

## NICHOLS'S WAR LETTERS NOW DESTINED FOR WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sandy Snow

More than three years ago I wrote an article for The Limrik about Martin (Marty) Nichols's letters that he sent to his mother while he was serving aboard LSM 44 (Landing Ship Medium) during World War II in the Pacific theater. They were originally destined for the Antrim Historical Society.

There has been a new development in the story of these letters, some of which are 70 years old. Now their destiny is to a much loftier location.

About a month ago I happened to be watching a television news broadcast about how the Smithsonian Institute is very concerned that veterans' memories of World War II be preserved for posterity. War veterans are dying at a rate of just over 600 per day, according to the Veteran's Administration. And with them go their personal remembrances of what it was like to serve in the war.



Martin Nichols, 18 years old

Marty's letters, I thought, captured significant events and day-to-day life aboard his ship. Here was a slice of life about what it was like to serve in the Navy during wartime, and even to come under enemy fire.

I searched the Institute's web site and discovered a link to the Library of Congress. The library is actively seeking personal accounts from veterans of what they went through during wartime and collections of historical documents about any conflict in which the United States has participated from World War I to the present.

Called the "Library of Congress' Veterans History Project" (VHP), it is conducted by the American Folklife Center at the Library. All documents are kept in a preservation environment within the permanent collections of the Library of Congress.

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## CELTIC EVENSONG SERVICES RESUME

Sharon Dowling

Antrim's First Presbyterian Church will resume its Celtic Evensong services on October 6, 2013, at 5:30 pm, in the sanctuary. This will be our 4th season and we hope you will join us.

Every first Sunday of the month, from October through June, you will find candlelight, Celtic music, poems, prayers, and meditation pieces from many traditions within and beyond the Christian religion. There are responsive prayers, quiet hymns, Taize chant, and several moments of silence. The overall

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## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANTRIM HOME & HARVEST FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 13-15

Paul Duggan

Antrim Home & Harvest Festival features more live music than ever before, headlined by blues recording artist Michelle "Evil Gal" Willson before the fireworks on Saturday night. Willson, is in the process of producing a new album, "Fortune Cookie," and will be singing music from the new project as well as the blues that earned her a W.C. Handy award. Both the concert and fireworks are free. The BBQ is a fundraiser for the Antrim Lions Club and the festival.

During the day Saturday, three bands will play at different venues on Main Street, including "Big Maple" which

includes Brian Murphy next to the Maplehurst Inn, "Decatur Creek" with local artist Doug Farrell, and "The Honey Bears," of which one of the bandmates is Antrim's Aaron Taub. The music begins with Friday night's concert by Ivy Leaf, an evening of Irish music at Antrim Town Hall.

Friday afternoon, skaters in the Antrim Can/Am Slalom Championships will be qualifying on Summer Street from 2:00-6:00 p.m., and later the community is invited to roller skate at the town gym with music provided by a DJ.

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themes are of Love, Peace, Justice and our connections to each other, the world around us, and the Creator.

This service has its roots in the Iona and Corrymeela Communities in Scotland and Ireland, and the Taize community in France. People from all over the Monadnock region, from many different faith backgrounds, have enjoyed participating in this unusual service. Many have described it as a "healing" experience. It is different for everyone, and it benefits from the additions of various readers and musicians.

Anyone who is interested in participating in a reader/musician role, or who has a particular poem or meditation piece to offer a future Evensong service, please contact us at the church office. The phone number there is: 588-2209. Questions may be directed there as well. Thank you to the Session members at the Presbyterian Church, and our new Pastor Jan Howe for continuing to be supportive of this ministry. We hope to see more new faces in the pews this year! Bring a friend! Share the Peace!

Sharon Dowling/Evensong Coordinator. Melissa Lawless/Evensong Worship Leader. ■

## WALKING TO SCHOOL

Margaret Dean.

Maybelle and Pearl Caughey spent some of their growing-up years here in Antrim. They lived with their Aunt Mattie right next to their Uncle Bert and Aunt Rachael Caughey in Antrim Center on Route 31 across from the Stone Church where they attended every Sunday.

Maybelle went to the Antrim Center School through the eighth grade. It was one of three one-room schoolhouses in Antrim (Antrim Center, East Antrim, and Antrim Village). After eighth grade all students went to the Antrim Village School where children from the first through the twelfth grades attended. For the next four years, Maybelle and Pearl walked the three miles every day, no matter what the weather, down the dirt road to the village to school. (Maybelle says that the road has been altered quite a bit since then.) Some of the other children had to walk even farther to get there. When Maybelle and Pearl heard the bell ringing they would start running so as not to be late for class. Phillip Lang (who lived up the street), Edith Linton, Dorothy Sawyer, and Wendell Ring were four of Maybelle's classmates. Maybelle said that sometimes, in the wintertime, the kids would get together and slide all the way from Antrim Center to the flats just before entering town. Wow! In case you don't know it, the Antrim Village School is the large building down and across the street from the Antrim Church of Christ. Although no longer a school, it still has the look of a schoolhouse.

At 97, Maybelle (Caughey) Dean continues to attend the Antrim Church of Christ, a building she passed every day as she walked to school. Maybelle welcomes everyone to come and visit her church. ■

## ANTRIM POLICE DEPARTMENT SCAMS

Detective Jason LePine, Antrim Police Department

There are several common scams currently being used to either obtain your personal information or trick you into sending money through a wire transfer. Almost all of us access the internet at least once during our typical day, whether it be for work related reasons, checking our bank accounts and paying bills, or uploading a funny video to YouTube. While the vast majority of people use the Internet for legitimate purposes, it is also widely used as a tool to extract your money or your personal information (Name, Address, D.O.B., Social Security Number, Bank Account Numbers).

Those who are out of work may use the Internet to find employment, and citizens should be aware of the "Mystery Shopper Scam." This is where you are "hired" as a mystery shopper and be asked to evaluate a money transfer company. The victim will be sent a check with a request to deposit it in their bank account, withdraw the money, and wire it to a specific destination, and then write a report of your experience with this money transfer company. In this case, the check is counterfeit and you may owe the bank the money that was deposited.

One should also be aware of the "Lottery Scam." An individual may receive an email from a bank or Government Agency that states they won a lottery, typically from a foreign country. The e-mail may require you to wire money to cover taxes, fees, or things of that nature prior to your receiving your lottery winnings that are nonexistent.

For those who use sites like Craigslist or eBay to sell personal items, you will eventually come across a "Fake Check Scam." This is where you get a response to your post offering to pay with a cashiers check or corporate check. The "buyer" may offer to write you a check for more than the purchase price and later request you wire transfer the difference due to some type of family emergency. The check you get will be a counterfeit check.

The elderly are frequent targets of "Imposter Scams." During this scam you may receive a call, or an e-mail from a "family member" requesting money be transferred to them for some type of emergency or to "post bail."

"Tech Support Scams" are also very common. This is where a potential victim will receive a call from someone claiming to be Tech Support from a well-known company such as Dell, Apple, or Microsoft who have detected several viruses on the victim's personal computer. The scam artist will try to trick the victim into paying for bogus computer software or giving them remote access to the victim's computer which is then used for illegal activity.

These are just a few of the hundreds of scams being used. We recommend that you never provide your personal information to anyone over the phone and be skeptical of anything that seems too good to be true. Don't open emails you don't recognize and make sure you have up to date antivirus software installed on your computer. If you feel you've been subjected to some type of scam, try typing in the company name and phone number on your caller ID, or any information on the front of a check you received in the search bar on a website such as Google. You will typically see posts from others who have been subject to the same scam. If you are the victim of a scam please call the Antrim Police Department to file a report, which can be given to your bank or credit-card company to help you recover money you may have lost. ■



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Saturday morning, after breakfast at the First Presbyterian Church, the crafters and booths will be open up and down Main Street. Remember that there will be no booths near the post office due to construction, so booths have been relocated to other spots on Main Street. Booth space is available until September 6th, so please contact Brad or Ella Kemp at 588-2598.

Children's games will again be in the space between Trends of Fashion and Antrim Computer and this year also behind Town Hall. A climbing wall has been added which teens and adults may try, as well as a "bungee-jumping" attraction.

Groups are encouraged to enter a float or march in the parade. Floats will assemble at 11:00 a.m. on Elm Street and marchers and fire trucks on North Main. This year's parade includes high school bands from ConVal and Hillsborough-Deering, as well as the Shriner's band

Lots of skateboarding this year, although the Antrim Can/Am is a smaller event than in past years. Racing will be active throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday, with the kids race following the Hybrid championship on Saturday afternoon, between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. Returning this year is the Eastern Boarder skateboard team to the Antrim skatepark for an exhibition. Local skaters can also show their tricks in the Freestyle Skate competition from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES & CORRECTIONS**

There are two additions to the schedule to note: the Tuttle Library will hold a Book Sale and Open House on the lawn this year and Boy Scouts Troop 2 has assembled a memorabilia display at the Little Town Hall for viewing after the parade until 3:00 p.m. There is one correction: the Monadnock Mountaineers is canceled due to a conflict.

Remember, cooks, your pies and baked beans are needed for the baked bean and fruit pie competitions down at Tenney Farm. Drop them off between 4:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon at the Tenney Farm stand.

Antrim Police remind you that there is no parking on Main Street during the festival, and that Route 202/Main Street will be closed to traffic for the parade on Saturday, 11:30-11:50 a.m. For the skateboard races, Summer Street will also be closed. Enter Antrim Elementary and GBS via West Street. School Street will be made two-way from Friday 9:00 a.m. to Sunday at approximately 5:00 p.m. Saturday night, there is no parking on Route. 202. Please use the parking near the Rymes gas tanks, or use the shuttle bus from Town Hall and Antrim Village.

It's been a great ten years of making the Antrim Home & Harvest Festival a special and exciting event for the town of Antrim. Many thanks go to a small committee, Rick Davis, Crista Salamy, Ella and Brad Kemp, Brian Beihl, Dave Kirkpatrick, Paul Dugan, Ted Brown, Jonas Taub, Rick Wood and the scores of others who have helped over the years.

Thank You for 10 years of "Nothing Like It!" 

**SELECTBOARD**

John Robertson

Things have been busy this spring and summer. Early spring saw the closing of Depot Street and its three bridges being replaced. Improvements are underway for Elm Avenue, and in late July construction of the new Police Department began.

The three bridges on Depot Street were on the State's red-list of bridges that need replacement. The bridges are two arch and slab flowage bridges and the shared bridge over the Contoocook River. For the arch and slab bridges, eighty percent of the cost will be funded by the NH Department of Transportation with Antrim responsible for the remaining twenty percent. The bridge over the Contoocook River is shared by Bennington and Antrim, with each being responsible for ten percent of the cost and NHDOT funding eighty percent. Completion is scheduled for October.

Much anticipation awaits the completion of our new Police facility scheduled for January 2014 occupancy. Bread Loaf Corporation of Middlebury, VT, is the general contractor, and site-work was done by Scott Burnside's Landsite Corporation of Antrim. You can watch the progress on Main Street in front of the Post Office.

Another section of Elm Avenue is being reconstructed. Removal of many embedded boulders and drainage are the major obstacles, and Chip Craig and the Highway Department crew are handling this project.

The firm of Commerford, Nieder & Perkins are in the process of completing the total town revaluation and will be sending out notices in September of the new assessments. They will be available to schedule meetings with property owners in the first part of October.

Making our Town Government more efficient is an ongoing goal of the Selectboard. To that end, the Highway Department is replacing the skid-steer machine that has been used to clear the sidewalks in the winter. We approved the expenditure for a new MB MSV Sidewalk tractor that can blow snow directly into trucks for removal, apply sand and salt for ice removal and control, mow roadsides, and sweep roads. The old skid-steer was sold for \$25,000. The new machine will save an estimated \$5,000 per year in highway costs. Cost of the MB tractor is \$27,624 per year for a five-year lease/purchase agreement.

Budget season is fast approaching. Your Selectboard and department heads will be busy preparing next year's budget. Many difficult decisions will need to be made due to inflation and less help from outside sources.

Feel free to contact us if you have comments or concerns.



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## THE FESTIVAL OF TREES OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, NOV. 30

Missy Taylor

The Festival of Trees committee has been meeting all summer, planning for our 4th annual Festival season and taking on a number of new projects. Applications to register trees and wreaths have already started to come in, and the excitement is beginning to build for what promises to be the best Festival yet.

Due to the shortened holiday season with Thanksgiving falling so very late in November, the Committee has decided to kick off the Festival with an Open House on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Set-up will be the week before Thanksgiving: November 20th to November 23rd. New this year, the Gilded Tree Award will be given to an entrant whose Festival submission is an overall outstanding display and visitor favorite in multiple categories as determined by voting and visitor and committee favorites. The keeper of the trophy will earn bragging rights and possession of the coveted Gilded Tree Trophy to display for one year as well as the achievement permanently commemorated on a certificate displayed at the Library. So exhibitors, remember, finish your tree or wreath before you stuff your turkey!!

In keeping with our community-building efforts, the committee has taken on the task of creating a new Community Calendar. Most recently published by the Antrim Elementary School PTO, the new calendar will continue what was once the tradition of the Antrim Women's Club. A few advertising slots remain available to local businesses or craftspeople. Families are invited to place an order for the calendar which will feature a community photo and tear-off monthly pages with listings of birthdays, anniversaries, and in memoriam notices as well as enhanced listings including town-wide notices and reminders such as town meeting and voting dates, sports signup deadlines and other community happenings. The cost for a calendar is \$8.00 with your listings or \$5.00 for an extra calendar. Orders will be taken through September with delivery by December first. Be on the lookout for order sheets or contact any committee member for details. You can access information on our new website, [AntrimFestivalOfTrees.org](http://AntrimFestivalOfTrees.org) and email us at [info@AntrimFestivalOfTrees.org](mailto:info@AntrimFestivalOfTrees.org).

Orders have been coming in for Home In Antrim Ornaments. Don't miss your chance to add your home to the huge Antrim tree that has become an annual tradition. A group of local crafters has volunteered to make a pair of handmade "Home" ornaments for each ordered. For a suggested donation of \$10 and a digital photo, your home can grace the branches of both your own and the annual Festival Tree. Send order requests to [info@AntrimFestivalOfTrees.org](mailto:info@AntrimFestivalOfTrees.org) or call Kristy Boulé at 831-1802.

The Committee and volunteers will be out in force enjoying the myriad activities and events at Antrim Home and

Harvest Festival. Be sure to stop by our booth to take a chance on our annual Quilt Raffle, register your tree or wreath for this year's Festival, place your calendar order and submit your personal listings, and sign up for a custom Home In Antrim Ornament. Keep an eye out for our group during the spectacular Home & Harvest parade. You just may see a walking tree or two. Rumor has it that we may have even melted the infamous Grinch's heart!!

We thank all of you for being so supportive of this joint effort of the Antrim Historical Society and friends of the Tuttle Library to celebrate the month of December, and we're grateful for the recognition we've received throughout the region and the state. We especially thank the Antrim Grange for recognizing us with a "Community Spirit Award" at the Community Awards night in May.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook for current information, helpful tips and beautiful photographs!

*The Festival of Trees Committee 2013: Kristy Boulé, Laurie Cass, Gerry McGlory, Missy Taylor, and Connie Vandervort*

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# THE DOGS OF WINTER

Charles Butterfield

Most everyone I know has one or two or ten dog stories to tell, efforts to fathom our peculiar relationship with canines.

Mine begins about seventy years ago in New York City, at the Metropolitan Opera House, no less. At the end of each opera season, Doris Doe, leading mezzo-soprano in the company, returned to her handsome brick home on Rhythm Hill in Bennington for the summer. There she was reunited with her three big (too big for her New York apartment), beautiful dogs, gifts from her admirers.

During her stay in Bennington, Doris Doe gave voice lessons (my sister Izi was a prized student) and sang at Sunday services in all the small churches around (I was her accompanist when she sang at Antrim's Baptist Church). Ms. Doe knew the Butterfields.

Come September, Doris Doe returned to New York for the winter opera season. What about her large dogs?

My dairy-farmer father looked for almost any kind of work to augment his farming income, so when Ms. Doe inquired if he would consider boarding her dogs at our farm, if he didn't jump, exactly, he acquiesced.

How hard could dog boarding be? We had plenty of space, dogs didn't require a lot of upkeep, and besides, I was always around to keep them entertained.

So the dogs of winter settled in—Lady, the eldest, a handsome Collie, the spit and image of Lassie; Betty-Boop, youngest, a funny, galumphing Old English Sheep Dog; and Kippy, a Wagnerian German Shepherd. I loved them all.

Izi was especially fond of Lady. When Lady was struck by a car the day Izi was downtown preparing for her graduation from Antrim High, our mother decided that news of the accident would be too upsetting, and I was not to say anything to Izi about what had happened to Lady. I had to sit with this sad news all through the graduation exercises. I didn't like deceiving my sister. Isn't not telling the same as lying?

Lady's accident was not fatal. But she was partially paralyzed, and after a few weeks she was put out of her misery. A sad story to tell Ms Doe when we returned her remaining dogs to her.

Betty-Boop appealed to everyone. An oversized teddy bear, really. Nevertheless, she presented a challenge. Neither she nor Kippy, every inch the alpha male, were neutered. When Betty Boop came into heat, I confined her to the upstairs room in our feed barn for about three weeks. Kippy was beside himself, whining and scratching at the barn door day and night. Maneuvering to feed, clean up, and exercise Betty Boop well away from Kippy was sort of a game, but a serious one. I understood that one slip-up could have long-term consequences. Sex education is a daily fact on a farm.

Kippy was a bad dog, but we were ever in denial. He was such a distinguished-looking aristocrat that we couldn't reconcile his noble stance with his knavery. When he killed George Sawyer's pig, my father called it mischief and gave George one of ours. When the dog attacked one of our own sheep, Dad chalked it up to nature taking its course. When Kippy ripped to pieces the truck cab upholstery while he waited for Elgin Bowers to pull one of my father's teeth, we went looking for a replacement seat. Kippy chased cars. He tangled with porcupines. Repeatedly. The only good thing he did was go after every woodchuck, knocking down stone walls if need be to break his prey's neck. A bad dog always forgiven.

Kippy became our dog. When Ms Doe came back to Bennington for the summer, we returned her dogs, and she settled with my father. It amazed us when Kippy showed up at the farm the first time, having traveled on his own the half-dozen miles from Rhythm Hill to Clinton Village. We carried him back to Bennington, but again Kippy left home #1 and returned to home #2, so strongly had he bonded to my father. Kippy had made his choice.

Such a bond is mutual. Where my father went, Kippy went. But when Kippy's days were ending, it was sixteen-year-old I, not my father, who transported the dog to Dr. Tenney's. It was I who put arms around the dog's neck and felt him sink to sleep. It was I who decided it would be too hard on my father to bring Kippy home for burial, so I left him for the veterinarian to dispose of. Dad was grateful.

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## BILL LANG WAS A FRIEND

Peter Moore

Bill Lang was my friend. He died this summer on July 9.

I can recall that I met Bill Lang about 1984 when my wife and I first lived in the old Poor house on High Street, kind of in Bill's Jameson Avenue neighborhood. He would have been about the age I am now when we started our friendship back then. We met either through the search for some cordwood for my woodstove, or the enticement up his long driveway to discover what I might find for my workshop in his big workshop, most of the contents of which was for sale on a perpetual basis. Bill Lang was a good old Yankee merchant, as many in Antrim know.

From then on, we were friends. I loved to listen to Bill talk. He would hold court in his garage, before the glowing shop stove in the autumn and early spring, or with a cold can of beer in the warmer months. Bill had a lot to tell.

Always welcome, always a pleasure, and enlightening to hear his tales. Stories of experience about his days working big equipment with Smith Harriman all over the state, accounts of the old Reel Shop that Bill managed on Water Street, and Bill's forest fire fighting remembrance of the Great Marlow Fire of 1941 that burned over 24,000 acres in the towns of Marlow and Stoddard. Of that event Bill described that they used rowboats out in the woods as dry-land reservoirs to which they ferried water and from which they drew water to carry further afield. It was the largest forest fire in New Hampshire's history. And Bill was there...he was a tough buck.

From personal experience I know Bill could work hard, and he could work smart. Bill was a workhorse as the saying goes, and I say that with all due respect because I spent many a day working along side him, trying to keep up with him, a man almost twice my age at the time. In 1989 I left gave up my purchasing job at Eastern Mountain Sports, and my wife, 3 year old daughter, and I moved to a farm in Peterborough, where I took on the farm manager job for the owner and her 300 acre horse farm estate. About the first thing I did was to hire Bill to be my right-hand man. To this day it was probably the wisest thing I ever did. You see, Bill knew the woods, he knew how to work the land, and he knew equipment: how

to run it, how to work safely around it, how to maintain it, and how to fix it when it went down.

It was told that Bill finished his formal inside schooling in eighth grade and then moved his education outside where he went to work with his father in the woods, and in woodworking. And so it has been to my life-long gain that I had the good fortune to work beside Bill Lang those years on the farm.

I witnessed and I learned and I practiced while Bill's gentle manner and good humor guided me. He was my mentor and his skills on the land still benefit me every day. I'm out there. Each time I sharpen my chain saw, Bill is there... "Don't draw that file at too steep an angle, and only as many pulls per tooth as you really need..." and, "...touch up that blade every few tank full's." "Always look-up for dead limbs before you cut, and plan a cleared escape." "Keep your bucket as low as possible, especially when you have weight in it." "Be gentle on the tractor, and don't try to overwork it or it will break." When I cut brush... "Always pile your brush parallel, with the stems to the west so that it will dry faster by the prevailing winds for burning later." With a razor sharp scythe he taught me to cut an over-grown rocky field, and with stone or Bastard file, how to sharpen just about any tool in my shop. Every time I do any of these things now, Bill Lang, my friend, touches me.

I know when I visited Bill at Pheasant Wood over the last year and a half, as his health failed, he would express that he wished he were "Down there," motioning toward the ground. I knew as he suffered, that his life, once so full, and strong, and in the outdoors, would never be that way again.

Bill was a simple and unassuming man, and I mean that with admiration. He never travelled far from his native Antrim, and as far as I know he never cared to be anywhere else, or ascend to any greater level. He wasn't searching to find his place in life, or to move to the next best thing, he was there. He worked hard until he could work no more.

And now, each time I climb onto my tractor, sharpen my chainsaw, put my cordwood up to dry, or kindle a brush pile, Bill's spirit is with me. May I work on the land in peace and safety while he is at rest. ■

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I printed out the 16-page application and instruction sheets called a Field Kit and turned them over to Marty's son, Bill, and his wife Sheila. Both are excited about preserving the letters, which number in the hundreds.

Since Bill and Sheila are in the process of finishing a film they are making on their own, they now want to capture a high-quality interview of Marty on film so that the movie can accompany the letters to the library. The interview and letters will join a growing collection of narratives, memoirs, letters, diaries and photographs open to the public, educators, and serious researchers. The Library creates a web page with a biography and present-day photo of each veteran who submits material.

The Field Kit is very detailed. There is a two-page biographical data form, release forms for the interviewer and interviewee to sign, two-pages of details about the video recording, two pages detailing information about photographs provided, two pages of a manuscript data sheet to be used to fully document the letters, and an extensively detailed sheet of instructions about the kinds of questions and subjects to cover during the interview. The subjects cover such things as a person's days of service, his/her wartime service, coming home, and personal reflections of life in the military.

Although the letters will ultimately reside at the Library of Congress, copies will be available at the Antrim Historical Society

If you are interested in participating in this project and preserving wartime memorabilia at the Library of Congress, go to [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets) to learn more. ■

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## NEW CUBMASTER FOR PACK 2

Brian Biehl

Jennifer Colby has taken over the role of Cubmaster from Melissa Stewart for 2013/14. Jenny is the mother of both a Boy Scout and a Cub Scout, and has been active in the pack over the last few years. Our thanks to Melissa and Tammy Blanchette, who have lead the pack over the last five years.

### CUB SCOUTS ORGANIZING FOR FALL

Pack 2's membership kickoff will begin during Antrim Home & Harvest Festival, September 14, with an opportunity for prospective Scouts to race Pinewood Derby cars and play Cub Scout games. Sign up and flyers will be available at the booth, but will also be sent home in Friday folders on September 16. Then on Wednesday, September 18th at the First Presbyterian Church, 5:30-7:30 p.m., an information and sign-up will be held. Parents and boys are invited to attend, and parents are encouraged to ask questions while boys participate in games and activities.

### BIKE-A-THON OCTOBER 19

One of Pack 2's primary fundraisers is the Bike-a-Thon, for which Cubs take pledges per mile. Money raised helps operate the Pack throughout the year, including books, awards, and trips. If you would like to help sponsor a Scout, please contact Jenny Colby at 562-6868.

### OVERNIGHT AT AIR MUSEUM, OCTOBER 26

Pack 2 Scouts will be visiting and sleeping overnight at the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, CT. This is an opportunity for the boys to see antique and rare aircraft up close, as well as travel to another state. The exhibit includes a WW II B-29 bomber and other vintage aircraft, a chance to fly a plane with a flight simulator, and to sit in a cockpit of a fighter aircraft.

### JOIN CUB SCOUTS

Pack 2 serves Antrim, Bennington, Francestown, and Hancock, and runs from September through June. Boys in sports programs are welcome, and our activities work around absences due to games and practices. For more information about the Scouting program, call Jenny Colby at 562-6868, or attend the September 18 information night. ■

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## ANTRIM'S MEMORIAL PARK: A HISTORY

Joan Gorga

Have you ever stepped around the back of Town Hall and dined at a cozy picnic table nestled on the edge of the Great Brook Mill Pond? Or wandered across the arched wooden footbridge to the elegant bandstand and contemplative memorials to Antrim residents who have represented us in wartime? Or spent a pleasant afternoon lobbing balls over the tennis net or playing hoops? Or tried to remain standing while soaring down the pyramid on a skateboard? All of these and more are possible at Memorial Park in the center of Antrim Village.

Antrim's Memorial Park has come a long way since its inception, with donations of land, time and money coming from many different sources. The seminal parcel of land, known as Cram Grove, was donated by Richard Goodell in 1927. This small grove of pines was located next to Mr. Goodell's home on Jameson Avenue, and was named for William E. Cram, a prominent Antrim resident who operated a general store on Main Street for 23 years before his death in 1924. A tennis court was constructed in Cram Grove in the late 1960's when tennis began to lose its image as an elitist sport. The Cram Grove court completed a trio of courts that were actively used in town. The others were owned by the Winslows at the Alabama Farm on Smith Road and Philip and Harriet Baker on North Holt Hill Road.

The park area expanded in 1977, when Bruce and Elaine Cuddihy and Wayno and Betsey Olson bought the Robertson property adjacent to Cram Grove and offered it to the town, primarily for the purpose of building a basketball court. Bruce had been wandering around by the Mill Pond when he spied owner Dorothy Robertson at the unoccupied house. He walked right up to her and asked if she wanted to sell the house. She said yes and named her price, and Wayno quickly agreed to join Bruce in the purchase. The following year the town voted to reimburse the Cuddihys and the Olsons for the purchase price. The existing house was removed and fill was brought in to make a smooth surface, which was paved over. Basketball hoops were erected on the blacktop, and a skating rink was discussed.

At about the same time, construction of the now exemplary Antrim Wastewater Treatment Facility played a major role in revitalizing the Mill Pond water. But, in its tumble from Gregg Lake to Antrim Village, the frequently-roaring Great Brook had deposited a lot of sediment in the pond in the more than 200 years since the dam was built. The pond had also accumulated a variety of old tires and other less-than-attractive junk. In the mid-1980's, the north end of the pond was dredged and graded, and shrubs and flowering trees were planted. However, more work was clearly needed to create an area that could be a source of pride for the citizens of Antrim.

A Mill Pond Improvement Committee, consisting of Mary Allen, Pat Webber, Paul Hardwick, Pat Beers, and Robert

Holmes, was formed in 1989. This group laid the groundwork for the magnificent park we have today. By October, 1990, the committee had formulated a plan and completed a seven-part application for federal funding, and, with the help of many additional volunteers, cleanup began. Town-owned land to the east of the pond was incorporated into the park to provide picnic areas and access to the pond. After overcoming bureaucratic red tape, fickle weather, and many other obstacles, the persistent committee was overjoyed when the dredging of the pond was finally completed in 1993. Tests on the dredged sludge showed it was suitable to be used for capping the old landfill. Steve Crowell and East Coast Steel donated more than 80 hours of major earthmoving work, which provided the bulk of the local match for federal funds. A group of inmates from the Hillsborough County House of Corrections even helped with brush removal and other landscaping work.

In the early 1990's, the town seemed very quiet, with many working out of town and feeling little connection to it. A couple of Historical Society members working on a project noticed how much went on in 1894, and thought a town celebration might bring folks together, and thus "100 Years on Main Street, 1894-1994" was born. General Committee members included Cindy Haskins, Brian Sawich, Bruce Cuddihy, Martha Pinello, Carter Proctor, and Pat Webber, with advisors Izi Nichols and Nina Harding. Many other committees were formed to coordinate everything from the parade to the Antrim Road Race to entertainment and exhibits, and a year of intense preparation began. At one point, Dotti Penny mused about how nice it would be to have murals painted on the Town Hall steeple. Local artists and many assistants made this happen, too. The mural of the Mill Pond in winter, painted by Russ and Gif Russell, was strategically placed to be visible from Memorial Park on the other side of the pond.

The team of Bruce Cuddihy, Carter Proctor, Bob Allison and Pat Webber designed a bandstand to be constructed as a replica of a beautiful Victorian bandstand that stood on Main Street from 1894 until about 1936. Izi Nichols was adamant

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## ANTRIM RECREATION

Celeste Lunetta, Director

### MEMORIAL PARK

Antrim Parks and Recreation Commission has been looking at creating plans for the maintenance and future for Memorial Park. This is the park on Jameson Avenue, shored up with the Mill Pond, a small tennis court, a swing set, the skatepark, and basketball hoops. We have been receiving feedback on the memorial park survey all summer. At the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 12, they will discuss some of the feedback received and start to make plans for the future. We hope that anyone interested in discussing issues around this park will come to the meeting on Thursday September 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Office at the Antrim Town Gym. Please read the article on the history of Memorial Park by our Commission's chair, Joan Gorga on page 9 of this issue.

### AFOR (ANTRIM FRIENDS OF RECREATION)

Antrim Friends of Recreation Fundraiser at NASCAR Sunday September 22: This is a fundraiser for Antrim Friends of Recreation, a group that supports several family activities throughout the year. Please consider joining us! Again we shall work at the Loudon races. The last fundraiser earned AFOR over \$600. Our earnings increase monumentally, with each additional volunteer.

### FALL PROGRAMS

**Fall Youth Soccer:** Programs for players 6 and older are well underway by the beginning of September, and registration for youth soccer began in July. We do have a Little Kickers program for 4-6 year olds, and registration for that program is open through September 6. Little Kickers meets on Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Antrim.

**Fall Ballet for 3 and 4 year olds:** We welcome back Miss Laura's School of Ballet. We are offering ballet for 3 and 4 year old boys and girls, on Mondays, from 1:30-2:00 p.m. This six week session starts on September 16 and will go through October 28, with no class on Columbus Day. Preregistration is required, and this class accepts a maximum of 12 students, so register early!

**After School Karate:** Starts on September 5. Join our instructor Elizabeth Kenney for weekly TaeKwonDo lessons. Many children have loved this program. The cost is \$35 per month, and the program runs all year on Thursdays when school is in session. This program is open to students 6 through adult.

**After School Jump Rope Club:** Wednesdays November 13 through December 11, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Open to kids in 2nd through 8th grades. Jump rope tricks and Double Dutch jump roping will be coached. Preregistration is required by November 9. No Jump Rope 11/27.

**Antrim Youth Chorus:** Mondays and Wednesdays, November 13 through December 4. Chorus Director is Patrick Cogan. Open to kids in 2nd through 5th grade. 3:30-4:30 p.m. The chorus will perform at the Antrim Tree Lighting on Sunday December 1st, at 4:00 p.m.

**Roller Skating:** Back for a fifth year: Roller Skating, sponsored by volunteers from Antrim Friends of Recreation, returns to Antrim Town Gym on the second Saturday of each month. Themed skates, door prizes, a live DJ! Cost for skate rentals is \$5 and the admission is \$3 per person, with all profits benefitting the AFOR. Concessions are provided.

**Ball Time: NEW PROGRAM!** Saturdays from September through November: This is an open gym program for children 1-3 years old and their guardians. On Saturdays from 10-10:45 a.m. the gym is theirs! We will set up balls, hoops, and other safe and fun sports toys.

**Young Athletes Program:** Tuesdays October 8th to October 29th from 4:00-4:45 p.m. at Antrim Town Gym. Welcoming all kids ages 2-7 years old, this program is sponsored by NH Special Olympics. This is a free program, and will teach kids all kinds of fundamental sports skills. Young Athletes will continue through the year, and the schedule may shift based on availability of the facility and needs of coaches and participants.

**Children's Stage Adventures:** The Emperor's New Clothes: November 4-9; rehearsals and auditions start at 3:45 p.m. after school, the final rehearsal schedule is determined by the part the child plays. This is our third production with Children's Stage Adventures, and it is an exceptional experience for children who love to perform! This musical production performances will be Friday November 8 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday November 9.

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## ENERGY COMMITTEE EYES TAX DEDUCTION

Sandy Snow

The Antrim Energy Committee is looking into allowing property owners and small businesses a tax exemption for installing the following renewable energy projects: solar energy, wind power and wood heating. (Note: wood heating projects do not include stoves and fireplaces.)

The tax exemption is permitted under New Hampshire RSA 72:61-72. According to the RSA, which has been adopted by 86 municipalities, a property owner who installs a renewable energy project will not see his or her taxes increased because of the increased value of their property.

Here is an example of how the exemption would work. Suppose a property is initially assessed at \$200,000 and the property owner installs a \$20,000 renewable energy system. The new assessment would be \$220,000. However, for a municipality that has adopted the tax exemption the assessment would remain at \$200,000.

According to the state Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) this "tax neutral policy" neither increases an individual's property tax nor decreases the municipality's property tax revenues. It removes the disincentive to homeowners of incurring higher property taxes when installing renewable energy systems.

A municipality has a choice of exempting one, two or all three renewable energy projects. The Energy Committee wants to exempt all three classes. At present, the committee is preparing a warrant article modeled on one provided by the OEP. Once complete, it will be submitted to the selectmen for approval. If approved, it will come before town residents at a town meeting probably in March, 2014.

Area towns that have adopted exemption include Dublin, Jaffrey, Keene, Rindge, Deering, Greenfield, Hillsborough, Peterborough, Henniker, and Washington.

The Antrim Energy Committee, which includes Ben Pratt, Diane Chauncey, Shelley Nelkins, and me, believes that the United States, which consumes the most energy of any nation on earth, must increase its use of renewable energy sources such as solar and wind energy. New Hampshire and the federal government have put into place financial incentives to encourage property owners to do their part to reduce their energy consumption by turning to renewable sources instead of continuing to consume large quantities of fossil fuels.

For example, installing solar panels or wind turbines for generating electricity reduces reliance on purchasing electricity from a public utility. In addition, the state offers a substantial rebate for these systems and it requires the utilities to "buy back" any excess electricity the consumer generates. This is accomplished by the utility installing an electric meter which can run forwards or backwards. When excess electricity is generated by solar panels, for example, the excess is fed back into the utility's lines making the meter run backwards.

In a case where solar panels return more power in a month than the consumer uses, then the utility must credit that surplus against future usage.

The federal government also allows people a 30% tax credit for solar and wind power installations (and for the purchase of some Energy Star products). Note that a tax credit is better than a tax exemption in that the credit is a dollar for dollar reduction in your tax and it can be carried over until it is exhausted.

Installing solar, wind, and wood-heating devices carries a substantial up-front cost for the property owner. The state and federal government recognize this fact and are doing what they can to reduce that financial burden. □

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### A MEMORABLE TIME

Cherryl Boucher

Walking into the First Presbyterian Church, the week of July 22-26, one would have experienced great joy! You see, Vacation Bible School was happening, and "Kingdom Rock" was an amazing week of fun and laughter as all ages experienced God's amazing love and greatness. Each evening began with a delicious free dinner for 75-100 people. People brought donations for the Antrim/Bennington Food Bank, and the Food Pantry received one-hundred food items Friday evening.

"Sing and Play Rock" and "Fanfare Finale" burst forth with happiness as everyone enjoyed songs of praise, funny skits, experiments, and dancing. Offering was taken each evening, and we collected \$360.00 to be sent to Oklahoma for tornado devastation relief.

"Imagination Station," "Tasty Treats," "Tournament Games," "Chadder's Royal Theater," and "Epic Bible Adventure" were all part of the children's fun each evening. There were well attended classes for teens and adults.

For over eighty years Vacation Bible School has been run by the Antrim Baptist and First Presbyterian Churches. Antrim can be very thankful that this VBS week is still being held, as some churches in other communities across our country have only three days of the event or don't have it at all, due to lack of staffing and children. Thankfully, Vacation Bible School is alive and well in Antrim. □

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## ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thelma Nichols, President

The Antrim Historical Society Board continues to meet monthly, not only expanding on the projects and programs that have been identified, but looking forward to new avenues to pursue. And we have identified many areas that need research and organization.

A recent program on Antrim schools was very interesting, but also indicated need of more research as well as recollections by people who had been students. Through the memories of Charles Butterfield, Ben Pratt, Nina Harding and others, we were able to glean “days-in-the-life” of these individuals during their formative years. Thinking back on the program, we noted that there were schools not represented and that we need to add their histories to the story.

Different individuals archived our collection over the years, and while they did a great job, we are left with an inconsistent system. We have decided to bring all of our history together using the “Museum Archive” software program designed as a management database system. This program will not only bring a consistency to our archiving, but will make research easier. And now that we have our own computer system, the information will be in one place rather than on several personal computers. We will be setting up several work evenings to accomplish this. If you are interested in becoming involved with this project, please let us know and we will let you know the dates. You are welcome to come and look the program over and to ask questions before you make a decision to join us.

History is being made every day and we want to capture it for future generations. Perhaps you would like to help us in creating a more active and formal way of collecting, archiving and preserving today for tomorrow. We would love to have you work with us. Organizations such as the Limrik have aided us in compiling some of the “new” history, for which the AHS Board is very appreciative. Residents have come forward with items and helpful information on resources that will also be a great help to us. We thank you and hope more of you will assist us going forward.

A big thank you to Bill Nichols and Dean Proctor for once again reading the Declaration of Independence at our July

4th celebration at Memorial Park, as well as thanks to Diane Chauncey, John Robertson, Brian Beihl, and Missy Taylor for the doughnuts and rolls. We continue to have a good turnout for this program and over the past few years have been delighted to meet people from surrounding towns who come to spend the morning with us. This is a great time to enjoy community spirit, catch up with old friends and have the opportunity to celebrate the real meaning of July 4th.

Home & Harvest will be coming up soon and we will again be serving up our now famous Apple Crisp on Saturday, September 14. We very much appreciate all who have offered to bake crisp (from our recipe) and to work on that day. We have openings, so if you want to join the fun, call Missy Taylor 588-7146 or Thelma Nichols 588-6766 and we will put you on the schedule.

Antrim’s own Maddie Beihl will present a program on the History of Western New Hampshire at our Annual Meeting, October 20 at 3 pm at the Presbyterian Church. We hope you will join us for Maddie’s presentation, as well as a brief wrap-up of the Historical Society’s accomplishments of the past year. The November program will feature a speaker from the New Hampshire Humanities Council. Watch for more information as it becomes available and check our website, [www.AntrimHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.AntrimHistoricalSociety.org), for continually updated information. Programs are generally presented on the third Sunday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church at 3 p.m., followed by refreshments provided by Joyce Davison and her friendly bakers. All programs are open to the public without charge.

Let us not forget the Festival of Trees, a celebration coordinated with the Friends of the Library. This should be the year that you decide you and your family will join the festivities and create a tree or wreath. You have seen what has been offered for the past three years and I’m sure an idea of what you could do has been sparked. The only cost to you is providing your own tree or wreath and whatever you want for decorations. Applications have already started to come in, so be sure to look for information at Home & Harvest on Saturday or call Missy Taylor 588-7146 to reserve your spot.

We have July 4th at the bandstand in the summer, Home & Harvest in the fall, and Festival of Trees in the winter, but what about spring? Well, we’re thinking maybe a plant and garden sale. Look for more details at a later date, but in the meantime, if you have any plants that need to be separated, please wait until spring and consider donating them to us. More information will be available at Home & Harvest as well as on our website, [www.AntrimHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.AntrimHistoricalSociety.org).

The AHS Board thanks all of you who have renewed your membership, joined for the first time or sent in donations, as well as those of you who have volunteered your time working on programs and projects. We depend on these dues and donations for our operating support. ▣

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## OFFICER BRIAN LORD—A DREAM REALIZED

Lyman Gilmore

Here is a good man—and a good cop—whose lifelong dream of becoming a fulltime police officer has been realized by the Town of Antrim.

When Officer Brian Lord and I sat down at the Antrim Police Department one sweltering day in mid-July, he was eager to talk about how Antrim has given him a second chance. He explained that when in 1984 he graduated from Mascoma High School up in Caanan, New Hampshire, the Hanover Police Department offered him a part time job that he turned down because he wanted a full time position, much to his later regret. Not knowing what else he wanted, he did odd jobs, attended photography school, got married, had two children (Brandon now 25 and Lyndsie 22), spent twenty-two years driving trailer trucks throughout New England, and got divorced.

In 1999 Brian met his current wife Maureen, and they married and had a daughter Logan, now six, and in 2001 they moved to Nelson, NH, where they built a ranch house on a fine 2.7 acre lot. Maureen has taught physical education at the Troy and Fitzwilliam elementary schools and coached at Monadnock High School for twenty-three years. From 2001 to 2008 Brian worked in site construction in Keene in addition to driving for Rindge's Allen & Mathewson Fuels in the winter and Hancock's Mathewson Construction Company summers. He first got into law enforcement by becoming a part time officer in Nelson after field training and completing the part-time Police Academy program in Concord, and he stayed with the Nelson PD until 2008 when he applied to Antrim. He subsequently graduated from the longer and more intensive fourteen-week residential Full-Time Police Academy program, and then in 2009 he joined the Antrim PD, finally realizing his dream of becoming a full-time police officer after twenty-five years!

Officer Lord has the night shift from 4:00 pm to 2:00 am patrolling Antrim's 36.5 square miles, protecting our 2,637 residents by looking for illegal activity and "being a visible deterrent to crime." As with the other APD officers The Limrik has interviewed, he says two of the biggest challenges he faces are dealing with time-consuming paperwork, and performing

car stops. Stopping cars and trucks in the line of duty is always dangerous because the officer never knows what he will encounter when he approaches the vehicle: a driver impaired



by alcohol or drugs, an angry and possibly violent person, a man or woman with a gun, a perpetrator wanted in other jurisdictions. In addition the task is difficult because his prime responsibility after protecting our citizenry is "trying to change people's perception of law enforcement" which is often negative by folks "who do not respect government."

A hard worker, Officer Lord hasn't much time for recreation, but when he takes the time he enjoys bass fishing in the summer and skiing with his family at Crotched Mountain in the winter.

Officer Lord says with conviction that he has come to love Antrim and its residents, and he hopes that he can continue long into the future his dream that was finally realized here in Antrim. ▣



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## REFLECTIONS ON THE VOTE TO CLOSE GBS

Jim Elder, Principal

I have thought a great deal about lessons that I could learn from the public debate about consolidating or closing some of the schools in the ConVal School District. During this debate, several citizens introduced a warrant article that singled out Great Brook for closure, and it was put before the voters this past spring. I believe enough dust has settled that I might talk about this openly and honestly. It would have been in poor taste to have done so before, because if I had said too much during the debate, voters would have to weigh the fact that preserving jobs—including my own—might factor into my recommendations. To further complicate things, I was also a member of the “Model Study Committee,” a group of town residents and mostly School Board members, who were asked to find whatever consensus there might be on this issue. This was led courageously by George Kidd, the School Board representative from Hancock. In the end, the only thing the committee discovered was that there was not very much that all people agreed about on this issue. My membership on the committee meant that I needed to try to be impartial about solutions—a job which I did not do very well, I admit.

In an effort to understand what people in the nine towns wanted, the Model Study Committee set up “Road Shows” in the towns. At those meetings, people expressed very intense emotions about what they hoped to see. Of course, everyone talked about having safe schools, having suitable staffing, and the like. Yet I left each meeting feeling like there was something more or something bigger at stake in this discussion.

I have thought of an explanation for this: when I interview people for positions, I start the conversation with, “so tell me a little about yourself” and people invariably tell me things like “I graduated from UNH,” or “I was on the basketball team when I went to Keene High School.” The point here is that people’s identity is very much defined by the institutions that they have been part of, and most particularly, their educational institutions. I am very much the same way and frequently tell people that I attended Dublin Consolidated School and ConVal. These two facilities remain very important and continue to describe who I think I am. When I tell people about my educational history, I expect that they know a bit more about me and understand that I have had some good fortune in my past. This fact that people define themselves by the schools they attend may well have a great deal to do with the passion and intense emotion that Warrant Article #8 elicited (that asked voters to close GBS).

Another thing that came through loud and clear from the meetings is that these elementary and middle schools have a huge impact on the town’s culture. People expanded a concern that should a school close, they would not feel as strong a connection to their neighbors—that by not having the young members of their grouping educated among them, would lead to a loss of their unique culture. While this point may be pain-

fully obvious to you, the reader, I mention it because it is striking how much power the youngest members of our town have over our identity.

Another remarkable thing that came of this “great debate” was the effort that a large number of people made—in a respectful way—to have their voice heard. This included people showing up at meetings, people printing and passing out lawn signs, and people standing in the rain on polling day. One memory I savor is that almost a dozen GBS students went to the deliberation session and waited until after 10 o’clock before being allowed to have their voices heard—and this was on a school night. The effort is both a testimony to the brilliance of democracy, and also a touching tribute to the value of the educational institution known as Great Brook School.

The main lessons that I have drawn from this are these: first, while I and the staff of Great Brook are focused on the education of each child who comes through the door, our job is much bigger and more important. At some level, we are helping these children to define themselves. Attendance at Great Brook will be a life-long touchstone that helps our members describe themselves. Our students will carry the emblem of GBS in their hearts their whole lives. The importance of making this experience a positive one cannot be overstated.

Secondly, our contribution to the communities’ identity is critical. Therefore, it is imperative that we do everything we can to imprint our students with the values of Antrim, Bennington, Frankestown, and Hancock. These include hard work, honesty, optimism, and giving back to your community. We also stress democratic values and caring for the larger group. These are not all of the values, but the important ones, I believe.

The last lesson I draw upon is that we should not forget how fortunate we are to work in a district that cares so much about its kids. I will be eternally grateful to those who made such an effort to participate in the debate, and made an effort to preserve this school. I do not wish to diminish the opinions of those who voted otherwise, or who worked to close the school, as they engaged in the democratic process. These debates illustrate the miracle at the heart of the American system.

In the end, when all the votes were counted, a majority of the district voted against closing Great Brook School. It is not lost on me that a significant number, about 35%, did say “yes” to #8. It is on the Great Brook staff, and on me most of all, to keep working to convince those people the value of this institution. If you count yourself among those, I would invite you to call and make an appointment to come see us in action and to offer us any ideas you might have. We can be reached at 603-588-6630. Thank you for caring enough to read this and for the honor of serving your community! ▣

Following two suspicious fires at Rhythm Hill, Doris Doe moved away, joining the music faculty at the University of Tennessee, I heard (she died at Chattanooga in 1985). The dogs of winter were no more. But my dog story continues.

When I established a home of my own, Toyar, a German Shepherd consigned to our local vet to find a new home for, came to live with us. Not Kippy returned, but Kippy remembered. Toyar had none of Kippy's bad traits—with the exception of going after porcupines, not really a dog's fault—nor did any of the five shepherds that followed in sequence over fifty years. Gentle and dependable good neighbors as they each have been, I have, nevertheless, caught myself likening them to Kippy—Kippy as time has mellowed him. A passing tribute.

To rescue this story from the shaggy-dog category, I offer this: Where we go in the world, what we see and experience of the exterior landscape, affects our interior landscape, writer Barry Lopez reminds me. I have no doubt that the dogs of winter, part of my exterior landscape at a young age, are still shaping my intuitions and how I think about and appreciate the world I live in. One thing I know. Dogs are not furry people. Those of us in a dog-human relationship know that our dogs experience different landscapes—exterior and interior—than we do. It broadens our outlook, humbles us maybe, when we acknowledge that though ours may be the dominant point of view, it is not the only one. ■

## SCIENCE ON ROUTE 31

Dick Winslow

Why would my own last name be used as someone else's first name?

Here in Antrim there once lived two men, each with Winslow as a first name, the late Winslow Sawyer and the late Winslow Caughey. Although they were unrelated and scarcely knew each other because of age difference, they lived a few hundred yards apart on Route 31 south of the Grange Hall, and each had a career in the sciences. Winslow Sawyer (1911-1972) took a degree in mechanical engineering at UNH and thereafter worked at the prestigious Arthur D. Little consulting firm in Boston, heading up projects on behalf of the Army and the Air Force. Winslow Caughey (1926-2013) graduated from UNH, then took a PhD in chemistry at Johns Hopkins University where, subsequently, he joined the faculty. Thereafter he held professorships at—in sequence—the University of South Florida, Arizona State University, and Colorado State University. At Colorado he chaired the department of biochemistry for 22 years.

When I asked Winslow Sawyer's son how the name "Winslow" had come into the family, the answer was clear: they were descendants of Governor Edward Winslow of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. When several years ago I asked the same question of Winslow Caughey, his answer was also clear, namely "I haven't the slightest idea."

There must be a science gene in the blood of folks who settled on Route 31 south of the Grange Hall. Half way between the homes of Winslow Sawyer and Winslow Caughey was the Butterfield Farm where Charles Butterfield (b. 1932) grew up. Charles, who authored the fine piece about dogs in this issue of the Limrik, was an unusually successful science teacher at Brattleboro High School. In 1988 he was named the Number One teacher for the State of Vermont, on account of which numerous honors came his way including being sent to Washington where, along with Number One teachers from States across the country, he took part in festivities surrounding the inauguration of the first president Bush. ■

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO RECEIVE FACE LIFT

Sandy Snow

The First Presbyterian Church of Antrim has embarked on a big project, repainting its façade and steeple. It is an ambitious undertaking. The existing paint, some of which is peeling badly, must be scraped and the wood must be prepared to receive the primer coat and two finish coats of white paint. Painting the rest of the church will have to wait for another day.

The church's Session, its governing body made up of elders Sarah Edwards, Bob Edwards, Ted Brown, Paul Blackman, Pamela Campbell, Steven Campbell, myself, our pastor, the Rev. Jan Howe, and Session moderator, the Rev. Dr. Peter Howe, felt that the shabby appearance of the steeple and façade needed an over-due face lift. After all, the church is almost opposite the town hall on Main Street and is one of the focal points in town.

Built in 1893, 120 years ago, it is a central location for many town activities including monthly community dinners and playing host to the Antrim Historical Society, the Antrim Area Senior Center, St. Joseph's Meals on Wheels, Friday soup days, and the Revival Shop.

In making its decision the Session realized it would be facing an enormous price tag of \$30,000. However, Edmund's Hardware stepped in and offered to help defray the cost of paint, and painter Norm Mercier said he would help where he could.

Therefore, the Session decided it would seek outside donations from the town. It created a flier and sent it to every home and business in Antrim asking for a donation. (The church's newsletter, which was mailed Aug. 1, also displays elements of the flier so that out-of-town readers will learn about the project.)

The town's response has been overwhelming. We are truly blessed with such an outpouring of support. One man, who is very financially strapped, gave us \$10. Other donations have been in the hundreds of dollars and some into the thousands. Many donors are not even members of our church, which makes their donations so touching to us

As of this writing, the church has raised somewhat more than half of what it needs, but we still have a long way to go.

Now I would like to digress a bit. This article may make it sound like the Presbyterian Church is the only church in town. In reality, there are two other churches in town: the Antrim Baptist Church and the Antrim Church of Christ. Our church and the Baptist church have seen our membership rolls diminish over the years. According to Rick Davis, the Church of Christ has held a steady membership.

People may not recognize the fact that a church's income is proportional to its membership and those who attend church on a regular basis. The smaller the congregation the less money there is to go around to maintain these large landmarks.

The Baptist Church has a project to fix its steeple but has had to divert money from its fund raising efforts to pay for other more immediate fixes.

Davis says the Church of Christ would like to use its money to help people in need. However, the roof needs repairing, he says, so the church is trying to build up its roof fund.

All three churches are trying to build their congregation. But it is a difficult task.

For those who would like to return to church but who have stayed away for a very long time, as my wife and I did for many years, why don't you "test drive" all three of the churches and see which suits you. Their doors are open every Sunday. Announcements of service times can be found on page 26 in this Limrik. □

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

- 5 ***“Heard It Through The Grapevine”*** Open Mic Music Series • Avenue A Teen Center • 7:00 p.m.
- 9 ***Weekly Children’s Programs Begin*** • The Grapevine
- 10 ***Reading with Mozart the Companion Dog*** • Tuttle Library • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- 13–15 ***Home & Harvest Festival*** • see article on page 1 and insert with schedule
- 14 ***Open House & Book Sale*** • Tuttle Library • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- 18 ***Information & Sign-up Night*** • Cub Scouts Pack 2 • Presbyterian Church • 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- 19 ***Free Community Supper*** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 27 ***Potluck Supper*** • People’s Service Exchange • The Grapevine • 5:30 p.m.
- 27–29 ***Antrim Players production*** • Antrim Town Hall Auditorium

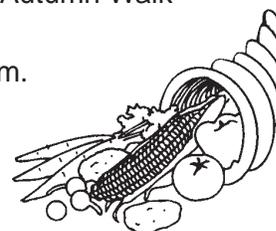
## OCTOBER



- 5 ***Ukulele Program*** • Antrim Grange Hall • 7:00 p.m.
- 6 ***Celtic Evensong*** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 8 ***Reading with Mozart the Companion Dog*** • Tuttle Library • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- 11–14 ***Boy Scouts Troop 2*** • trip to Beal Island, ME
- 17 ***Free Community Supper*** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 19 ***Cub Scouts Bike-a-Thon*** • Pack 2 Fundraiser
- 19 ***Turkey Dinner*** • Baptist Church • 5:00–6:30 p.m.
- 20 ***History of Western NH*** • Antrim Historical Society program • Presbyterian Church • 3:00 p.m.
- 26 ***Halloween Window Painting Contest*** • Antrim Rec Department

## NOVEMBER

- 3 ***Celtic Evensong*** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 5 ***Babies in Backpacks & Toddlers in Tow*** • The Grapevine/Harris Center Autumn Walk in McCabe Forest • 10:00–11:30 a.m.
- 12 ***Reading with Mozart the Companion Dog*** • Tuttle Library • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- 19 ***International Games Day*** • Tuttle Library • 12 noon–3:00 p.m.
- 19 ***Cub Scouts Bike-a-Thon*** • Pack 2 Fundraiser
- 21 ***Free Community Supper*** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 30 ***Festival of Trees Open House*** • Tuttle Library • 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.



## DECEMBER

- 1 ***Annual Tree Lighting*** • Antrim Rec Department • Memorial Park & Town Hall • 4:00 p.m.
- 1 ***Celtic Evensong*** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.



## FIA ANANA

Sheila Nichols

It seems fitting that I am up at 5 am writing about Fia. She has already had breakfast and a walk for her morning constitutional, and now she is asleep at my feet along side Lincoln as I sip tea and write.

A chain of events was recently set in motion and once that happens you can either embrace it or not. We most often see the preverbal glass as being half-full, and this time was no different.

A friend told us about a litter of black labs born May 13th. Bill loves black labs but we already have Jenny and Lincoln, so we did not need a new puppy. Phew that's settled.

The chimney to our furnace needed some masonry repairs. I called one of our selectmen, Gordon Webber, who is a mason and just so happens to be the owner of the litter of labs. We assessed the chimney job and then one thing led to another and we were talking puppy in no time. Yes, he answered, there were four puppies left and three were female. I explained that Bill and I had talked and agreed we did not need another dog. Off he drove and I continued with my day.

Later I sent Bill a text message:

*Sheila:* Hi, I am going to invite Stella and Nick for dinner—do you want a puppy?

*Bill:* Ok

*Sheila:* Ok for dinner guests and a puppy?

*Bill:* Ok

*Sheila:* Ok for guests but no puppy?

*Bill:* I didn't say that.

Cryptic at best, and not many lines, but I could read between them. At no time did he say, "no puppy or no guests." So I could sense him saying yes in that glass is half-full mind set.

Our dinner guests arrived and before long Bill was telling them that I was trying to talk him into a new puppy. I heard opportunity knocking and slipped into the office. I called and told Gordon I had a check in hand and a fish on the line. All he had to do was drive over with the females and let them work their feminine lab puppy charms on Bill. I think Gordon was in his truck before he had hung up the phone because they were here in a flash.

Dinner guests, family members, and various animals were on the front lawn with three frolicking puppies climbing all over them. Each one wore a different colored collar on so they could be identified. Pink was a bit laid back, playful but giving paws that is to say pause to the whole event. She would gallop from one lap to the other and settle in for a brief visit before moving on. She chose us as so often happens. Her sisters are equally beautiful, but pink was the one that won our hearts.

That first night we made a bed for her in a small dog kennel and she slept just about through the night. She woke ready to meet the day head on. We had once again asked Jenny to accept a new baby and she has done so with a few inquisitive sniffs and sideways glances in our direction. Lincoln has felt a bit of jealousy but together they are showing Fia the best places to sniff the best farm scents, how to give the rooster a wide berth and where to nap in the sunshine after a romp around the fields.

Her name took days to create. After several attempts we settled on Fia Anana of Brimstone Woods. We love Scotland and have traveled there several times. The name Fia is of Scottish origin and means "dark of peace." She is jet black and was very calm amongst her littermates. Her breeder lived in Alaska and we thought it appropriate to honor that origin. Anana is Inuit for "beautiful" which she is most definitely.

I often wonder if we have simply been very lucky to end up with animals that make a smooth transition to the farm. Is it luck only, our calmness around animals, the way we try to introduce them or a combination? No matter really they are all here and happy as are we.

Since the writing of this story, Jenny sadly passed away at the respectable and well earned age of 15 years 11 months. Many days Fia will walk through a room and we are taken aback at how much she resembles Jenny. Occasionally, we even err and call her Jenny. Never will there be another dog as devoted, peaceful or beautiful as Jenny, but Fia, now a lab puppy of 2 years, is her own special dog and adds so much to our lives we cannot think of the farm without her.

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Bill's dad Martin Nichols lives with us and keeps watch over the farm while we are at work. Marty has a wood stove and a woodpile. Fia thinks Marty is the best! Why wouldn't she? Her most consuming passion is chasing sticks and in her eyes, Marty is kind enough to have a big pile of sticks just for her. It really is all a matter of perspective you see. The sticks are actually kindling for his woodstove. Fia's constant removal of the sticks hasn't endeared her to Marty. They have come to an understanding over the whole thing and he too has a smile on his face as he throws sticks for Fia to retrieve, an activity from which she never tires.

Owning a lab gives one an opportunity to contemplate human nature. Each day Fia jumps up on our bed eager to start the day with her people, happy that she is awake, ready for whatever comes her way and looking for ways to enjoy life. If we humans could take a page from the book of life as a lab what a wonderful world this would be. □

## TATTERED SUITCASE HOLDS TREASURE OF SAILOR'S PAST

Sandy Snow

*Editor's Note: This is an abridged version of an article published in the June 2010 issue of The Limrik, available online on the Antrim Town website or the Tuttle Library's computer. See also the related article in this Limrik on page 1.*

"About four years ago it was discovered that Martin (Marty) Nichols had a suitcase full of old letters which he had mailed home to his mother while he was in the Navy during World War II.

Fresh out of high school, Martin joined the Navy in 1943 and served until May 1946. He wrote to his mother almost every day—sometimes twice a day. He also occasionally drew pictures on the letters and took many photographs which add another dimension to the collection.

Both Nina Harding and Thelma Nichols (no relation to Marty) recognized the importance of the letters in that they painted a vivid portrait of the life of an Antrim sailor during the midst of World War II.

To date Nina has transcribed about two thirds of the 376 letters. She hopes that the letters and the old suitcase will eventually become part of the Antrim Historical Society's collection. The seventy-year-old letters and photos are truly a treasure for the town of Antrim." □

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that it should be a bandstand, not a gazebo, and extra supports were included to ensure the strength to hold a good-sized band. A small-scale model strategically placed in town brought in many donations. The same group also designed the arched "Peace Footbridge" to replace the crumbling structure reaching across the causeway in the middle of the Mill Pond. Bob Caughey advised extensively with both structures, but sadly died shortly before they were finished. Construction materials, equipment and labor were generously offered, sometimes as spontaneously as David Cutter's construction crew stopping on the way home and helping to lift the bandstand roof into place, or as continuously as Joe Smith's heavy equipment used for moving many items beyond the capacity of the assembled volunteers, some working against the advice of their doctors. A different volunteer shingled each section of the octagonal bandstand's roof, and the painting was accomplished by another group of volunteers organized by Cindy Haskins. Don Dunlap carved the point, the final elegant touch for the bandstand roof. Some of the daily photographic record of the construction was lost when Bud Hardwick went over backwards in his canoe, but the relief was palpable when he eventually resurfaced holding his camera. American Legion Post #50 placed war memorials in a quiet corner of Memorial Park, and initial landscaping was undertaken with help from ConVal High School students and local Girl Scouts, among others. Bob Allison put in an extraordinary effort to ensure that all of this work was completed in time for the Main Street Centennial Celebration in August 1994.

In 1995, the Antrim in the Evening summer concert series began with varied, well-attended concerts. Recent bandstand repairs have kept it in good shape and made it a little more band-friendly, and the Antrim in the Evening series has just finished its 18th year. The bandstand has been the site of the reading of the Declaration of Independence by the Antrim Historical Society every July 4th. Most years, Bill Nichols and Dean Proctor have given this presentation in costume, once arriving on horseback, another time coming by canoe. Coffee, doughnuts and cinnamon buns round out a performance not to be missed. The bandstand is also regularly used for weddings and other outdoor gatherings.

Memorial Park continues to evolve. Although the brown trout in the Mill Pond were reputed to be fantastic in the '70's, the fishing has greatly improved since then. Each spring the pond is stocked with trout just before the annual Antrim Youth Fishing Derby, and fishing continues on a smaller scale year round. A weeping cherry tree donated by the Garden Club grows near the war memorials. Through the years there has been much discussion of building a skating rink at this site; however, the reality of the expense and the amount of work involved has always precluded constructing anything but a temporary rink. Although toilet facilities have never been completed, water lines were placed under Jameson Avenue when it was repaved in 1996. Cram Grove has been cleared of brush, the trees trimmed to protect the tennis court, and drainage improved. In 2003, the blacktop court became multi-use, for basketball, skateboarding and rollerblading. The court was extended in 2006, and the basketball hoops were moved to make more efficient use of the shared space. In 2008, a swing set and two benches were added near the tennis court and a privacy fence was installed to shield abutters from the active multi-use court.

From Cram Grove to the Memorial Park of today, with the generosity and insight of many different people, most of whom have not been named in this short history, Antrim has a built a central spot for activities for residents of all ages. The Antrim Parks and Recreation Commission is working on a ten-year plan for Memorial Park, and is seeking your input. What do you like about Memorial Park? What do you think could be improved? Where shall we go from here? Please fill out one of our surveys, available at Town Hall and various functions, or attend the Parks and Rec Commission meeting on September 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rec Office at the Town Gym to share your ideas. ▣

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## THE GARDEN BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

Janet MacLachlan

Most everyone remembers the old poem “The House by the Side of the Road.” That came to mind one day recently when I became aware as I traveled down Clinton Road of a garden that seemed to be growing by that road. At first it had been a small plot of flowers growing by a driveway that opened onto the road. An old stone wall was set back a bit from the paved road with the usual weeds and debris left over the years by passing travelers.

But now this spring the garden was growing and seemed to be moving on along the stone wall. The weeds and rubbish had been cleared away and in their place were a variety of very colorful flowers blooming and looking very pretty. I noticed clumps of red bee balm, yellow and orange day lilies, white and pink phlox, black-eyed-susans, and various other flowers. They looked so well cared for and as though they could have been flourishing there by the old stone wall for many years. It was an old fashioned garden growing there for all the passerbyes to see and enjoy.

The driveway led to Barbara Nichol’s house so I got in touch with her to learn more about the creation of this garden. She confessed she was the one who had been digging and weeding and planting for many months. Some of the plants had been contributed from the gardens of friends and that is such a great way to be remembered. Almost all of us have plants in our gardens from friends.

I asked how far the garden might be expanding and she said when she reaches the boundary line of her property. There are some lovely old boulders half buried in the ground that could make an interesting rock garden. Easy for me to say, I’m not doing the digging and weeding!

Whatever she plans and plants, it will make a wonderful addition to the roadside and give pleasure to all those who travel by that garden by the side of the road. ▣

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## SEAN CAMPBELL

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Lyman Gilmore

Sean Campbell is a young man who knows where he is going. Having just completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout in Antrim’s Troop #2 of the Boy Scouts of America (Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting), Sean is entering his senior year at Conval High School. When he graduates next spring he plans to enlist for six years in the US Air Force Photography Specialist career program and then attend the Brooks Institute in Santa Barbara, California, where he will pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Professional Photography.



Clearly, taking pictures is in Sean’s future, but in his past too as he is already a professional photographer, marketing impressive landscapes and portraits of individuals in nearby towns. But it wasn’t photography that made him an Eagle Scout, it was his project to recruit and direct a group of workers in constructing a series of sturdy benches that he designed for the Bruce Edes Memorial Forest in Bennington. He planned the project, completed all the paperwork, obtained donations of material and money, and supervised his team in building and securing four large benches providing resting places for hikers and nature lovers exploring the more than thirty acres of forest and stream banks located behind the VFW (the old Bennington railroad station) just south of town.

Sean is grateful to all of the parents, volunteers, scouts, businesses, and organizations that donated time and resources; without them the project would not have been possible. ▣

# TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

Melissa Lawless

## HOLIDAYS – LIBRARY CLOSED

Monday September 1 Labor Day  
Monday October 14 Columbus Day  
Monday November 11 Veterans Day  
Thursday November 28 Thanksgiving Day

## PROGRAMS

- Month of September **Creative Arts Display**
- Month of September **Library Card Sign-Up Month**
- Tuesday September 9 **Reading with Mozart** the Reading Companion Dog 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- Saturday September 14 **Home and Harvest: Open House and Book Sale**
- September 22-28 **Banned Books Week**
- Tuesday October 8 **Reading with Mozart** the Reading Companion Dog 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- October 13th-19 **Teen Read Week**
- Tuesday November 12 **Reading with Mozart** the Reading Companion Dog 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- Saturday November 16 **International Games Day @ Your Library** 12 noon–3:00 p.m.

## DIG INTO READING NEWS

Our Summer Reading Program “Dig into Reading” was a huge success! With a total of 73 young readers participating, we celebrated reading with programs focused on archaeology (Archaeology in the Afternoon with Martha Pinello) and dinosaur fossils (Mad Science). We held two Storytimes with a craft and a Pajama Storytime. Our Children’s Librarian Maureen Reider had the library hopping with help from our new gifted storyteller, staff member Joyce Davison. Perhaps the crippling heat outside and our air-conditioning inside encouraged our readers to great new heights, but more than 700 books were read, with 166 participants attending our programs. We were thrilled to have so many young patrons spend the early summer with us.

## AUTHOR FOCUS

We finished off our Summer Reading with famed author, musician and storyteller Odds Bodkin who performed at the

Tuttle Library on July 24 in conjunction with Antrim in the Evening. Odds Bodkin, who was born on February 14, 1953, is a graduate of Duke University. An award-winning master storyteller, Odds tours both nationally and internationally, performing at colleges, universities, libraries, schools, museums and yes, even the White House, holding his audiences spell-bound with his original tales. Odds creates a warm, friendly ambiance while combining imaginative voices accompanied by various instruments including a Celtic harp, 12-string guitar, and an African thumb piano. Mr. Bodkin and his wife Miguelina live in Bradford, NH. Odds has written numerous books and offers his tales on CD, many of which are available for circulation at our library. His CDs might just be the ticket for keeping the whole family entertained in the car on your jaunts throughout New England during our vibrant leaf peeping season.

## CREATIVE ARTS DISPLAY

This year we are pleased to display the works of the Monadnock Knitters’ Guild, painters Diane Gutgesell, Michelle Boulé, Hope Phillips, Ann Hagggett, and Walker Boyle, photographers Michelle Boulé and Virginia Pereira, quilters Ellie Franco, Pauline Robertson, Kristy Boulé, and our own staff member Lynne Lawrence, and Ruth Benedict’s Infinity Scarves. Have your friends and relatives who arrive in time for leaf peeping stop by to see this exhibit of our local talent. You can also include the library on your list of places to visit for Home and Harvest Weekend. The exhibit will continue through to the end of September.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE DOWNLOADABLE MEDIA

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Lyman Gilmore

For the sixty-five years that I've enjoyed beer I've known that it contains hops, but I never knew what hops are (is?), what they look like, how they grow, or what they do to beer. Now, thanks to my neighbor Paul Hardwick, I do know.

To reach Paul's hops farm I drove up the Maplehurst Inn driveway and then continued down a wooded dirt road until it opened out onto the side of a steep hill where his house looks out over a beautiful vista of rolling verdant fields that stretch to the stand of hardwood on the banks of the Contoocook River in the distance. Dominating the north side of the field is an extraordinary sight, long double rows of twenty-foot high poles with sixteen hundred (1600) thick green vines running up ropes anchored at the bottom and fastened to the pole tops. Invisible until I hollered for him, Paul was inspecting his valuable—and expensive—plants.

He explained that hops, the female flower-cones of the *Humulus Lupulus* plant, have been used in beer making since the 11th century. He reached up and picked a hop and gave it to me, a tiny light-green, almost weightless flower resembling a pinecone. When the hops are ripe he cuts the vines down, removes the cones by hand, and then dries them on racks in his barn. A little hops goes a long way as only about two ounces of hops are added to every fifteen gallons of brew (it takes about two cups of dried hops to weigh one ounce). In beer brewing, hops act as an anti-bacterial, add flavors especially a characteristic bitterness, help in head retention, and act as a natural filter to keep the beer clear.

As we sat out of the sun on Paul's deck above the fields, he said that there are many varieties of hops and gave me a list of colorful names of those he has planted: Fuggles, Cascade, Willamette, Tettaang, Nugguts, Continental, Goldins, Columbus, and Northern Brewer. Each brew-master has a particular preference for unique mixtures of hops, and Paul

has tried to include the most popular varieties so they can be marketed.

In today's spreading microbrew and craft beer movement the demand for hops often exceeds the supply, one reason



Paul decided to become a hop entrepreneur (an ounce of hops can sell for \$10). But hop farming is a very labor intensive, expensive, and risky enterprise, with a great deal of hard, dirty work, high overhead, and the continual threat of plant diseases. This is Paul's second year, and as growing hops requires at least three years to bring in a profitable crop, he is still hoping. ■

### Library News continued

Library's 4-digit code plus your own library card number. With so many people using downloadable books these days, this service has become extremely popular!

#### INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY @ YOUR LIBRARY

On Saturday November 16th the Tuttle Library will be participating in the American Library Association's 6th Annual International Games Day @ Your Library. This is a good way to connect with other community members in a friendly environment, and highlight the educational and social value of games. The Tuttle Library will have board games, trivia contest and, if available, online games. Mark your calendars and bring your family along, meet some new friends, bring a few games to share and get ready for fun at the library.

#### AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA)

Librarians and libraries have been recruited to help people

sign up for health insurance under the ACA to ensure that people without computers and/or internet access are not at a disadvantage. Over 17,000 American public libraries will be part of the effort to get information and crucial computer time to millions of uninsured Americans who need to get coverage under the Affordable Care Act. The initiative starts October 1st when people without healthcare can start shopping online for insurance at various specified websites. Once our staff is trained and prepared, the Tuttle Library will be participating in this initiative and we will do what we can to make this process as efficient and smooth as possible for members of the public who need assistance. Sometime in late September look for a public information session hosted by the library, done in conjunction with the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club and the Antrim Area Senior Center. ■

**After School Basketball Jam** from 3:30–4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in November at the Antrim Town Gym. Get in shape for the season! Preregistration is required.

**Youth Basketball Signups:** Basketball Programs are organized for kids in 1st through 6th grade. 3rd through 6th grade players must register with us before Friday November 8th. We form boys and girls teams, and play in the Merrimack Valley Basketball League. 1st and 2nd grade players have Saturday morning skill sessions in January and February, with registrations for that program due by December 20.

**Pre-season Basketball** with Coach Holmes: For boys who plan to play in our Merrimack Valley Basketball League. Practices will start in October on Wednesday evenings.

**HALLOWEEN**

Halloween Window Painting Contest: Saturday October 26th, 9:00 a.m.–12 noon on Main Street, Antrim. Pre-register your team with us by Thursday October 24th. Plan out a window painting to help celebrate the season! Prizes in several categories will be given. More information is available on [www.antrimnh.org](http://www.antrimnh.org).

**MOVIES**

Movies at Town Hall: Please watch for movies to return in November and December. Schedule is on the Community Calendar on [www.antrimnh.org](http://www.antrimnh.org).

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING  
MEMORIAL PARK • 4:00 p.m.**

Always on the first Sunday in December, this annual tradition is one of the most heartwarming events of the year. Watch for details, which include a performance by Antrim Youth Chorus, caroling from the park to the town hall, and a visit with a very jolly elf. The tree lighting starts at Memorial Park at 4:00 p.m. and ends up at the Town Hall.

**WINTER PROGRAMS**

**Toddler Playground:** This indoor playground starts in January, and runs through March. A perennial favorite, this program is run weekday mornings, at Town Hall, and is for children birth through 3 years old.

**Ski and Ride Club:** Discounted ski and ride passes for Crotched Mountain! Our tenth year selling passes! This is a big fundraiser for the recreation programs, as well as a way to save significantly on the cost of a pass to our local ski hill. Several types of passes are available for purchase- midweek, night passes, season passes, after school lessons (Wednesdays), senior passes, Midnight Madness and more! To register for our club, send us an email or give us a call, and we will get you started right away. You can purchase your pass online and pay by credit card or by check.

**ADULT REC PROGRAMS**

Ongoing adult exercise opportunities through the Recreation Department include Yoga, Zumba, FabAbs, Volleyball, and Basketball. Look online for details.

Please watch the town website for updates to programming. You can also find us on Facebook. We are here to serve the community, if you have any recommendations or ideas for programs or facilities, we want to hear from you! Our office phone is 588-3121. You can find our email addresses on [www.antrimnh.org](http://www.antrimnh.org). ▣

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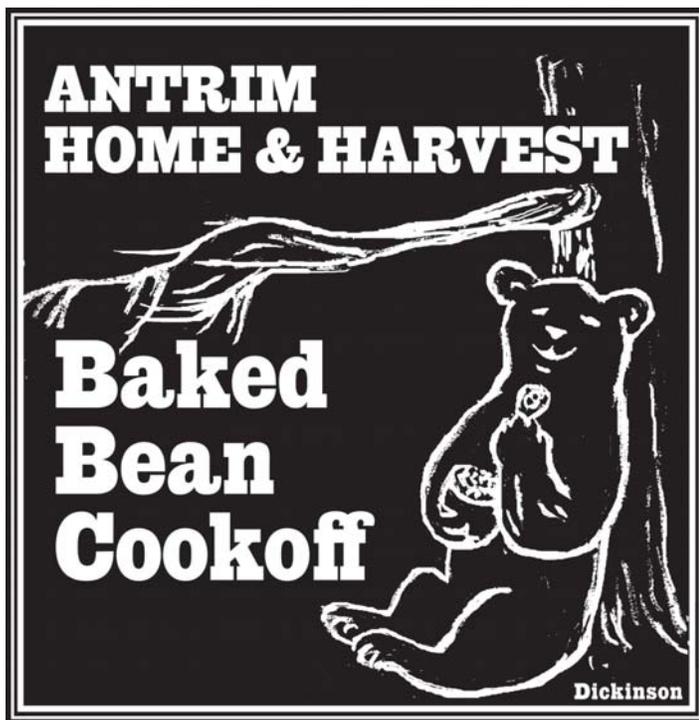
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## ANTRIM-BENNINGTON LIONS CLUB

Dick Loveland

In conjunction with Antrim's Home and Harvest Festival the Lions Club will once again be putting on a chicken BBQ at Tenney Farm on Saturday, September 14 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. While chicken is the specialty, we will also have hamburgers, hotdogs, and veggie burgers. All meals come with coleslaw, chips, fresh corn on the cob, and a drink.

There is a "Baked Bean Bake Off" and a "Fruit Pie Bake Off" again this year; get your entries to Tenney Farm between 4:00-5:00 p.m. . We will be serving the baked beans as part of the BBQ until they run out so plan to get there early! The BBQ and music will be followed by a fantastic fireworks show starting at 7:30 p.m. right at Tenney Farm.



We have printed our second edition of the Antrim Bennington Outdoor Guide this summer and it is available in the local Town Halls, Libraries, and the many sponsors who provided ads. The Antrim Bennington Lions Club is also pleased to have Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. as our major sponsor of this edition of the Outdoor Guide as they have generously provided the paper for the printing of the guide. An online version of the Outdoor Guide is available on the Internet at [www.ablions.org](http://www.ablions.org),

Since our first Outdoor Guide 2009 we have received numerous positive comments from long time residents, newcomers, visitors, and businesses. One of the great advantages of living in Antrim and Bennington is the range of outdoor activities available to us.

We had lots of volunteers who spent many hours of their time to provide quality content for the Outdoor Guide. Antrim's Virginia Dickinson was able to create and update the maps she had done in 2009, and Great Brook School provided fresh new artwork. ■

## POEMS

Ben Kilbride

### Wild

Unrestrained insane  
On edge at all times.  
A creature of the night  
or a man with no ideas,  
only instincts.

### March of the Squirrel

Run run run  
STOP.  
Smell the air with a twitch of the nose  
Can you smell it? Can you hear it?  
No.  
Run run run.

*Editor's Note: Antrim's Ben Kilbride graduated from ConVal High School in 2011 and is a junior at Hampshire College in Amherst, MA, where he is majoring in Creative Writing.*

## "A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM"

Jeanne Frizzell, Antrim Baptist Church

Preparation continues for the upcoming event entitled "A Night in Bethlehem." Antrim Baptist Church will present the sights and sounds of a Bethlehem marketplace during the time of the birth of Jesus. A live nativity scene, two 30-minute nativity dramas, free food, a photography booth, biblical animals, and educational booths will offer a wonderful night. At this time, ten surrounding community churches will participate in the presentation offering a wonderful family evening. Save the date of Saturday, December 14 for this event. We will have more information in the December issue of the Limrik. ■

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Sunday School • 10:30 a.m. every Sunday  
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**Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1 • 5:30 p.m. • Celtic Evensong**  
**Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21 • 5:30 p.m. • Community Suppers**

**The Revival Shop** sells consigned and donated clothing and is always looking for volunteers. Donations and consignments greatly appreciated.

Shop hours are Fridays 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., and the 3rd Thursday of the month from 5:30–6:30 p.m. during community suppers.

### BAPTIST CHURCH

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.**

Club Adventure (grades K–5) meets every other Wed.  
from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Youth Group (ages 6–12) meets Fri. nights 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Oct 19 • 5:00–6:30 a.m. • Turkey Dinner**  
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## ANTRIM PLAYERS CELEBRATE 95 YEARS!

Sheila Nichols

### *How Does a Thing Like That Get Started?*

*"I heard it from someone who knows for sure because someone told him that she said....." well you know all about small towns and how information travels, be it factual or embellished.*

Antrim Players turns 95 this year. It is an organization that has continued over the decades because of the people in town. Many of you have attended performances, helped with productions, and demonstrated your many talents on stage. The staying power of the Players is also due to the quality of the productions and all this talent in a small New England town.

So, how did Antrim Players come to be? Let's hear the beginnings from my mother-in-law, Izi Nichols, who was around for the better part of the company's productions and its philanthropic contributions to our community.

*It was 1918, in the middle of World War I, when a large group of local actors/singers/dancers, produced a show for the benefit of the Red Cross. With many of Antrim's finest serving in the trenches abroad and on the ships at sea, there was no problem getting together a talented cast to do their bit for the war effort, nor with filling the Town Hall with an enthusiastic audience. This was the birth of the Antrim Players.*

*This became the pattern of the Antrim Players: get all the talent together and put on a show or a play for the benefit of a local organization. Some of you may remember Dot Proctor, who was too young to be in the original show in 1918, but was inspired by it, and soon became a leading actress and then director, ending her Players career with the production of "Mr. Roberts" in 1971.*

*Tens of thousands of dollars have been raised by the Antrim Players over the last 85 years for groups such as the American Legion, the Woman's Club, and of course, school projects. Every so often a revival is needed and local boy Don Madden provided one in 1951 when he wrote "Married Widows." This comedy-farce provided a renewed community interest in the Players when it was needed, and the play had several reprises during the '50s and '60s. Nellie Thornton (Nellie Mudge) was in the original cast. [Nellie was also in the first show produced in 1918. She was 19 then and played one of the Red Cross nurses. She followed this debut with appearances in plays in the '20s and '30s, often playing the ingénue when she was*

*really a dedicated wife and mother. Nellie died recently (2002), at the age of 104.*

*With the extra revenue generated by this popular play an improvement fund was established, with part of all proceeds going toward the improvement of the Town Hall auditorium. Seats, window dressings, stage curtains, ceiling fans—not to mention pressure put on at Town Meeting for major improvements. It's safe to say that the recent renovation of the whole Town Hall might never have happened without the loyal support of citizens who have become dedicated to the activities of the Antrim Players.*

(From a speech by Isabel B. Nichols, for the Antrim Players 2002 winter production of "Real New England.")

That was eleven years ago. Since that time Antrim Players have continued to entertain and support our town.

The good news is that there will be a production of two one act plays, September 27–29, aptly titled, *How Does a Thing Like This Get Started?* by Pat Cook, and *A Mad Breakfast* by I. M. Gray, both directed by Bill Nichols. The casts are made up of players both seasoned and new. Check the Town of Antrim website for times: [www.antrimnh.org](http://www.antrimnh.org).

We are always looking for new people to join us. You can become involved in many ways: set design and construction, acting, costuming, production, and more. If you are interested in joining the fun please contact Bill or Sheila Nichols at 588-6539.

Be sure and wave to us on our "Antrim Players Through the Ages" float during the Home and Harvest parade! ▣



## BOY SCOUTS

Brian Biehl, Scoutmaster

### DANIEL WEBSTER COUNCIL SCOUTS HELP TROOP 2 CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

In celebration of Troop 2's 100th birthday, troops from around the Mount Monadnock District and Daniel Webster Council will be marching in the Antrim Home and Harvest Festival parade. This winds up the troop's anniversary year which included hosting the district camporee and receiving recognition during summer camp. Troop 2, one of the oldest troops in the Daniel Webster Council, was founded by the ministers of the Antrim Presbyterian, Baptist, and Methodist churches in June of 1913.

### BOY SCOUT MEMORABILIA DISPLAY DURING HOME & HARVEST

Troop 2 Chairman Ed Hebert has assembled a historical display which includes Boy Scout memorabilia from over the decades. We anticipate using the Little Town Hall during Home & Harvest and invite the public to come in and take a look at 100 years of Scouting in Antrim.

### BEAL ISLAND, MAINE TRIP OCTOBER 11-14

One of the troop's favorite trips is coming up in October, a four-day excursion to Beal Island near Georgetown, Maine. Beal Island is an Appalachian Mountain Club-owned prop-

erty to which the boys canoe and then camp for three nights. The island features seals, bald eagles, and harbor porpoises, and the boys fish for crabs and collect mussels. Departure is mid-day on Friday and return on Columbus Day.

### SCOUTING FOR FOOD NOVEMBER

Dates are not yet set for Scouting for Food, but we're expecting the first two weeks of November as the dates. Watch for announcements online and in the papers in late October for date confirmations. Thanks to residents of not only Antrim, but Bennington, and Frankestown as well. As usual, all proceeds will go to the Antrim-Bennington and Frankestown food pantries.

### REGULAR MEETINGS RESUME SEPTEMBER 4

Register for Scouts. Fall is a time for soccer and football for young men. In Boy Scouts, we look at the long run. We can accommodate kids in sports in the short term, in the hope that they will learn a lifetime of skills and character over the long term in the Scouting program. Call us and let's have a conversation about how Scouting can help transform your boy into a young man of character. Contact Scoutmaster Brian Biehl at 588-3014 or email [scoutmaster@troop2nh.org](mailto:scoutmaster@troop2nh.org). ▣

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## GOINGS ON AT AVENUE A TEEN CENTER

Maddie Beihl

Since 2007, Antrim's Avenue A Teen Center has been a "third place" for teens—somewhere between home and school where young adults can hang out, socialize, and participate in a range of activities. Approximately two hundred teens between the ages of 12 and 17 attend the center annually, a number that has historically grown each year since the teen center was first established.

The man behind the six years of growth at Avenue A, its coordinator Dave Kirkpatrick, announced in February 2013 that he would leave at the end of June. Dave's longtime service to the young adult community of Antrim is admirable, especially as he has plans to continue volunteering for future Avenue A programs. Difficult as it has been to lose such a dedicated and talented staff person, this transitional period has presented an opportunity to re-evaluate the mission of the teen center.

2011 cuts in state funding greatly affected non-profits such as The Grapevine, Avenue A's parent organization, as teen center annual operation costs have reached approximately \$32,000. Even with recent changes in staffing, it has become clear that Avenue A must strive for a more sustainable and cost-efficient existence if it is to continue. A recent grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation's Henry L. and Patricia J. Nielsen Fund as well as a generous arrangement with the Belliveau family—owners of the facility in which Avenue A resides—have allowed the teen center to take its first steps toward a goal of financial sustainability. The \$15,000 grant will be put toward funding part-time staff coordinators, improving the teen center facility, and supplementing the volunteer based programming that Avenue A plans to implement in the coming months.

An Antrim resident and graduate of the University of New Hampshire, I have been hired to act as community organizer during the initial months of the Sustainability Project. Together with Emily Bryer, another Antrim native and junior at Wheaton College, we wrote a survey and broadcast it to the communities of Antrim, Bennington, Hancock, and Frankestown. The purpose of the survey was to gather demographic information and local opinion on the use of the Avenue A Teen Center. Feedback was unanimous from both adults and teens: what Avenue A needs is more community involvement.

Ideally, the teen center would become an organization not only for young adults, but a resource for the entire Great Brook community. In the coming months, I envision increasing the variety of programs at Avenue A to include items of interest to seniors, parents, and children as well as teens. Such events will include community suppers, Open Mic nights, Karaoke nights, tutoring, career counseling, discussions with the Antrim Police Department, ongoing service projects, and many more. Local groups and organizations are invited to

use the teen center space for meetings and events, and all community members are encouraged to take part in the Avenue A Sustainability Project.

To volunteer time or services, or otherwise connect with Avenue A Teen Center, please call 588-3334 or email [maddiebeihl@gmail.com](mailto:maddiebeihl@gmail.com). A full "idea bank" of programs, activities, events, and fundraisers is listed on the Avenue A Facebook page [www.facebook.com/AvenueATeenCenter](http://www.facebook.com/AvenueATeenCenter). ▣

## ANTRIM GRANGE #98

Adam Paquin Varnum

Another fall season is upon us and for Grangers that means fair time. Antrim Grange had a display in Cheshire and Hopkinton Fairs. September also brings the Big E, the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA. If you have time please come and see the New England Grange Building which will be observing its 75th anniversary on Grange Day, Sunday September 22, 2013.

This past July three Antrim Grange members proceeded across country to an historic event at the Oliver Hudson Kelley farm in Elk River, Minnesota. Young people from around country came together to reenact the original 1873 degrees of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry. Our region presented the first degree, in which five New Hampshire youth took part, with Arthur Merrill as team captain. Also in July we had a music concert and penny sale.

The next few months are expected to be quite busy for the Grange. In August, Antrim Grange will have held elections and installed our new officers. On August 17 we hosted a meeting of our Hillsborough County Pomona. In October we will be attending our State Session in Concord.

November will mark another historic event for New Hampshire Grange members. For the first time in a century, New Hampshire will host National Grange Session at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester. Antrim Grange member, Beth Merrill, is our event coordinator for the National Grange Session, and is busy at work planning our convention with other regional members. At the session we will have presentations from young members who have been chosen from their home states. Davi Penny, who took first place in our regional contest, will present her prepared speech at National Convention. She and Arthur Merrill will be cast members for the Seventh Degree.

Our meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. See our Facebook page for more information and contact information. Join us for the Ukulele Program October 5 at 7:00 p.m. ▣

### FREE Community Suppers

September 19 • October 17 • November 21

Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.

# THE GRAPEVINE

Kristen Vance

## GETTING THE WOOD IN

We are grateful to Ken and Kathleen Robbins of Hancock who donated a lot of good tree-length hard wood to the community wood bank, and to the intrepid wood bank volunteers who braved the extreme heat and humidity in July to cut and split about half of it (which we figure is 3-4 cords), with plans to finish up in August. Some of our “regulars”—Peter Martel and Lisa Shingler of Bennington, Ben Pratt and Wayno Olson of Antrim, and Sean Sweeney of Hancock—were joined by Massachusetts foresters Sean Mahoney and Helen Johnson. Sean contacted The Grapevine in late spring looking for advice on starting a community wood bank. We sure appreciated their chainsaw work, and invite others to join the Community Wood Bank Team. People with chainsaws and trucks are especially encouraged, but we could really use volunteers who would like to get a good workout splitting and stacking as well. Tax-deductible donations of firewood are needed, too. Call Kristen at 588-2620.

## COFFEE HOUSE OPEN MIC

Thursday September 5 at 7:00 p.m.—Heard It Through The Grapevine Music Series presents a coffee house Open Mic with host Joe Trainor and featured artist Wooten Firebox. Avenue A Teen Center, 42 Main Street in Antrim. The first open mic in June was a great success, hosted by Antrim’s Doug Farrell with featured artist and Antrim native Kyle Webber of Ghost Dinner Band. The August event, featuring The Chatfield Phoenix, was another great night of music talent. Dennis McKenney will host in October, and Antrim singer-songwriter Brian Murphy in November. Visit the Heard it Facebook page for more on these and upcoming open mics, always on the first Thursday of the month. Adults and teens who wish to play or listen are welcome. \$5 donation requested at the door, Prime Roast Coffee and hors d’oeuvres by donation. All proceeds support Grapevine programs and services. Our thanks to Doug Aborn and Rick Fitzgerald for volunteering their time and expertise to make the music happen.

**Guiding Good Choices** is coming—If you’re a parent of a 9-14 year old and you missed these workshops last year,

you’ll have an opportunity this winter to build the family communication and refusal skills that will help your child steer clear of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. As one parent put it, “This course helped me to talk with my son about drugs and alcohol, and helped him deal with the peer pressure every kid will face.” Space is limited, so call now to let us know you’re interested. This series, a partnership of The Grapevine, Great Brook and Antrim Elementary Schools and their PTOs, has been generously sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire.

Thank you to the many people who supported The Grapevine in so many ways over the summer, including:

Chris’s Concert organizers, volunteers, and sponsors, who raised \$4,650 for The Grapevine! A special “shout out” goes to Doug Aborn and Cheryl Barlow, the core organizing team, for their hard work and dedication.

Alexsis Anderson and Melissa Gallagher, our children’s program volunteers, and Samantha Daisy, our summer intern in the children’s program, Backyard Adventures camp, and baby group.

Emily Bryer, our summer intern for the Teen Center Sustainability Project.

Colin Isotti, whose musical talent and people skills have been instrumental in the teen center project.

The many families and shoppers who gave to the Learning Vine Yard Sale and Raffle—raising over \$1,000 to support preschool scholarships

The Webbers of Patten Hill Farm who hosted a blueberry-picking-morning with our families

## THE PEOPLE’S SERVICE EXCHANGE

**Potluck Supper—Friday September 27th at 5:30 p.m.** at The Grapevine. Join us for some good food and conversation. All are welcome! Bring a dish to share if you wish. The Grapevine is a wonderful space to relax and meet with others interested in working together. The PSE is a Time Banking Project of The Grapevine, where members get the help they need and share their skills with others.

For more information, contact Nancy O’Brien at 588-2620 or [peoplesserviceexchange@tds.net](mailto:peoplesserviceexchange@tds.net), or visit [www.pse-nh.org](http://www.pse-nh.org).

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS 2013-2014

Call The Grapevine to register your Elementary School or Great Brook School student in the Before or After School Club for the coming school year. The programs operate on the Antrim schools campus on school days, with Before School running from 6:45 to 8:45 a.m. and After School from 2:15 to 5:15 p.m. The programs include quiet time to read and finish homework, board games, Legos, and activities outside and in the gym. You may pick up registrations at the Town Hall, Tuttle Library, the Rec Office at the Town Gym, or at The Grapevine.

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## WEEKLY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 9

The Grapevine welcomes all children birth to 5 years of age and their parents to our weekly children's programs.

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:30–11:30 a.m. **Better Beginnings** playgroups and parent groups

Wednesday and Friday 9:00–11:30 p.m. **The Learning Vine** preschool

New Day! Wednesday 10:00–11:30 a.m. **Better Beginnings for Babies**—expectant parents welcome

Better Beginnings playgroups and parent groups give children an opportunity to play in an enriching environment while parents enjoy time with each other in an adjacent room for coffee and tea, and discussions about child- and family-centered topics with our parenting educators.

Better Beginnings for Babies—New Group Forming!—for infants and their parents. Expectant parents are welcome, too. Parents have found this group a great way to meet other parents while their babies make their first friends. Discussions include infant development, nutrition, crying (and what to do!), sleep for baby and parents, and others of interest. Due to the popularity of this program, this is no longer a “drop in” offering—please call to register.

Learning Vine preschool—One Space Available for the 2013-14 school year! For children 4 and 5 years old. This hands-on program focuses on social interaction and problem solving skills in a small group setting to help prepare children for school in a fun and engaging environment. The Learning Vine has been taught by Carol Lunan, M.Ed for the past eleven years. Both parent-cooperative and drop-off options are available.

Please call Beth at 588-2620 to sign up for programs, or for more information.

**Parents of Children with Special Needs** meet during the school year at The Grapevine on Wednesdays from 10:00–11:30 a.m. to connect with other parents, give and receive support, and invite guests from the school district and agencies serving families and their children. Call Beth for more information.

**Babies in Backpacks and Toddlers in Tow:** Animals Getting Ready for Winter—Tuesday, November 5. Meet at McCabe forest in Antrim for a late autumn walk with Susie Faber of the Harris Center. We'll search for signs of animals getting ready for winter and think together about how we are also getting ready for the cold months ahead. We'll eat like a chipmunk and build a cozy nest to hunker down in for the frosty days ahead. Time: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Contact the Harris Center at 525-3394 or [lefevre@harriscenter.org](mailto:lefevre@harriscenter.org). This series is a Grapevine/Harris Center collaboration.

Are you 60 or older and looking for a local, affordable, friendly way to maintain and increase your strength, balance

and independence? Call us about Senior Exercise on Tuesdays and Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

### SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE GRAPEVINE...

- Assistance with applications for food stamps and other State assistance
- Community Wood Bank—Opens November 1, call if you need wood, have wood to donate, or can help cut and split
- Child and family counseling through Monadnock Family Services
- Information and assisted referral for resources to meet basic needs such as housing, home heating, food and prescriptions
- Help finding meaningful employment for people with disabilities through A.C.C.E.S.S.

The Grapevine is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit family and community resource center located at 4 Aiken Street, behind the Tuttle Library. For more information call 588-2620.

We gratefully accept donations, which are tax deductible. No contribution is too small—or too big! Please make your check payable to The Grapevine and mail it to PO Box 637, Antrim 03440. ■

## Home & Harvest Festival Sept 13–15

### In Praise of Hunter Orange

When mornings like this are slow  
to give the day an opening,  
until I snap his hunter-orange gear  
the young dog is so much shadow  
on gray grass, and goes  
with what enthusiasm  
among featureless hillocks  
that could be dormant creatures  
I can only guess.

But dressed. Even in such pale light  
reflective stripes jerk  
pause for scent  
tilt to leave his mark  
then streak across this waiting field  
foredown bursting with delight  
under his orange shield.

— Charles Butterfield

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*Hot Steak & Cheese Subs* **BIG BURGERS**  
*Calzones* *Ocean Fresh Seafood* *Garden Salads*



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1 Wing - 1.50      1 Leg - 2.00  
1 Tender - 2.00    2 Potato Logs - 1.00

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4 pieces (Breast, Thigh, Wing, Leg) with 2 Potato Logs - 7.50  
8 pieces with 4 Potato Logs - 14.95  
Breast and Wing with 2 Potato Logs - 4.95  
6 Wings with 2 Potato Logs - 6.99  
6 Buffalo Wings with 2 Potato Logs - 7.99  
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