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KEEP GBS OPEN: VOTE NO ON ARTICLE 8

Eric Tenney, Chair, Antrim Selectboard

As you must know by now there is a petitioned warrant article in the Conval Warrant (Article 8) to close Great Brook Middle School. Representatives of several smaller towns in the District are claiming that over \$1,000,000–\$1,700,000 will be saved by Great Brook’s closure. According to the representatives, these savings will be realized by staff reductions and reductions in overhead costs. They are also assuming that the school board will move the 5th grade from Great Brook back to the various town elementary schools if they do not fit in South Meadow School. If that does not work, the 6th grade would be moved back. What they are assuming is that South Meadow and the elementary schools can take an additional 250+ students without any additional cost or effects on student learning experience. If you believe any of this we’ve got another one for you. It simply isn’t true.

What is driving this petition is the representatives’ fear of the small schools closure in their towns. We do believe that towns should have their own elementary schools, and that was the intent when Conval was established. Several of the small schools have low student counts reflecting the diminished student population. These are the schools that feed the middle

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ANTRIM WIND APPLICATION REJECTED BY NH SEC

The Editor

On 7 February 2013 the NH Site Evaluation Committee, the body responsible for approving alternative energy projects in New Hampshire, rejected Antrim Wind’s proposal for constructing wind turbines on hills in the western part of Antrim, from Tuttle Mountain in the north to Willard Mountain in the south, based on a single criterion listed in public law, “Title XII, Public Safety and Welfare, Chapter 162-H, Energy Facility Evaluation, Siting, Construction and Operation.” According to RSA 162-H:16 (C), a facility “Will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on aesthetics, historic sites, air and water quality, the natural environment, and public health and safety.” In rejecting Antrim Wind’s proposal, the SEC cited the negative “aesthetics” of the project on the Willard Pond area as well as on the Route 9 and Gregg Lake areas. ❁

☒ VOTE • MARCH 12 ☒
Town Hall 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
TOWN MEETING • MARCH 14
Town Gym 7:00 p.m.

ANTRIM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Scott R. Lester

Since our last article, we have made great progress toward presenting a Warrant Article for a new sustainable and functional police facility at Town Meeting. I would like to give you a brief overview as to how we got to where we are now. I want to use a sports analogy to express our progress with the research and development of the new facility. Let’s look at this process as a game of baseball. The first six innings consisted of the initial research to identify the need, size, and location where the station should be located. We established committees to assist in these decisions and presented outcomes at public meetings. After considering the findings we evaluated the purchase and remodel of several buildings, building on existing town owned land or the purchase of available land for new construction. Each step we took brought us to another inning. A warrant article was presented last year to purchase the land on Main Street in front of the post office for the purpose of building a new police facility, and appropriated funds to design a facility on this property. This warrant article passed and the land was purchased. Let’s call this the end of inning six.

Throughout the summer and fall we visited several current police facilities that were all built in the last fifteen years. The facilities visited had agencies that related to ours in size or activity level. During the visits we were told at each one, “don’t cut corners to save money” and “you can never have enough space.” We then drafted a floor plan and presented it to

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SPECIAL MEETING ON GBS CLOSING
Informational meeting on the closing of GBS Monday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Antrim Town Hall, sponsored by the Select board with Antrim’s Conval School Board members present to answer questions.

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ANTRIM SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Mary Allen

Do you have a student heading to college or a post-secondary program next year?

The Antrim Scholarship Committee invites all Antrim students to apply for financial assistance. The application period runs from March 1 to May 1. Information and an application form are available online, at the Town Office, or at the ConVal High School guidance office.

Grants are available from three separate town scholarship funds. Each fund was established by an Antrim resident who valued education and wanted future students to have an opportunity to study.

Students who are beginning their college careers or starting other post-secondary study are eligible for funds from the James W. Jameson Scholarship Fund, managed by the N.H. Charitable Foundation. This fund was established from the estate of Dr. Jameson, who had a medical practice in town and in Concord many years ago.

Students who are continuing their studies are eligible for the Alice R. Thompson Scholarship Fund, managed by the Antrim Trustees of the Trust Fund. Miss Thompson was an Antrim resident who left endowments for the town library, the Presbyterian Church, and the scholarship established in her name.

Any student studying in the medical field is eligible for the Guy D. Tibbetts Scholarship Fund, which is also overseen by the Trustees. This includes nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, physical therapy, and other medically related professions. Dr. Tibbetts served as the town doctor for many years. He ran his practice from his home on Main Street, which was later converted into the Antrim Girls Shelter.

The deadline for filing an application is May 1. All applications must be received at the Town Office by that date (they cannot be filled out online).

The scholarship committee meets later in May and the awards are announced (by letter) in June. The committee has four members: a Selectman, a Trustee of the Trust Funds, a school board member, and a community member.

Checks are made out to the student and the institution he or she will attend. They are issued twice a year (for the fall semester and the spring semester).

Applications can be picked up at Town Hall or at the ConVal guidance department. The application form can also be downloaded from the town website: www.antrimnh.org.

Scholarships are available only for Antrim residents. There is no age limit and older students, or those continuing their education after a break, are welcome to apply.

Please remember: The application deadline is May 1. ❀

schools. They fear that the Articles of Agreement may be modified to allow consolidation and closing some of the small schools. They feel that closing Great Brook will take the pressure off closing small schools.

How should you vote on Article 8?

1. If you vote yes, you might save \$25-\$75 depending on the value of your house
2. If you vote yes, you will spend more money for gasoline going to middle school events than you saved in taxes.
3. If you vote yes, Conval "may" move AES over to Great Brook and turn the AES and Antrim Gym back to the town. Remember Conval only leases AES and Antrim Gym from the town. If it is no longer used for education and recreation, it automatically returns to the town. This will cost the town money to maintain so your taxes will go up.
4. If you vote yes, and the 5th and maybe the 6th grades are moved back to the elementary schools, the opportunities afforded middle school students will be diminished, or if offered, will cost more than at present so your taxes will go up.
5. If you vote yes, Great Brook's closure would also negatively impact local business's sales.

We hope we have given you enough reasons to vote "no" on this article. Antrim has an excellent chance to defeat this. Remember it takes a 2/3 vote for GBS to be closed. If we show up and vote 800-1000 NO votes, we doubt it will pass. It is up to the voters for Antrim to control its own destiny in Conval. Importantly, the school board voted not to recommend Article 8. At its February 6 meeting, the School Board chairman said he was against Article 8.

The School Board presented its own version of a way to close schools (Article 6). It was a much more reasoned approach to the problem. No individual school is targeted. What they did was set up a series of enrollment parameters that if a particular school falls below those parameters the Board with a 2/3 vote can ask the District voters to close that school which would also require a 2/3 vote to pass. If schools need to be closed, this seems a much better way. ❁



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**TWO SCHOOL CLOSING ARTICLES
WHAT THEY MEAN**

Mary Allen, ConVal School Board

BACKGROUND

The fifth Article of the original document creating the ConVal District says the district will operate 11 schools: an elementary school in each of the nine ConVal towns, except Sharon; middle schools in Antrim and Peterborough; a high school in Peterborough.

The only way to close a school is to change the wording of this fifth Article and that requires a two-thirds majority vote of the District.

At the polls on March 12, voters will face two potential changes to the original wording. They differ in both intent and design.

ARTICLE 6 ON 2013 BALLOT

The school board proposed a change in the Articles of Agreement that would allow the 13-member school board to close any school (on a two-thirds vote of the board and after a period of study) if the board determines the school is running under capacity.

At the Feb. 6 deliberative session, voters amended that article to say that the board's desire to close a school, after study, would then be presented as a ballot question to District voters and would need a two-thirds majority vote to pass.

As a change to the Articles of Agreement, this amended article requires a two-thirds vote on March 12.

(In a recent vote the school board confirmed that this article, as amended by the voters Feb. 6, will appear on the ballot with its recommendation for passage.)

ARTICLE 8 ON 2013 BALLOT

This is a petition article submitted by voters.

The petition calls for changing the Articles of Agreement to designate a single middle school located in Peterborough. There is no change to the high school or the number of elementary schools (eight).

This would become effective iat the beginning of the 2014-15 school year. The school board could not reverse this decision on its own.

At the Feb 6 deliberative session, voters attempted several modifications to this article but the article stands as it was written by the petitioners.

As a change to the Articles of Agreement, this petitioned article requires a two-thirds vote on March 12.

(This article is not recommended by the school board.)

THE MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS

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LETTER TO THE LIMRIK

To The Editor:

HELP SAVE GREAT BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

TURN OUT THE VOTE ON MARCH 12TH AND VOTE NO ON CONVAL ARTICLE #8 WHICH WILL CLOSE GREAT BROOK AND BUS EVERYONE TO—AND OVERCROWD—SOUTH MEADOW. DON'T THROW US UNDER THE BUS

Important Facts: How could this warrant article even end up on the ballot?

Two individuals acting on their own as private citizens (Ex-School Board Member Gail Cromwell of Temple and Attorney Mark Fernald of Peterborough), and acting outside the protocol of any elected and authorized Conval School Board, advisory committee, or entity, have on their own used a little known back door tactic requiring only 25 signatures through petition to get it on the ballot for March 12th.

Their warrant article #8 on the Conval ballot is NOT supported by the elected school board, administration, or any committee of experts who have examined this and allegedly determined it to be negative to the district, communities, students, and families.

Why is the warrant item so mysteriously worded, is it legal, can it be reversed?

The wording of the petition warrant attempts to change the Conval School District Articles of Agreement and force it to operate only one middle school (grades 5–8) in Peterborough permanently. The effect will be that Great Brook Middle School will be shut down. It would be legal and cannot be reversed. Great Brook School serves the entire northern district of Antrim, Bennington, Hancock, and Frances-town and is not under-enrolled. Residents in the district have been largely appalled that two individuals allegedly acting on their own agenda, skewing facts and figures to achieve their own ends, without any community consideration, could cause this.

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WOODSY MOMMA

Sheila Nichols

With friends like that... as the old saying goes...

One of Bill's employees said he had the cutest little bantam chicks that had been born out in the wild and he didn't want them. Would we take them to *Brimstone Woods*? Once you hear the cute part you know you are a goner, so home they came in a wee box to join our growing flock.

Cute yes, but very skittish. Our chicks had all been hand raised and held often so they came running to greet us. These new little ones ran the other way. They banded together as they found their place in the pecking order of the larger birds.

They were a breed called "Old English." Beautiful plumage and striking postures made them very attractive and stately. I read up on Old English Chickens and found that they are listed as being;

Hardy In Winter: Yes

Bears Confinement: Intolerant of confinement

Especially Docile: No

Setter/Broody: Yes

Personality: Aggressive, self-sufficient; noisy

Cute, however, only goes so far. Noisy, aggressive roosters who do not like to be confined are not fun to have around. When three of our new birds turned out to be roosters, off to a Chicken Swap we went. They were very handsome and sold quickly.

Only the little hen remained. She always kept her distance from us. One day she was gone. I wondered if she was, "*intolerant to confinement.*" Perhaps she had met the same fate as a few of our other chickens. We have lost chickens to hawks, a fox, and a bear.

Several days later I saw her back in the chicken yard. She flew over the fence, went to the feeder, ate, had some water, and flew away.

Later that afternoon Bill found her under a fallen tree setting on a nest of eggs. She had gone off to lay her eggs! Those roosters were not around for long but they sure did know how to make hay while the sun shone. The little hen became known as *Woodsy Momma*.

Our new fear was that a fox would find *Woodsy Momma* on her nest. The gestation for chicken eggs is about twenty-one days. Each day we checked on her. If she was on her nest she would be like a statue—not moving or making a sound. We counted six eggs one day while she traveled to the chicken yard to eat.

My son, Mark, and I were feeding the chickens in the yard one day and we heard the tiniest little peeps ever. Sure enough there was *Woodsy Momma* and six tiny chicks scurrying around in the underbrush. Surely, a fox would hear those tiny peeps now. We knew we would have to catch them all and bring them into the chicken yard for safety.

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the architect. We worked on refining several sets of plans and discussed ways to maintain the goal of the project while finding areas to be cost conscious. We finalized our design this January with a 5,385 sq. ft. single story that includes a single car sally port (garage) and an attached carport to cover the other two cruisers. With this design we are faced with just under a \$1.6 million total cost. This cost is a guaranteed maximum "all in" price. I associate where we are now with the seventh inning stretch, with the end of the inning being a positive bond vote. Innings eight and nine will consist of construction and moving in.

Although there are a few people who still want to consider property that has recently come on the market or revisit old sites, I feel we shouldn't replay past innings. We have a functional site that was approved and passed at last year's Town Meeting. We have already spent several thousand dollars to design plans for this site and to present these plans to the community. We need to continue moving forward as scheduled and focus on presenting the most functional and sustainable project. If we were to go back and consider other options, we would have to spend money to evaluate and design new plans.

HIGH POINTS OF NEW POLICE STATION

- New 5,390 sq.ft. facility sited on Main Street.
- Building will exceed International Energy Code.
- Simple form allows for efficient cost effective construction.
- Excellent safety and privacy provided by separation between arrestees, witnesses, officers, and the public.
- Proper building layout and storage areas facilitate efficient and effective police work.

I feel a lot of time, money, and effort have gone into this project which started in 2007. Many community members have assisted in the development and evaluation process, and I strongly believe we have a plan that best fits the project needs as well as the expectations of the strong majority of residents. The total cost is a lot, and the "sticker shock" is hard to overcome, however when you compare the proposed police department building to some past projects, we do not want to make the same mistakes, and we need to spend a little more now to avoid large expenses later.

During these final stages we have had two public presentations. Unfortunately, both were not highly attended. Many residents have told me they did not attend because they support the project and did not have questions. We need your support at Town Meeting. Without your positive vote, we cannot get the required 2/3 majority in order to pass the warrant article. Please come and vote **YES** to support this project. Administrator Stearns and the Board of Selectman have worked very hard to ensure this project will have little to no impact on the town portion of the taxes. If you still have questions at the time of this article, please come and visit with me, I will be glad to try and answer any questions or concerns you have.



SELECTBOARD REPORT

John Robertson

It has been a busy winter because of budget preparation, upcoming Town meeting, and the many other duties of your Selectmen.

As of this writing, early February, the budget hearing has been held and we are preparing for the Police Station Bond Hearing. Hopefully you came out for each of these events. Your Selectboard is in full support of the Police Station as it is sorely needed.

Of great interest are the two ConVal warrant articles. PLEASE read them carefully as they are specifically about closing Great Brook School and the School Board's authority to close school buildings. How much authority do you wish to place with your School Board?

February 11th construction began on the three Depot Street bridges. The road will be closed until completion in early November.

Voting for Town Officers and ConVal School warrants is Tuesday March 12 at the Town Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Town Meeting is Thursday March 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Gym. **PLEASE VOTE and let your voice be heard at the polls and at Town Meeting.**

Many thanks to Eric Tenney for his service as selectman for the past three years. His understanding of the complicated budget process has been invaluable. Eric will be missed. Thanks a million Eric.

Pick up your Town Report at the Town Hall.



ANTRIM'S GREAT DECISIONS GROUP

Steve Ulman

Great Decisions is a series of informal conversations about the foreign policy challenges which President Obama will confront, including Egypt, NATO, Myanmar, Humanitarian Intervention, Iran, China, Africa, Threat Assessment, and the Future of the Euro.

No special expertise in foreign policy is needed, only an interest in our country's future abroad.

Antrim's Great Decisions group will meet on eight Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Tuttle Library beginning on Tuesday April 2 and continuing on subsequent Tuesdays April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 14, and 21.

Participants may order the Great Decisions manual from the Foreign Policy Association for \$20 (1-800-477-5836 or sales@fpa.org). The manual contains short articles, which accompany each session's topic. There will also be two Great Decisions manuals on reserve for those who prefer a free edition.

For further information please contact Steve at 588-2005 or email: sullman@brockport.edu.



GREAT NEWS FROM GREAT BROOK: RAISING THE BAR

Jim Elder, Principal

The G.B.S. Bobcats have some great news! As you know, our staff and students have been making a sincere effort to “raise the bar.” We have just received word from the State of New Hampshire that these efforts have produced tangible results. Our state (NECAP) test scores, evaluated by “No Child Left Behind,” reveal that our **student proficiency in both math and reading has jumped 13%**. Even better, our writing proficiency went up by 15%. The state has not put together their composite statistics yet, but I wouldn’t be surprised to learn that G.B.S. was at the top of the charts for most-improved school in the state. Our good news continues: The results for our winter MAP tests (computer-based national assessments) show that G.B.S. students have continued to grow since the fall test season, and many students have progressed at twice the normal rate.

I believe that news like this debunks the all-too-common notion that our students lack drive and that “kids nowadays are not like they used to be.” I can assure you that our Great Brook students have been working hard to raise the bar and are taking their education seriously. The test results are one important indication of this, and we applaud the effort of the students and the support of the staff.

In many ways, students are growing up differently than in past generations. They have different lifestyles, fashions, and ways of spending their free time. Nowadays, their lives are greatly influenced by technology and the Internet. But, there still exist some basic fundamentals from the “good old days” that parents and grandparents so fondly recall. Take academics. Did you know that each month we hold an all-school assembly to honor our Students of Excellence? Teachers at each grade level, including those teaching art, music, physical education, health, consumer and family studies, and industrial technology nominate students who show outstanding academic effort, citizenship, craftsmanship, and improvement. We invite the parents of our Students of Excellence to the assembly so they can hear the cheers from the student body when their child’s name is called.

We take our role of helping to shape the young citizens of our country very seriously. We believe that it is important for

students (and staff) to show appreciation for what they have and to give back to their communities. With that in mind, each student at Great Brook has been challenged to perform a minimum of ten hours of community service during the course of the school year. Several G.B.S. students will be volunteering many additional hours in their quest for the Presidential Volunteer Award.

Staff members and students can be observed in their own communities extending themselves to others, helping in many ways. G.B.S. has participated in several annual collections for the needy. During the holiday season, our students collected outdoor clothing for Coats for Kids. The Canned Food Drive has been moved to the early spring at the suggestion of the fine folks at the Antrim Food Pantry. Meanwhile, students are creating blankets for local hospitals and shelters for the Linus Blanket Project.

A large group of students has dedicated endless hours of service creating a new and exciting feature of the school day. The “GBS Morning Show,” a live video broadcast modeled on a professional TV studio production, keeps our school community up-to-date, informed, and entertained. Each day the show is uploaded to our website for viewing anytime at www.conval.edu/schools/gbs.

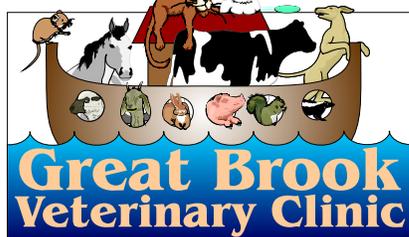
We have a number of talented musicians in our midst, and they will be putting on a concert on Wednesday, May 22. Please come and join us in the G.B.S. gym at 6:30 p.m. Our A.E.S. neighbors will attend a performance the following morning (Thursday, May 23) at 9:15 a.m., and the public is welcome to that show, as well.

So, while kids nowadays might not be quite like they used to be, we like to think that they’re “Better Than Ever!” ❁

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NEW ANTRIM TRAILHEAD: SHAUNA & JAMISON BURT

Lyman Gilmore



Photo: Gilmore

Maybe you have noticed the attractive new trailhead for Antrim's McCabe Forest about a mile north of town on Route 202, the volunteer work of several EMS employees including Antrim's Shauna and Jamison Burt. This new trailhead is important because the McCabe Forest loop trail is beautiful, but the former trailhead off of Elm Street Extension was easily missed and too small. This 202 trailhead is easy to find, has plenty of parking space, and provides a freshly cleared trail that leads directly to the major loop trail along the forested and twisty Contoocook River.

Shauna and Jamison told me they were new to trail maintenance, but when the NH Forest Society asked for volunteers they leaped at the opportunity because they love to walk their dogs in McCabe Forest, and this was a chance to give something back. The work involved creating the new trail, building "bog bridges" over wet areas, and landscaping the parking area to which "Tenney Farm donated perennials and shrubs while Robblee Tree Service provided bark mulch and hemlock timbers for the parking curbing." (*NH Forest Notes*, Winter 2013, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests) The Burts and their eleven-year-old daughter Rosel, a pupil at GBS, have lived on Wallace Street off of Elm Street for five and a half years. Both Shauna and Jamison are outdoors enthusiasts, she running, hiking, and cross-country skiing, he competitive bicycling.

All fourteen EMS volunteers were given a paid day off by EMS to work on the McCabe project which is part of the Backyard Collective of the Conservation Alliance which "provides grants (from membership dues) and volunteer

labor (employees of member businesses) to grassroots environmental organizations. For each Backyard Collective, the member businesses close their doors for a day and send employees out to get their hands dirty." (*NH Forest Notes*, Winter 2013)

Here is what the NH Forest Service says about our McCabe Forest trail: "A diverse, 18-station trail through meadows and forests along the dark, meandering Contoocook River. For many years Dorothy McCabe listened to suggestions of how to use the land she and her husband, John, bought and improved since 1943. Developers plied her with schemes of turning the old fallow farm fields, forests, and river edge into a golf course, house lots with river views, an office-building complex, or a racetrack. In 1982 she instead deeded her land and home to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests to manage for education, wildlife, and forest products. What a wonderful decision." ❀

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Be Nice, Play Hard, Do the Right Thing!

Celeste Lunetta, Director

SPRING 2013

At Antrim Recreation, we are always open to suggestions for our programs and facilities. You can call the Recreation Department at 588-3121. All of our program information get's posted on the town website, www.antrimnh.org. In addition, we keep a Facebook page. Signups are due now for Lacrosse, Baseball, Softball, and other spring activities. Here are some details.

MRS. LAURA'S DANCE CLASSES

Dance classes for pre-k and kindergarten age children starting on Thursdays in March with instructor Laura Horne. All classes will be at the Town Hall. Pre-k classes will be held from 12:30–1:00 p.m.; the cost is \$40 for the 4-week session. Kindergarten classes 1:00–1:45 p.m.; the cost is \$50 for the 4-week session. The classes consist of age appropriate exercises and introduce the structure of dance class. Students will play movement games, learn to pick up musical cues, improvise, and perform fun dance combinations. If there are adequate registrations, these classes will be ongoing.

ZUMBATOMICS

Here is a brand new program for kids ages 4 and older—Zumbatomics! A fun dance and exercise class, led by a talented teacher, Kristen Lederman. The class is scheduled to take place at the same time as our adult Zumba class—so you can come with your child, and they can have a Zumbatomics, while you have a Zumba strait up! More info on the website. Wednesdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m. at the town gym.

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ANTRIM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Scott Lester

RESIGNATION OF SERGEANT SEAN CAVANAUGH, NOVEMBER 2012

Sean Cavanaugh was hired as a full time police officer for the town of Antrim in 2007. He was a certified officer with experience and instructor level certifications in many training areas. Sean obtained the rank of Sergeant in 2008. Sean helped me establish a positive perception of the agency and played a valuable role in the development of our new officers. Throughout his time here, he became a well-liked and respected member of this department. He made many personal and professional friends within the community and handled his duties in a professional manner. In every officers career they become faced with tough personal and professional decisions. Sean was given an opportunity to become a Lieutenant with the New Ipswich Police Department, and that will afford him additional time with his family, and a jump in rank. Sean expressed to me that this was a very difficult decision as he was very happy working for the Town of Antrim, and that the last five years had been the best of his career so far. We wish Sean the best in his personal and professional career. His presence will surely be missed.

HIRING OF OFFICER BRIAN REOPEL, DECEMBER 2012

Officer Brian Reopel is an Antrim resident and has been a part-time officer for the Antrim Police Department since 2009. He is a full time certified officer with a great deal of training and 8 years of experience. Brian is working toward receiving his BS in Criminal Justice in March 2013 and enjoys working with the current members of this agency. When the position being vacated by Sean Cavanaugh was announced, Brian expressed an interest. As a part time officer, he was given first consideration. Based on his level of experience, knowledge of our policies and procedures, training and ability to fit in with the current staff, he was offered the position of full time patrolman. I'm very excited to welcome Brian to our agency and look forward to working with him on a full time basis.

PROMOTION OF SERGEANT RYAN STORRO, JANUARY 2013

Ryan Storro was hired in November of 2008 as a full time police officer. He is a resident of Antrim and has become a valued member of this agency. As an officer, Ryan served as the department's evidence custodian, assistant firearms instructor and the police association president. As Sergeant, Ryan will continue in these roles and take on several new responsibilities. He commits several hours a month to community projects and is always available to his fellow officers for assistance. Ryan successfully completed a grueling promotional process and in the end he was chosen to fill the open Sergeant's position. Ryan is a dedicated member of the agency and our community. I look forward to working with Ryan in his new position. ❀

A GOOD EXAMPLE

Schatze Moore

On February 2, Ground Hog Day, my mother-in-law turned 88 years young and still glowing. The family members who live near celebrated the event with her at a favorite restaurant. At the end of the meal, Mimi stood and said she was going to make a speech. She said, "I have had a wonderful life. I don't remember any of the bad, I only remember the good." My mother-in-law has known her share of sorrow, struggle, and disappointment. Life has happened to her, the good and the bad, but she has always put a smile on her face, her best foot forward, and met whatever came to her with courage, dignity and a big heart. It came to me as I listened to her short and simple speech that hers is a good example.

There are three words written on a piece of paper I keep on my refrigerator: acceptance, enthusiasm, enjoyment. I like to look at these words and think of them as a little guide I might refer to every day as needed, kind of like a mantra, reminding me of what is important to me in life.

Not all good examples that I might like to follow are set by the human kind. I can think of animals I have known whose way I would go. My daughter's recently deceased dog, Salvi, seemed to put his troubles behind him when he came to her and embraced the good life she offered. He seemed to me to have courage, a joyful spirit and an open heart. I would say his way of being was a good example.

I have a new grandson, my first grandchild, and I think a lot about the kind of examples I want to set for him, and when he listens to my speech at the end of my days, I hope he will feel that the way I lived my life was a good example. ❀

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ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Missy Taylor

The Historical Society concluded another successful year in December and we thank you for your continuing support. This past year, we hosted a series of well-attended Sunday afternoon programs and expanded our community participation by co-sponsoring programs with the Antrim Grange, Antrim Area Senior Center, and Tuttle Library. We are continuing our efforts to digitize our collection and hope this year to create our own website and to purchase our own computer, printer/scanner and projector to make the collection more accessible to all. The success of all our efforts is possible because of the many hours provided by volunteers, to all of whom we are very grateful.

PRESIDENTIAL BOOK CLUB

Steve Ullman will continue the Presidential Biography Book club with three new sessions: on Thursday, February 28, he will lead an informal discussion of *American Sphinx: The Character of Thomas Jefferson* by Joseph J. Ellis, the Pulitzer Prize winning historian. On Thursday, April 11, *An Unfinished Life: John F. Kennedy, 1917-1963* by Robert Dallek will be discussed. The spring sessions conclude with *The Natural: The Misunderstood Presidency of Bill Clinton*, by Joe Klein, on Thursday, May 23. Last fall, Steve led an engaged and lively group of interested Antrim readers through discussions of the biographies of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin Roosevelt. The Book Club meets on the second floor of the Tuttle Library between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. The Library will try to borrow copies for interested readers. For additional information, contact Steve at 588-2005 or at sullman@brockport.edu.

SPRING PROGRAMS

On Sunday April 21 at 3:00 p.m., the Program Committee will present **Logging in Antrim**, with Al Gould and Peter Gagne. **Minister in Antrim** will be the topic on Sunday, May 26 at 3:00 p.m., with Nina Harding and Eric Tenney. Future programs will include **Memories of Antrim High School**, and **The History of Western New Hampshire** with Maddie Biehl.

ANNUAL PROGRAMS

We will also continue our annual traditions: the Fourth of July Reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Bandstand, our popular apple crisp at Home and Harvest in September and the Festival of Trees during the month of December at Tuttle Library.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Historical Society has been a vibrant presence in our community for many years. We hope you will consider joining us as we continue in our mission to preserve Antrim's history and present informative programs to the public. We have just kicked off our annual membership drive and ask that you considering renewing your membership for 2013 or join us as a new member. Membership of \$10 per person or \$20 for a family is for the calendar year. We also have a newly created Life Membership of \$500 for an individual. For more information about joining, contact Missy Taylor at 588-7146 or at missette77@gmail.com. Membership forms are also available at the Historical Society room at the Library.

The Society is an independent nonprofit organization that saves, preserves, and shares its history. A gift to the Society is a celebration of Antrim's past and an investment in its future. Whether through membership, a financial contribution, volunteer help, or the gift of an object, book, or document, your support will help the Society save and preserve Antrim's history for all of us and for generations to come. ❀



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TOWN MEETING RECOLLECTED

Charles Butterfield

When Izi Nichols and I cleaned out our parents' home at Butterfield Farm, I brought home a big collection of Antrim Town Reports. I was looking through the collection the other day and read a little from the oldest report dated 1850-51. Back then it was called "Report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor for the Town of Antrim." In those days Antrim operated its own poor farm, and the report lists by name the "paupers" housed there. Some were apparently permanent residents others were at the farm for short stays. It cost a little over \$400 to operate the town poor farm for a year.

This little six-page pamphlet, crammed with numbers, was the forerunner of the annual reports coming out in Antrim and all over the state just in time for town meeting (where that antique form of government is still in practice). Most of the town reports in my collection bear postage stamps and addresses, indicating that everyone in town received a copy by mail—a prohibitive expense today. In many of the reports I find penciled-in remarks by my ancestors. On the back of one, there are notes for a short speech my father intended to deliver at town meeting, voicing his opposition to redecorating the town hall during war time (WWII). "War is on. No time to redecorate the Town Hall or anything that isn't absolutely necessary," was his pitch.

For kids like me in the civics class, Town Meeting Day was an occasion. Mr. Spears would lead us to the Town Hall where my friends and I would find seats in the front row of the balcony to look down on the proceedings.* We'd take our break for town meeting dinner at the Presbyterian Church along with everyone else. We didn't care a whole lot about some issues, but watching the people made for a day's entertainment.

We anticipated that certain good citizens, my uncle Lolly Black among them, would make long speeches. Lolly, like many in Antrim at the time, was a staunch fiscal conservative. I can't recall his ever being in favor of an increase in any town expenditure, and he spoke his mind often and at great length. We could rely on it.

When resurfacing roads came up one year, someone made the remark that good roads were necessary for smooth travel-

ing through the town. Whereupon George Hastings, another perennial orator, stood to say he opposed the repair of the roads. He said something like this (Good Lord, that had to be seventy years ago!): "You say fixing the roads will make it better for driving through town? Well I say, you fix up the roads too good and that's just what people will do—drive through. They won't stay." His argument that impeding traffic in town with potholes was good for business struck this teenager as funny and sort of made sense.

Sitting high above the heads of the citizens and moderator Hiram Johnson, we boys felt safe in participating in democracy. Though we presumed we were breaking some law, when the call for yeas or nays came, we'd put our town reports in front of our mouths and sound out along with everyone else, feeling a shiver of civic pride. Or was it simply a reaction to our acting in defiance of authority?

Such mischief seems anachronistic today when few teenagers sit through town meeting. But I wonder if perhaps making this illicit foray into politics wasn't, in the end, good for us. We took part in governing the town we lived in. So what if we were only thirteen or fourteen at the time and our names were not on the checklist? We wanted a small stake in how our town operated, so we took the risk of being thrown out. I doubt that our gang's voice ever decided a question. Maybe it did, though. And, who knows, maybe that covert civil disobedience began our life-long interest in local government. That, it seems to me, beats treating town meeting as a turn-off, which was the case for many teenagers even then.

That old report I was looking at does not contain a meeting warrant (that was probably posted at taverns and other public places), but looking at the expenses listed it is not difficult to imagine what issues raised dust at the 1851 town meeting. Thirteen school districts, for instance, cost a total of \$520.80 to operate that year, ranging from \$16.00 for District #10 (near Gregg Lake) to \$85.00 for District #3 (North Branch). That disparity might have stirred some controversy. Bridge repair and road maintenance was then, as now, a major expense, and no doubt initiated many a heated argument. Controversial, too, must have been the report that Antrim's poor farm was losing money.

I look forward to studying my town's annual reports and looking at the articles to be decided and guessing where the arguments—some new, some old—will come. Reminds me of that fusty reply: "Why'd I break up with Sam Atkins? He's got only one idea, and I'm agin it"

** In those days Town Meetings were held upstairs in the Town Hall.* ❁

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Buddy: How a Rooster Made Me a Family Man

By Brian McGrory

Reviewed by Dick Winslow

There's an Alice in Wonderland quality about the world that Brian McGrory sets loose in this compelling memoir. The people and creatures we meet—his own beloved, constant companion golden retriever Harry; Harry's veterinarian Dr. Pam Bendock who is totally comfortable in the presence of animals, the more the better; her two endearing under-ten-year-old daughters, Caroline and Abigail who adore their mother and look on Brian as an interloper who can never do anything right no matter how right he may be; rabbits, mice, frogs, turtles, horses, etc, ad infinitum; his distant cousin the famous Pulitzer Prize winning *Washington Post* columnist, Mary McGrory, who, when Brian introduces himself over the phone says, Fine! I'm having a party this Saturday, be here at six, and when he arrives, greets him sweetly, shows him where the ice and drinks are, and tells him he's the bartender! And finally, there's Buddy, a large white rooster whom Pam and the two girls absolutely love and who loves them but who absolutely despises Brian and, given the slightest opportunity, charges at him with fierce eyes, war cries, and determination to draw blood.

About Mary McGrory: although she is Brian's cousin, she is of his parents' generation and he had not known her until

he was a college student, and met her as told above. As the years went by, they grew to know each other very well, he working for the *Boston Globe*, she based in Washington. After he became the *Globe's* White House reporter they met for dinner frequently, and for walks in Washington's Cleveland Park, and for reading to each other things they had recently written. They were mutually devoted. So when one evening Mary's secretary phoned Brian to say that Mary had suddenly died following an emergency appendectomy, he was devastated.

The very next morning, when he was dealing with undertakers and lawyers, a phone call came in from Boston, Dr. Pam Bendock speaking, to tell him that she had diagnosed his beloved Harry's illness as a fatal cancer. She cried as she spoke because she, like Brian, loved this golden retriever.

Before continuing, let me say that, although this is not mentioned in *Buddy*, Mary McGrory was devoted to Antrim. She came here annually for vacations, stayed at the Maplehurst Inn, loved Gregg Lake, and wrote about various aspects of the town, particularly Town Meetings where she saw democracy in action. A lot of us knew her, including Martin and Izi

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DETECTIVE JASON LEPINE

Lyman Gilmore

When I scheduled a *Limrik* interview with Antrim Police Detective Jason Lepine late one Thursday afternoon a couple weeks ago, I could not know that he would be the officer on the scene of my altercation with a large snow-bank earlier in the day. He handled my accident with friendly professionalism, and I looked forward to talking with him again later that day when our roles had changed.

Jason Lepine became a police officer on the Peterborough force in September 2006 and joined the Antrim Police Department in 2009. He remains a part-time Patrolman in Peterborough but is a full-time Detective in Antrim. As he explained, patrolmen stop cars, make arrests, and respond to calls for service, whereas detectives investigate all major crimes including burglary, felony theft, felony assaults, felony drugs, and sexual assaults, as well as assisting patrolmen with other investigations. As his role in my accident shows, he acts as both patrolman and detective as the situation requires.

Having witnessed two drug arrests on Highland Avenue in the past year, I questioned him on the frequency and nature of drug crime in Antrim. He said that there is a great deal of illegal drug activity, and not only marijuana as I expected, but prescription pills, cocaine, and heroin as well. He organizes undercover police work to stop this activity such as "buy busts," confidential informants, and careful surveillance

of suspicious individuals and buildings. He said he is involved in some sort of investigation every day.



Photo: Gilmore

I asked his opinion on the decriminalization and/or legalization of marijuana in several states, including Massachusetts, Vermont, Colorado, and Washington, and he replied that he is not an advocate for any drugs because they can lead to other harmful influences, especially in children and adolescents whose development can be seriously influenced by drugs. I agree.

Jason Lepine was born in Manchester thirty-one years ago, graduated from Wilton-Lyndborough High School in 2000, and went to the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, for four years where he majored in electrical engineering and criminal justice. He left UMASS one semester shy of graduating when he was offered a position with the Peterborough Police Department, an offer he could not refuse. He plans to complete his degree in the near future. He and his girlfriend Kelly have a ten-month old boy, Justin.

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Asked what he considers to be the most difficult part of his job, he said that while he likes all of it, responding to public and domestic calls where he is required to act as a counselor between angry and possibly violent people is often quite challenging. He has to build trust among the adversaries, make certain that everyone is safe, and somehow convince both sides that they have won. He has to be able to de-escalate the situation, especially if violence seems imminent or is actually happening, and while he is usually able to do this by talking, sometimes "force procedures" are necessary. "Use of force procedures" can go from simply showing up in uniform, which often calms the participants, to using his Taser weapon to stun a violent person, to, ultimately, "deadly force" which is shooting an assailant who is attempting to kill him. I was curious about his Taser which he described in detail while showing me its operation. I noted that Tasers have been controversial in some states, but he enthusiastically supported their use in preventing deadly force when dealing with a very violent individual. While a police officer he has had to use his Taser twice, and in both cases the Taser prevented escalation to greater violence. In his training he allowed himself to be Tasered, saying it is very painful with a complete helpless feeling of being paralyzed. I do not want to be at the business end of a Taser.

As for his qualification, the APD web site says: "LePine has attended multiple training classes in Interview and Interrogations, Simunitions,* and Basic Drug Investigations, Sexual Assaults, and is also the Antrim Police Department's PBT instructor and Physical Fitness instructor and is also the Co-Chair of the Hillsborough County-North Sexual Assault Resource Team (SART)."

Detective Lepine is an impressive individual, a thoroughly expert and professional police officer, and, if I am not mistaken, a very nice guy. I believe him when he says, "I love talking with people."

* Simunitions, a new word for me, is non-lethal ammunition used to train police in firearm use. ❁

LIONS CLUB

Richard Loveland

The Antrim Bennington Lion's Club held three Candidate Forums last October, two for the House races (District 1 and District 38) and one for the District 8 Senate race. The elections are over, and our club hopefully helped in getting more informed voters to the polls. We have received feedback to try to better connect voters with our House and Senate office holders. Therefore we are planning a forum for March 7, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the Antrim Town Hall to review and provide feedback on the proposed "Biennial Budget."

In February Governor Hassan presented a recommended budget to the legislature for FY 2014-2015 (the state fiscal year runs from July 1 to the following June 30). The Legislative Phase of the budget process begins on February 15 and ends on June 30. During this phase, both bodies of the legislature will review the agencies' requests and the Governor's recommended budgets. They will compile a budget and present it to the Governor for her signature.

At the March 7 forum we will provide an overview of past budgets and the proposed budget, and you will be able to ask questions of our legislators and answer some of their questions. As of this writing I have heard from Bob Odell (Senate District 08), Marjorie A Porter (Representative District 01) and Richard D McNamara (Representative District 38) that they will be able to attend the forum. Our other Representatives (Gilman C Shattuck, Richard S Eaton and Jon Manley) may be able to attend, schedule permitting.

Please join us for an evening to better understand our state budget and provide feedback to our legislators. If you have any questions please contact Dick Loveland at 478-1344 or ral@gsinet.net. ❁

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Nichols, Mary and Gordon Allen, Alycema and Bob Flanders, and many others. It was her wish to be buried in Antrim, and she is interred in the Maplewood Cemetery on Concord Street.

Mary had died and Harry was dying. The sadness of this is intensified by the fact that she and the dog were fond of each other. Mary had more than once written about him, as in this excerpt describing his effect on harried shoppers at Christmas time: "Harry had a miraculous effect on them. Everybody spoke to him. The most clouded countenance lifted and broke into a smile at the sight of him. People who obviously did not have time to breathe stopped to scratch his ears and whispered endearments. They wished him a Merry Christmas, often graciously including me in the greeting."

Harry's final moment, when he was too sick even to raise his head, came in Dr. Bendock's office, she with a syringe, Brian holding Harry. "I nodded to Dr. Bendock, and soon I could see the fluid flow slowly through a tube and into his leg. Harry closed his eyes. I stroked his face. Pam cried softly. A moment later, he was gone."

The book's subtitle, *How a Rooster Made me a Family Man*, suggests where its weight lies—with the rooster and its self-defined family. He had never known another chicken; he knew only Pam and her two little girls, Caroline and Abigail, all three of whom loved him and whose mere presence made him ecstatically happy. They would hold him and cuddle him and coo in his ear and tell him what a beautiful bird he was.

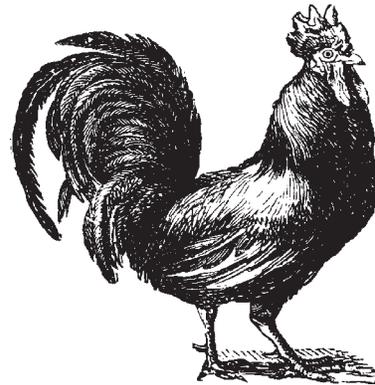
Along the way, Pam and Brian, each recently divorced, fell in love. Brian asked if she would marry him. "She said yes. And from then on it would be me and Pam. Well, me and Pam and her two kids. Actually, me and Pam and her two kids and their two rabbits, and two dogs, and perhaps a couple of Maine coons that I didn't realize were on the way and the frogs hidden in an upstairs bedroom and of course Buddy who would never be at a loss for words."

When the entire group vacationed in Maine, Brian went ahead to prepare the house. Then the rest arrived. "Here were Pam and the kids and—look what else! The two rabbits which Pam began lugging upstairs in their cumbersome cage. 'I knew you wouldn't want Dolly and Lily to be all alone,' she said flashing a smile she knew I couldn't resist.... I looked at the kids excitedly jumping around the yard, shouting 'we want our bathing suits!' I heard Pam cooing to the rabbits. I watched the rooster crowing his guts out I grabbed a pile of Pam's luggage and began the monstrous task of taking it all upstairs."

It is the gathering of Pam, her two little girls, Caroline and Abigail and their galaxy of pets most especially Buddy the rooster, all tossed into a roiling mélange that animates Brian's memoir. His adjusting to this assemblage was difficult. There were times when he felt just plain unwelcome, a visitor, an interloper. The little girls accepted him only sporadically; living in suburbia was a challenge (he had loved being a city

guy); and Buddy was an ever-present torment. "When Buddy would charge at me I experienced shock, abject fear and a hazy sense that I may never partake in sexual relations again." He found himself hoping for the bird's demise, possibly grabbed by a hawk or coyote and its carcass lying in a side yard.

But when one day the rooster was attacked by a dog, and defended himself, "jumping in the air, screaming, pecking at the dog, feathers flying," Brian, to his amazement, experienced fear for Buddy's life. He found himself thinking about



"the little barking noises that Buddy made when anyone came out the front door ... his impeccable timing at always finding his way into the safety of the garage just before dark, the completely silly, unapologetically joyful look he got on his face

when Abigail or Caroline picked him up,"—all such caused Brian, little by difficult little, to feel sympathy, even affection for the bird. A cautious peace settled over all concerned.

One Sunday when Brian was driving to get a cup of coffee, Pam phoned him, clearly distraught. "It's Buddy," she said. "Come home!" He rushed back to find her sitting on the porch, "Buddy in her arms ... completely still. His head rested against Pam's chest, his eyes were closed. His clawed feet were in her hands. She stroked his feathers as tears rolled off her cheeks and onto his white wings. She said, 'He let out one final *caw* and he died.' She said, 'All he ever wanted was to be part of the group.'"

Seeing his body held by Pam, "Buddy looked ancient. His feet, yellowed claws, carried a prehistoric quality, scaly and worn. His face, though peaceful, was physically weathered. Maybe all of this, or at least part of this, was what Pam loved so much about him."

When a neighbor subsequently asked Pam if she planned to get a rooster to replace Buddy, she replied, "Buddy just happened. It was fate. I don't think a rooster is something you go out and get."

A couple of months ago, Brian McGrory became editor of the Boston *Globe*. Judging by his ability with words, sometimes nigh poetic, including the skill to make a galaxy of details both speak for themselves and combine to produce a vivid whole, it would seem the *Globe* made an interesting choice. *Buddy*, which could easily have turned into a pot-boiler, is entrancing and deeply serious, written by a man in love with life.

The book may be borrowed from Antrim's Tuttle Library. ❀

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE CELEBRATED ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Melissa Lawless

Participants from four neighboring congregations, the First Presbyterian Church Antrim, the Antrim Baptist Church, the Bennington Congregational Church, and the Parish of Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Church (Peterborough) came together for a Service of Christian Unity on a bitter cold Thursday evening, January 24, 2013. Friends and neighbors gathered to celebrate unity in the midst of rich diversity among our Christian churches, in spite of the frigid single-digit outdoor temperatures.

The service, which was held as part of the area's observance of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, took place at The First Presbyterian Church Antrim. Melissa Lawless, a commissioned ruling elder serving the Presbytery of Northern New England, coordinated and led the worship service. The Rev. Charlie Boucher, pastor of the Antrim Baptist Church, delivered the message, and special music was provided by Sharon Dowling, music director of the First Presbyterian Church. Pastor Bob Ritchie from Bennington and Father Gerry Belanger from Peterborough also assisted in leading the service.

Begun in 1908, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated each year in cities and towns across the country

and around the world. The theme, "What Does God Require of Us?" (*Micah 6:6-8*) and some of the texts for the Unity Service were chosen and prepared by representatives of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and representatives of the World Council of Churches. ❀



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Brian Beihl

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HIKE-A-THON - APRIL 13

Troop 2 and Pack 2 Scouts attending camp this summer will be asking for pledges per mile as they participate in the Mount Monadnock District Hike-a-Thon. This helps Scouts raise money for spending a week at Hidden Valley in Gilmanton Iron Works, or the Cub Scout camp in Manchester, Camp Carpenter. If you can help sponsor a Boy Scout, please contact Joy at 831-4709, or for Cub Scouts, contact Melissa at 588-6963.

TROOP 2 HOSTS SPRING CAMPOREE

To celebrate Troop 2's 100th anniversary year, Troop 2 will be hosting the Mount Monadnock District Spring Camporee, May 3, 4 and 5 at Hoge Base, Walpole. Boy Scouts will be using the 1913 Boy Scout Handbook as the guide for the weekend, testing their skills at "stalking," stave use, old-school camping, early Scout field games, semaphore and Morse code, and turn-of-the-century Scout knots.

During Antrim Home & Harvest Festival, Troop 2 hopes to assemble Scouts from throughout the Daniel Webster Council to march in the parade, also as a celebration of Troop 2's 100th anniversary.

FLAGS IN ANTRIM CEMETERIES

Troop 2 has scheduled May 8 as the date when flags will be distributed in Antrim Cemeteries. After that date, if you

see a veteran grave which does not have a flag and marker, please contact Ted Brown at 588-2886, and Scouts will be dispatched with flags for that veteran.

TROOP 2 SUMMER PROGRAM STARTS JUNE 12

Summer outings and activities begin on Wednesday, June 12 and continue throughout the summer. Each Wednesday, the troop has a different activity, ranging from flag football to fishing. Summer camp at Hidden Valley is July 7-13, and a canoe trip on the Saco River in Maine is planned for July 28-August 1. If you'd like your 11-17 year old son to participate, call Brian Beihl at 588-3014 or email beihl@comcast.net for more information. ❀

CONSTANTS: ANTRIM CHURCH OF CHRIST

Alan Fahrner

It is said that the only constant in life is that there will be change, and it is no different at the Antrim Church of Christ. As its minister, I was gone for six months, back for a few, and am now off again on my new (and yet old) work adventure. Depending on the Sunday you visit, you might hear local stalwart and member Rick Davis, visiting preacher Stan Becker, or even Winslow Dean, another long-time member.

Of course, change may be constant, but that does not mean *everything* changes. As already mentioned, Rick and Winslow are long-time members—as are many others in our church family (who are *always* there with a smile and a friendly, caring heart). Additionally, every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. you can join us for Bible study—and every Sunday you can meet with us for service at 11 a.m.—even if you won't necessarily know who will be providing the sermon that week.

Perhaps the greatest constant at the Antrim Church of Christ is the love you'll find and the message you'll hear. If you spend some time with us you'll probably understand why some folks have attended since our church was first founded decades ago.

Finally, speaking of Wednesday Bible studies, have you ever wondered about your favorite hymn? Who wrote it? What is the history behind it? What does it mean? Winslow is presenting a series of lessons on popular hymns where you'll learn what are sometimes surprising facts. For instance, did you know Horatio Spafford wrote "It is Well with My Soul" after losing his four year-old son, then his riches in the great Chicago Fire, and then his four daughters who he sent ahead to Europe with his wife for a rest? Well, if you attended Winslow's classes you would. Not only that, but you would have also discovered what the song means and whether its message was biblical.

And speaking of change...if you don't attend church, maybe it's time for a change in your life, and we'd love to have you join us and see what we have to offer ...

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

- 3 **Celtic Evensong** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 4 **Special Meeting on GBS Closing** • Town Hall • 7:00 p.m.
- 5 **Guiding Good Choices** • 5-week Parenting Workshop at GBS sponsored by The Grapevine
- 7 **NH State Biennial Budget Forum** sponsored by the Lions Club • Town Hall • 7:00 p.m.
- 8 **Eat Out For The Grapevine** • at Rick and Diane's
- 10 **Eat Out For The Grapevine** • at the Hancock Inn
- 12 **VOTE** • Antrim Town Hall • polls open from 8:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
- 12 **Reading to Mozart** (*reading companion dog*) • Tuttle Library • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- 14 **TOWN MEETING** • Antrim Town Gym • 7:00 p.m.
- 16 **Eat Out For The Grapevine** • at the Common Place.
- 21 **Eat Out For The Grapevine** • at Fiddlehead's
- 21 **Free Community Supper** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 23 **Spring Easter Egg Hunt** • Memorial Park • sponsored by Rec Dept



APRIL

- 2 **Great Decisions** • discussion group led by Steve Ullman • Tuttle Library • 8:00 p.m.
- 6 **Turkey Dinner** • Antrim Baptist Church • 5:00–6:30 p.m.
- 7 **Celtic Evensong** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 8 **Reading to Mozart** (*reading companion dog*) • Tuttle Library • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- 9 **Great Decisions** • discussion group led by Steve Ullman • Tuttle Library • 6:30–8:00 p.m.
- 11 **Presidential Biography Book Club** • Historical Society at Tuttle Library • 6:30–8:00 p.m.
- 13 **Hike-a-Thon** • Scout Troop 2 and Pack 2
- 18 **Free Community Supper** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 21 **Logging in Antrim** • Historical Society Program • 3:00 p.m.



MAY

- 1 **Deadline for Scholarship Application** see article on page 2
- 3–5 **Spring Camporee** • Scout Troop 2 at Hoge Base, Walpole
- 4 **Fishing Derby at Mill Pond** • sponsored by Rec Dept • 8:30 a.m.
- 5 **Bike Safety Rodeo** • Antrim Police Dept at Town Gym • sponsored by Rec Dept • 1:00 p.m.
- 5 **Celtic Evensong** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 7 **Parent-Child Hike in McCabe Forest** • co-sponsored by the Harris Center and The Grapevine meet at The Grapevine at 10:00 a.m.
- 11 **9th Annual Grapevine Spring Walk for Families** • meet at The Grapevine • 9:30 a.m. (rain or shine)
- 18 **Italian Buffet** • Antrim Baptist Church • 5:00–6:30 p.m.
- 14 **Reading to Mozart** (*reading companion dog*) • Tuttle Library • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- 15 **Community Awards Night** • Antrim Grange Hall • 7:00 p.m.
- 16 **Free Community Supper** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 22 **GBS Concert** • GBS Gym • 6:30 p.m.
- 24 **Presidential Biography Book Club** • Historical Society at Tuttle Library • 6:30–8:00 p.m.
- 21 **Minister in Antrim** • Historical Society Program • 3:00 p.m.

AVENUE A TEEN CENTER

Dave Kirkpatrick, Teen Center Coordinator

Aaah, Spring is here! Change in the air with the days getting longer, and the temperatures creeping back up, and sooner or later we'll see daffodils poking up through the ground outside Avenue A. There are some interesting changes coming to Avenue A as well. Things have been very busy, and are steadily getting busier. Like any successful organization or business, we need to plan for our growth, address the needs of our "shareholders" and members, adapt to social and economic trends, and of course keep pace with technology. The operating model we started with, that brought Avenue A from concept to reality, worked very well when a "crowd" was a dozen or so kids. Now, as our numbers and diversity increase, and the world around us has quite predictably changed, there's a need to re-examine some of the pieces we put into place at the beginning. We've had some "growing pains," which is actually very good news. This presents an exciting opportunity for us to reflect on the past, fix anything that we find is in need of adjustment, and step into the future looking our best, brightest, and shiniest—just like putting on a brand new suit!

In addition to the aforementioned changes, new demands of my own schedule will require that we adjust our Open Hours, at least temporarily, until we settle on new hours or possibly find the volunteers we would need to fill some gaps. What all that put together means is that our general policy, guidelines and expectations (aka "the rules"), hours of operation, internet use policy, and fundraising goals are all areas that are coming up again for consideration. Input from the community, in particular those who will be affected by any changes, would be very valuable to have in this discussion.

And so, I begin Spring with a LARGE version of the traditional "call to action!" **WANTED:** Teens, parents, and members of the community to share your time, talents and ideas! Come to our meetings and consider lending a hand if you have some time to volunteer. If you aren't on our email list or on Facebook, get in touch with me directly if you are able to help in any way, please and thank you!

SO WHAT'S BEEN KEEPING US SO BUSY FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS?

"Open Mic Night," of course! Friday night is still the main attraction, and there are lots of teens singing and participating in making the music happen. It looks a lot more like "open karaoke" than the traditional open mic, and I have a sense that the "new scene" may have pushed out the "old scene." It may be time to give Fridays a new name and see if we can find a volunteer to host a classic Open Mic / Music Jam on another night.

"**Lights, Cameras, Action!**" has been working on small projects and learning new skills. Public Service Announcements and a short "how to" video have kept us busy indoors, and a piece on recycling in Antrim is on deck for when it warms up enough for a trip to the Transfer Station. A reconditioned computer donation is on the way, which will allow LCA to have access to better editing software any time they choose to work on a project.

The Teen Action Committee seems to have gone into hibernation over the Winter. No worries, we'll all get busy once it warms up a bit. Do I recall someone saying "let's clean the office and have a yard sale"?

COMING UP:

Watch for the changes in Open Hours - Facebook and email are the best ways to stay in the loop. Friday nights will not change as a rule, but currently the rest of the schedule is not set, and may flex from time to time.

"**Safe Sitter**" will be offered again in March and April. Classes are \$50 and are limited to eight. Please ask about financial assistance if there is need. Contact The Grapevine for more information.

Longboard season is coming up—just as soon as the snow clears. Informal training begins ASAP, those wishing to join the crew or try it out should contact me directly. Avenue A, in partnership with Antrim Recreation, will be offering a more structured skateboard slalom racing program in the Summer.

Last, but not least: the pool table is hot again! All it takes is one motivated individual, and that guy has found Avenue A. The long lost Pool Tournament will make a return in the near future, organized by the Teen Action Committee. Get in the loop for upcoming dates.

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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ANTRIM BAPTIST CHURCH: STEEPLE PROJECT

Cherryl Boucher

When people drive up Main Street in Antrim, they view the Baptist Church, and as their eyes gaze upward to the steeple, they see that it is in dire need of cosmetic work.

The steeple was last painted, along with new flashing being put on, in 2000, and at the time a gold cross was placed on the top of the steeple. The cross, in memory of Og Mandino, author and motivational speaker, was given by his widow, Bette Mandino. *And why the cross?* Bette will tell you that whenever she and Og would come up Main Street he would say... "the steeple needs a cross"....and therefore, his desire became a reality. The day arrived when the cross was erected and placed upon the newly repaired and painted steeple. What a beautiful and breathtaking site it was to behold that day as it shone so brightly against the blanket of a cloudless, blue sky.

But since then, the years of arduous New England weather has taken a toll on the steeple, making it become more of an eyesore than an object of beauty. This impending project has been on the hearts and minds of the Church Body of Antrim Baptist, but other building needs had to be addressed first.

Over the last several years, there have been challenges for the church body. The first included the repair of the cricket,

which is at the base of the steeple as there was leaking into our Nursery Area. At the same time, the roof badly needed to be painted. The church body then proceeded to raise the money, \$8,000, needed for this; they were grateful that in a few months money was raised, and the cricket was repaired and the roof painted. After that was completed, the church's goal was to raise funds for the steeple.

Unfortunately, there was a roadblock as one of their furnaces was having problems; they were told that it had to be replaced at the cost of \$10,000. The steeple had to be put on hold until this money was realized. Again, the money was miraculously provided, and a new furnace will be installed by the time this article is read!

Now, the church is ready to forge ahead on the steeple project; this time around, it will be vinyl sided to extend the life of the work. The cost is projected to be \$25,000 and as with other past challenges, the church has decided to go ahead in a leap of great faith that monies will be raised.

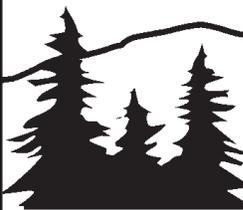
The Antrim Baptist Church has stood on the point, at the intersection of Routes 31 and 202, since 1871. It was erected at a grand total of \$6,200 on land given by Governor David Goodell, a faithful member of the church. It was dedicated on Oct 25, and in the town history we read, "this was a day of great spiritual rejoicing and thankfulness to God." In 1892, the Post GAR erected a statue commemorating Antrim's War Veterans. This monument aged with time, and was replaced and dedicated on Home and Harvest Day, September 15, 2012. The church and statue make for a wonderful photo; therefore, over the years it has become a very popular site for professional and amateur photographers.

In the near future the church will be having fund-raisers, sending out appeal letters, and placing donation containers throughout town. Any gifts would be more than welcomed and can be sent to the church at PO Box 206, or brought to the church. ❀



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ANTRIM GRANGE

Arthur and Beth Merrill

Antrim Grange welcomed Peter Beblowski in February. Peter showed pelts of many of the wild animals that inhabit our area and gave us interesting facts about them. We also each received a card that shows what each animal's tracks look like in the snow.

Five Antrim members attended the annual winter youth rally in Hooksett and took part in the day's activities. We gave a dictionary to every third grade student at Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, and Hancock elementary schools, in our thirteenth year of cooperation with the national organization, The Dictionary Project.

At press time, we were in anticipation of a special program which Antrim resident, Steve Ullman was preparing for us entitled "Grange and the Gridlock in Washington." We also were preparing to host a Meet the Candidates Night at the end of February, under the leadership of Arthur Merrill. We will highlight results from these events in the next Limrik.

Antrim Grange will be sending a team to the State Grange Bowling Tournament on March 10. We are hosting a public forum on February 20 at 7:00 p.m. with guest speaker Barbara Harlow, who will lead a discussion on ways to allow and acknowledge each other's spirituality. This is a follow-up to a recent discussion whereupon members debated the subject of non-sectarianism in the Grange and its definition.

In observance of National Grange Month, we look forward to opening the Grange Hall and filling it with people and

music with an encore presentation of the Ukulele Festival led by local musician, Brian Murphy. Look for more details in early April.

The annual Community Awards Night is set for May 15. In addition to recognizing and rewarding our outstanding local heroes for their volunteerism, we will also hear about the HorseTenders Mustang Foundation from its founder, Andrej Kokal, a highly decorated 24-year veteran of the United States Air Force as a combat proven fighter pilot, instructor, and mission commander. Mr. Kokal will talk about his family's horse farm in Greenfield and how his foundation is proud to enjoin veterans and their families with the legendary American mustang in sharing mutual benefits of emotive healing, comfort, and security. His sons, Nik and Kris were recently featured in the documentary "Wild Horse, Wild Ride" as they successfully participated in the Extreme Mustang Challenge, using non-punitive methods in a 100 day test of converting a completely wild mustang into a valued companion and competitor. Please come to the Grange Hall at 7:00 p.m. to help us thank our local volunteers and to learn about this very special family that supports our military service members at a time when very little assistance is made available to them as they try to reintegrate with their families and society. ❁

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TOURING PHOTOGRAPHER VISITS ANTRIM

Sandy Snow

She calls herself a “carpenter by trade,” but her resume is a little more detailed: Marine, motorcycle shop manager, custom planter maker, assembly worker, auto repair shop manager, union carpenter, “just to name a few,” Laura Mahoney of Peterborough says. However, if you were look at her websites: www.touringNH.com and www.LandSPhotography.com, you would say without hesitation, “she’s a professional photographer.”



Photo: Mahoney

I encountered Laura by chance. She had been taking photographs of the Antrim First Presbyterian Church. A church member, who said she had a camera that “must be worth a thousand dollars,” invited her inside the church to film the sanctuary. He said she planned to put the pictures on her website. About five days later, I found her website with a number of gorgeous photographs of the church. Her photographs of Antrim didn’t end there. There was the Civil War statue in front of the Baptist Church and a whole host of other intriguing shots of sights most of us wouldn’t bother with a second glance: sunrise at Gregg Lake, close-up of the murals on town hall, and the historic Maplehurst Inn.

I invited her to tell me about her passion for photography. She said that last September she talked with a professional photographer she happened to run into. Laura said that out of their discussion an idea began to grow to create a blog about New Hampshire. It wouldn’t be about the typical statistical information and photographs that can be found on any town’s website, but “a photographic journey.” Laura feels every town has something of beauty and is worth visiting and that documenting those visits can be a great reminder when some of those treasures are later gone. She laments never getting a picture of the Old Man of the Mountain.

Her goal is an ambitious one: cover all New Hampshire’s 221 towns, 13 cities and 25 unincorporated places in just two

years. She hasn’t figured it all out yet. As of this writing she has covered 14 towns including Antrim and she hopes to add a new town or city every week. Laura’s challenge will be a daunting task. She says she prepares for her winter tours clothed in three pairs of pants, two shirts, two pairs of socks, ear muffs, coat and warm gloves in addition to her camera, lenses, tripod and some blankets, all stuffed in her Jeep. Getting the right shot isn’t easy, she says, noting that to get the correct perspective photographically of the Deering Reservoir required her to lie flat on the ground in order to show the expanse of the reservoir.

Laura finds as much pleasure in chatting with the local people as she does photographing the sites in Antrim and neighboring towns. She deals remarkably well with the beauty of the rural areas of New Hampshire such as Antrim. She admits, though, she hasn’t figured out yet how to tackle the cities. Should she concentrate on the architecture or try some other approach, she wonders. Keene, she said, probably will be the first city on her list. Even then, she expects that photographing just Winchester Street could take her six hours. Another location that intrigues her is Hell’s Hollow in Plainfield, NH. She thinks that Halloween is the appropriate time to visit Hell’s Hollow.

For some beautiful photographs of Antrim, go to Laura’s website www.touringNH.com.

22 YEARS OF THE LIMRIK ONLINE

Lyman Gilmore

We have had all twenty-two years of *The Limrik*, beginning with the first issue in 1991, scanned and digitized and soon to be loaded into the Library computer where you can search for any issue, article, or author. We consider *The Limrik* to be the journal of record for the town, and having it available to the public from its inception should be an important benefit to Antrim.

LITTLE EINSTEIN'S

Wednesdays March 6, 13 and 20. Working with Jenn Sutton, a naturalist from the Harris Center, kids in grades 1-6 can explore the miracles of science. We are continuing our Wednesday programming with the Harris Center with Hikes to Special Places on Wednesdays in April. Registration forms are online at www.antrimnh.org.

AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING AT CROTCHED MOUNTAIN REHABILITATION CENTER

This is a four week session on Fridays, March 22 and 29, April 5 and 12. The cost is \$50. Have a great time, and get ready for summer swimming by joining us for some swim time at Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center's indoor pool. Grades 3-6 are transported and chaperoned by the Antrim Recreation staff. Children in grades 1 and 2 are welcome to participate but will need to be supervised by a parent. We reduce the fees for parents that transport and supervise their own child. Pre-registration is required by March 8.

LACROSSE: GIRLS AND BOYS AGES 7-11

Registrations are due by March 15. Numbers allowing, teams are part of New Hampshire Youth Lacrosse. Practices and games are on Sundays and weeknights. Games start on April 14.

HERSHEY TRACK AND FIELD

We will be working with coaches from Conval to initiate Track and Field activities for kids ages 8 through 14. Participants can choose to participate in the Regional Hershey Track and Field Competition at the end of June.

BASEBALL, SOFTBALL AND T-BALL

Registration deadline March 16. It's that season again; please come and register on our registration night, March 14 from 5-7 p.m., same night as Town Meeting. Baseball is open to ages 5-12, costs for t-ball or rookies \$35; minor and majors \$45. Baseball age is determined by the age of the player before May 1. Softball is open to ages 7-12, cost for rookies \$35; minors and majors \$45. Softball age is determined by the age of the player as January 1, 2013. Late fee is \$10 after the due date. Support your local league by volunteering or sponsor a team.

YOUNG ATHLETES PROGRAM

Fridays, March 8 through May 17, 5:30-6:15 p.m. at Antrim Town Gym. For children ages 2 through 8, for children with AND without disabilities. In partnership with Special Olympics. Young Athletes is all about fun and represents the first possible place for a child with or without disabilities to experience and participate in activities that are designed to introduce and develop fundamental skills necessary for future Special Olympics training and competition. The activities were created by experts from the fields of special education, physical education, adaptive physical education, physical therapy, and occupational therapy. The activities are not only

appropriate for children with intellectual disabilities, but all children of the targeted ages from two through seven, allowing for peer interaction among children with and without intellectual disabilities. **Free!**

SPORTIES FOR SHORTIES

A general sports development program for kids ages 4 thru 6. This program will run Saturday mornings in May and June. We will discover the skills and tactics for T-Ball, Lacrosse, Tennis, Kickball, and Track and Field. \$20 per child.

OTHER ONGOING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sunday afternoon Gymnastics (5-10 years old); Thursday After School TaeKwon Do. Go to www.antrimnh.org for more information.

ANNUAL SPRING EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday morning, March 23 at Memorial Park. Bring Your Own Basket. Watch for information on the website with exact time and activities. Or call us. Volunteers are needed.

BIKE SAFETY RODEO WITH THE ANTRIM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sunday May 5 at 1:00 p.m. Antrim Town Gym.

FISHING DERBY AT MILL POND

Saturday May 4 at 8:30 a.m., Memorial Park (kids up through 15 years old).

ARCHERY: IT'S BACK!

Working with Archery In Motion, we are scheduling an April Vacation Archery workshop (Tues / Weds / Thurs: from 10:00-11:30 a.m.) and in May a Tuesday after-school workshop. To start, these will be basic archery programs, with the possibility of developing into more. We recommend this program for those ages 8 and older. The cost for archery class is \$55 per person.

DAYS OF SUMMER CAMP 2013

Days of Summer Camp registration forms and details are available on the website. This day camp is for children ages 6-12. The camp operates from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 1 through August 16. Exciting themed weeks, with new field trip destinations this year. Space is limited. Early-bird registration is available through May 25. Fees are \$80 for Antrim residents / \$120 for non-residents, plus additional \$30 field trip fee. After May 25, prices will increase, so act fast. After May 25 fees are \$120 Antrim residents / \$140 non-residents, plus additional \$30 field trip fee.

JUNIOR COUNSELORS • AGES 13-14

Our summer camps provide Counselor in training opportunities for two young adults for each week of camp. This is a great opportunity to get some working experience while enjoying some great activities in a positive setting. Cost for junior counselors is \$40 per week Antrim resident and \$60 per week non-resident. If you are interested in being a JC and

would like an application, please contact us soon! The Junior Counselor application deadline is April 19. Please email Lisa at antrimsummer@tds.net. These positions are competitive, so act fast if you are interested. In addition to the Days of Summer Camp, we have contracted sports camps that come to Antrim, including Lacrosse, Ketchums Kickers Soccer, Challenger Sports Soccer, Bombers Basketball, and more. Stay tuned!

ONGOING ADULT FITNESS AND EXERCISE

Mondays/Wednesdays: Zumba at 5:30 p.m., Fab Abs at 6:35 p.m.; Tuesdays: Yoga; Wednesdays: Women’s Pick-Up Basketball; Thursdays: Volleyball; Fridays/Sundays: Men’s Pick-Up Basketball.

FREE MOVIES AT ANTRIM TOWN HALL

COMING ATTRACTIONS: “Argo”, Moonrise Kingdom”, “Wreck It Ralph”, “Beasts of the Southern Wild”, and “Frankenweenie”. Date and time schedule is posted online: www.antrimnh.org. Thank you to the Tuttle Library for supporting our movie program.

To register or for more information on any program, please contact: Antrim Recreation Department at 588-3121. Email us at antrimrecreation@tds.net. We also have a Facebook page. See you at Town Meeting! ❁

ANTRIM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Todd Bryer

The Antrim Fire Department has completed another typical year. However, whether it is 2:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m., we are short staffed on manpower. We encourage anyone who is interested in serving the community to stop by and fill out an application to join the department. You will find someone at the Clinton Road station on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon during equipment check, or every 2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m. for training. You can contact Deputy Chiefs Marshall Gale or Eric Phillips, Captain Jay Hennessy, or me, Tod Bryer (588-2679), with any questions you may have.

As always we would like to thank the community for their continued support. ❁



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EDDIE

Dick Winslow

Some of us remember Eddie’s Place, a general store in Clinton Village. Eddie Rockwell. He and I became acquainted one summer around 1928 when we attended Daily Vacation Bible School in Antrim’s Presbyterian Church. It was the School’s opening day and Eddie and I sat at a table with half a dozen other kids, watched over by a volunteer teacher, a young woman. No one had told her that Eddie had been born deaf and could not speak with words, only with a jumble of various sounds. When he tried to communicate with her, she was bewildered and said to me “Is he speaking French?” I knew it was not French and furthermore could tell by his



body language that he needed to go to the bathroom, and said so to the teacher. She thereupon asked me to take him to the bathroom in the basement of the church, and I did so.

Thereafter, we always smiled at each other whenever our paths crossed—which, to my regret, was not often. I would have loved to have been his friend. He was sent away to a school where he could learn sign language and lip reading and other skills necessary for him to cope with a world he could not hear. It was following this that he met the lovely Helen Boniewski who would become his wife.

He and Helen not only created the popular store in Clinton Village, but also became parents. Their son, Robin, has contributed several interesting articles to the Limrik including the memorable *Antrim High School Bomb Scare* in this issue. ❁



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HOLIDAYS

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CONTEST

Children's author/illustrator, **Jan Brett** is holding a Free Library Visit Contest for the community who has the most "Likes" on Facebook for Jan Brett's Facebook page. If you are a Facebook user, we would greatly appreciate it if you would go to Jan Brett's page and click "Like." It will be located on the "Jan Brett Free School or Library Visit" window. Only one entry is allowed per person, so please tell your friends and enlist their help. She is offering up to 100 prizes, including signed copies of her latest book or signed Jan Brett posters. The contest ends on April 18.

LOOKING FOR TAX FORMS?

The IRS does *not* provide paper forms to the Tuttle Library, and hasn't for several years. You can have tax forms and instruction booklets mailed to you by calling: 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). Feel free to use one of our computers to print out forms from the IRS website: www.irs.gov.

There is no charge for printing out forms, but we do charge for printing selected pages from the instruction booklets.

A SNEAK PEEK INTO SUMMER READING

We have begun some planning for our 2013 Collaborative Library Program which is being used nationwide by libraries in all 50 states. It is an underground theme entitled "Dig Into Reading." Think of buried treasure, underground caves, remnants of ancient civilizations, insects, dinosaur bones and other fossils to inspire your children to read. This summer promises to be a good one as our staff members put on their creative thinking caps.

WE NOW HAVE MAGAZINES!

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AUTHOR FOCUS

When doctors and lawyers turn to writing fiction, the results can be, well, mixed. Although our featured author this month is a doctor, don't expect a hospital-based mystery or a thriller featuring some obscure disease. **Khaled Hosseini** does not write light novels, although his books are arguably page-turners. Born on March 4, 1965, in Kabul Afghanistan, Hosseini was fifteen when his family sought political asylum in the United States. He received his medical degree from the

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University of California, San Diego, and practiced for ten years before becoming a full-time author and humanitarian. His first two books, *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, spent a combined 150 weeks on *The New York Times* Best Seller list. They are gritty portrayals of life in Afghanistan before and during the reign of the Taliban. His language is both precise and evocative, dealing with issues of multi-generational family relationships in a setting both foreign and exotic to the American reader. There is humor and tenderness, but there is also horror and grim anticipation—these are not books for the faint of heart, but they are books that can move you to tears.

Hosseini's third novel, *And the Mountains Echoed*, is due to be published in May. The author has commented that this book will deal with the relationships between brothers and sisters, and the ways in which "they love, wound, betray, honor, and sacrifice for each other."

In addition to his literary endeavors, Hosseini is also a Goodwill Envoy for the United Nations Refugee Commission. Both his humanitarian and literary careers are informed by memories of his childhood in pre-Soviet-era Afghanistan. He claims his writing has been influenced by classic Persian poetry and well as *Alice in Wonderland* and Mickey Spillane. The Tuttle Library has copies of *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, and we look forward to his next book. ❁

ANTRIM HIGH SCHOOL BOMB SCARE

Robin Rockwell

Last fall marked the 50th anniversary of the Antrim High School bomb scare in 1962. I have questioned several people as to their memory of this day. In most cases their memories had faded, too much time had passed by. I have to admit that I have forgotten more than I can remember regarding that day.

It was in the fall of 1962 and the day began innocently enough at the brand new Antrim High School.* School buses had dropped off students and those that walked had arrived. We gathered in our homerooms prior to classes starting. Eric Tenney's mother, Beverly, doubled as my homeroom and English teacher. The eight o'clock bell signaled the beginning of classes. Chatter filled the hallways as we walked to our assigned classrooms unaware of the oncoming excitement. At 10 o'clock the Principal, Mr. Hamel, as was his routine, would make his daily trip to the post office. He returned to the school a few minutes later and as he sorted through the mail, an envelope addressed to him caught his eye. It contained a typed letter warning of a bomb, set to go off that morning. After phoning the school superintendent, Mr. Hamel announced over the intercom for the students to quickly gather in the hallway. Once assembled, he requested we open our lockers and leave the building, school was dismissed! Wow! What was up? While we were leaving, the NH State Police and the Antrim firemen arrived.

My seventh grade classmate, Alison Currier, had this to say about that day, "I think she (Mrs. Tenney) was about to give us a surprise quiz, which I was totally unprepared for. Just as the quiz was announced and my palms began to sweat, I think Mr. Hamel came on the intercom system and asked the entire school to assemble immediately in the hall where he said we were to unlock our lockers and we would be dismissed pronto! I can't seem to recall if we were told it was a potential bomb but, that our usual buses were coming for us folks who lived out of town and we were to vacate the premises ASAP."

Larry Nay recalls his female classmates crying as we left the building. Others were glad school was cancelled. Some of us, myself included, had to wait for buses to return and provide our rides home.

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ANTRIM AREA SENIOR CENTER BEGINS FIFTH YEAR

Dennis Minichiello

In December of 2008 Mother Nature's fury by way of an ice storm and the inspiration of a few Antrim residents spawned what would become the Antrim Area Senior Center (A.A.S.C.). The center's inception was a wonderful example of a community's response to a local need and a perfect illustration of necessity as the mother of invention.

As the fifth year for A.A.S.C. begins, the steering committee remains committed to providing a gathering place for seniors to socialize and a venue to enrich their lives. Seniors, fifty-five and older, from five communities (Antrim, Bennington, Hancock, Greenfield, and Hillsboro) have been regular attendees at the center during the past four years.

The A.A.S.C. is a self-funded organization without a membership fee. It continues to call the fellowship hall at the First Presbyterian Church of Antrim home. The center is open every weekday, except holidays, from 9:00 to 1:00. The senior center is grateful to the church's session for providing this space for the seniors.

Sandy Snow, who was the chairperson of the steering committee which is made up of A.A.S.C. members, guided the center through some of the challenging early years. During this past year Sandy stepped down as chair, but remained on the committee. The A.A.S.C. and the communities it serves

owe Sandy a big thank you. The senior center was lucky to have Marcia Ullman step forward and volunteer to chair the committee.

Coffee and homemade baked goods are plentiful during the center's hours. The cadre of bakers creates delicious muffins, scones, breads, cakes, pies, and cookies for seniors who drop in every day or just on occasion. The seniors appreciate the work and dedication of volunteer bakers Missy Taylor, Dian Campbell, Erin Campbell, and Gerry Dumont. If you are running errands in the downtown area and you are fifty-five years or older, stop by for a quick chat and some refreshments, or sit a while as you read the morning paper or peruse a variety of magazines.

Most mornings, visitors to the center will find two or three folks working a jigsaw puzzle and a lively card game in progress. On Fridays, a dedicated group of bridge players gather in one corner of the center. There are about six folks interested in playing, but the group would like to pick up a few extra players so that a second foursome can play. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, at 10:00, an exercise group, led by Joyce Ring, meets downstairs in the recreation room of the church. The ladies who participate would love to have more company. Let's get some guys down there!

The A.A.S.C. also provides a table and bulletin boards loaded with information pertaining to senior issues. The pamphlets and flyers cover community, state, and federal programs and resources available to most seniors. Also, health and nutrition information is available. We welcome you to stop by to have a look at the information.

2012 proved to be one of the most active years in the Antrim Area Senior Center's brief history. The steering committee planned a variety of trips, "talks," and gatherings. The center, in conjunction with the Recreation Department, embarked on five trips from July to December.

The trip to the Lowell, Massachusetts historic canals and mills was one of the most anticipated and enjoyed trips. Also, the ever-popular fall foliage trip was a success. This year the center drove to White River Junction, Vermont, boarded a train, and took a leisurely ride north along the Connecticut River. As has become a tradition, the group stopped at an ice cream stand on its way home.

A.A.S.C. and the Rec. Department are lucky to have one of the seniors, Jim Burnham, as the bus driver. He has driven for almost every trip the center has taken in the last four years, and he researches the areas we visit for the best purveyors of ice cream. The folks at the center thank you, Jim.

This past July, a foursome from the senior center took a two-week cruise/land tour in Alaska. The group spent eleven days cruising Alaska's Inside Passage and got to witness Hubbard Glacier calving. The four-day bus/train portion of the trip included a visit to spectacular Denali National Park.

In addition to trips, the steering committee arranged for seven presentations by guests and center members. Kristin

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Vance's presentation about the history and services at the Grapevine was informative, as was a presentation by an AARP representative on Medicare fraud. Also, a panel of longtime Antrim residents reminisced about the Antrim they knew in their childhoods, high school years, and young adult lives.

In observance of Veterans' Day, Steve Ullman, another steering committee member, arranged for several Antrim veterans to speak about their service and how it influenced their lives. A.A.S.C. thanks Sydney Wilson-Smith, Paul Blackman, Ted Brown, Eric Tenney, and Rick Wood for their service to our country.

The center held a holiday gathering in December. A tree was decorated, goodies and hot chocolate were served, and live seasonal music was provided by Ray Sweeney. And as it had for the past two years, the senior center entered a tree in Antrim's holiday extravaganza, Festival of Trees. This year's tree was a star-bedazzled creation entitled "Star Light, Star Bright."

Most months in 2012 the senior center put on a brunch of scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, toast, and beverages. The center's cook team was led by Carol Snow, Jim Burnham, Ron Hagggett, and Frank Scales. The brunches were

popular and often were preceded by a presentation. The proceeds from the brunches helped fund the center's activities.

Once again, A.A.S.C. held a lawn/rummage sale on the Saturday of Home and Harvest weekend. The center thanks the members of the senior center and the folks in the communities it serves for their donated reusable-recycled items. This event, like the brunches, helped fund senior activities.

The second Tuesday of each month Mary McCartel, a representative from Pheasantwood Nursing Home in Peterborough, and her associate take vital signs for any senior who stops by the center. They usually arrive at 11:00. Thanks to Mary and Pheasantwood for this service and the delicious desserts they bring on those Tuesdays.

All events at the senior center are posted on the town's web site and various bulletin boards across Antrim and Bennington (T-Bird, laundromat, town hall, post office, senior center, Bennington Country Store, and Harry's Mini Mart). The events are usually posted in various weekly newspapers throughout the area. If you are interested in events at the center, check these sources, stop in and talk to a steering committee member, or call 588-2209 and ask to speak to Sandy Snow or Dennis Minichiello.

Prepared lunches from Meals on Wheels are served at 11:45, Monday through Thursday in the fellowship hall. Diners must be sixty years or older and must sign up for meals in advance. For more information about the lunch program, call 588-2209 between 11:00 and 12:30 weekdays and ask for Moe Connell. Although the lunch program is a separate entity from A.A.S.C., several of the seniors at the center volunteer to help set tables, serve lunches, and clean up.

A.A.S.C. is looking for more area seniors to drop by on a daily basis or participate in its special events and activities. The steering committee is open to suggestions. Come in. Talk to us. Join us. ❁

PODUNK

We generally think of Podunk as a typical jerkwater town without having any idea whether it exists or how to get there. (I'm attracted to the possibility that it's an American Indian word describing a geological formation.) Anyway, the following anecdote puts the word to good use.

In a municipal court in hillbilly country, a lawyer was arguing a case, using as many words as possible. He went on and on and on, repeating himself and laboring the obvious, until finally the judge interrupted him. "Mr. Attorney," the judge said, "do you know the legal phrase *Res Ipsa Loquitur*?"* And the attorney replied, "Your Honor; back in Podunk that's just about all we talk about."

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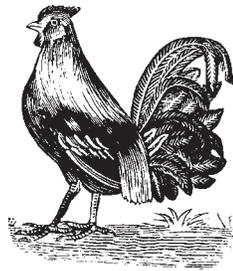
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What ensued was a comical several minutes with us trying to catch these babies and get them safely into a dog kennel so we could transport them to the chicken yard. Because they were so small they could dart right through the chicken wire fencing. Within the larger yard we had to make a smaller pen with some netting, construct a tiny coop, and get them their own water and feed dishes. Puts a whole new spin on the “free” part of free baby chicks doesn’t it?

Woodsy Momma followed after her babies and in a bit the new family settled into their new and safer home. As they grew they became accepted members of the flock.

Woodsy Momma’s chicks grew nicely but were always skittish and kept their distance from people—all good instincts to have living in the woods.

A while later the same employee offered us three free sheep—the lesson learned is when someone offers you free cute baby anything, coo over them, smile—heck, pet them if you must, but then turn and run in the opposite direction!



A short time later, after students arrived home, a loud boom could be heard. Some thought the bomb had exploded. Alison Currier, Jane McLean, and Roxanne Johnstone remember hearing this, thinking the high school had been leveled, only to realize later that it had been a jet breaking the sound barrier.

In the meantime, each room and locker was searched for any evidence of a bomb. The state police examined the type font of the letter and compared it to those of the typewriters used in Mr. Henry Eagar’s typing classes. One particular typewriter was used daily by one student only. For this reason he became the prime suspect.

The police went to his home and brought him in for questioning. He admitted his guilt and implicated two other students in this scheme. What is interesting about this day was that there were no news reporters or television coverage at the scene. I can just imagine what it would be like today with all the cable stations possibly present.

As for the motive of this scheme, it began as a prank. On a Friday afternoon, one of the three, while practicing his typing during activity class, had typed a letter indicating a bomb was set to detonate at four that afternoon. One of them was going to hand Mr. Hamel the letter at the end of the school day knowing he would realize it was a joke. They thought more of it and decided to change the day from Friday to Monday with the bomb set to explode at 10 a.m. After the second letter was composed, they got cold feet and the plan was scrapped.

However, unbeknown to the others, the mastermind of the three (not the typist) took the letter home with him and decided on his own to mail it to the school principal. So you can imagine how stunned the remaining two were when the state police and the Antrim fireman arrived at the scene Monday morning at 10:30, thirty minutes after the bomb was scheduled to detonate.

The punishment for these three Antrim students would seem light today, three weeks suspension. Two of the students returned to school and graduated three years later while the third never returned and ultimately joined the Navy.

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THE GRAPEVINE

Kristen Vance

GUIDING GOOD CHOICES BEGINS MARCH 5

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Out" day. The public is invited to support The Grapevine by dining out the following days:

Rick and Diane's—Friday, March 8

The Hancock Inn—Sunday, March 10

The Common Place—Saturday, March 16

Fiddlehead's—Thursday, March 21

MAY 11 SPRING WALK FOR FAMILIES: CAN WE RAISE \$15,000?

Lace up your walking shoes, tune up your strollers and wagons, and get your pledges for The Grapevine's 9th Annual *Spring Walk for Families* on Saturday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of this annual event—which takes place rain or shine—is to honor families, and to raise both awareness of and financial support for The Grapevine's programs and resources for children and parents. Last year the event raised almost \$13,000, which included a \$5,000 challenge grant from The Finlay Foundation in Milford. That success made us aware of the fundraising potential of this event, at a time when increasing local support is critical to the long-term viability of The Grapevine. And so, our goal is to make this year's walk *the biggest and best ever*, with 100 walkers raising \$15,000. Walk with us!

The route is 4+ miles in length—up West Street, left on Old Hancock Road, down Pleasant Street and back up Main Street to The Grapevine—with mile-markers along the way for participants who would like to walk just a mile or two. A van equipped with car seats for children will be driving the route to pick up any walkers too tired to finish. Trash bags will be available at registration for walkers willing to pick up litter along the way. Water and refreshments will be available at The Grapevine and at about the half-way mark (top of West Street).

You can find pledge sheets on www.GrapevineNH.org, at The Grapevine, and at various locations in town. Get yours and start gathering pledges today! We'll have giveaways and prizes and a whole lot of fun. Call for more information, and thank you for your support.

BABES IN BACKPACKS-TODDLERS IN TOW

Tuesday May 7 at 10:00 a.m. with Susie Faber of the Harris Center. Wake up your senses with a Spring ramble at McCabe Forest. Scavenger hunts and collections will guide us through the woods as we search for nature's gifts. Meet at The Grapevine for this family hike for children and adults of all ages. Call 588-2620 to sign up. Free.

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- Wednesday and Friday 9:00–noon **The Learning Vine** preschool – **Space available for our 2013-14 school year.** Call to arrange a visit!
- Friday 10:00–11:30 a.m. **Better Beginnings for Babies.** “Baby Group,” now facilitated by Nancy Macalaster, is growing by leaps and bounds. Upcoming discussion topics include basic baby care, natural medicine and yoga for new parents. Call to join.

Call 588-2620 to sign up for programs, and to ask for Beth for more information.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Are you too busy to join one more group or take on one more project? Then it’s time for you to join the People’s Service Exchange! Many people feel they are too busy to join but that is *exactly* when membership comes in handy the most. Allowing others to help does not come naturally but the rewards are worth it. And you offer your services only as you are able. Joining is quick and easy.

For those of you who remember when the People’s Service Exchange began, it may seem impossible to believe it’s been 10 years! Many neighbors have helped neighbors, made friends and saved money along the way. Lately, groups from Keene and Milford have contacted us about how we started the PSE and what our experiences have been. If you have a story to share about how the PSE has made a difference in your life, please contact Nancy O’Brien, program coordinator at 588-2620 or peoplesserviceexchange@tds.net. Visit our website at www.pse-nh.org or drop by The Grapevine Monday, Tuesday or Thursday 9:00 to noon.

Thank you...

Linda Fortune, for taking *The Clothing Vine* under your wing and designing the small space so that parents can easily find free, gently-used clothes for their children. And of course for volunteering every week in the children’s program. We are going to really really miss you!

Tod and Linda Bryer, for your time, talent and supplies to turn Linda Fortune’s *Clothing Vine* vision into reality so quickly.

Ken Kass, for shoring up our play yard fence after two sections were blown down in the January wind.

To all who responded to our annual appeal with a contribution. There’s still time!

COMING SOON ...

Black Fly Community Art Show, Saturday, June 1 from 10:00-12:00 featuring multi-media art by local children and youth, community and family art activities, and more. If you have art you would like to show please call Beth 588-2620.

Our Backyard Summer Adventures—it’s not too early to think summer activities for your child. The Grapevine staff is planning now—call for more information.

- **Summer Parent-Child Groups** for toddlers to age 5 years
- **Backyard Adventures** for 4 ½ to 6 year olds – 2 one-week sessions
- **Backyard Science Camp** for 7 to 9 year olds

SERVICES AT THE GRAPEVINE

- **Information & Referral:** Information about area resources for financial assistance, food, childcare, legal assistance, clothing, health and dental care, and other needs.
- **Community Wood Bank:** For those who use wood to heat their home and can’t afford to buy it. The wood bank has also helped residents who typically can buy their own wood but find themselves in a bind due to major ice and snow storms. Open Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. or by appointment.
- **Heating Fuel & Electric Assistance:** Call 924-2243 or 877-757-7048 for an appointment or The Grapevine for information.
- **Child & Family Counseling** by Monadnock Family Services
- **Family Conflict Resolution** offered by Milford Area Mediation Services.
- **Help finding meaningful employment:** A.C.C.E.S.S. offers support for people with disabilities in their search for meaningful employment.
- **Help Finding Shelter** for families who are homeless or face homelessness.
- **Visitation Site** for noncustodial parents and their children.

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization located behind the Tuttle Library and serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Frankestown and nearby towns. Other programs include the Before and After School Clubs, Avenue A Teen Center, and Senior Exercise. For more information call 588-2620. The Grapevine exists because of charitable contributions from people like you. No amount is too small—or too big! Tax deductible contributions are gratefully accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, or drop by the center at 4 Aiken Street (behind the library).

And don’t forget—you can now visit us on our website www.GrapevineNH.org and Friend us on Facebook! ❁

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