officio for the Board of Selectmen. The Parks and Recreation Commission meets monthly, on the second Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Office at the Antrim Town Gym. Currently, the commission is working on a plan for Memorial Park, including updating the Skatepark area, and creating a master plan for the park, as well as working with some local residents who are advocating for the development of a dog park. Barbara Reynolds and Dave Kirkpatrick serve as subcommittee representatives for the Skatepark, and Melissa Delay is developing the Dog Park committee.

Antrim Recreation Department often adds programs after the deadline for the amazing *Limrik*. Please visit our Town website www.antrimnh.org for the most current information, including program changes or cancellations. It's always a good idea to check the day of an event (such as movies) to make sure we are still on track. The office phone is 588-3121, and you can also send us an email at antrimrecreation@tds.net.



HANDS-ON OTTER BROOK FARM

Stacy Egan, 8th Grade Science, GBS

Once a month, eighth graders from Great Brook School board a bus carrying nets, electronics, clipboards, cameras, or even snowshoes. These students are participating in a one-of-a-kind opportunity to be “real” scientists. The students work with naturalist, Laurel Swope, from the Harris Center for Conservation Education, to gather field data on a parcel of land known as Otter Brook Farm. This land, straddling Peterborough and Greenfield, encompasses about 2,000 acres of protected forests and wetlands.

Before heading out, students and teachers develop one or two questions that they want to answer. Using those questions as guides, students gather data in the field that is then added to a summative biodiversity index. A biodiversity index is a list of all the different types of living things in an area. These lists show the health and productivity of the area. The types of data collected include everything from testing pH to determine stream health, to coring trees to find their average age, to monitoring small mammal activity in winter. While doing research, students have the help and expertise of biologist Dr. Rick Van de Poll and Otter Brook Farm’s land manager, Bryn Dumas.

Once data is collected, it is shared with eighth graders from South Meadow School who also participate in the project. Students work with the data in class by creating graphs, presentations, and written articles. The team of teachers at Great Brook School is integrating the experiences into other classes as well. Recently, Language Arts teacher Paul Bolduc accompanied the students on their September field trip during which students rotated through groups led by Swope, Van de Poll, Dumas, and Bolduc to collect mushrooms. While rotating through to Mr. Bolduc’s group, students developed a story idea based on a fictional mushroom and where it was found. Mr. Bolduc challenged students to give the mushroom an identity and imagine what types of conflict it might encounter. Students created ideas by writing descriptions of the mushrooms and looking up information about them so they could complete the stories when they returned to school. The results were fabulous! The students really enjoyed being creative.

Throughout the field trips, students learn about mushrooms, water quality, trees, small mammals, maple syrup, predator-prey relationships, ecosystems, habitats, and salamanders. The opportunities at Otter Brook Farm help students to develop skills for research, data collection, and teamwork.

Towards the end of the project, students have an opportunity to research their own questions, meet and work with fellow eighth graders from South Meadow School, and then do a day of “land stewardship” community service. The students’ community service gives back to Otter Brook Farm by helping clear trails of brush, weeding blueberry fields, and helping with small maintenance at Happy Valley School.

This is a blossoming program that shows the pride of Great Brook School. Its success has been presented at statewide environmental and teaching conferences. ❁

THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA

Children’s Stage Adventures production presented by Antrim Recreation Department. In the photo below are two princesses: (from left to right) Chloe Cass Grigga and Gabriella Belcher. ❁





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Tues. Jan. 8 • *Reading to Mozart*, Antrim's Reading Companion Dog 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Fri. Jan. 18 • Story Time~*Winnie the Pooh Day* 10:20–11:30 a.m.

Tues. Feb. 12 • *Reading to Mozart*, Antrim's Reading Companion Dog 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Tues. Feb. 26 • Pajama Story Time 6:30–7:30 p.m.

HOLIDAYS: LIBRARY CLOSED

Mon.–Tues. Dec. 24–25 • *Christmas Holiday*

Tues. Jan. 1 • *New Year's Day*

Mon. Jan. 21 • *Martin Luther King Day*

Mon. Feb. 18 • *Presidents Day*

STAFFING CHANGES

We welcome **Joyce Davison** to our library staff as our Saturday clerk and substitute. Joyce is a lifelong resident of Antrim whose family goes back at least four generations. Joyce began working for the Town of Antrim back in 2006 in

the Town Clerk's office, so her face may look familiar even to newcomers. She spent many years as a nurse in our schools, working at our local doctors' offices and she also worked at Wayno's for a few years for a change of pace. With Joyce's interest in genealogy and her connections with the Historical Society, having her at the library is an added plus. We are thrilled to have Joyce with us!

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Once again we find ourselves in the midst of trees that celebrate our winter holidays. Every culture seems to have some celebration bringing light and sparkle into people's lives during the period of seasonal darkness. It will be hard for us to submit to the winter doldrums while working here at the Library during the month of December and into the beginning of January. Be sure to check the listings for extra hours over the holidays for the Festival of Trees, otherwise stop in any time that we are open.

PJ STORY TIME

We will have Pajama Story Time on Tuesday February 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This will take place during Con-Val's Winter Recess, but will be held in the evening to also include those who have parents who work during the daytime. Come in your PJs and bring your smile. We always have great fun at these special times.

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AUTHOR FOCUS:

Jan Brett and Arthur C. Clarke

Born on December 1, 1949 in Hingham, MA, New England's own children's book author/illustrator **Jan Brett** began drawing when she was six years old. Because she was very shy as a child, she often found it easier to express herself through her artwork and then describe her drawing to others. As an adult, she finds that her world travels often inspire her to recreate the places she has visited and incorporate her artwork with imaginary fantasy tales. The architecture and costumes that differ radically from our culture richly inspire Jan Brett's work. Her stories are often set during winter as her imagination runs wild when a typical backyard is transformed into a fairyland with the coming of snow. Jan's famous winter fantasy-scapes are included in elaborate borders that frequently foreshadow what will happen in the story on the next page. Ms. Brett explains that as a child she often peeked at the last page to calm any fears she might have about the wellbeing of the characters in the story. Her fascination with animals shines through as her illustrations vividly come alive in the wilds of nature in ways that make you feel that you can almost reach out and pet her characters. Of the thirty-one books by Jan Brett in the library collection, some of our favorite titles are *Gingerbread Baby*, *Annie and the Wild Animals*, and *The Mitten*. Jan Brett lives with her husband, Buffy

the hedgehog, four ducks and fourteen chickens at her home in Norwell, MA.

Fascinated by both dinosaurs and space exploration, **Arthur C. Clarke**, who died in 2008 at the age of 90, is widely recognized as one of our greatest science fiction writers. His best known works, *2001: A Space Odyssey*, *The Hammer of God*, and *Childhood's End*, are considered classics of the genre. He collaborated with the renowned director, Stanley Kubrick, to turn *2001: A Space Odyssey* into one of the highest-grossing films of all time. "Science fiction," Clarke said, "is the only genuine consciousness-expanding drug."

With degrees in both mathematics and physics, Clarke's earliest published works were scientific papers in the areas of satellite communications, rocketry, and space flight. Long before there was a computer in every home, he envisioned a future in which everyone would have in-home access to shopping, banking, and the information needed for everyday life. He was an avid scuba diver and is credited with discovery of several historically significant ruins, and in the 1980s became well known as the host of the TV series, *Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World*.

Clarke was born in England and moved to Sri Lanka in 1956 where he spent the remainder of his life. Knighted by Queen Elizabeth II, he also received Sri Lanka's highest civilian award, and is the only science fiction writer ever to be nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. His fiction is filled with more than space flight and alien beings—man's spiritual and moral growth are recurring themes. An avowed atheist, Clarke had little respect for organized religion but believed that scientific and technological advances might have the power to bring man closer to a god-like existence.

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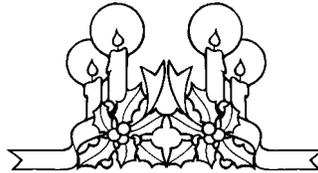
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AVENUE A TEEN CENTER

Dave Kirkpatrick

Starting with the nuts and bolts sort of information everyone needs to know, Avenue A has *new* “new” hours for the winter months:

- Mondays 2:30-4:00 p.m.—TAC meeting +
- Tuesdays 2:30-4:00 p.m.—Lights, Cameras, Action! +
- Wednesdays 2:30-4:00 p.m.—TAC/Community Service time +
- Fridays: OPEN 2:00-9:00 p.m. +

All of the end times float a bit these days, so some explanation is in order.

The short weekday meetings are designed to encourage more Teen involvement. On many of the meeting days, hours can be extended by the members and participants. They can also schedule events and open hours for other times. For example, TAC might elect to continue a project into the evening on a Wednesday, or may decide to host a rock show on a Saturday night. Lights, Cameras, Action may want to shoot on a day that other members can attend, or at another location outside our regular hours. The idea is to offer lots of additional opportunities that may require a bit of scheduling and commitment, and to hold regular planning meetings at times when it’s easy for many Teens to get here. This seems to be working well enough already, with some Saturday work-days now on the calendar, and several Friday nights having

been extended past 9 o’clock, thanks to TAC and volunteers. Good communication will be the key to making the most of the extra time, but the posted open times generally can be counted on.

Friday is the day that has remained constant all along; Avenue A is open after school through 9PM (or later if TAC meets to make it so!). If it was noted in the last *Limrik* article that Fridays were getting busy, they have gotten even *busier* since. Having once upon a time sat alone at my desk on more than a few Friday nights, there’s a sense of accomplishment in seeing this take off and soar. For months now there have been record numbers of kids hanging out and making music and having fun at Open Mic Night, making full use of the facility as they should. It’s worth noting that, as a rule, they have been pretty good about keeping things under control while the party is in full swing.

On the topic of scheduling, there was a time when I would only rarely—and reluctantly—adjust the open hours. Very few of our patrons seemed to apply the concepts of “planner class” to life on the outside, and simple schedule changes would take weeks to catch on. Still, Teens taking on responsibility and having an active, meaningful involvement in Avenue A has always been a cornerstone of our philosophy, and one I remain unwilling to let go. Splitting the difference between our regular free-for-all Fridays and some flex-time dedicated to groups is a concept that will likely stick around for a while. And while social media have certainly made it easier for everyone to keep up, the real connection comes from Teens being involved in the process. And right now, they are!

Teens have recently re-formed the Design Team and are re-arranging and making plans for the space. TAC organized and executed a 50/50 raffle on its own, and plans to continue these and other fund-raising activities on Friday Nights. Lights, Cameras, Action! kids have been working on their own Public Service Announcements, and recently filmed the Antrim Historical Society’s presentation on the Antrim Players. New events are in the planning stages, and Teens are putting dates on the calendar. They have been more involved in running the Open Mic Night, and are coming in to perform community service as well. It’s exciting to see this enthusiasm spread beyond the fun and games and into the operation and care of Avenue A once again!

To keep up with what’s going on, join our email list or “like” our Facebook page. For more info about Avenue A Teen Center, our events and activities, find community service opportunities, or to share your thoughts or ideas, contact Dave Kirkpatrick at teencenter@tds.net or 588-3334. ✨

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Cindy Crockett, Bakery 42

And I had but one penny in the world, thou should'st have it to buy gingerbread.

—William Shakespeare, “Love’s Labor’s Lost”

It’s a huge, fancy, magical house, only seen at holiday time. With rooftops covered in snow, brightly colored trees, shrubs, and walkways all decked out with...peppermints?? Candy canes?? Lollipops?? We are, of course, speaking not of the neighbors’ house but of the gingerbread house, so prevalent at the holidays.

Gingerbread, baked in Europe since the 11th century was anything from a moist, soft, and lightly spiced cake to a crisp, flat wafer, to a warm, thick dark square of bread. Sometimes you would find it cut into shapes of men, women, girls or boys, or simply as a mold glazed with white sugar.

There are variations of today’s modern gingerbread with roots dating back to the Romans, Chinese, Egyptians, the Crusades—you name it. When spices became more accessible, we began to do things with them. Early forms of gingerbread were traced to ancient Greeks and Egyptians who used it for ceremonial purposes. From that time, the production of gingerbread migrated to Holland, England, Germany,

Belgium, France, and Italy. Gingerbread was a highly popular treat at fairs and festivals before it became a holiday confection. Gingerbread Fairs had been held since the 11th century (who knew?).

In medieval England, gingerbread simply referred to “preserved ginger” adapted from the French and Latin origins. Not until the 15th century was the term associated with a kind of cake made using treacle (today, molasses). Of all the countries in Europe, Germany has the longest standing tradition of making flat, shaped gingerbreads. During the 19th century, gingerbread was modernized; in Germany, the brothers Grimm published a collection of fairy tales, including “Hansel and Gretel”, which featured an edible house. These “lebkuchen houses” then became quite popular and were made at Christmastime. Today, gingerbread is most prevalent in impressive structures that take the form of elaborately decorated gingerbread houses. It has become a tradition that most widely caught on in North America rather than Great Britain and other parts of Europe. It is here in North America that the most extraordinary creations are found. Many early settlers from Northern Europe brought old traditional family recipes and customs with them. But like anything, regional variations occurred as more and more people arrived from Europe: American variations used less spices; New England incorporated maple syrup into gingerbread; Pennsylvania versions were heavily influenced by German cooking; the South calls for sorghum molasses in their recipes, etcetera, etcetera.

Early European recipes consisted of stale breadcrumbs, ground almonds, rosewater, sugar, and of course ginger, which was more available to the people. This was mixed to a paste and pressed into wooden molds to form a “cookie” that told a story that related the news of the day. Eventually the breadcrumbs were replaced with flour and eggs, then sweeteners were added yielding a lighter, more pleasant-tasting product.

Honey and treacle, then later on—molasses—were key ingredients in these cakes/breads/wafers, depending upon in which part of the world you happened to be. Today, gingerbread is both a moist, spiced cake as well as a cookie, cut from a cutter, to an elaborate “house”. Every Christmas holiday season, you will find gingerbread house workshops, competitions, raffles, and displays of exquisite houses made of this fine confection, elaborately decorated with bonbons, candies, nonpareils, you name it, all simulating, shingles, roofing tiles, indoors scenes, and of course, billowing, snowy rooftops, all creating a fairytale winter holiday scene. Today, thanks to modern technology, constructing a gingerbread house is not as complex as it used to be. You can still get your hands on a recipe for gingerbread suitable for constructing a house and proceed to hand-craft it, or you can also purchase “slabs” of gingerbread in kits, ready-made, and simply assemble this confectionary abode and decorate to your heart’s content. Either way, you end up with a creation to admire and

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ANTRIM GRANGE NEWS

Arthur Merrill

Antrim Grange members have been active this fall, attending state and national events as well as meetings and events at the Grange Hall here in town. In October we hosted the first, and hopefully annual, *UKULELE FEST* with about 40 in attendance. Anyone interested in joining a local ukulele group that may perform at next year's festival should call Brian Murphy at 588-3013 for more info.

Five Antrim Grange members attended the annual state session in Hampton where we received an award for having a net gain in membership for the year. Arthur Merrill was re-elected Assistant Steward and will continue to serve as the General Deputy. Beth Merrill starts her third year as a member of the Executive Committee.

In November, Beth and Arthur Merrill traveled to Boise, Idaho, for the annual National Grange session. Beth performed her duties as Lady Assistant Steward and served on the Audit and Budget Committee. Arthur served on the Grange Law Committee and filled the office of Priest Conductor for the conferral of the Seventh Degree. Late in November, we decorated cookies and donated them to the town Tree Lighting event. This is the 16th year we have done this, and we all enjoy the many and varied ways there are to decorate cookies.

This winter we will be meeting at the Town Hall, and on the third Wednesday of January, February, and March, there will be an informational and/or educational program offered to the public. On January 16th, Rod Zwirner will speak about the Conservation Commission, and in February Steve Ullman will be the guest speaker. Look for more details in local papers and on our Facebook page. *

GINGERBREAD

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter, well softened
2/3 cup molasses (not blackstrap)
2/3 cup packed dark brown sugar
2 large eggs
3 tablespoons finely grated peeled fresh ginger
2/3 cup hot water

Put oven rack in middle position and preheat oven to 350°F. Butter a 9-inch square baking pan.

Whisk together flour, baking soda, spices, and salt in a bowl.

Beat together butter, molasses, brown sugar, eggs, and ginger in a large bowl with an electric mixer at medium speed until combined. Reduce speed to low and mix in flour mixture until smooth, then add hot water and mix until combined (batter may appear curdled).

Pour batter into pan and bake until a wooden pick or skewer inserted in center of cake comes out clean, 35 to 40 minutes. Cool to warm in pan on a rack.

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Kristen Vance

THE GRAPEVINE WEBSITE

GrapevineNH.org is the culmination of several months of planning, discussion and work by many. We are so grateful to InHaus Media, who provided their expertise, creativity and time developing this website for us at no charge. InHaus worked with our website committee—Siobhan Martin, Peter Martel and Dave Kirkpatrick—to achieve a style and format that we believe is true to The Grapevine’s community spirit—easy access to the information and resources you want and need in a welcoming and supportive environment.

We are grateful to Donna Hanson and the Town of Antrim for giving The Grapevine a place on Antrim’s town website for these many years. Donna’s response to our requests for updates was always professional, timely and enthusiastic. Thank you so much, Donna!

Finally, our thanks to Pat Maynard for sharing her artwork with us, which you’ll see on the Home Page. We hope you enjoy exploring this website, and we look forward to hearing from you.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Nancy O’Brien, PSE Coordinator

The concept of sharing our time and talents without the use of money has been a way of life in small towns and communities for generations. In our day and age, many people are far removed from fa.m.ily and friends and may not have many community connections. One way to connect with others in the area and help others is through the **People’s Service Exchange**, a *time banking* project of The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center. Our mission is to promote within our communities the exchange of individual talents and services that value equally each participant’s abilities and contributions. Some side effects of membership have been reported to be: feeling more connected to others, making new friends, discovering hidden talents and interests, and saving money.

The PSE offers a coordinated network to connect those who need a service with those who might be able and willing to provide it. One hour of service equals one time dollar and

members can earn, save, donate or spend them. Some areas of service that are needed right now are light construction/household repairs and lending a hand moving furniture. Find out more and register for membership online at www.pse-nh.org, or call coordinator Nancy O’Brien at 588-2620.

DO YOU HOMESCHOOL? ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT IT?

You are invited to join organizer Samantha Hardwick and other parents at The Grapevine on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. to talk about the opportunities and challenges of homeschooling, learn from the experience of long-time homeschoolers, discover resources available to families, share your expertise and gain from the expertise of others. For more information call Sammi at 831-4549 or The Grapevine at 588-2620.

POST HOLIDAY PARENTS ONLY TUESDAY TACO NIGHT

January 8 from 6-7:30 p.m. Please call to sign up for a taco filling to bring. Brought to you by Grapevine parents.

Parenting Programs & Workshops

Experiencing Childhood: *A Workshop for Parents and Educators of Young Children* on Saturday February 2 from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. with optional lunch offered. Children learn through their experience, and they learn through all of their senses. Guess what? So do we. Join parenting educators Carol Lunan and Nancy Macalaster for a fun and eye-opening day of learning about childhood through the lens of experience. This will be an active morning filled with challenges and games, play and paint, and informal discussion to integrate your experiences. The fee is \$40 per person and registration is required. For an additional \$15 enjoy lunch and a chair massage from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Please let us know when you register if you need childcare or financial aid.

Parents of Children with Special Needs: This parent group, started by Grapevine Board Member and parent Siobhan Martin, meets **Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** for discussion on how parents can best support each other in advocating for their children. Topics might include advocating for your child in the school system, the medical world and in the extended family, and helping children to make the most of their unique strengths and abilities. Ideas for discussion topics and guest speakers are encouraged. This is a parent-led and parent-facilitated group. For more information call Beth at 588-2620. Free.

Guiding Good Choices at GBS in March: We have no doubt that the parents who have already participated in this nationally-recognized workshop will be our best advertisement for the next series, set for five consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning March 5. The program teaches parents of children ages 9-14 years the effective family management and communication skills needed to help reduce their

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Special Programs and Events: Something for Everyone

Stop, Drop & Shop: Saturday, December 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A day of fun and crafts for the kids (bring lunch) while you do some local shopping, bake holiday cookies, decorate the house, wrap gifts or just relax. \$10 for the first child, \$5 for siblings—please let us know if the cost is a hardship. Sign-up is required and space is limited so call now.

Free Tax Prep (yes, FREE): Hancock resident and IRS-certified tax preparer Larry Schwartz will provide free tax preparation at The Grapevine on Mondays from 3:00–6:00 p.m. starting January 21, 2013. All returns will be filed electronically. Larry has been providing this free service for a number of years as both a volunteer with Money Matters of Peterborough and as a member of the People's Service Exchange. Call The Grapevine now for your appointment.

A Fancy Smancy Tea Party is being planned by Grapevine parents, and we are looking for donations of china. Whole sets, cups, platters, saucers, punch bowls, etc. Whatever you have that you don't want, we'll take! We're also looking for donations of crayons, markers and craft supplies. This request is for forever donations so we can run this event annually and not have to worry about broken pieces. If you have donations, contact Sadie at 831-4478 or drop off at The Grapevine Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The tea party is planned for Saturday, February 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Antrim Town Hall. All tickets must be purchased in advance so we have accurate numbers for food and craft supplies. Look for more information in early 2013 on The Grapevine Facebook page or website at www.GrapevineNH.org.

Stop, Drop & Romance: Sunday, February 17 from 4:00–7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for your child to enjoy fun activities and crafts with other children while you and your love celebrate. \$10 for the first child, \$5 for siblings. Please let us know when you call to sign-up if the cost is a hardship. Space is limited, so call now.

Explore the Winter World—part of our *Babes in Backpacks* series—Tuesday, February 12 from 10:00–11:30 a.m. Join The Grapevine at The Harris Center for Conservation in Hancock for a walk in a Winter Wonderland. We'll search for tracks while making our own. Inside the Center, we'll hear a cozy story of winter animals and then head outside for a winter amble about the Harris Center's enchanted grounds. Free. Contact the Harris Center at lefevre@harriscenter.org or call 525-3394.

Safe Sitter for youth ages 11 and up is being planned a Saturday this winter. If you wish to be contacted when a date is selected, give us a call and asked to be pre-registered.

It's not too early to think about Preschool 2012-13! Call now to schedule a visit to The Learning Vine, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to noon.

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Since the community wood bank at The Grapevine began in 2003, we have been pleased to consult with others who have started wood banks over the years in Frankestown, Greenfield and Hillsborough, with the most recent wood bank starting up at The River Center in Peterborough. Free firewood is available for families and individuals who cannot afford to buy wood and who use wood as a primary heat source. Please call The Grapevine during office hours. Many thanks to Ed Lemire and The Murphy Family in Antrim, and Paul Merrill, Bill and Carol Eva, Paul Miller and the Davenports in Hancock for donations of wood, and to the many volunteers who cut, split and stacked so far this fall: Peter Martel, Larry Martel, Wayno Olson, Brian and Caryn Brown, Kristina Burnside, Sean Sweeney, KC Martel and The Pywell Family—Roy, Kimri, Elianna and Kaila. The wood bank relies on donations and volunteers. If you need wood or would like to help, call The Grapevine.

FUEL ASSISTANCE

For an appointment to apply at the Hillsborough or Peterborough location, call 1-877-757-7048, or call The Grapevine 588-2620 for more information.

OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE GRAPEVINE...

- Assistance with on-line applications for food stamps, Healthy Kids insurance and other State assistance
- Child and family counseling through Monadnock Family Services
- Help finding meaningful employment for people with disabilities through A.C.C.E.S.S.
- GED preparation and tutoring in reading for adults through Project LIFT

ABOUT THE GRAPEVINE

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Frankestown, and nearby towns. Other programs and resources include the Before and After School Clubs, Avenue A Teen Center, Senior Exercise, Better Beginnings parent-child programs, and KinderVine. Tax deductible contributions are gratefully accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, or drop by the center at 4 Aiken Street (behind the library). ❁

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