

The Limrik

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For, by and about the people of Antrim.

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A WONDERFUL DAY OF TROUT FISHING

Sandy Snow

The water had been dropping in the North Branch River in front of our house for at least two weeks. The rains had disappeared for a while and the snow-melt had pretty much found its way into the river.

Day by day the current in the pool on our side of the island beyond our deck changed almost imperceptibly. The fierce roar of the water was now a quieter rush. A large patch of foam appeared and rotated slowly on the north side of the current. Now, as the current diminished, so did the foam until it disappeared entirely. Perhaps another patch of foam would form on the south side of the current. Sometimes it did. But not this year.

It was April and Nature had turned her attention from the river's flow to the buds on the trees. A single crow circled the house once and a pair of Canada Geese, honking excitedly, flew west toward the huge marsh above our island.

They looked serious about nesting. Usually, the annoying call of the king fisher would have bothered me. But not today.

Nature also had worked her way on me. It was about 45 degrees but the morning sun, where I had positioned my deck chair, made it feel like 65. Spring was beckoning and I was part of her plan. Yes, I thought, it was time to break out the fly rod.

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ANTRIM TOWN BUSINESS

Lyman Gilmore

Currently Antrim has three ongoing problems in the process of being solved: the wind controversy, a "Right To Know" lawsuit filed by a group of Antrim residents against the Select Board, and the repair of three bridges on Depot Street. My information comes from a May 15 interview with Galen Stearns, Town Administrator.

The NH SEC (Site Evaluation Committee) responsible for all alternative energy projects in the state has denied Antrim Wind Energy's application to construct a wind turbine project on the town's western ridgeline because of its purported negative "aesthetic impact" on the town and other entities including Audubon Society property. Antrim Wind Energy, LLC has thirty days from May 7 to appeal the SEC's denial. On 13 May the Selectboard voted to submit to the SEC a formal appeal requesting that it reverse its decision to deny Antrim Wind a permit to construct the wind project.

A group of Antrim residents identified in court papers as "Gordon Allen et al" (Gordon Allen, Mary Allen, Charles

Art Shows in Antrim

June 1 Black Fly Community Art Show
at The Grapevine from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

June 14–16 Eleventh Annual Spotlight on Community Artists exhibit at the Grange Hall (see article on page 13). 

GOOD DEATH

An Interview With Nancy Benda
Lyman Gilmore

Antrim's Nancy Benda is a PA, a Physician's Assistant, at Cheshire Hospital in Keene where one of her special interests is helping patients have a good death, or at least as good a death as possible. Some people may think the term "good death" is an oxymoron, that is, a statement that is self-contradictory. How can death be good? Nancy explains that years ago people accepted death as a natural part of life, but today much of our society is in denial about death and they act as if they are going to live forever. They tend not to think about death and dying until a crisis occurs, and then it may be too late to plan for the best possible death. Nancy's goal is to help patients and their families plan for an end of life that they would like to experience, and while it may be impossible to anticipate or control the future, advance planning can improve your chances of dying the way you want. Her goal is to help folks face their own mortality.

"Planning for your own death is not about gloom and doom, but about living

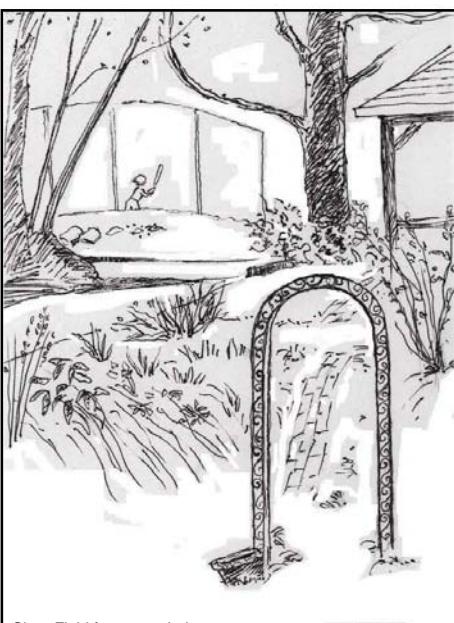
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by Lynn Robbins

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Shea Field from my window.

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Antrim Town Business

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Levesque, Janice Longgood, Martha Pinello) has filed a lawsuit against the Antrim Board of Selectmen alleging that it violated the state's Right To Know Law (RSA 91-A). "The New Hampshire Right to Know Law is a series of statutes designed to guarantee that the public has access to public records of governmental bodies. Public records are any information created, accepted, or obtained by, or on behalf of, any public body." (National Freedom of Information Coalition) The Hillsborough County Court in Manchester heard arguments by the attorneys representing the two sides on April 10, and on May 22 the court found that the Selectboard did violate the NH Right To Know Law, although the violation was through error and was not "obvious, deliberate or willful." The Court documents are available at the Town Hall.

The town is repairing three bridges on Depot Street, from west to east: a slab bridge, an arch bridge, and a steel bridge over the Contoocook River. Town Administrator Galen Stearns reports that the projects are ahead of schedule and should be finished in mid-September. 

SELECT BOARD

Gordon Webber

After a long winter, I think we all are looking forward to the days of summer.

The Board of Selectmen received bids on two surplus vehicles. The 96 GMC pickup sold for \$858.00 and the 04 Ford Expedition for \$1,207.00.

The new Police Dept. project is on schedule and we anticipate construction beginning in July. A new septic tank will be installed at the Fire Station to replace the existing tank, which is in poor shape. We have reviewed the health insurance for town employees and with a new plan we anticipate a savings of nearly \$30,000.00.

The Antrim Wind project, which was denied permitting by the SEC, will be appealed by both, Antrim Wind LLC and the Town of Antrim. We will see how that plays out. The Board has voted to accept an offer by Antrim Wind LLC for \$40,000.00 to be used to enhance the beach at Gregg Lake for perceive visual impacts. These monies are contingent on the project being permitted by the SEC. This has been a contentious issue and while the Board looks forward to hearing all the voters' opinions, we make our decisions based on the majority of our constituency.

You'll notice new granite posts and cobblestones around the Civil War monument. This enhancement was done privately and we thank the generosity of the donors and volunteers.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions to improve the Town of Antrim, please contact the Selectmen. 

GREAT BROOK SCHOOL

James Elder, Principal

It is astonishing how quickly technology has advanced and how our students' attentions have been captured by innovations such as texting, video games, and cell phone usage. While we, the staff of Great Brook School, certainly admire technology, we find ourselves in a new role. A fresh aspect of our job as teachers is to help our students keep their feet in the real world. This is why we place such a high value on field trips. Creating an education that is rich in experiences makes learning relevant for our children and keeps them inspired about things beyond the virtual world. We have found that field trips help students in three important ways:

First: Our goal for field trips is to insure that students **connect with their own communities**. We feel a sense of obligation to pass on our local history to the next generation so that *they* can carry on traditions. For example, in conjunction with Veterans Day, we take some of our 7th-grade students to Veterans' monuments in Antrim. They love to search the rosters for familiar names. As part of a recent fifth-grade social studies project, students conducted preliminary research and then traveled to various locations in Bennington to complete their understanding of life in a mill town and of the history of the Monadnock Paper Mill. They interviewed former employees to get a sense of what life was like for previous generations. This activity concluded with an impressive display that can be viewed by the public at the Monadnock Center for History and Culture, formerly the Peterborough Historical Society.

Second: Some field trips help our students **develop and maintain a connection with nature**. Fifth-graders travel to the Vermont Institute of Natural Science to learn about wildlife. The trip helps capture students' attention as they learn about birds of prey and view them up close and personal. Sixth-graders visit the Squam Lakes Science Center to enhance their understanding of field and forest ecology. Our eighth-graders make frequent trips to Otter Brook Farm in Greenfield where they experience an outdoor classroom environment and experience 'real world' science problems. We are glad to report that this program will be expanded to include sixth graders next year, and we hope to include to seventh grade the following year. The Otter Brook program, by the way, is grant-funded through the generosity of the Harris Center.

Third: Field trips **inspire students**. Our kids travel to the McAuliffe-Sheppard Discovery Center in Concord where they hear inspiring stories about astronauts and scientists. We often hear from former students who attribute a sense of direction and purpose in their own lives from an experience that inspired them during a middle school field trip. They have taken to heart our lessons of giving back to their country and communities by joining the military, becoming a park ranger, or pursuing other careers in service to others.



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ANTRIM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Scott R. Lester

At the 2013 Annual Town Meeting, the police station bond passed with overwhelming support. On behalf of the police department, Town Administrator, and the Select Board, I want to thank everyone who came out to vote. I greatly appreciated hearing everyone who spoke at the meeting. All the members of this agency work very hard to provide the best service we can while maintaining positive community connections. Your continued support fuels our drive to go above and beyond normal expectations.

Following the town meeting, Administrator Stearns and the Select Board worked out the necessary contracts and financial requirements. I provided BreadLoaf with a list of local material suppliers from paint to flooring and building materials. I was assured that these suppliers as well as local contractors would be given the opportunity to bid on the project. BreadLoaf provided the town with a maximum price and have to guarantee the work, so they are responsible for qualifying the contractors, reviewing, and accepting all the bids.

We reviewed the floor plan and BreadLoaf's engineering department is finalizing the overall construction plans. They hope to have everything in order by the end of June and break ground in early July. I look forward to seeing the final phase of this project begin.

I have been working hard to reduce the cost of outfitting the new station with furniture and storage equipment. With a generous donation from Lutheran Community Services, Sgt. Storro and I obtained several file storage cabinets, some tables and a few other office materials. I have also been working with the City of Manchester to obtain work stations, conference room furniture, evidence storage cabinets, and locker room lockers to be donated by the Manchester Police Department. The donation of these items will substantially reduce the cost of furnishing our new station. We want to thank T/C Storage Enterprise who has generously reduced its fees in order for us to store all the items until we can move into the new station.

This spring we have been active with community events. At the time of this article we have hosted the following:

On April 27th we held a National Drug Take Back Event; Cathy McGillicuddy and I assisted residents with the controlled disposal of unwanted medications. The event allowed residents to safely dispose of prescription medication easily and anonymously. This was the third time we have taken part in the statewide event coordinated by the DEA and Monadnock Voices for Prevention. We had 19 participants and collected 29 lbs. of unused and/or expired medications. We hope to continue hosting this event on a yearly basis.

On April 30th Detective LePine presented current trends of alcohol and drug use by teens at the Grapevine. He fielded a variety of questions from area parents regarding the availability in our community, what we do to detect and prevent



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FESTIVAL OF TREES

Missy Taylor

The Festival of Trees Committee never stops thinking trees! We have been meeting since the close of the last Festival in January to plan this year's celebration and we are thrilled at the enthusiastic reception to what has admittedly become our obsession. We are already hearing from participants of plans afoot for this December's trees and wreaths and we can't wait to see what our wonderfully creative community members come up with this year.

Community Calendar: As part of our efforts to continue to build community spirit, we have decided to try to revive the Community Calendar. We will soon be requesting submissions for birthdays, anniversaries and other important dates and taking orders for calendars. Please contact any committee member if you'd like a listing or a calendar.

Homes Wanted ... for our tree! The Home in Antrim Tree has become an annual tradition at the Festival of Trees. With last year's acquisition of a 12 foot tree, there's now plenty of room for more "home" ornaments. In fact, many people have commented that they'd like an ornament for themselves or as a gift. In response to your feedback, the Festival of Trees Committee has come up with a plan to both grow our ornament collection for the Home in Antrim Tree and for you to have a lovely keepsake ornament for your own tree. For a suggested donation of \$10 to help cover supplies and to support the Festival, our small group of crafty volunteers will make two ornaments, one for the Home in Antrim Tree and one for you! To order, you will need a good print or digital picture of your home so get your cameras out (if you need assistance with this, please contact us and we will

be happy to help). Order forms will be available at various locations including at the Library, on our website, www.AntrimFestivalOfTrees.org, or by emailing us at AntrimFOT@gmail.com. Orders will be taken through the first of November. Order early!! For questions, please call Kristy at 831-1802.

Because of the way the dates fall this year, with Thanksgiving occurring so late in November, and conflicts with other events, we have decided not to do a gala this year. The Festival will begin with an Open House the weekend of December 7 and 8. We are mulling over other evening festivities later in the month and will have more details soon.

Finally, we'd like to thank the Grange for the "Special Community Spirit" award presented to us at the annual Grange awards evening in May. We work very hard in creating and presenting this event and are deeply grateful for the Grange's recognition of our efforts. We could not do it without the overwhelming community response and we are so appreciative of your continued support of our endeavors.

The Festival of Trees Committee: Kristy Boulé, Laurie Cass-Griggs, Gerry McGlory, Missy Taylor, and Connie Vandervort.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Janet MacLachlan

Has anyone else noticed how especially beautiful the flowers and trees and shrubs are this spring? As I write this in early May, I am very conscious of all the beauty around me. Everywhere I look I see the forsythia blooming so profusely. The yellow blossoms seem to greet me wherever I turn. The clumps of daffodils swaying gently in the breeze seem to be springing up in all the gardens and along the roadsides in town. Another eye-catcher are the graceful weeping cherry trees that remind me of ballerinas performing on the lawns. The gorgeous magnolia tree on Route 31 is so lovely. Other trees in bloom are in shades of pink, white, and a stunning cerise red on Brian Murphy's lawn. You may think I'm being rather euphoric about Spring and the awakening of the trees and plants and you are right. I feel a little like what Rip Van Winkle must have experienced when he awoke from his long sleep. I realize this renewed appreciation of all the awakening beauty around me is because I have been pretty much unaware of it for the last year or two while I was focused on the care of my beloved husband, Mac. In March he passed on to a better place and I have started to reshape my life and look outward to the world around me. Old friends greet me and I feel that I am a part of this town again and can step back into familiar places and once again enjoy the feeling of belonging. I am coming back to a new life and with an appreciation of all that I have been missing.



ANTRIM GRANGE COMMUNITY AWARDS

Arthur Merrill

Antrim Grange held its Community Awards Night to honor some of the people who make Antrim what it is. We recognized **Eric Tenney** for his many years of service as selectman, **Mary Allen** for her years serving on the school board. **Shiloh Acres** and the **Sudsbury family** were selected for the **Agriculturalist Award** for their efforts in promoting and maintaining farming/gardening in Antrim. The **Festival of Trees Committee** was given a **Community Spirit Award** for their work in bringing the town together for the month-long display of holiday trees at the library.



Festival of Trees Committee: Left to right: Connie Vandervort, Gerry McGlory, Missy Taylor, Kristy Boulé.

The **Community Citizen Award** was presented to **Lyman Gilmore** in recognition of the multiple services he provides to the town.

Peter Moore recounted: "As a member of the Board of Directors for the Antrim Historical Society, Lyman initiated the preservation of a large portion of the written and reported history of Antrim including *Antrim Home News* (1875 to 1883) and the *Antrim Reporter* (1892 to 1951) to the *Antrim Limrik* (1992 through March 2013). While serving for many years on the Board of Trustees of the James A. Tuttle Library, Lyman helped to lead the long effort to gain support for and build the new addition. In 2005, after having served several years on the editorial staff of *The Limrik* and then as its Assistant Editor, he was elevated to Managing Editor. Lyman joins just a handful of the men and women most valued by the town of Antrim." 



Community Citizen Award presented to Lyman Gilmore by Beth Merrill.



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ANTRIM BENNINGTON LIONS CLUB

Dick Loveland

Our Lions Club has been busy with two community service projects and an update to the Outdoor Guide which was originally published in 2009.

Gregg Lake Ramp: A hearty crew of Lions with the help of Antrim Lumber's generator and donation took on the task of rebuilding the ramp to the bath house at Gregg Lake. John Robertson, Richard Reilly, Ken Drabble, and David Ward, with the help of Glenn Robertson, volunteered their time over several days to make the ramp safe for the upcoming season.

State Budget Forum: The Antrim Bennington Lion's Club held Candidate Forums last October for the House races in District 1 and District 38 and for the District 8 Senate race. Based on the positive feedback we received conducting those forums we were encouraged to sponsor other forums to better connect voters with our House and Senate officeholders.

We sponsored a State Budget forum in April that provided an overview of past budgets, the proposed budget and a Q & A with our legislators. All of our legislators attended; Bob Odell (Senate District 8), Marjorie A Porter and Gilman Shattuck (House District 1), Richard D McNamara and Richard Eaton (House District 38), and Jonathan Manley (House District 3).

Our representatives and voters were pleased with the forum and the dialog we were able to have on topics, e.g. bringing a casino to New Hampshire, status of our roads and bridges, increase in the gasoline tax, local aid, Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act and sequestration impact. Based on another successful forum we will continue to look at other events we can have with our representatives.

Outdoor Guide: Our first Outdoor Guide was published June 2009 and we have run out of copies so we are planning to publish a new edition this summer. The improvements to the guide will update all content, add new photographs, expand information on wildlife, wildflowers and fruit, and include new information (e.g. new trails, sledding). The major improvement we are planning is to use GPS to provide time, distance, and elevation for all the trails. To accomplish this we need your assistance. If are willing to help please contact Dick Loveland at 478-1344 or email at ral@gsinet.net. 

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THIS LITTLE PIGGY

Sheila Nichols

Upon watching the documentary Food Inc. directed by Robert Kenner and reading *The Compassionate Carnivore*, by Catherine Friend, Bill announced that he would only eat what we grow. While not yet possible, we have made a concerted effort to be mindful of what we eat and to know from whence our food comes.

Farming is something we have picked up because we enjoy it. We are a long way from being self-sufficient. Our library of How-To books is growing as we continue to learn best practices for the food we grow and the animals we raise.

Let's get this part out of the way; each year we raise pigs, chickens, and sheep for sale and personal consumption. We raise heirloom—non-genetically altered—breeds. After much research Bill found a facility in Westminster, VT, that butchers and packages our meat. The facility is immaculate, the animals are treated well, and the staff tirelessly answers our many questions.

Our pigs and sheep live in grassy fields under shady apple trees. The pigs dine on fresh vegetables and dairy products. Bill built a chicken tractor that enables us to move the chickens each day so they have fresh grass, bugs, and worms. The "tractor" keeps the chickens in and predators out. Our sheep, goats, pigs, egg laying chickens, and ducks are in movable fencing and rotate all over the farm. We toyed with the free-range concept but my gardens suffered so we use fencing. Our mama animals raise their own young without our interference. Everyone has fresh water, veterinary care, and lots of attention.

When we want to clear an area we send in the goats. They love brush, bark, and poison ivy. Then chickens scratch and tidy up. Finally, pigs root up stumps, turn over the soil, and fertilize organically. We do not use any pesticides. The animals receive grains and hay to supplement all the natural food they find.

Last year we bought six piglets. Our second year of raising pigs found us still a little green. The prep work was done, or so we thought. The fence was up, the water buckets filled, and the dusting powder readied. (When bringing new ani-

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ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Missy Taylor

The Board of the Historical Society has had a very busy spring and is moving forward with a number of exciting projects. Our 2013 winter membership drive was very successful and we welcome our returning and our new members. In April, we hosted a program with Al Gould discussing logging in New Hampshire and in May, Eric Tenney presented the history of roads in Antrim. On June 16, a panel of guests will reminisce about their experiences as we delve into the history of Antrim's schools.

We hope many of you will join us on the Fourth of July when the Declaration of Independence will be read by Dean Proctor and Bill Nichols at the Bandstand in Memorial Park. This is a wonderful annual tradition, now in its 19th year. Come join your friends and neighbors for coffee, homemade donuts and sweet rolls on Thursday, July 4th from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. as we celebrate the birth of our nation. The reading usually starts around 9:45 a.m..

We're getting ready for Home and Harvest Days in September, about which more will be in the September issue of the Limrik. Save the date of Saturday, September 14, when the Historical Society will again be selling homemade apple crisp with ice cream, as well as our maps, tote bags and historical publications. Our apple crisp has become a fall tradition and we usually sell out early in the afternoon, so make sure to get yours early.

We now have our own website and we are very grateful to Board member Dave DuBois, who has spent countless hours in designing and developing it. We will post up to date information about our programs and other events as well as new acquisitions and ongoing projects. We hope you will visit the site to learn more about the Society and to view some of our treasured objects and collections.

We are also working on a newsletter that we hope to publish three times a year, with articles about Antrim's history and other items of interest to our members. If you would like to contribute an article or idea for the newsletter, please let us know. We would love to have your contribution.

In May, we took part in the New Preservation Alliance online auction, contributing a copy of *Parades & Promenades* and a tote bag to the auction. We are currently participating in an exhibit, *Monadnock Treasures*, at The Monadnock Center for History and Culture at the Peterborough Historical Society, an eclectic look at the region's history through the objects that the

historical societies in the region have amassed. We submitted several of our many artifacts from our wonderful Goodell collection to illustrate Antrim's industrial past as well as one of its more famous residents. The Center is graciously extending free admission to our society members for the run of the show, from May 31 to the end of November.

We are always looking for new ideas for programs and we are very interested in your suggestions on how we can better serve the community. We also need volunteers to help us with our ongoing projects, the apple crisp social, the Festival of Trees, the Historical Society room at the library and service on the Board. If you haven't yet joined the Society and you are interested in helping us collect, interpret and promote the history and heritage of Antrim for present and future generations, please contact Missy Taylor at missette77@gmail.com or at 588-7146. Dues are \$10 a year for an individual, \$20 for a family, and tax deductible donations are always welcome. We depend on dues and donations for our operating support.

Please watch for Historical Society news and program announcements in the newspapers and on our own website. Historical Society programs are usually presented on the third Sunday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church at 3 pm, followed by refreshments. All of the Society's programs and meetings are open to the public without charge. ♦



Gordon Webber and Al Gould place cobblestones around statue.

every day to the fullest." She says we should ask ourselves some questions, including these: How do I want to spend my final days? What do I want my family and friends to go through? What decisions should I make now to save my family from having to make them later? (Making the difficult decisions now can leave the easier decisions for my family.) What is Hospice, how does Hospice work, and is there Hospice care available where I live? What is palliative care, and where can I find it if I need it? (Nancy explains: "The goal of palliative care is to prevent and relieve suffering through early identification, assessment, and treatment of symptoms in patients with life-limiting conditions. Hospice can be thought of as the last 6 months of palliative care.) Will I have pain, will I struggle for air, can I just go to sleep? Are there things I want to do before I die, such as travel to a certain place, write a book, communicate with old friends, or make amends to those I may have hurt in the past? And finally, where do I want to die? About this last question Nancy cites a research study published in the current issue of the Journal of Hospital Medicine showing that while "75% of the people in the four-year study said they wanted to die at home, 66% actually died in institutions like nursing homes and hospitals, showing a low concordance between preferred and actual site of death. Palliative care

and hospice can be instrumental in helping patients live with the best quality of life, with as few symptoms as possible and a comfortable ending. Planning can allow us to die at home peacefully, surrounded by our loved ones."

Nancy stresses that one of the most important questions we all should ask ourselves is about how we want to be treated in a medical emergency. This means we must fill out simple but crucial forms called "Advance Directives" that tell doc-

tors and family the care we want to have if we are unable to make medical decisions for ourselves, if we are unconscious or in a coma, for example. There are three Advance Directive forms available from doctors, hospitals, and Hospice: a "Living Will," a "Durable Power of Attorney," and a "Do Not Resuscitate" form. The Living Will is a legal document that describes the medical treatments or life-sustaining treatments we would want if we are seriously or terminally ill. The Durable Power of Attorney states whom we have chosen to make health-care decisions for us if we are unconscious or unable to make health care decisions. The Do Not Resuscitate order is a request not to have cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) if our heart stops or if we stop breathing.

Nancy believes that we ought to have family discussions about these questions way ahead of time, even among younger people. Sometimes it is difficult to talk about death, but it can be easier if thinking about a hypothetical question: I am not going to die any time soon, but what if I were to die, what would I want? Because Nancy has worked in medicine for many years she has come to realize we never know when life will be cut short. "We should not squander our time. We must treat our relationships as if they could end tomorrow, that is, plan for the future but live fully in today, and let go of petty grievances."

As Nancy was explaining all this to me I wondered how she came to this point in her life. I had known about her two terms as a member of the Antrim library Board of Trustees, but I did not know about her extensive scientific and medical training. She was raised as a child in Waltham, Massachusetts, but she had an early Antrim connection as her grandmother was Clara Pratt, Ben Pratt's mother. She received a degree in microbiology at UNH in 1967 and a Master of Arts



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in Teaching from UMASS Amherst in 1970. After teaching one year, she worked for twenty years as a microbiology supervisor in Maine hospital laboratories. In 1993 Nancy entered a Physician Assistant (PA) program at Saint Louis University, graduating in 1995 and obtaining her medical license, after which she worked as a PA in an inner-city clinic in Kansas City. In 1997 she returned to Maine to work until 1999 at the Central Maine Medical Center. Nancy moved to Antrim and the Emergency Room at Keene's Cheshire Hospital in 1999, and in 2000 became a member of the Inpatient Medical Team at Cheshire where she helps manage the medical care of inpatients.

Nancy and her husband Terry married in 1984 after being "fixed up as a joke." Terry, a Licensed Nursing Assistant at Cheshire Hospital and an Antrim EMT/ firefighter, worked in a Maine hospital operating room, and Nancy in the lab, and they did not know one another until Terry's OR colleagues told him there was a lab woman who wanted to date him and Nancy's lab friends told her about an OR guy who wanted to date her. The rest, as they say, is history.

Nancy has a lovely way of talking about dying and death with her patients by having them imagine their ideal sunset. "Just as the sun sets every evening, everyone is going to die. The sun will inevitably set over our lives, so think of your ideal sunset. How would you like your sunset to look? Where would you like to be to watch your ideal sunset?" The idea is that by anticipating the inevitable and doing some planning with family and friends, you are more likely to experience your perfect sunset.

RESOURCES: To obtain Advance Directive forms, contact Monadnock Hospital in Peterborough. To learn about Hospice and other end-of-life matters, contact: Hospice, P.O. Box 496, 45 Main Street, Suite 316, Peterborough, NH 03458. Phone 603-532-8353.



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Recently promoted from Patrolman to Sergeant, Storro told me that his highest priorities are protecting Antrim families and creating among residents an understanding of what the Antrim Police Department is committed to doing, and in fact does. The Sergeant rank means that he is second in command and in charge when Chief Lester is off duty.

Ryan Storro was born in the tough ex-mill town Leominster, Massachusetts, in 1965, and after graduating from its high school in 1983, served in the Navy as an Electrician's Mate in Grenada and the Persian Gulf on the Guided Missile Destroyer USS Luce. Both his father, an injured fire fighter, and his mother were disabled when he was young, so he and his brothers had to learn to fend for themselves. Upon discharge from the Navy, he worked as an electrician from 1986 to 1990 and then apprenticed under a Master Carpenter for five years in the Fitchburg-Leominster area where he also learned the art of copper roofing and worked on numerous churches in Worcester County. In 1994 he started a carpentry business in Mont Vernon, New Hampshire, and 2005 began building his own house in Antrim. In 2007, encouraged by two policemen friends, he decided to become a police officer as that would be easier on his body and a better way to support his family, his wife Carole an artist and art teacher, and their two children, a daughter Carly now fourteen and son Hunter, eleven. After fourteen weeks at the New Hampshire

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ANTRIM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Celeste Lunetta

As the baseball, softball, and lacrosse teams wrap up their seasons, we look ahead to a summer full of long days, music, and fun-filled evenings with plenty of time for recreation. Please find in this Limrik the two inserts from the Recreation Department, one for Antrim in the Evening, and one for our summer programs. I'd like to thank two talented women for the creation of these insets: Lisa Hennessy for the program brochure, and Ruth Benedict for the Antrim in the Evening poster. We also keep our page on www.antrimnh.org current, have a Facebook, and bulletin board at the Town Hall, beach, and at the Recreation Office at the Town Gym. From Track and Field, a Teddy Bear Picnic, a production of Midsummer Nights Dream, Adult Volleyball, basketball, Zumba, and yoga classes—swimming at our beautiful beach, riding scooters and skateboards at Memorial Park—your local recreation facilities and department offer lots to choose from.

MEMORIAL PARK SURVEY

The Parks and Recreation Commission is working to create a 10-year plan for Memorial Park. We are hoping to get your feedback on these important considerations. Surveys are available at the Town Hall, Recreation Office, and the Tuttle Library. The Parks and Recreation Commission members are Joan Gorga (Chair), Tim Smith (vice chair), Sam Harding, Isaac Lombard and Peter Lamb. The commission meets the second Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Office.

LAKE HOST PROGRAM AT GREGG LAKE:

We are pleased to have received a Lake Host Grant from NH Lakes Association. This program benefits from people who volunteer their time as educational stewards working with visiting boaters to inspect their watercrafts for harmful aquatic plants and animals. The goal is to prevent the introduction of nuisance species into Gregg Lake. At this time, Gregg Lake is free from any invasive non-native species. Training for Lake Host will be on June 15 and June 29. You only need to attend one training to become a qualified volunteer. We could use your help! If you are interested and plan to attend a training session, please phone the office at 588-3121 and leave a message for Celeste in Box 2.



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LOOKING DOWN THE HALLWAYS

Pamela Campbell, Principal
Antrim Elementary School

Looking down the hallway toward the left I see educators and volunteers working to help children. Looking down the hallway from there I see a spread of young faces filled with joy, wonder and a desire to express what has been learned. I see teachers who are involved personally in pursuing a plan of excellence for each child. I see teachers who share a village of learners in a town that supports them. When I look down the hallway once more I see our earliest learners. I see educators work with these little children as they constantly assess the plan and then in response change the plan based on assessment. I see devoted food service workers greet children and watch them with affection as they grow over the years. At the very end of that hall are occupational therapy, art and music. All places where children learn to move to the groove of "school." From there I turn the last leg of the square school house. I see the town gym, the town recreation center and the offices for the nurse, the guidance counselor and the school psychologists. All people working together to do what is right for our children and our future.

When I look down the hallway of my tenure with Conval next year, I will be looking at it from a second grade classroom in Antrim. I am so pleased to return to the classroom. I look forward to welcoming Ann Allwarden as the building principal for Antrim and Pierce School. Many of the teachers in both buildings have worked with Ms. Allwarden and we are excited to have her lead us in a new direction. One thing is certain, as she learns the strength of the two schools, the families and the towns, she will be happy for the opportunity to work with us.

Antrim had a very successful year with parent volunteers. We had volunteers come to the classroom every week. We had volunteers help chaperone field trips and respond to requests for special classroom projects. The PTO supports the school in a variety of ways. One example is their very profitable Winterfest. With the proceeds they were able to support our Eagle Groups with an Earth Day celebration. All the gardens were cleaned and beautified, and our playground was spruced up nicely.

We started the year measuring student ability and we are ending the year with significant gains. We have all grown. There's no doubt about it. Your children are in good hands and we are grateful for the privilege of working with them.



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Margaret Fuller: A New American Life

By Megan Marshall

Reviewed by Dick Winslow

The best-selling book in America in 1852 was *The Memoirs of Margaret Fuller Ossoli*, by three famous Fuller friends, Ralph Waldo Emerson, James Freeman Clarke, and William Henry Channing. It remained number one for several years until Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* knocked it out of first place. Oh, and by the way, what is "Ossoli" doing in that title?

In 1845 Margaret Fuller, then 35 years old, decided to go to Europe. She had made a big name for herself as a writer and promoter of social-justice causes, not only for women, but for humane treatment for all those in jails or asylums or public hospitals, as well as those persecuted because of race (she was an abolitionist). Her book *Woman in the Nineteenth Century* had developed a strong following both in America and in Europe as had her numerous writings for Horace Greeley's *New York Tribune*. Fuller wanted to meet leading European authors and activists, and did so. Traveling first to England and Scotland, then to the Continent, she met Matthew Arnold, William Wordsworth, Elizabeth Barret Browning and husband Robert Browning (Elizabeth found Fuller's prose to be "curiously inferior to her conversation"), the novelists George Sand and George Eliot, the Polish writer and patriot Adam Mickiewicz, the Italian patriot Giuseppe Mazzini, and of course many others, including a handsome, unheard-of young Italian man named Giovanni Angelo Ossoli with whom, having met by chance at a Rome piazza, she fell in love and had a baby they named Nino. It is unclear whether Margaret and Giovanni Ossoli ever married.

That she "went all the way" with Ossoli was amazing. Ever since puberty she had experienced vast confusions about sex, including her own virginity and strict 19th century anti-sexual attitudes. The complexity of her feelings is mirrored in what she wrote about the behavior of George Sand (the masculine pen name of the female French writer Amandine Dupin) "who should be prized both as a woman and a leader even though she had broken her marriage vows and formed other connections independent of civil or ecclesiastical sanction." Fuller regretted that Sand had not held herself "free from even the suspicion of error" (i.e. had not yielded to sexual passion) so that "she might have filled an apostolic station among people." Fuller herself believed, as she wrote one of several frustrated suitors who clearly would have loved to take her to bed, "there are in every age a few in whose lot the meaning of that age is concentrated. I feel that I am one of those persons. *I feel chosen among women.*" (Italics added.) Previously she had also written the sadly poignant, "I shall always reign through the intellect, but the life! the life! Oh my god, shall it never be sweet?"

A delightful play by Gertrude Stein is titled "The Mother of Us All." "Mother" here is the feminist pioneer, Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906), who worked tirelessly for women's

rights, including equal pay for equal work, opportunities to lead in business and the professions. She and others were planning a national meeting for 1850, hopefully to be presided over by the real mother of them all, the celebrated feminist pioneer, Margaret Fuller, after she was to return from Europe on the sailing ship *Elizabeth* in July of that year. But hopes were tragically dashed when the *Elizabeth* was engulfed in a powerful hurricane and capsized, 300 yards off a Fire Island New York beach. Fuller, Ossoli, and baby Nino all drowned; only the body of Nino was found later.



Margaret Fuller was the most learned American woman of her day. In childhood she had been driven toward intellectual virtuosity by her strict, demanding father, Timothy Fuller; she was for him the genius-to-be that he wished he could have been. He had her reading Latin at age 6, devouring Virgil's *Aeneid* at age 8 and, at age 10 translating, from the Latin, works by both Virgil and Cicero. Later she published her translation of Goethe's German poetry. Her skill with languages stood her in good stead when, in the late 1840's, she was living in Rome during a revolutionary period that saw fighting in the streets about which she filed numerous reports with the *New York Tribune*. In point of fact, the *Tribune*'s owner, Horace Greeley, had helped finance her European sojourn, and she had become America's first female war correspondent.

During a passionate relationship with one James Nathan, Fuller had written this verse:

*If I steadfast gaze upon thy face
A human secret, like my own, I trace,
For through the woman's smile looks the male eye.*

Fuller's biographer Megan Marshall said of her subject, "A woman for our time."

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(Trout season softly tip-toes up on us in New Hampshire. Actually, trout fishing begins Jan. 1—except for trout ponds—so anytime from then on we're free to hit the water (or ice) as the case may be.) It's not like Connecticut where I grew up. There, trout season begins on the third Saturday in April and half the state, it seems, turns out for something like a free-for-all. On larger rivers, fishermen stand only about 10 feet apart. Some catch fish, some catch each other. It's not a pretty sight.

But on this day in late April in New Hampshire I could feel and smell the North Branch beckoning. And best of all I knew there would be no one else on the river. The state had yet to stock it with brook trout and rainbows.

I trudged down to the cellar for my waders and fishing vest. The closet in the spare bedroom held the lightweight fly reel and 2-1/8 oz. fly rod. Within 20 minutes, with a muddler minnow tied onto the leader, I was ready.

Our three dogs didn't like being left behind at the border of the Radio Fence on the edge of our lawn. However, their interests in the river weren't compatible with mine.

Within moments the lawn changed to brush and trees. The rocks at the edge of the river were carpeted with damp, almost black moss and a mix of some other vegetation drenched by the lapping current. The pool normally would be a trout fisherman's dream. It was deep with a forceful flow of current from between two boulders that opened into an almost circular pool of deep, dark water. There should be a trout here somewhere, I told myself. But I knew it probably wasn't true. There never were and today was no exception. My side of the island doesn't get nearly as much water as the river's main channel on the north side of the island. The trout choose the larger flow with its greater quantities of food.

Slowly, I made my way upstream to where I could see the man-made boulder dam that diverted most of the river's current away from my part of the island.

A bit tired from the wading around boulders, some the size of my compact car, uprooted trees and tangled brush, I sat down on a flat rock in the middle of the current. To the side of me, 100 feet away, was the main current. It dove and crashed through the mix of boulders, overhanging hemlocks, and deadfalls that buried their heads in the cold water.

For five minutes I sat, partly to gather my energy and partly to comprehend the wildness of the river and the land all around me. Yellow and red buds swelled at the tip of tree branches. Hemlocks towered over the landscape.

A small caddis fly landed on the back of my hand. I watched it carefully. It was about a quarter inch long. In the air above the river was a mayfly gaining altitude after hatching from the water. Neither would bite. In fact the mayfly no longer had a mouth with which to eat. The majority of its life was spent underwater and the last 24 hours of that life which I was now witnessing was for mating and dying.

I was by myself but not alone. With me were the insects, a chipmunk that uttered one loud chirp in alarm, the towering trees, the roaring current, low growing brush emerging from dormancy, gold, brown, gray and even green boulders all around me and a deep blue sky above me.

I wondered how many times in more than 60 years I had paused to sit beside the water on a rock or log to drink in the world around me. There, of course, were the streams and rivers of New England and New York, the western rivers of Wyoming, Yellowstone, Idaho, and the blue ribbon trout rivers of Montana, particularly the Missouri. There was Ann Marie Lake in Labrador with probably the largest brook trout in North America. Each was my favorite when I was on them. Today was no different. The North Branch, for the day, was my only love.

Out of the corner of my eye, in a double flash of white from two fins, a spooked brook trout raced around my rock and away into another current somewhere upstream. I wasn't bothered that I hadn't interested him with my muddler earlier. If I had he would have been gently returned to the river.

Then I saw the flash of two more fish that paused by my feet momentarily but then disappeared almost instantly. I had seen them in previous springs in the North Branch. They were dace or chubs moving upriver to spawn. Their shape was similar to a trout but their dusty gray with a dark, lateral line on their sides indicated they were not trout, which I thought a pity since one was about 12 inches long and the other slightly larger.

It was time to move. I got up and followed the current that cut across the island and into the main portion of the river.

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Again, traveling was slow. However, a large, deep pool in the main channel just ahead was my goal – a fine place for trout, I thought.

Thankfully, a gravel bed between several boulders gave me a place to stand and enough room for a back cast. Half bent over beneath a red maple, I sent cast after cast into the boiling current. If there were a rainbow anywhere, surely he would make a lightning-fast strike at the inch-long fly that very often is a successful attractor in fast-moving water. But no fish showed.

I worked the river another 150 feet downstream until it separated into deep, turbulent pockets. The wet, slippery rocks between me and the pockets made me decide that I probably shouldn't push my luck wading any more.

Then I noticed a bit of metal railing of the Liberty Farm Road bridge downstream from me. Somehow it didn't seem right to spoil a beautiful day by approaching a man-made object in the midst of such beauty. I decided I had done enough fishing for today.

I headed across the island toward home. An enormous six-trunk white birch caught my eye. Each trunk was more than a foot in diameter and they made almost a perfect circle where they emerged from the soil. I wondered at all those trunks that reached toward the sky. They appeared dead; but in its prime it must have been a magnificent tree. Fifty feet later I spied a pile of deer droppings. He probably used the island as a safe detour around our house.

Soon I heard Tristan's scolding bark. He didn't like being left behind. As I came into view of him I could see him stamping his front paws on the lawn impatiently and barking for me to cross the river "right now" and come home.

There were hugs and kisses all around from the dogs as I walked up the grass to the deck. I shed my waders and vest and sat down to rest and admire the river. It surely had been a wonderful day for fishing. 



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ANTRIM GRANGE

Beth Merrill

Antrim Grange's 11th annual **Spotlight on Community Artists** exhibit will be held Friday, June 14 through Sunday June 16 at the Antrim Grange Hall. All Bennington and Antrim amateur and professional artists, as well as any Grange member, are invited to exhibit their works. For the first time, we will open up our exhibit this year to residents in neighboring towns on a limited, first-come, first-served basis.

Friday 2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Art Viewing

Friday 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Evening Gala & Art Viewing

Saturday 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Art Viewing

Sunday 12 Noon–4:00 p.m. Art Viewing and People's Choice Award presentation at 4:00 p.m.

We are very excited to announce a special **Pizza Box Art Contest** this year, which is being co-sponsored by Rick & Diane's Restaurant.

THE PIZZA BOX ART CONTEST

Use a pizza box as your canvas to create a work of art and enter it in the Antrim Grange Spotlight on Community Artists Exhibit June 14–16 and you might be the lucky winner of a \$25 Rick & Diane's Restaurant & Pizzeria gift certificate!

Purpose: To encourage creativity and innovation with repurposed materials.

Requirements: foundation (canvas) must be a pizza box. Extra boxes are available at Rick & Diane's Restaurant. Artwork must be a multi-media design and include at least one recycled/repurposed item (button, bottle cap, glass, tile, etc.)

Artist's name, age, address, and phone number must be securely attached to the back of the pizza box.

Judging will be done in two age categories (with first place winners each receiving a Rick & Diane's Restaurant gift certificate): Youth: artists age 13 and under. Adult: artists age 14 and over. Entries must be dropped off at the Grange Hall on June 12th, between 10:00 a.m.–12 noon or 4:00–6:00 p.m.

For more information about this contest or the Art Show, log onto our website www.grange.org/antrimnh98, the Antrim Grange Facebook page, email bmerrill@nhgrange.org, or call 588-6615. 



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growth, and signs to look for as a parent. Det. LePine was very pleased with the interest shown and questions asked and welcomed any parents to visit him at the station to discuss additional concerns.

On May 5th Sgt. Storro and Ofc. Lord provided safety tips and helmets to children at the Annual Bike Safety Rodeo. Although the turnout was significantly less than last year, everyone had a great time. Sgt. Storro introduced a few new games that were a lot of fun and provided safety materials along with refreshments. Rick Davis, owner of Rick and Diane's, provided vouchers for a free slice of pizza to all who attended. Thank you Rick!

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Community Supper scheduled for May 16th; The Antrim Police Department and their family members will host their annual community supper. We hope to have another packed room. Sgt. Storro's jaw dropping Shepard's pie will be the main dish.

NH Law Enforcement Memorial is scheduled for May 17th; I will be attending the memorial for the fifth straight year in remembrance of Chief Ralph "Buster" Brooks who served as Antrim's Police Chief in 1991 before suffering a fatal heart attack while on duty. This year, Sgt. Storro will escort the family to place a rose on the wreath.

Law Enforcement Torch Run is scheduled for May 27th; this event, the "LETR" is a fundraiser for Special Olympics New Hampshire and is run statewide, culminating at the UNH athletic fields in Durham NH on May 31st. Members of law enforcement run "legs" throughout the state to raise money and awareness for the worldwide organization. This has been an annual tradition for us and we coordinate with Peterborough and Hillsborough PD's to cover roughly 30 miles from Jaffrey to Henniker. APD runners start at the Antrim schools to run around the parking lot with local athletes and then meet up with the Peterborough group on Main St. We then run into Hillsborough joining the Hillsborough group at the town line on Route 202. This has been SONH's biggest fundraiser for several years and we really enjoy being a part of this program.

Fingerprinting for Great Brook School scheduled for June 3. Sgt. Storro and I will be attending the "Fly up" night for the incoming 5th grade parents at GBS. We will be at the school fingerprinting those parents and volunteers who plan on assisting in school events throughout their child's "Middle Years."

On behalf of all the members of the Antrim Police Department we hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer. ♡

Home & Harvest Festival
Sept 14–15

CONVAL

Rich Cahoon, School Board

It has been two months already, and that vote to save Great Brook School still seems incredible. When in our politics do we ever see 93% support for anything?

How inspirational it was to see children of 10 or 12, spending all afternoon standing on a snow bank in the pouring rain holding "Save Great Brook" signs. To hear that we have run out of ballots, and photocopies are being made to ensure that all those who turned out are able to cast their vote. To meet Great Brook alumni, now young adults away at college, who returned home that day to save what they still call "our school."

When election day dawned, many of us felt anxiety, a little fear, and more than a little anger. But by the time the day ended, we felt a great sense of community and pride. What a great testament to this town's support for its schools and its children.

Discussions about the future of our schools are ongoing, at the district level, and in our communities. The creativity, energy, and unity of purpose we saw on March 12th will be needed in the months to come. Please contribute to this process in any way you can.

Now, to the news: At this point in the year, we would normally be updating you on the results of NECAP testing at Antrim Elementary and Great Brook. Unfortunately, this year the results are delayed and so we have nothing to report. As soon as results are available, we will find a way to share them with you.

April brought the news that Antrim Elementary School principal Pamela Campbell would be stepping down from that role. We all wish Pam well, and are happy that the children of Antrim will still benefit from the experience of this dedicated educator as she returns to the classroom as a 2nd Grade teacher.

At its last meeting, the School Board confirmed the appointment of Ann Allwarden as the new Principal of AES and Pierce School in Bennington. Ann has spent the last several years as one of the district's literacy coaches. She has more than 15 years of experience and is familiar with the district and its schools. Please welcome Ann to our community.

March 6th was the last school board meeting in the long service of Mary Allen. Mary worked tirelessly to represent the people of Antrim and to ensure the best possible education for every student of the ConVal district. She was a strong voice for transparency and good governance and a passionate advocate for our students. I am sure I speak for us all in thanking Mary for her service and wishing her the best.

To all those who wrote in my name to represent you on the School Board, thank you. I will work hard to be worthy of your trust. Please feel free to contact me or Crista Salamy with your questions, concerns or suggestions. ♡

THE HEIFER AND THE MARE

Charles Butterfield

A calf was born to one of my father's best milkers. But the calf was weak, and it appeared she would not survive. I was ten years old at the time, and having watched her birth, I was attached to the struggling calf. I proposed to my father that I take over the care of her, and that if she survived my ministrations he would let me keep her. He agreed, thinking, no doubt, that so weak a calf was a lost cause. Thinking too, perhaps, that at ten I was old enough to cope with personal loss.

As I recall it now, I never entertained any notion that I could not save this beautiful animal. From my point of view, this was a struggle the calf, with my help, would win.

So I began. I mixed into a cupful of the mother's milk a tablespoon of sugar for some extra energy and about a teaspoon of whiskey for a jolt of something. I dosed the calf with this concoction every few hours—working through the night. By morning, the calf had rallied. She stood, wobblingly so, whether from booze or simply her own newness I could not decide, and, according to the agreement, I was the owner of a handsome Guernsey. I named her Bessie the Sot.

For two years I provided Bessie with all the care and attention any bovine ever wanted, even training her to pull a cart I had built [see *Watermelons, Briefly*, Limrik, September, 2012]. I walked her on a leash like a tall dog. She went wherever I went, sometimes down to Edie's store. Month-

by-month she grew bigger and stronger and more beautiful—golden markings in a snow-white field. Bessie was my pet.

But when you're young, interests shift, sometimes suddenly and by surprise.

"National Velvet" came out in 1944 when I was twelve, and I fell in love with Liz Taylor and the idea of owning and training a horse. My father appreciated the qualities in the cow Bessie had become. And because he was partial to horses himself, a consequence of his artillery service in WWI, he encouraged my new interest in horses. He offered a swap: the promising heifer for a Morgan mare he knew he could buy from Fred Proctor, a horse trader in town.

The deal was struck. Bessie entered my father's milking herd, proving to be every bit as good a producer as her mother, and I had a fine chestnut mare named Queenie. She was already saddle trained. My father taught me how to ride, military style. Because we couldn't afford to maintain a horse simply for the pleasure of it, I broke her to harness so she could pull a hay rake and do other light work (we had another horse, Jerry, for the heavy-duty stuff). I acquired and refurbished both a buggy and a sleigh. Queenie seemed to like pulling things, and that is how she earned her keep.

It was wartime. Gasoline was rationed, but hay and oats weren't, so Queenie became transportation for me and others. One of my regular fares was Inez Sawyer, our neighbor. Inez maintained a lending library in her home for the convenience of the booklovers in Clinton and the Center who could not get downtown. Every month I drove Inez to the Tuttle Library to return books and collect the next allotment of reading material. I thought of these trips as Queenie's contribution to the war effort.

Queenie led me into the horse fancy big time. At the Hopkinton Fair, you'd find me with the racehorses, not with the other kids crowding the midway. I saved my earnings to purchase a new bridle, a bright yellow horse blanket, curry-combs, brushes and to pay for Queenie's new shoes. I think I owned almost every book and pamphlet on horse husbandry published by the Department of Agriculture (free through my Senator's office). A treasured Christmas gift from my parents, 1947, was Margaret Cabell Self's *The Horseman's Encyclopedia*. It still sits on my bookshelf. Did you know, according to Self, that a horse ages three human years in one? Horses are "aged" at eight years.

During my early teen years, I covered all of Antrim and some of Hancock on horseback. In time, hormones, mine, kicked in. Another surprising shift. Girls, cars, baseball superseded my passion for horses. The year I went off to college I sold Queenie, certainly by then a matron. Bessie, too, retired and was sold. Soon after, my years as a farmer ended.

Some memories of growing up in Antrim have dimmed, but even all these years later the heifer and the mare are two vivid reasons Antrim remains special to me.

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The biggest out-of-school experience, and certainly the most eventful for students, is the eighth-grade trip to Washington, D.C. This week-long trip includes stops at the Statue of Liberty and Arlington National Cemetery and is a culminating activity for eighth graders. Students receive a triple dose of our goals. They make a connection with our nation's history as they visit buildings and monuments fundamental to the essence of our democracy. They also visit the National Zoo and the Smithsonian Institution of Natural History to enhance their environmental learning experiences. However, the most meaningful benefit of the trip is that our students are inspired. It is my belief that this experience opens the eyes of students. It helps reduce their fears of the outside world and offers them an understanding of their own importance and role in it. Our eighth graders return from the trip stronger and more connected to their teachers and peers and more mature. In many ways this trip has become a rite of passage for our young people as they make the transition from childhood to adolescence.

In the past only a limited number of our kids were able to afford the trip. This year, however, the G.B.S. community set a goal of 100% attendance. To make this happen we embarked on arduous fund raising drives: holding bake sales, roller skating evenings, and spaghetti suppers. The teachers demonstrated a great deal of dedication and commitment to the effort. In the end we were not able to get every student to go, but 90% of the students were on the bus!

It is not lost on us that these experiences require the ongoing support of the taxpayers. We do our level best to insure that none of our trips are a waste of money and that for every dollar we spend, we get an educational "bang for our buck." We sincerely appreciate the very tangible support we receive from our towns, and we make giving back a priority. It is true, as I have said previously, that providing a quality education does not always require the latest technology. We try to maintain "the basics" and to keep kids involved in the non-virtual world.

So, in essence, we continue embracing the future while at the same time showing respect for and emphasizing the importance of the past. We believe that our Great Brook students possess a nice balance of old-fashioned fundamentals along with new-age sophistication. 

NEW PASTOR

Sandy Snow

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Antrim announced Sunday, May 12, that it has hired the Rev. Janice V. Howe of Hillsborough as its part-time stated supply pastor. The Rev. Howe fills the vacancy left by the death of the Rev. Peggy Boyce in January, 2012.

The Rev. Howe and her husband, the Rev. Dr. Peter Howe, recently moved to Hillsborough from Alstead, NH where she served for 18 years as pastor of the Third Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ of Alstead. The Rev. Doctor Howe is pastor at the Washington Congregational Church. They have two children, Cassie who works in London, England, and Katie who is a senior at the University of Rochester in Rochester, NY.

The Rev. Howe was extremely active in the community of Alstead where she was a key figure in helping the town recover from a devastating flood on Oct. 8 and 9, 2005, when the town and surrounding areas received seven inches of rain in a 30-hour period. Her church became the spiritual and disaster support for the town. The flood killed four people, destroyed 18 homes, and caused major damage to dozens more.

She led her church in providing assistance to the community and wrote a guidebook for churches that have to respond to disasters in their communities. For her flood recovery work she received two New Hampshire Governor's Awards. (As a footnote, the Antrim Fire Department donated an ambulance full of Christmas toys for the children of Alstead.)

The Rev. Howe, or Jan, as she likes to be called, earned her BA degree in Sociology at Gordon College in Wenham, MA in 1981, and her Master of Divinity degree from the Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, MA in 1988.

In her Ministerial Profile The Rev. Howe says, "As a pastor, I see my role as helping the congregation flourish by living out their mission statements, and listening to the Holy Spirit as it works in their midst. I help others to discover their gifts, and use these gifts to carry out God's ministry in their community. As a result, my leadership is one of inspiring others, being a supportive presence, and a resource for them. I am an active listener, available and approachable."

The Presbyterian Church's search for a new pastor has taken the Session almost a year and a half. In the interim, church elders and other members of the congregation along with other Presbyterian ministers, including the Rev. Howe and her husband, Peter, have conducted Sunday morning services and other church activities.

Rev. Howe says she is "energized by sharing with children during worship, visiting with people in their homes, hospitals and nursing homes." She adds, "I am looking forward to meeting people and welcoming people back to church. I know this is summer but I hope people will join us on Sundays as we journey together on our faith journeys."



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

- 1 **Black Fly Community Art Show** • The Grapevine • 10:00 a.m.–12 noon
- 2 **Celtic Evensong** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 5 **Program: GMOs and Your Food** • Antrim Grange • 7:00 p.m.
- 11 **Reading with Mozart the Companion Dog** • Tuttle Library • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- 14–16 **Spotlight on Community Artists Exhibit** • Antrim Grange Hall
- 16 **Free Breakfast** • Baptist Church • 8:30–10:00 a.m.
- 20 **Free Community Supper** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 22 **Yard Sale** • The Grapevine • 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon
- 29 **Summer Reading Kick-Off Picnic** • Tuttle Library • 12:00 noon

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JULY

- 4 **Independence Day**
Antrim Historical Society Coffee Social • Memorial Park • 9:00–10:30 a.m.
Reading of Declaration of Independence • 9:45 a.m.
- 7–13 **Summer Camp-Troop 2 Scouts** • Hidden Valley Camp, Gilmanton Iron Works
- 9 **Reading with Mozart the Companion Dog** • Tuttle Library • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- 12 **Storytime** • Tuttle Library • 10:30 a.m.
- 13 **Drop-in Crafts** • Tuttle Library
- 13 **Pot Luck Supper** • Franklin Pierce Lake Assoc @ Manahan Park Pavilion • 6:00 p.m.
- 16 **Archaeology in the Afternoon** with Martha Pinello • Tuttle Library • 2:30 p.m.
- 16 **BIG BOLD Grown-up Paint Camp** • The Grapevine • 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- 18 **Free Community Supper** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 19 **Storytime** • Tuttle Library • 10:30 a.m.
- 20 **Mad Science Dinosaur Workshop** (ages 5–10 years) • Tuttle Library • 11:00 a.m.
- 20 **Penny Social** • Antrim Grange • 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Concert • Antrim Grange • 7:00 p.m.
- 21 **Free Breakfast** • Baptist Church • 8:30–10:00 a.m.
- 22–26 **Backyard Adventures** (4 1/2–6 year olds) • The Grapevine • 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- 22–26 **Vacation Bible School** • Presbyterian Church • 5:00–8:00 p.m.
- 23 **BIG BOLD Grown-up Paint Camp** • The Grapevine • 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- 23 **Pajama Storytime** • Tuttle Library • 6:30 p.m.
- 29–Aug 2 **Backyard Science** (7–9 year olds) • The Grapevine • 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- 30 **BIG BOLD Grown-up Paint Camp** • The Grapevine • 5:30–7:30 p.m.

AUGUST

- 5–9 **Backyard Adventures** (4 1/2–6 year olds) • The Grapevine • 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- 6 **BIG BOLD Grown-up Paint Camp** • The Grapevine • 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- 15 **Free Community Supper** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 18 **Free Breakfast** • Baptist Church • 8:30–10:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 14–15 **Home & Harvest Festival Weekend**

Recreation Department
Summer Programs
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Police Academy in Concord, he became a Patrolman in New Boston for a year and a half until he finished building his house and joined the Antrim Police Department in 2008.

Sergeant Storro has some strong opinions about New Hampshire laws, especially his assertion that a driver's license is a privilege that one must earn, and not a right automatically granted to everyone, although many drivers act as



if they assume it is a right. That is, one must drive skillfully and responsibly to be granted the privilege of having a license. He also explained that there are at least two problems all New Hampshire police officers must endure, the mountain of required paperwork that is an obstacle to actually getting out of the police station to protect the public, and the difficulty in our state of obtaining convictions in court for DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) cases. By law, in DWI cases officers must follow precisely many complex procedures in stopping and testing a suspected impaired driver, and if the

proper steps are not carried out exactly, there are aggressive lawyers specializing in DWI cases who can either delay trials for as long as two years, or actually win dismissals for their clients on technicalities.

I asked him what the biggest challenge is in being a police officer in a rural village and he said it is learning to use one's voice to avoid violence and prevent people from being injured. He has had to draw his service pistol several times, but mostly he and his APD colleagues attempt to calm dangerous situations through rational talk. This is not easy sometimes—especially in domestic arguments and fights in people's homes—but that is the major goal in making certain that everyone is safe from harm.

In addition to loving his family, Sergeant Storro's favorite activities are hunting deer, fishing for crappies, vegetable gardening, and gourmet cooking the venison bagged, the fish caught, and the vegetables grown. After talking with him in mid-April, I'm looking forward to a summer of catching crappies and growing snap-peas.

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HOLIDAYS

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PROGRAMS

- June • Quilt Display: local quilter Jim Burnham
Tues. June 11 • Reading with Mozart the Companion Dog 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Mon. June 24 • Sign Up for Summer Reading Program
Sat. June 29 • Summer Reading Kick-Off Picnic 12:00 noon
Tues. July 9 Reading with Mozart the Companion Dog 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Fri. July 12 • Storytime 10:30 a.m.
Sat. July 13 • Drop-in-craft
Tues. July 16 • Archaeology in the Afternoon with Martha Pinello 2:30 p.m.
Fri. July 19 • Storytime 10:30 a.m.
Sat. July 20 • Mad Science Dinosaur Workshop (Ages 5-10) 11:00 a.m.
Tues. July 23 • Pajama Storytime 6:30 p.m.
August thru September • Creative Arts Display

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prizes, programs and activities on dinosaurs, archaeology, rocks, caves and so much more. The 2013 Summer Reading Program is open to all young people, preschool through young adults and all reading levels. Read a book, listen to books on audio, be read to or read to someone else. The choice is yours. Dig into reading and you will discover the treasure in books.

Registration begins June 24th. We will be having a Kick-Off Picnic on Saturday, June 29th. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy games, crafts, and refreshments on the Library lawn. Sign-up is required for our Mad Science Dinosaur Workshop, as space is limited. For more information please visit, call the Library at 588-6786, or check out our Facebook page.

ART DISPLAYS

We are delighted to announce that Jim Burnham, an accomplished quilter from Antrim, has promised us a display of his craft for the month of June. Our annual Creative Arts Display will be held from the beginning of August through the end of September. Connie Vandervort has agreed to display her dollhouse collection and the Knitters' Guild plans on displaying some of their handiwork. We have plenty more room in the Library to display the handiworks of local talent either amateur or professional. Please consider sharing your creative abilities with us. Call us or just stop by!

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AUTHOR FOCUS

"Let me tell you a secret: the name of the greatest living writer of the generation born in the sixties is **Yann Martel**." So says the French newspaper, *L'Humanité*. Martel is probably best known today as the author of *Life of Pi*, the movie version of which won multiple Academy Awards in 2012. It is the story of a young Indian boy, Pi, adrift on a life raft after a horrific shipwreck. Pi's fellow castaway is a Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. The boy's voice is intelligent and wry, drawing you in to become part of the experience...until the island of carnivorous algae appears. Now you begin to question what is real. And that, in the end, is the point. Martel offers alternate endings leaving the reader to decide between a story of wild animals and survival, or something much more sinister.

Animals and sinister endings also appear in *Beatrice and Virgil*. The book features a failed writer, a taxidermist, and a stuffed donkey and howler monkey who talk to each other. In an ending as viscerally powerful as it is unexpected, the reader is presented with a series of "games" which are really moral decisions related to the Holocaust.

Martel was born in Spain in 1963. His father was a French-speaking Canadian diplomat, and Martel lived in several countries, including France, India, and Mexico before settling in Canada himself. He has won the Mann Booker prize (for *Life of Pi*) and many other prestigious awards. He spent five years on a project called *What is Stephen Harper Reading?* Harper is the Prime Minister of Canada and Martel sent him a book every two weeks, with editorial comments—books designed to engender a sense of "stillness" in the harried politician. Martel is by far one of the most imaginative authors we've seen in some time. Check out *Life of Pi* at the Tuttle Library and see what you missed in the movie.

Many of us tend to discount short stories, thinking they won't engage us, that we'll barely get into it before it's over. That would be a mistake in the case of **Alice Munro**. Her stories contain as much meat as any full-length novel. She deals in the subtleties of everyday relationships and in the raw emotions that drive every one of us whether we care to admit it or not. She's been compared to Eudora Welty, George Saunders, and William Maxwell, and has won the Mann Booker International Prize for her lifetime body of work. A native of southwestern Ontario, she has also garnered the O. Henry Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award, and the PEN/Malamud Award for her short fiction.

The scenarios Munro describes may be built on the smallest incidents of everyday life, like sharing a cup of tea with the local electric company technician, or lying under an apple tree to contemplate the pink and white of the blossoms against the blue of a spring sky, or finishing your housekeeping shift at the local motel to take an ordinary bus trip. But the technician has killed his family, and the apple blossom girl has discovered that first love is not always what it seems, and the maid is visiting the husband who murdered their three children.

Munro's stories are short; you can become completely entranced in a new world each night before you fall asleep. The Tuttle Library has three collections of Munro's short fiction including *Too Much Happiness* and *The View from Castle Rock*. Alice Munro should be on everyone's reading list. ♦

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Ted Brown

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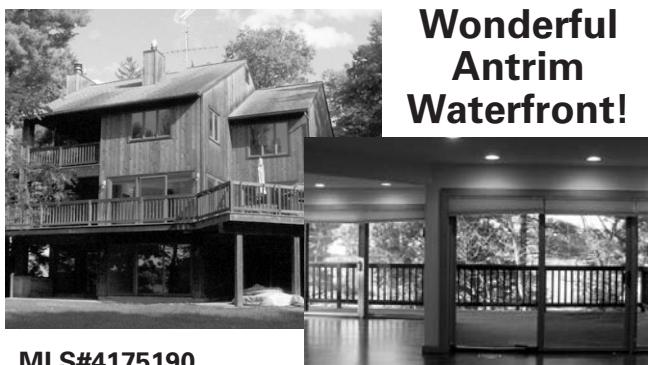
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ANTRIM GRANGE NEWS

Arthur Merrill

New members, Sharon Stickney and Dawne Hugron, attended the State Grange Degree Day where they witnessed the ritualistic four degrees of Grange membership. Other members of Antrim Grange filled in as various officers throughout the event.

Antrim Grange members will be among many from across the nation to make a pilgrimage to the Oliver Kelley Farm in Elk River, MN, to participate in an historic, once-in-a-lifetime event being sponsored by the National Grange. The farm was owned by founder, Oliver H. Kelley when he first organized the Grange in 1867 and is now operated by the Minnesota Historical Society as a living, working museum of farm life in the 1870's. Four teams of youth Grange members from all of the United States will each perform one of the original degrees as they were done in 1873. This event is being promoted as a kick-off leading up to the Grange's 150th anniversary in 2017.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5 at 7:00 p.m. Informational Meeting: *GMO's—Are They Hazardous to our Food Supply and How Do we Know If We Are Eating GMO Food?* Author Jeanne Sable will be our guest speaker.

June 14–16: Eleventh Annual Art Show. Special Feature: Pizza Box Art Contest! See details on page 21 in the Limrik and look for updates on our website and Facebook page.

July 20: Penny Social and Folk Concert. Hours for Penny Social tickets and "bidding" are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Winners will be drawn during intermission of concert, which starts at 7:00 p.m. Music artist to be announced.

August 17: Hosting Hillsborough County Pomona Grange 6:30 p.m. supper 7:30 p.m. meeting. July 20 – Penny Social 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Concert 7 p.m. at Antrim Grange

August 21: Antrim Grange meeting 7:00 p.m. Election of Officers.



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Margaret Fuller had written about the Italian revolutionary leader Giuseppe Mazzini that "he was a man to whom only the next age can do justice ..." A similar observation may be made about Fuller who wrote 170 years ago, "*For through the woman's smile looks the male eye.*" We live in a day when the sexes are not only out of the closet to be celebrated in song and deed, but when even same-sex marriage has been legalized in many states. I do not at all suggest that Margaret Fuller was gay; the evidence is all that she was passionately heterosexual. But living in the nineteenth century, she had a twenty-first century comfort with the presence of the "male eye" in the "female smile," and vice versa.

Although neither the bodies of Margaret Fuller or Giovanni Ossoli were ever found, following the tragic shipwreck in July 1850, the body of their baby, Nino, was recovered and is buried in the Cambridge, Massachusetts Mount Auburn Cemetery. Five years after the drowning, the Fuller family arranged for a memorial monument for Margaret on a plot where many of her relatives could be buried, including little Nino.

Margaret's preparation for the two-month sailing ship journey back to the States had been alternately fearful and exhilarating. She had to wean Nino from his Italian wet nurse because she could not afford to pay the woman's passage. She had to purchase endless supplies including a great deal

of baby linen since laundry water would be in short supply. She had to provide chickens for the eggs and a goat for milk, as well as "oranges, lemons, soda hard bread and a medicine chest." She kept thinking about "boxes, bundles, pots of jelly and phials of medicine." But every time she got home after shopping trips and found "always the glad eyes of my little boy to welcome me" she felt wonderfully happy. However, she also entertained fears: "For Nino's sake indeed I am become a miserable coward. I fear heat and cold and mosquitoes. I fear terribly the voyage home I never think of the voyage without fearing the baby will die in it."

She rejoiced and she feared. This moving biography reads like a good novel with abundant, pregnant details providing significant rewards and ample reason for marveling at an extraordinarily bold, brave, accomplished woman. *Margaret Fuller: A New American Life* may be borrowed from Antrim's James A. Tuttle Library. ♦

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another rope
which will hopefully be
a little rougher
though not necessarily
stronger.
It is also hoped that
the hands
will have calloused over a bit
so that the rope need not be as rough
for a good grip to be maintained.
However,
the entire concept
of a rope and hands
leaves
something to be desired.
To me
it would be preferable
to have
two pairs of smooth hands
with feet
planted firmly on the ground
so that there
is no
danger
of falling
in the first place.

Shelly Nelkens

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Brian Beihl

FOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

The Troop 2 Spring Food Drive in March was a success, with over 1200 pieces of food collected in Antrim and Bennington. All food was delivered to the Antrim-Bennington Food Pantry later that morning. The ABFP helps hundreds of families in the area, and your donations are critical. Thank you and we'll see you again in the Fall for the National Drive, "Scouting for Food".

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY • FLAG DAY, JUNE 14

In conjunction with Post 50 of the American Legion Troop 2 will again host a flag retirement ceremony at Memorial Park near the bandstand, beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 14. If you have a flag to be retired, there is a special collection box at the Antrim transfer station or you may bring it the night of the event. This is a moving ceremony involving Scouts, veterans, and other residents showing why Americans take such pride in our flag and country.

RECENT ACTIVITIES

New Scouts in Troop. A larger than normal group of Webelos crossed over from Pack 2 on April 6 and joined Troop 2. In a ceremony held at Antrim Town Hall, Sean Burwen, Sean Grady, Justin Kiblin, Lucas Blanchette, Paul Kelly, Robert Perry, Garrick Colby and Nicholas Drummond became Boy Scouts, joining the 100 year old troop. They named their patrol the Battleship Patrol and elected Sean Grady patrol leader.

"Scouting for Boys 1913" Camporee Hosted by Troop 2. To help celebrate its 100th anniversary this year, Troop 2 hosted the spring camporee for the Mount Monadnock District. Scouts learned semaphore and Morse code and knots such as the Carrick Bend that are no longer taught. They learned the uses of the "hiking staff," an integral part of a 1913 Scout's uniform. About 120 Scouts and Scouters attended, and each Scout branded a piece of leather for the event's patch, using a custom-made brand for the event.

Backpacking in White Mountains. Troop 2 just returned from a trip to the White Mountains, hiking 4.5 miles in from

the Kancamagus Highway to camp and fish at Sawyer Pond. One of the more exciting aspects of the trip is fording the Swift River where one has to wade through 40-degree moving water. Scouts learn how to do this safely by working as a team. For the new Scouts, this was an introduction to backpacking and the necessary equipment.

PACK 2/TROOP 2 CAMPOUT

Coming up the first weekend in June, Pack 2 and Troop 2 will camp together at Seven Maples Campground in Hancock. Saturday's program includes a hike up Bald Mountain, and each group will have its end-of-year award ceremony on Saturday night which includes stories and singing.

SUMMER CAMP JULY 7-13

Troop 2 heads for Hidden Valley on July 7-13 for a week at one of the best Scout camps in the Northeast. Hidden Valley is located at the base of the Belknap Mountains, just south of Lake Winnipesaukee in Gilmanton Iron Works. Wreath purchases by local residents helped to send 10 Scouts to summer camp this year, and Troop 2 thanks everyone for their support.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Troop 2 runs a year-round program, but shifts to outdoor outings beginning on June 12. Details aren't complete yet, but the summer activities will likely include canoeing, hiking, a bike hike, flag football, swimming, ultimate Frisbee, as well as many other activities each Wednesday from 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Son Spending Too Much Time on the Computer? Try Scouts! Open to ALL Boys from age 11–17. Troop 2 is an active troop with many, many outdoor activities throughout the year, as well as the character-building program for which the B.S.A. is known. And new Scouts have an opportunity to participate in Troop 2's 100th anniversary year! Email Brian Beihl at scoutmaster@troop2nh.org.

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mals to the farm we make an exception and use a pesticide to dust them to insure that they are not bringing in any pests that might infect the other animals).

Bill backed the truck up to the fence. Marty, Bill's dad came out to supervise. My son, Mark, was there ready to help. I was decked out with my gloves, mask, and dusting powder. The plan was for Bill to remove one piglet at a time, hold it while I dusted it, and then release it into the fenced-in area. Repeat the whole thing five more times. Something we should have added to our list of must reads:

The Humane Society of the Untied States says that: *Pigs are widely known to be highly inquisitive, with considerable learning and problem-solving abilities. Pigs have also been observed to work in collaboration to free themselves from their pens.*

Bill lifted the first piglet, Mark quickly closed the kennel to secure the remaining piglets, and I dusted for mites. Marty watched asking, "Aren't the holes in the fence netting too big?" Bill dropped the first piglet in. Quicker than you can say, "This little piggy went to market," it was out through the too-big fencing.

Bill continued with piglets two and three, each following in kind through the fence. Marty smiled an I-told-you-so-but-will-not-say-anything-because-this-is-too-much-fun-to-watch, smile. Mark had a look of, "Wait! What? We are doing this three times?" The remaining three piglets did just that, remained in the kennel on the back of the truck.

Now we had three piglets on the run. Lincoln, our Jack Russell self-appointed herding farm dog, was on the case. He saw us running toward the piglets and followed suit. Two piglets went into the woods; one went in the opposite direction. Mark stalked the two and Bill and Lincoln went after the rogue free spirit. I caught up with Mark. He had folded his 6'4" self in thirds and was perched on a big rock quietly watching the two piglets. We walked slowly behind them as they moved back to the fence. Yes, I know the holes were still big but it was our first pig rodeo.

Bill and Lincoln were going over the stone walls, through the underbrush and off into the tall grassy field. They could not catch up to the piglet. All sweaty and sporting a look on

his face that clearly stated he was anything but happy, he entered the barn. Reappearing with a trout net in his hand he set off. Sensing it was not a good time to ask questions we merely watched.

He told us later that while walking down the dirt road, Lincoln at his side, net in hand he passed a neighbor and explained, "Just looking for my pig." Is it any wonder that the neighbor slowly turned, went into his house, and closed the door without looking back? Finally the piglet was found moving in the tall grass! Bill, Mark, Lincoln and I moved ever closer, tightening our circle. All of a sudden Bill launched himself in a mosh-pit, body surfing maneuver and sailed toward the now-tired piglet. Nice catch honey!

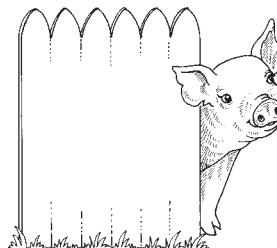
We reworked the fencing to use poultry fencing (which, yes Marty, has smaller holes on the bottom), dusted the remaining piglets, and there you have it!

I since learned that pigs make nests. They rooted up all the Jerusalem Artichokes that were an invasive nuisance in my future vegetable garden, dragged them into their lean-to and made a lovely pig nest. They have individual personalities and are just as smart as purported.

Months later we borrowed a friend's trailer to transport the now 250 pound pigs for their trip to VT. Again, with a strategic plan in place we soldiered on. Bill and a friend of ours walked behind the pigs encouraging them through a narrow corridor of fencing. Mark would lead with a bucket of grain into the trailer. I would capture the whole operation on the digital camera.

It worked! All six huge pigs were in the trailer and ready for transport, Bill secured the ramp. Then there was this knocking sound coming from the front of the trailer. It was my son

Mark, knocking, and in a soft voice so as not to trouble the 1,500 pounds of pigs, "Hello! Hello, Mom let me out!" He was out in a flash and so ended another adventure on Liberty Farm. We will plan better next time. ♦



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Robin Rockwell

If you knew someone who used a rag for a gas cap on his car or if you belonged to or knew members of the Red Hat and Green Hat Gangs that roamed the streets of Antrim in the late 1960's. Maybe you skied at Bunny Hill in Antrim and knew who stole the "Ski Bunny Hill" sign that had been placed in front of the Civil War statue. That sign was swiped by three female Antrim High School students, one of whom now lives in California, while her brother is presently employed by the town of Antrim. A brother of a second accomplice can be found selling hot dogs on Main Street during the Antrim's Home & Harvest celebration. Some can remember a goat being kidnapped from the Merrill Farm by a young teenaged boy only to be discovered a day later wandering around in the Town Hall. Years later that teenager became an Antrim police officer. Others may recall a young Jim Rymes coming in first for the 14 and under category in Wayno's five-mile race in August 1984 which featured over 300 runners. I can remember, as a junior in high school, watching basketball games at Nathaniel Hawthorne College where the head of the English Department was Lyman Gilmore.

There is an interesting website on Facebook which many past and present residents of Antrim may be unaware of called "You Know you're from Antrim/Bennington" and can be quite

amusing to follow. There are currently 173 members as I write this. Many no longer live in town but still actively add their thoughts and memories to the site. Occasionally, someone will post an old photo from the 60's and we attempt to remember the names of the individuals that we knew 40 to 50 years ago. A recent posting was of a high school event held at the Antrim Town Hall in the mid 60's. Another was of the 1968 Antrim High School basketball team.

Another photo, an old postcard, was posted by Sandra Hammond which showed what Main Street looked like from possibly the 1930's. It shows Main Street before it was paved. Someone else posted a picture of Greystone Lodge which was built in 1913 as a summer resort hotel. In 1970 it burned to the ground. It generated over 30 comments in response. Another photo shows Ruth Brzozowski Richardson along with Mike and Joy Beauchamp holding up the huge "Balancing Rock" which is near Gregg Lake.

From time to time you'll see a trivia question such as, "What present day Antrim resident owned Edmund's Store before it was purchased by Dick Edmonds?" The answer: Roland Johnstone. Another, "Who owned the oil company destroyed by fire in the 70's that was located across the street from what is currently Rick & Dianne's Restaurant?"

To join you need to have a Facebook page and a friend that already belongs to "You know if you're from Antrim/Bennington..." Ask your friend to add your name and join us. If you don't have a Facebook friend who is associated with this web site, send an email to me (rrockwell47@msn.com) and type "Limrik" in the subject space and I will do my best to add your name.

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CHURCH NEWS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP • 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School • 10:30 a.m. every Sunday
Communion Service is the 1st Sunday of the month

June 2 • Celtic Evensong 5:30 • p.m.

July 22–26 • 5–8:00 p.m. • **Vacation Bible School**
held jointly with the Baptist Church

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FRANKLIN PIERCE LAKE ASSOCIATION

Dick Loveland

The Franklin Pierce Lake Association (FPLA) was formed in 2009 to "promote the protection, careful use and shared enjoyment of the lake," and our 2013 season is off to a great start. Two of our loons that made an unsuccessful attempt at nesting last summer have returned and we are hopeful they are successful this year.

Sat. July 13 at 6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Supper. After another successful Pot Luck Supper last year we have scheduled one again for this summer at the Manahan Park Pavilion in Hillsborough. This is a good opportunity to meet neighbors around the lake as well as visit with old friends.

Sat. August 10 at 9:00 a.m. Annual Meeting and Presentation. Our speaker will be Andrea LaMoreaux, Vice President of Education & Communication for New Hampshire Lakes Association. Andrea is responsible for the Lake Host Program that we participate in that is critical in trying to keep milfoil from our lake. The New Hampshire Lakes Association represents its members before state government by advocating for policies that protect our ponds and lakes for the benefit of all users.

We will continue our participation in the following three programs that play an important role in protecting the health of the lake:

Lake Host Program. In April, partnering with the Hillsborough Conservation Commission, we were awarded a grant of \$1000 from the NH Lake Association for part time paid Lake Hosts. The FPLA will be supplementing this with an additional \$500 to extend the hours of ramp coverage. The Lake Host Program is our first line of defense against invasive exotic plant infestations. They do this by educating boaters about the threat these plants pose and assisting them with inspecting their boats for plant fragments to prevent their spread. We have hired two part-time Lake Hosts who will be staffing the Manahan Boat Ramp approximately 9 hours each weekend from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Weed Watcher Program Volunteers are encouraged to regularly monitor sections of the perimeter of the lake and are trained to recognize suspicious plants. It is hoped that in this way should any exotic plants have eluded our vigilance in inspecting boats they could be dealt with at a very early stage. To date 23 volunteers have been through a training program offered by the NH DES.

Water and Fish Testing Since 2010 we have been participating in the NH DES Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) which tests water samples at several locations in the lake. All results indicate our water quality is above average and not a concern. We have also sent several fish to the NH DES for mercury testing. Results on the fish indicate very high mercury in three bass but the one trout we sent showed a very low mercury level. This past year we had a perch tested (a favorite of loons) and found it had a moderate level of mercury.

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THESE ANTRIM HILLS

Peter Moore

There is no better pastime for me than to sit on my front porch on a warm evening and watch the sun set behind Patten Hill. Or, perhaps equal to that, to greet the new day before sunrise with a cup of coffee and a view of the first light as it strikes the silhouetted trees at Patten's height. If I can take the time, say on a weekend morning, when there is little stirring, I can witness the light-line move down the wooded slope until it settles in Great Brook's valley.

One can pick many a place around Antrim from which to look up at the dozen hills and mountains that are among us. And I'll bet each of us has a favorite restful viewpoint. As you drive down route 202 from Hillsborough, Gibson and Riley Mountains rise before you to the right. On the left is a beautiful line of summits on the Hedgehogs across the Contoocook in Deering. I like to think of this area as the "Gateway to the Monadnock Region." From the shore of Campbell Pond, Gibson and Riley take on a whole new character in their diminished majesty as they offer a protective sanctuary and watershed to this wilderness reservoir.

If you drive east from Keene along Route 9, your outlook, beginning at the far right is of the backside of Bald Mountain, then subtle Robb, prominent Willard, and finally the long, talus Tuttle Ridge running almost parallel to the direction of travel. This view up-slope peeks in and out of trees as one

gets closer. Travelers from Massachusetts and south must relish this rural, ridge-top experience as they escape the cluttered, geometric urban skylines of home. It is this unbroken hillscape that offers us an immeasurable, sometimes under-appreciated, aesthetic pleasure.

And there are many other highland outlooks from home, field, and lane we can point to that bring solace and a sense of permanence. One of the places I like to visit to get a horizon-wide perspective of Antrim's hills and mountains is the cleared pasture of Wilson Hill across the Contoocook in Deering. From this outlook—an easy hike off Wilson Hill Road—one can take in Antrim's undulating and serene skyline and the pastoral beauty of the town at its feet. From an unobstructed seat here I get a sense of place, my tenuous, fleeting existence in it, and why it is so important to me to maintain our upland sanctuary.

In summer and autumn, a favored place of repose on a Sunday evening is perched with picnic on the east shore rocks at the base of Patten Hill on Gregg Lake. From our canoe in route the lake seems to become ours alone, except for a rare trolling fisherman in the coves along the south shore. Sometimes mid summer a rise of laughter or squeal carries across from Camp Chenoa, but mostly the surrounding peace and quiet only increase as the light diminishes and the surrounding ridge-tops darken and fade.

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MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP

Susan Ellsworth

We would like to tell the community about the Circle of Strength Military Support Group for moms and families of service members. We meet once a month, usually at Monadnock Community Hospital's Bond Wellness Center conference room on a Saturday. Please look in the *Villager, Messenger, Monadnock Ledger/Transcript* for dates and location. You can also email me at ellsworthsusan@ymail.com

Our mission is to share knowledge, experiences, and support with family members of every branch of the military while their loved ones are away.

Great Brook School students are writing letters to the troops on our list and have offered to help with preparing care packages for Christmas. We would like to send packages twice a year and we need your help, and if you would like to volunteer jot down my email. When it gets closer to care package time we will be looking for the following: lap blankets for Wounded Warriors, cookies, prepaid phone/cards (that work overseas), knitted wool (only) skull caps for under helmets in cold weather, and money for postage of mailing packages. We will be adding other supplies to our wish list when it gets closer to Christmas. We hope you will support your local service members. Let's show them we care and that they have not been forgotten.



PIZZAS, HOTDOGS AND FREEDOM

Janet Archer

This story spans close to 40 years.

It all started when I lived in North Carolina as a young newlywed. Everyday, as I would drive home from work, I would pass a waving hot dog. I don't even remember who the hot dog was advertising for, I just knew I had to get out of North Carolina because of this waving dog.

You see, I didn't want to live in a place where there were waving hot dogs with smiling faces. I took it personally, like it meant something about me. I wanted to see myself as a young hippie, a homesteader, a back-to-the-lander, someone who would never eat a hot dog let alone live in a place where there was an imitation, Velcro backed, human sized dog smiling and waving crazily at me everyday. It irritated me, and everyday I would rant about the predicament of living in this fake hot dog land. Basically, driving myself crazy, even though I was calling the hot dog crazy, I WAS the crazy one.

When we visited a friend in New Hampshire, the first thing I looked for were fake hot dogs with funny clothes on. I didn't see any. Good sign I thought. In retrospect, I should have been looking out for those little things called Black Flies, which I knew nothing about and no one warned me of. I was so intent on getting away from those fake dogs that we ended up building our house deep in the woods. That first spring...how to say this...I was dreaming of that dog land where my skin could be exposed to the elements without becoming a buggy pincushion.

Life rolled on, as life does. A few houses later I found myself out of the woods and into a neighborhood. My children loved being close to school and friends. The same voice that told me I wasn't someone who should live near live hot dogs then told me that I wasn't someone who should live in a neighborhood. Kind of hard when I WAS being me and I was living there. I found out the truth about arguing with reality. It leads to suffering every time.

Twenty years later, I am still in the neighborhood, my neighborhood. My neighborhood happens to have a walking, talking waving piece of pizza living there too. I have passed that pizza for years and paid no attention to it, just glimpsing it out of the corner of my eye. Yesterday I drove by the pizza and it occurred to me: it didn't irritate me that this pizza was walking around my neighborhood! I didn't even have to move because I shared space with a walking, waving pizza. There was no longer any charge there. Somewhere along the line, I had chosen not to make it mean anything about who I was. In my head I could hear a friendly voice chanting, "You have come a long way baby!"

We can't control the world around us, but we can control what meaning we are going to put on everything. No negative meaning, no problem. I live near a walking pizza. So what? I live near a walking hot dog. So what? I live in a neighborhood. So what? I live in the woods. So what? And that, my friend, is freedom.

Here's the thing. We've all got our variations of pizza's and hot dogs running around our lives. We can't get away from them, unless we live in a bubble on another planet (they are probably there too, though). Nothing out there means anything about who we are in here unless we make it so in our minds. What's been bugging you, taking up too much of your precious energy and attention? Try on a little "So what?" today. You just might enjoy it.

And, please, next time you see someone dressed up as a piece of food, waving madly to you, think of me, give them a wave back, chuckle gently inside and know you have just taken one step closer to your own sweet freedom. *

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THE GRAPEVINE

Kristen Vance

Black Fly Community Art Show June 1. The public is invited to join us Saturday, June 1 between 10:00-12:00 to view works of art by children, youth and adults in our community. People of all ages are invited to participate in community art making projects at the various arts and crafts stations. Antrim's Brian Murphy will once again be throwing unique and beautiful Family Heirloom Platters by request on his potter's wheel, complete with your children's handprints.

Yard Sale to benefit The Learning Vine Preschool Scholarship Fund. **When: Saturday, June 22 from 9-noon.** **Where:** Grapevine parking lot. **What:** Loads of treasures and bargains! Donations of new and like-new items are welcome—please call before you donate.

BIG BOLD Grown-Up Paint Camp with Carol Lunan begins July 16. This 4-session "camp" on Tuesday evenings is an opportunity for adults to have the same fun with paint, paper, textures and colors that Carol's preschoolers enjoy. We'll be painting indoors and outdoors, experimenting with a variety of techniques, papers, colors, and tools. Prepare to get messy and laugh a lot. Paper and paint provided, please bring all shapes and sizes of brushes (or other paint applicators) to share. No experience needed! Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. July 16, 23, 30 and August 6. Cost: \$75 (includes materials). If the cost is a hardship, please let us know when you call to sign up. Early Childhood Professionals may sign up for processing discussions from 7:30-8:00 p.m. for an additional \$10, meets 10 hours of State of NH licensing training for early childhood education.

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THANK YOU...

• **Rick and Diane Davis** for once again hosting Eat Out for The Grapevine this spring at your restaurant and donating \$500 to support programs for children and families. Fiddlehead's, The Common Place Eatery and The Hancock Inn joined Rick and Diane's this year for a total donation to The Grapevine of \$1,550.

• **Bank of New Hampshire** for sponsoring the spring *Guiding Good Choices* series for parents of 9-14 year olds at Great Brook School, and to our Antrim schools and PTOs for partnering with us to offer a program shown to enhance the family skills that help youth steer clear of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs.

• **Linda Bryer and Alexis Anderson** for volunteering each week in our Better Beginnings children's program.

• **Our community**, for collecting pledges, walking, and sponsoring walkers in our Spring Walk for Families to raise over \$11,000 in support of Grapevine programs for children and their families. There is still money coming in, and so we may come close to our \$15,000 goal. We met the \$5,000 challenge—**Thank You Finlay Foundation!** And many thanks to Bank of New Hampshire for the 50 "I Love NH" t-shirts we gave away, and to **Edmunds' Ace Hardware** and **Northern Vista Creative** for the Spring Garden Kits we gave to all of the children. It was a wonderful day.

SUMMER OF ADVENTURES AT THE GRAPEVINE July 9 – August 16

Better Beginnings...

• **Parent-Child Summer Program**, Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. For parents and their children (18 months to 5 years of age). Children play and learn in a fun and nurturing environment while parents have some "adult time" and discussion about parenting and other topics. Outdoor summer fun includes water play, gardening, bubbles, nature walks, and more! School-age siblings welcome—we have games and opportunities to help with the little kids. \$120 for the summer.

• **For Babies**, Fridays 10:00-11:30 a.m. For parents and their infants to toddlers. Expectant parents welcome. Babies and parents visit together with our parenting educator, Nancy Macalaster, for play, discussion and snack. \$60 for the summer.

Call now to sign up, and let us know if the cost is a hardship for your family.

Backyard Adventures for Young Children

Two one-week sessions for children ages 4½ to 6 years. Carol Lunan M.Ed., our Learning Vine teacher and former Harris Center educator, leads the programs. Activities include investigating flying creatures, creepy crawlers, and swimming bugs; exploring mud and water; and scavenger hunts, hikes, nature stories, songs, crafts, and painting. This is a wonderful opportunity for young children to discover the natural

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- Session II—August 5-9, 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Parents are welcome to drop off their children or stay for all or part of the morning. \$110 per session.

Backyard Science for 7–9 year olds with Carol Lunan, back by popular demand! July 29–August 2 from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. \$130 for the week.

LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL

Fall Better Beginnings Registration: Call now for a space in the Fall

• **Better Beginnings parent-child program**—Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Young children (to age 5) play and explore with guidance from our early childhood educators while parents “put their feet up” and talk with our parenting educators and other parents about child-and family-centered topics.

• **Better Beginnings for Babies**—Fridays 10–11:30 a.m. Parents, infants and new toddlers come together to play and talk with our early childhood educator and other parents about the joys and challenges of parenthood, including topics such as nutrition, breast and bottle feeding, crying, sleep issues (for baby and parents!), developmental expectations and more. Facilitated by Parenting Educator Nancy Macalaster MA, who is also a parenting educator at Sophia’s Hearth in Keene.

Call The Grapevine at 588-2620 for fees and other information, and to register.

Learning Vine Preschool—Looking for a preschool program for your 4 to 5 year old? Now enrolling for September 2013. Early June is a great time to visit—Call to schedule.

Before and After School Clubs 2013-2014 Registration

Call The Grapevine to register your Elementary or Great Brook School student in the Before or After School Club for the coming school year. Children currently enrolled will have priority until June 15. The programs provide before and after school care Monday through Friday, and include time to finish homework, games, and activities.

SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE GRAPEVINE...

- On site assistance with applications for food stamps and other state assistance
- Community Wood Bank—we’re looking for summer donations!
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And don’t forget...you can now visit us on www.GrapevineNH.org and Friend us on Facebook. ☼

AVENUE A TEEN CENTER

Kristen Vance

Avenue A is in transition, and those of you who read Dave Kirkpatrick’s article in the last Limrik know that Dave isn’t around as much since he started his new full-time job with Cheshire TV in Keene. We were very fortunate that David Carter, a senior at Franklin Pierce University, came to us seeking an internship for the spring and has been covering the position after school and during the Friday night Open Mics. We’ve been grateful for help from other volunteers, including David’s girlfriend Liz Lessard and parents Victoria Barrett, Kathleen Crawford, and Laurie MacKeigan. Avenue A alumni Delaney Barrett and Miranda Stockwell have also stepped up to help out. David and volunteers coordinated a successful March community supper as well as a car wash fundraiser, both of which were worked (happily, it seemed) by several teens.

Dave Kirkpatrick has been an integral part of Avenue A since it opened in 2007. He has unique qualities that make him difficult to replace, including skill in music, video, skateboarding, and sailing. As importantly, Dave has a rapport with teens that he developed over his years as coordinator. Dave was hired through a community process, with teens at the core, and we believe a similar process is needed as we look to the future.

To that end, we invite interested teens, parents, and other community members to begin that process with us at a meeting on Wednesday, July 24 at 7 p.m. Please call The Grapevine 588-2620 to let us know you plan to come.

In the meantime, Avenue A will continue with after school hours and Open Mic through the end of the school year, and then we’ll take our usual two weeks off to give the place a thorough cleaning and continue to plan for summer. Dave has begun organizing skateboarders for Sunday skates, and there will be sailing opportunities once again this summer with our friends at the Antrim Yacht Club. For those of you on Facebook, the Avenue A page is a great place to keep up with announcements and activities. You can also keep in touch by emailing teencenter@tds.net or by calling 588-3334 or The Grapevine at 588-2620. ☼

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