



SPRING FLOWERS

BLACK FLY COMMUNITY ART SHOW THE GRAPEVINE • JUNE 7

The public is invited to join us Saturday, June 7 between 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon to view works of art by children, youth and adults in our community. ✪

12TH ANNUAL ART SHOW ANTRIM GRANGE • JUNE 13

Beth Merrill

Antrim Grange's twelfth annual "Spotlight on Community Artists" exhibit will be held from Friday, June 13, through Sunday, June 15, at the Antrim Grange Hall. In addition to the usual acrylic, oil, and pastel paintings, visitors will view photography, pottery, glass, quilt, and sculpture exhibits. A special exhibit of school students is also being planned. A "People's Choice Award" is selected by popular vote of guests and patrons of the exhibit. Entries in the new "Pizza Box Art Contest" co-sponsored by Rick & Diane's Restaurant will be on display as well.

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CANS CAN HELP 2014 ANTRIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Ann Allwarden, Principal, AES

Brady Proctor, currently a fifth grader at Great Brook School (GBS), returned to Antrim Elementary School (AES) to spearhead AES's second annual food drive, Cans Can Help 2014. A huge success, the AES community collected 1,268 items of food across a two week period, surpassing last year's total of 1,092. Furthermore, the AES Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) matched every item donated with a monetary contribution which totaled \$301.25. The collected food was delivered to the Antrim Bennington Food Pantry, and the PTO's generous donation was delivered to the South Meadow School Food Pantry in Peterborough. These donations will provide over 1,000 meals for local families in need.

Hoping to make Cans Can Help an annual event, Brady had asked the AES PTO if he could attend and present at their March meeting. At this meeting, Brady reviewed the impact that last year's Cans Can Help had on the larger

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NH MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THE YEAR!

GREAT BROOK SCHOOL

Jim Elder, Principal

News Flash!!! The date of Thursday, May 15, 2014, will go down in the history of Great Brook as a most memorable day. For the second time in its history, the school "up on the hill" was recognized as the New Hampshire Middle School of the Year! We are honored and humbled to receive this award.

The following article was written before we had heard the good news. In it, I examined the application process without knowing the ultimate decision. The process was very good for us regardless of the outcome. We honestly feel that this honor, while bestowed upon the school, is really a reflection of our entire community.

Starting last summer the Great Brook staff has been working on a somewhat unique project in the form of an application for NH "Middle School of the Year" (MSOY). The arduous application process required that we do some very serious self-evaluation and reflection. We looked at how we perform as an

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VOTERS – JUNE 3, 2014 LAST DAY TO CHANGE YOUR PARTY AFFILIATION.

Diane Chauncy, Assistant Registrar

Are you Undeclared, Democrat, or Republican? Do you know? When you vote in a primary election, you must declare a party—Republican or Democrat. If you do not return your name to "Undeclared," you will remain in that party.

State Primary Election Day will be on September 9, 2014. Change your party affiliation *anytime* up to June 3, 2014. The Supervisor of the Checklist Session will be Tuesday evening June 3 from 7:00–7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. After that date, you are locked in.

If you would like to verify your status, call Town Hall at 588-6785. Your party affiliation can be easily changed—up to June 3. ✪

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All news copy is due by February 10, May 10, August 10, and November 10. Please e-mail your article to Lyman Gilmore at: lyman-gil@comcast.net.

SELECT BOARD

Mike Genest, Chairman

Spring has finally arrived as I am writing this in early May. It seemed like the winter that would not end.

Town Meeting has given us a pretty good list of items to get done this year. Starting with the approval for new furnaces at the Library and the Fire Station, we have applied for a grant with the NH Wood Energy Council to have them give us an assessment to see if the use of renewable energy in the form of wood pellets would be feasible at these locations. We also hope to have them give assessments of other Town buildings for potential future projects.

The Library's south chimney work was also approved with the direction from the Town Meeting to rebuild the chimney instead of removing it. The sentiment expressed during Town Meeting was to maintain the historic appearance of this treasured building.

Another project that was approved is to replace the valve at Gregg Lake dam that is over a century old. This large diameter valve—rebuilt during the 1970s by having new parts manufactured to replace the old worn ones—will be replaced with a new stainless steel valve.

The Highway Department has a very busy schedule for the summer work with the completion of rebuilding Elm Avenue and the crushing and reclamation of Smith Road. During this process, the Highway crew will be replacing damaged and collapsed culverts and improving the drainage flow alongside the roadways. They will also be erecting a new salt shed next to the garage, which will allow them to store the winter salt and sand inside and to be able to mix the two for use during snowstorms. This will reduce the loss of salt due to the weather and keep the sand from freezing and will allow them to be mixed and loaded under cover.

Please join the Board of Selectmen in congratulating our Road Agent, Chip Craig on his recent achievement of receiving the certification of Master Road Scholar. The NH Technology Transfer Center (T2) created the Roads Scholar Program in 1987 and established educational and training requirements for municipal level highway practitioners. The NH Roads Scholar Program establishes educational and training requirements across four levels of achievement and includes coverage of subjects essential to effective local road management. There are a minimum number of contact hours for each level and subject coverage is established for Roads Scholar II. To achieve Level IV or Master Road Scholar, the participant must complete at least 100 hours of training.

We are also in the process of receiving proposals for the design work to reconstruct Highland Avenue and lower Pleasant Street to improve drainage and to replace and upgrade the water mains.

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

ANTRIM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Scott R. Lester

In April the Antrim Police Department partnered up with Mr. Earl Russell, a driver education instructor and the IT teacher at Great Brook Middle School, to host an informational session on Distracted Driving. Our focus was to educate parents of pre-teen and early teenage students that young people get their first information about driving watching us long before they begin learning to drive themselves. If we are distracted drivers, they are likely to be as well.

I would like to share the following captions out of USA Today story by: Heather Frank, USA WEEKEND 1:17 p.m. EDT April 22, 2014

According to the federal Department of Transportation, 3,328 Americans were killed in 2012 because of distracted-driving crashes. Among 15- to 19-year-old drivers involved in fatal crashes, 21% were distracted by the use of cellphones.

Distracted driving is a serious safety issue for all Americans. Although adults are also at risk from this behavior, less-experienced teen drivers are particularly vulnerable to being injured or killed in a crash involving distracted driving. A new study from the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute shows that young drivers may become overconfident once they've earned their licenses. "Novice drivers are more likely to engage in high-risk secondary tasks more frequently over time as they become more comfortable with driving," Charlie Klauer, group leader for teen risk and injury prevention at the institute's Center for Vulnerable Road User Safety, recently told USA TODAY. "The increasingly high rates of secondary task engagement among newly licensed drivers in our study are worrisome as this appears to be an important contributing factor to crashes or near-crashes."

Distracted driving is defined as texting, using a cellphone or smartphone, eating and drinking, talking to passengers, grooming, reading, using a navigation system, watching a video, or adjusting a radio, CD player or MP3 player while operating a motor vehicle.

Here's what you can do to make the road safer for everyone:

- *Talk to your teen children and grandchildren and set clear rules about safe driving and distraction behind the wheel*
- *Review your jurisdiction's driving laws and make sure that everyone in the family understands the regulations and the penalties for driving while distracted*
- *Set a good example by putting away the phone and other devices when you're the driver*
- *Download and take the pledge to drive phone-free, and encourage others to do the same, at distraction.gov*
- *Consider installing a monitoring device in your teen's car. Some insurance carriers offer these along with a discount.*

Please drive safe and set a good example. ☘

CIVIL WAR CANNON'S NEW HOME

Lyman Gilmore

The huge black Civil War cannon that has fortified the American Legion on West Street for many years now resides mightily in front of the new Police Station on Main Street. Organized and supervised by Al Gould, father of the new Soldier Monument in front of the Baptist Church, the cannon was installed by Antrim's road crew in mid-May. The Parrott Rifled Cannon #148 was cast in 1863 weighing 9,742 pounds that with a 10 pound powder charge could hurl a 100 pound projectile six miles. It spent its military career at Fort Constitution in New Castle, New Hampshire. It was given to the Antrim GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) Post #87 in 1904.

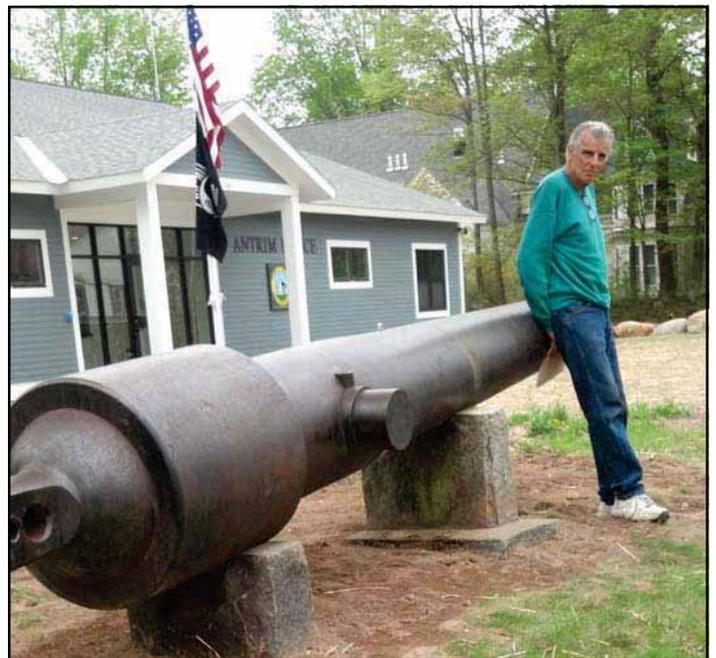


Photo courtesy of Lyman Gilmore

SHARE YOUR DAFFODILS WITH EVERYONE

Brian Beihl

Gardeners, after your daffodils have blossomed, would you consider splitting them and donating bulbs to the Daffodil Project? Over the last six years, we've planted an estimated 12,000 bulbs around town for everyone to enjoy in late April to mid May. If you have a tightly-grouped clump of bulbs, they should be separated every five years or so to blossom at their full capacity. If you would like to share some of those bulbs with us, we'll plant them in a public space so everyone can enjoy them! Call Brian at 588-3014 to find out how.

Now that some of our bulbs have been in the ground for several years, we'll also be splitting some of those bulbs, fertilizing them, and replanting in new areas. We consistently hear that folks love seeing them on the sides of the road near Aiken and Pleasant Streets. We'd like to add more north of town to enhance some of the intersections there as well. ☘

THE UKULELE SOCIETY OF ANTRIM

Janet MacLachlan

On the evening of April 5th the Antrim Town Hall was the scene of the British Invasion performance by the Ukulele Society of Antrim, and a lively and rousing show it was! Seven members strummed and sang all the wonderful tunes from 1963 through 1969. They started with the Beatles' memorable "I Want to Hold Your Hand" which brought cheers from an appreciative audience. We were encouraged to join in singing along with the band and everyone seemed to remember the words. I was impressed with the enthusiasm and joy shown by the ukulele players as they strummed one song after another. They were having a wonderful time entertaining us and the audience was so happy to be part of it all. One song after another brought back old memories and loud applause.

Brian Murphy is the leader and a teacher of the group which has been playing together for over a year, meeting at Brian's house on Tuesday nights to rehearse. They are all local people who have gathered together for their own enjoyment and to bring pleasure to their audience. Their shows are usually fundraisers for the local food bank or to help the Grange paint their building. On July 19th they will be performing again, this time at the Grange. They play all types of music from country to rock and roll. There is something to please everyone. In August they will be playing downtown at the bandstand by the pond, and on October 4th another performance is scheduled at the Grange.

Hope to see you there.



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The hours of the show are as follows:

Friday 2:00–5:00 p.m. Art Viewing

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

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

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

Attendance at Friday's evening gala offers the opportunity to meet many of the exhibiting artists, enjoy live music, and partake of a bounteous refreshment table.

For more information about the Art Show or the "People's Choice Award," log onto the Grange website, the Antrim Grange Facebook page, or call 588-6615.



JUNE 25

BUS TRIP to THE FELLS, Newbury, NH

(Pre-register with Antrim Recreation)

CONVAL SCHOOL BOARD

Richard Cahoon

Some big happenings, for good and ill, for the ConVal schools in the past weeks.

Let's get the bad news out of the way first. The ConVal budget failed to pass at the polls in March, and as a result we will need to operate with a default budget more than \$700,000 lower than the proposed budget. It might be nice to believe that we could absorb this loss without an impact on our educational programs, but we would only be kidding ourselves. There will be a negative impact on our schools. The School Board, administration and teachers are all working hard to ensure that the negative impact is as small as possible.

Much better news from the same election came in the form of two new representatives on the Board. Stephan Morrissey of Frankestown takes over from Stewart Brock, who left after nearly a decade of service. And Peterborough's new representative is a familiar name to many in Antrim. Tom Ferenc, a longtime Antrim resident and currently a high school principal in Vermont, was elected to take the seat being vacated by Erik Thibault. We look forward to working with both Stephan and Tom.

Other good news comes from Great Brook School, which has been named a finalist for the New Hampshire Middle School of the Year award. They expect to hear by the end of the month. That they have made it this far is a testament to the tremendous work being done by Principal Jim Elder, all of the teaching staff, and most importantly the kids.

Finally, recent news that will probably be appreciated in Antrim. Over the course of the last year, I had the privilege of chairing a body we called the District Study Committee. The charge of this committee was to determine the feelings of the people of the district on the issue of school consolidation. We communicated in one way or another with hundreds of people, including many in Antrim who were kind enough to weigh in. After gathering all of this feedback, the District Study Committee issued its findings and recommendations in March. Our chief finding was that people throughout the district felt that the question of whether or not schools should be closed has been, for the time being, asked and answered. The Committee recommended that the question of school consolidations be considered closed for now, and next revisited in 2017. Thereafter, we will review the question every three years. The intent is to prevent us from having to deal with this divisive issue every year, while still allowing for the fact that circumstances change and we need to examine all of our operations on a regular basis. I am pleased to report that the full Board voted overwhelmingly to adopt the recommendation, and we should see no more about consolidation out of the School Board or SAU until 2017.

As always, both Crista Salamy and I are open to your questions, concerns and suggestions.



ROD MILLER: NEW HAMPSHIRE ARTIST LAUREATE

Dick Winslow

An unusual honor has come to Antrim: Rod Miller has been appointed New Hampshire Artist Laureate for the next two years. The Laureate appointment was made by Governor Hassan following a recommendation by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts. Rod is a nationally known fiddler who plays for country dancing all over the country two or three times a month.

Previous Laureates, each for a two-year term, include master furniture maker David Lamb, painter James Aponovich, potter Gerry Williams, theater artist Marguerite Matthews, and composer James Bolle.

Along with fiddling, Rod makes stringed instruments: violins, violas and cellos. The instruments are sold through Stamell Stringed Instruments of Amherst, Massachusetts, each instrument selling at between \$10,000 and \$20,000. Rod has been under contract with Stamell since 1990. He estimates that, over his career, he has made about 200 instruments.

Country Dance fiddling seems to have come naturally to Rod. He first learned "regular" violin playing in grade school at Irondequoit New York, just outside Rochester. Fiddling he learned by going to Fiddlers' Picnics with his family and by listening to recordings. He learned violin-making partly through a course at Oberlin College in Ohio, and importantly, from a year he spent working with makers in Oblarn, Austria.

For the past three years, Rod has toured in the United States with a trio called The Stringrays. The other two members of the group are Max Newman, guitar, and Stuart Kenney, upright bass and 5-string clawhammer banjo. Next year, the Stringrays will work in England for a month, giving concerts and workshops and playing for contra dances.

A natural spinoff from his work has been the production of some 10 CDs for several different labels, including The National Geographic Society, New World Records, and Rounder Records. Rod's latest fiddle CD was released in early 2014 with his band the Stringrays.

Rod and his wife Jane Miller have lived in Antrim since 1977 in a house up beyond Gregg Lake. Jane is a Doctor of Education and a Professor at Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene. They have two children, son Asher, a professional chef, and daughter Elvie who with her husband Denis Liddy has recently produced twin girls. They will be visiting Antrim this summer from their home in Ireland.

In accepting the Laureate designation, Rod Miller said: "Traditional dance music has long been an important part of New Hampshire's social fabric. It helps define us. Serving as New Hampshire's Artistic Laureate is a great honor and I look forward to continuing to work in our community as a fiddler and violin maker, and to sharing this vital part of our culture."

More information can be found at: www.rodneymiller.net. ☼



THIS LAKE IS YOUR LAKE

UPDATE FROM THE FRANKLIN PIERCE LAKE ASSOCIATION

Frank Malinoski, President

As spring passes into summer and we welcome warmer weather, your Franklin Pierce Lake Association continues to be a great way to connect with your neighbors and help assure that the lake remains healthy so you can truly enjoy the nature, beauty, and fun our lake offers.

Look for our very successful Lake Host Program to continue to monitor and educate visitors at the Public Boat Launch about how to identify and prevent invasive plants from our waters.

Mark your calendars for the Potluck Dinner on July 19 at 6:00 p.m. and our Annual Meeting on August 9 at 9:00 a.m. Both events will be held at the Manahan Pavilion with speakers and prizes.

Show off your favorite photos of life on FPL by entering our 2015 FPLA Calendar Photo Contest.

To learn more about the FPLA or to join our growing membership and be a part of preserving our wonderful lake and your favorite water activities then check us out at our website: <http://www.fplake.org>. ☼

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ENERGY COMMITTEE'S PROPOSAL ALREADY IN EFFECT IN ANTRIM

Sandy Snow

The Antrim Energy Committee, which had prepared a warrant article for the 2014 town meeting to provide property owners and small businesses with a property tax exemption for installing renewable energy projects, has decided not to go forward with the article because the town's assessors do not increase assessments for renewable energy projects.

Town Administrator Galen Stearns cited an example that if one homeowner builds a garage with solar panels and another homeowner builds the same garage without solar panels they both would be assessed at the same amount for the garage alone. Gordon Webber, chairman of the select board, suggested that anyone who wants to install solar panels, home wind turbines or other renewable energy projects, check with the town first to be sure that their assessment would not increase. He said he is fully in favor of not assessing people who want to do renewable energy projects. Stearns said that the assessors typically do not include renewable energy projects in their assessments.

The energy committee had proposed its warrant in accord with New Hampshire RSA 72:61-72. The RSA allows any municipality to exempt solar energy, wind power and wood-heating projects from increased assessments. (Note: wood heating projects do not include stoves and fireplaces.) Solar energy includes photo-voltaic (electricity-generating) solar panels and hot-water generating solar panels. The state permits the exemption so as not to deter homeowners from embarking on renewable energy projects.

According to the RSA, which already has been adopted by 92 municipalities, a property owner who installs a renewable energy project will not see his or her property taxes increase because of the increased value of their property. Regional towns which have adopted one or more of the three classes of the exemption include Dublin, Jaffrey, Keene, Rindge, Deering, Greenfield, Hillsborough, Peterborough, Henniker, Washington, Temple, Marlborough, Marlow, Hopkinton, Goshen and Bedford.

Here is an example of how the exemption works. 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 property 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's warrant article would have exempted all three classes – solar, wind and heating. The Antrim Energy Committee, of which I am a member, includes Ben Pratt (chairman), Diane Chauncey (secretary) and Shelley Nelkins. We believe 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 in place generous 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 the public utility. In addition, the state offers a substantial rebate for installing 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 forward or backward. 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 or wind turbines return more power in a month than the consumer uses then the utility must credit that surplus against future usage. This is called net metering.

The federal government also allows taxpayers to take a 30% tax credit for solar and wind power installations (and

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ANTRIM-BENNINGTON AMERICAN LEGION POST #50

Peter Moore

Turning up West Street, heading out of town, you will pass the home of Antrim's American Legion Post #50. Look for the big, silent, black canon set back from the street, third driveway on the right. One might not imagine from the appearance of this humble white building that here meets monthly, and sporadically "as needed," a small group of our communities' most dedicated military veterans.

It is the members of Post #50 who continue to carry on a deep commitment to the remembrance, honor, and gratitude for those men and women who served, died, or went missing in service to America and the ideals it professes. But along with the ceremonial functions which often engage members of the post, including Honor Guard for Memorial and Veterans Day parades and graveside salutes, funeral details for comrades-in-arms, and flag retirement ceremonies, many members are active in community service. In addition to sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 2 since its 1931 inception and giving it a meeting space, they provide local youth scholarship funding and present the American Legion School Award to an outstanding eighth grade student at Great Brook School annually. You may not know, as I did not, that members of Post #50 arrange for, pur-

chase, and place over 300 graveside flags for departed veterans interred in our area cemeteries.

The American Legion website, www.legion.org, explains that the organization was chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1919 after conventions in Paris and St. Louis by members of the American Expeditionary Force to commemorate their fallen comrades that same year, just four months after the Armistice of WWI, 18 November 1918. Today, the Legion claims 2.4 million members in over 14,000 posts and has in its agenda strong legislative support for current and returning veterans' rights and benefits including medical treatment, education, and home ownership.

But to get the local and more compelling history of our Legion, I turned to Don Paige of Antrim, Post #50 Adjutant since 1972 (yes, that's over 40 yrs of service), and to Steve Roy of Bennington, who is serving his 19th year as Post Commander. In Don's words, "We are one of the original American Legion Posts chartered in 1919 as the William Myers - Post #50 in honor of William Myers, the first Antrim Soldier killed in France on July 18, 1918. After World War II the Post was re-chartered as Myers-Prescott Post #50 to honor Paul Prescott who was killed in a bomb-

ing raid over Germany on June 7, 1943. Again in 1953 the Post was re-charted as Myers-Prescott-Olson Post #50 to honor Leland Olson, killed in Korea in March 1951. Leland was only 17 years old at the time of his death. All gave the ultimate gift for country.

On the lighter side of the Post #50 Legion history was its 1925 support for American Legion Baseball, founded by the national Legion that same year.



Steve Roy and Don Paige
Photo courtesy of Peter Moore

Prior to purchasing the Legion's current home on West Street in 1952 for \$500 from the Antrim School District, for which it had served as the high school's industrial arts building, the Legion met in the "Dodge City" building on Main Street in a hall above Morris Cutter's Meat Market and Jack Mayrand's Barber Shop. (Dodge City once sat where the parking lot lies between the Trends of Fashion building and Antrim Computer). I believe local history indicates that Byron Butterfield was the Post's first Commander, back in 1919.

Today, American Legion Post #50 has a diminishing membership of some 70 members from a high count in the 1970s of 175. In the last six months the Post has sadly lost two of its more venerable, loyal comrades, Arthur Bryer and Phil Lang, who served the Post and our community for 66 and 69 years respectively. Don and Steve told me that the goal for 2014 is to gain 10-12 new members in order to sustain the Post's ability, as Commander Roy put it, "To simply honor and help us all to remember our veterans of the past, support the younger veterans coming home today, and to serve our community in whatever way possible." Antrim's American Legion Post #50's esprit de corps has been doing that with pride and distinction for 95 years.

For further information about the Legion, contact Don Paige (588-6776), or Steve Roy (588-2521). ⚙



Kneeling L-R: Stephen Roy (Commander) and Steven Campbell (Historian). Standing L-R: Art Allison (Sr. Vice Cmdr), Ted Brown (Chaplin), Don Page (Adjutant), Tony Pereira (Children & Youth Chair), Ray Patton, Barry Fulton (Jr Vice Cmdr) Scott Carbee (Sgt At Arms), and Al Gould (Americanism Chair).

Photo courtesy of Virginia Pereira

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. If you have been toying with the idea of installing the devices discussed in this article go to www.nh.gov/oep/energy/saving-energy/. There you will find all the incentives available from the state and federal government. Also view the federal government's Energy Star program at www.energystar.gov. This program includes rebates and tax credits on a wide variety of products for the home.

Those Antrim property owners who can afford the up-front cost with help from the federal, state and our town's property tax exemption will, in the long run, save money on energy costs and help reduce our country's reliance on fossil fuels and all the pollution their use entails.

ReVision Energy, the company that installed Carol's and my photovoltaic panels and hot water panels said in its monthly newsletter that U.S. solar installations made up nearly 20 percent of all new energy capacity, making solar the second largest source of new energy capacity. For the first time in 15 years the U.S. last year installed more solar than Germany which provides 60 percent of its country's peak load. This is remarkable in view of the fact that its solar resources are equivalent to that of Alaska.

ReVision also says that two-thirds of worldwide solar was installed in the last two and a half years and the prediction is that the solar capacity will double again in the next two and a half years. It also says that photovoltaic prices have dropped 75 percent in just five years. It claims that a solar investment returns about 10 percent annually. ☼

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ANTRIM BAPTIST CHURCH STEEPLE REPAIR

Charles Boucher, Pastor

The Antrim Baptist Church has reached and exceeded its goal of raising the \$30,000 that it needs in order to refurbish the steeple. Quotes are now being received for the renovation which will hopefully occur in the next couple months. There will be a dedication service on the Home and Harvest Festival weekend.

The membership of the Church wishes to thank all those who contributed to make this possible. We are so appreciative of the generosity of the community. ☼

COME TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! AT ANTRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

Charles Boucher, Pastor

Vacation Bible School, always a fun and awesome time, will be held July 21-25 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at The Antrim Baptist Church! This amazing annual event is sponsored jointly by the First Presbyterian and Antrim Baptist Churches.

The theme for the week is "Weird Animals, Where Jesus's Love is One of a Kind." God filled this world with some very amazing creatures...all different, each in its own way...and each of us an amazing creation! When kids feel weird, different, or even lost in a crowd, nothing compares to the extraordinary love of God. The week will focus on all of this.

The evening begins with a free supper for participants and families. Following the meal, there will with an opening, "Sing & Play Stampede" filled with music and skits! The children will then divide into groups to attend "Bible Adventures," "KidVid Cinema," "Crafts," "Untamed Games," and "Critter Café." The evening will end with a closing "The Tail End" where we wrap up the evening with more songs and fun! The teens and adults each have their own class.

Vacation Bible School is opened to ages 3-99; there is something for everyone to be involved in. There is no cost for this event.

Want to register for VBS or ask more questions? You may email Cheryl Boucher at cherantrim@hotmail.com or call 588-6614. ☼

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Lyman Gilmore

Five happy young children greeted me enthusiastically when I stepped into brand new, spotlessly clean “Antrim Blossoms Early Learning Center” at the foot of High Street. Open since March, Blossoms is licensed by the State of New Hampshire for pre-school and nursery age children. Owner Heidi Risman-Jones explained that the State offers scholarships for middle and low-income families and provides breakfast, lunch, and snacks. The building has been beautifully



renovated and is well supplied with learning materials and toys, and a solid wooden fence surrounds large outdoor play areas.

Blossoms is open from 6:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Ms Risman-Jones can be contacted by phone at 588-2405 and email at homespunltd@comcast.net. ☼

LOCAL AUTHOR PUBLISHES

Antrim resident Shelley Nelkens’s novella “No Escape: Snow-Scape” has been published online and is available from its publisher Smashwords and other electronic book sources including Amazon. “*Suspenseful, quirky, and pleasantly erotic, Ms. Nelkens’s novella plays out in the dumpy foothills of New Hampshire’s Monadnock region in the early Eighties.*”

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Celeste Lunetta, Director

Antrim is home to some wonderful public parks. The Recreation Department, and the Parks and Recreation Commission are committed to caring for the parks, for planning and implementing improvements to make the parks open, clean, safe, accessible, and welcoming for recreation.

The Parks & Recreation Commission has been working with the Police Department to help with safety and wellness in our parks. With the approval of the Board of Selectmen, all Antrim parks (Memorial Park, Gregg Lake Beach and Point, Gregg Lake Boat launch, Shea Field, Antrim Town Gym) are now “tobacco free.” While we recognize the hardship this will create for park users who use tobacco, we appreciate your cooperation with this policy and ask that you follow it. Also on the subject of park policies, there are others we’d like to review:

- Parks are closed at dark or 9:00 p.m., whichever comes first.
- Pets are not permitted at Gregg Lake Beach between June and September.
- Pets under the control of the owner are permitted at the Boat Launch, Memorial Park, and Shea Field.
- Owners must pick up after their pets, and dog waste bags are provided at Gregg Lake, Memorial Park, and Shea Field.
- Glass bottles are prohibited at Gregg Lake, and discouraged at all other parks.
- Alcohol is also prohibited at all of our parks.
- At Gregg Lake Beach, when lifeguards are on duty, flotation devices must be coastguard approved.
- Children under the age of 12 are not permitted to be unattended at Gregg Lake Beach.
- Parking permits for town residents (taxpayers) are available at the Town Hall or the Rec Department, and also from beach attendants when the beach is open.
- Non-residents (non-taxpayers) pay \$5per day to park, or can purchase a season pass for \$25.00.

Thank you for cooperating with our park rules.

Antrim Recreation again has a full variety of programs for residents young and old, including: bus trips to historical sites, events at Memorial park, “Antrim in the Evening,” summer shows at the Bandstand, camp programs, swim lessons, sports camps, circus camps, jump roping clinics, movies at the Town Hall, and more. For details, pick up one of our brochures at Town Hall, or visit the town website at www.antrim.nh.org. Or call the recreation office at 588-3121.

Happy Summer!



educational institution, as a school community, and how we fit into the larger community. This process has been quite good for us, and the results may be of interest to you as well.

The procedure began with an application in which we were asked to identify how we personalize education for our students, to look at important data, to explain how we have been an innovative school, and to describe how we would inspire other educational institutions should we win. As we examined the criteria, we were quite pleasantly surprised by how many good things we really accomplish.

Our first assignment focused around how we personalize each student's education. In this exploration we talked about our advisory program in which each student is connected personally with a teacher in a small group of other students. The advisor acts as the child's parent while in school: keeping track, advocating for, cajoling when necessary, and coordinating meetings with the real parents. We also looked at our Extended Learning Program (E.L.P.) that offers twice-a-week classes based upon students' interests—Greek Mythology, for instance, or Lego robotics. We also reviewed how we respond when students struggle and how we tailor interventions for students who have academic or behavioral issues. We also noted our rich co-curricular offerings such as theater, floor hockey, flag football, recycling club, 40-Book Challenge, birding club, and New Hampshire Dance Institute.

The next step in our "MSOY" application required that we present data that would validate our worthiness of the honor. This was pretty easy as we were the fourth most improved school for the NECAP test in 2013, improving by 13% in both math and reading and by 16% in writing. We also demonstrated that total disciplinary referrals had declined significantly. When we started recording discipline referrals in 2008-2009, there were 2,089 for the year. Last year (2012-2013), we had only 240 referrals—a tenfold drop! This year the number continues to decline as we have about half as many as last year.

After that we were asked to describe how Great Brook had been innovative in the education process. Here we had a great number of things to brag about, including WGBS-TV, our student-produced live television show to keep the community informed. (This can be seen anytime on our website, and many community members outside of school watch the show

daily to stay informed.) We have also refined student leadership in an effort to get more community service happening. We have implemented a school-wide "Read" in which everybody reads the same book. Other innovations include regular visits to Otter Brook Farm for hands-on science lessons, Griffin's Nest where G.B.S. students mentor A.E.S. children, the Great Brook Science Fair, and an early-morning running club for students who have an excessive amount of energy.

Our final assignment on the application was to explain how we, as a community, would inspire others. Here is how we explained that: Two years ago, the Great Brook School faculty took a pledge to inspire one another to "Raise the Bar" in all areas of academic and school life for our students. We did this through professional development, collaboration, and teamwork. With genuine enthusiasm and motivation, the staff and students have come together to make Great Brook School a great place for learning.

There is much we would gladly share with others: building community by updating the student leadership model; celebrating good literature with a school-wide "Read;" establishing clear and consistent expectations with a collaboratively-created behavior matrix; regularly celebrating student achievement with "Students of Excellence" awards; re-evaluating and re-inventing the service learning program; and rolling out new initiatives like Google Apps and Chromebooks to make digital technology a transformative learning tool.

The challenges we have tackled at Great Brook School are no different from those faced by schools across the state. We have many teachers and students eager to share their successes. In fact, the WGBS-TV student team is already leading the way: They recently demonstrated their school broadcast at the 2013 Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference.

We believe that the gains made at Great Brook School are not the work of any one person or any one group. Rather, it is through the combined effort of all that we have made positive progress. This simple, common-sense, collective commitment that Great Brook staff, students, and families have made to each other has allowed us to move forward and move upward. As one teacher commented about Great Brook School: "Each student belongs to every educator." ☼



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TEEN CENTER

Heidi Schultz

Greetings from the Teen Center! First and foremost, I want to introduce myself. My name is Heidi Schultz and I'm the new part-time Coordinator of the Teen Center for The Grapevine. I've been on the job for a little over a month and am excited to continue the good work of Maddie Biehl during her time here through the Sustainability Project that came to an end on March 31. I've been involved with the Grapevine for several years, as a parent and board member, and am thrilled to be part of the staff.

I'm happy to announce that our Friday night open hours for Teens will continue through the summer, from 7-9 p.m. In addition, I am also going to have open hours on Wednesdays after school from 3-4:30 pm, so please stop by. This time will also serve as my "office hours," so for anyone who wishes to meet me or has ideas about programming at the Teen Center, I will be available.

This summer Alateen, a fellowship of teen Al-Anon members, will be holding meetings at the Teen Center on Wednesday nights, beginning June 18 at 6:00 p.m. These meetings are for teenagers whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking and they offer an opportunity for those who attend to share their experiences and learn effective coping mechanisms, within an environment of discreet support.

Another session of Teen Tech Tutors began in May at the Tuttle Library, on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

These are one-on-one tutoring by teens for adults on the following topics:

- May 24 • Social Media
- June 7 • Cellular and Smart Phones
- June 28 • Laptops

Come learn from the experts!

Any teens who are interested in participating, please email me at avenueateencenter@gmail.com or contact me at the Avenue A Teen Center page on Facebook.

In addition, Tutoring, and College Search and Financial Aid counseling will be available by appointment at the Teen Center as a free service. Tutoring will be available in the areas of Chemistry, Social Studies and English, so if you would like to make an appointment, please call The Grapevine at 588-2620.

Regarding College Search and Financial Aid, I have worked in College Admissions in the past, and recently spent three years at the NHHEAF (New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation) Center for College Planning as a College Outreach Counselor, and am happy to provide advice on college search and selection, and financial aid. In addition, I can aid parents and students in filing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and make you aware of services through NHHEAF and college readiness programs available at ConVal High School.

We are also hoping to restart teen karaoke night, are planning to make the Young Teens night a regular event, and

are looking to add more programming this summer. For example, we are looking to start a Teen Yoga class, which would also involve discussions about body image, eating healthy, meditation and more. I am also about to start working on the summer Friday night volunteer schedule, so if you have any interest in volunteering, please contact me at avenueateencenter@gmail.com or at The Grapevine at 588-2620.

If your group or organization would like to use the Teen Center as a meeting place, please feel free to contact me as well. And be sure to "like" us on Facebook at the Avenue A Teen Center page to keep up with our news and events!

Thank you for your support of the Teen Center and best wishes. ☺

HOME & HARVEST FESTIVAL

Rick Davis

The dates for the 11th Annual Antrim Home & Harvest festival have been set for September 12-14. Skateboarders from all around the globe will be flying down Summer Street, artists and crafters will be lining Main Street, and Free Fun and Games will return with the ever popular Bouncey Houses and a Rock Climbing Wall.

Antrim's huge Parade will once again be back, so get busy planning your best floats! There'll be live bands entertaining all day long as well as at the climactic Fireworks Display from Atlas. Something new this year will be a Kayak Race across Great Brook behind Town Hall.

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I read the directions.

Actually *direction* would be more precise. Singular. There is only one.

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Yes, my destination is precisely one left-hand turn away. Just one street over from my present location. I had no idea. I knew I was moving into a small town, but still...

Then it occurs to me.

I had better be especially nice to *everyone* I encounter here. After all, they’re probably my neighbor. ☼

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June 19 • Antrim Baptist Church

July 17 • Presbyterian Church

August 21 • Presbyterian Church

MAXINE, RALPH, AND A “HOLISTIC” VET

Sheila Nichols

Maxine and Ralph are mother and son. They are two of our original four goats. Maxine has always been my favorite. She is calm and gentle, a cooperative milker, and a caring mother. She takes up the rear of the herd, making sure everyone is ahead of her and accounted for.

Your age will help or hinder you with this analogy: *Timmy was always getting into trouble and Lassie was always saving him.*

I was working in the barn one summer day. Maxine came walking up to the open barn door bleating up a storm. I stopped my work and was surprised to see her alone; knowing goats’ strong herd instinct, her solitude caught me off guard. She began walking away from me. I followed, she stopped looked over her shoulder bleated again, I followed, she stopped. In my head, I heard the timeless, “*Timmy’s in the well!*” I followed her down to the pasture to find Blondie, another doe, tangled in the fence. Try if you like, but you’ll never convince me that Maxine had not left the herd to come and find me and bring me to Blondie to sort her out from the fence.

Ralph was a young buck when we got him. Shortly thereafter we learned that he needed to be castrated. If a buck is not castrated he will mature and become a randy male earning the ‘smelly old goat’ moniker honestly; bucks urinate on themselves to attract females.

Young bucks can be castrated with an “elastrator.” In the procedure, special elastic bands are slipped over the scrotum. Once the bands are applied, the testes atrophy and the bands and sac fall off in a few weeks. However, this procedure needs to be done when the bucks are very young. Should the window of opportunity be missed—as was the case with Ralph—the buck reaches an age where castration requires surgery. After a search for veterinary clinics that care for farm animals we located one that prided itself on “Holistic animal care.”

Maxine was coughing and we wanted her checked out as well. Both mother and son were loaded into the truck and we set off for our initiation into farm animal medical care. Upon arriving at our appointed time we were surprised to find that we were the only clients at the clinic in a lovely old Victorian home.

The veterinarian greeted us and Ralph was given some medication to relax him. Bill sat on the floor and cradled him as the medication took effect. Once Ralph was sedated, the vet proceeded to set up the operating room and asked Bill to carry Ralph in. The door was left open and the vet invited me to observe the operation; I declined. The phone rang and the vet asked me to answer it. I was much better suited to that task.

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Between phone calls I would stand outside the operating room to follow the whole thing from a distance. Bill was asked to assist! He held Ralph and was stoically supportive, reassuring the heavily sedated buck that he had endured a similar procedure and that time would heal.

In short order, the vet had removed Ralph's private parts. He held them up to show me and asked, "Do you want these?" That is a question I never imagined being asked and for the life of me couldn't think of a reason for taking them home. (Rearview mirror décor?) "No thank you," I answered in a tone I hoped would be gracious, yet final. We were advised that Ralph would need to stay at the office until he awoke. He rested in his crate.

We would next have Maxine's blood tested to see if she needed medication. At this point Bill excused himself, saying he had seen Ralph through and now it was my turn. I was ushered into a lab-type room. Once seated, I was immediately told that my crossed legged posture was preventing positive energy from aiding the tests. After I re-seated myself

in the correct posture, the "Holistic" vet slid the vial of blood he had extracted into a machine that looked more like a middle school science project than professional veterinary device. Holding a metal rod with some baubles on top he proceeded to shake it and touch it to the dials on the device. Bill made eye contact with me for a second, swallowed a laugh, and moved to the waiting room leaving me to somehow maintain my composure.

"What exactly does one do to channel positive energy to a blinking machine?" I asked innocently. "Will more lights flash when you find Maxine's ailment?" "No!" came the reply. I opted to be as positive as I could in silence. At some point the test was complete. The results: Maxine would need some medication.

The vet's wife entered. She had an unusually strong aversion to cell phones. There were signs posted all over stating that cell phones would not be tolerated. Even Bill became intimidated and removed the battery from his phone to prevent an altercation with Ms. Vet.

She instructed me on the administration of medications: a pain killer shot in the a.m. for Ralph, and Maxine would need forty tablets of medication placed on her gums and rubbed in twice daily. (Forty!?) Upon seeing the tablets were the size of grains of sea salt, I knew the dosage would be estimated at best. Ms. Vet told me that the medication needed to be kept in a can to avoid interference from outside negative forces. But under no circumstances should it be a coffee can, as the negative energy from a coffee can would ruin the medication. I pride myself on being rather open-minded, but this was extreme.

We left the goats in the recovery room and went to have lunch. In short order our banned cell phone rang and we were told we could pick up our goats, which we did. Our current veterinarian is much more conventional and for that we are eternally and positively grateful. ☼

SAVING ENERGY

Sandy Snow

My first foray into saving energy was aboard a cruise ship where I bought a wristwatch that needed no winding and no battery. That was about 12 years ago. It keeps perfect time and runs off any source of light that happens to be available. The face of the watch is really a miniature solar panel that converts the light into enough electricity to power the watch—I guess, theoretically, forever.

Since then, I've been hooked on energy conservation, and my other ventures are powered by my belief that global warming is a very serious problem. It also is my serious effort to save money over the long haul.

Carol's and my next try at energy conservation occurred when we added a master bedroom and bath onto our house. Since it was all new construction we could install radiant heating which is much more efficient than the hot water base rays in the rest of the house. Radiant heating uses coils of tubing under the floor circulating hot water. The floor then radiates it upward to evenly warm us and everything else in the room. And, I can tell you that getting up on a cold morning is a pleasure. You can actually feel the warmth in the floor as you walk across it with bare feet.

Over the past ten years we have converted our incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs and now we replace those worn out fluorescent bulbs with LED bulbs. Fluorescent bulbs are much more efficient than the old incandescent bulbs and last a lot longer. They also are more expensive. However, a fluorescent uses only about a quarter of the electricity of an incandescent bulb and lasts far longer. The latest improvement in lighting is the Light Emitting Diode bulb or LED. LEDs use 85 percent less power than an incandescent bulb and 50 percent less than a compact fluorescent. Plus, LEDs can last up to 50,000 hours of continuous use. They are more expensive than fluorescent bulbs, but with a lifetime of 50,000 hours an LED bulb will likely outlast me.



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community, and he then went on to outline the plan for Cans Can Help 2014. This plan of action included (a) holding an after school poster making party for third and fourth graders, (b) distributing boxes to each of the classrooms as well as the school's office, and (c) attending three of AES's weekly assemblies.



At the first assembly, Brady recognized last year's top donors and kicked off the second annual food drive, Cans Can Help 2014. At the second assembly, which fell midway through the two week food drive, Brady provided a progress update and encouraged students to keep collecting. At the third assembly, Brady shared the grand total of items donated and announced the top donors for 2014. Brady also revealed some interesting—and powerful—statistics.

CANS CAN HELP 2014 STATISTICS

- Every class brought in at least 80 items!
- There were six different families who contributed over 50 items.
- So many different people helped: 89 students brought in something to donate and we got lots of items from teachers and staff.
- The AES office and First Friends program added 109 cans to our total!
- There were 35 students who brought in 10 or more cans!
- The list of the top 10 contributors has students from 7 different classes on it.
- In 3 classes over 85% of the class brought in something to donate.
- There was a tie between 2 classes for the highest participation rate with 93% of the class donating something to the food drive. They were Ms. Lawler's class and Mrs. Grossi's class.

Cans Can Help 2014 highlights the AES community taking thoughtful action that exemplifies the school's core values of kindness, cooperation, and respect. Mahatma Gandhi once said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in service to others." Brady's commitment to coming together as a community to help others provided the AES community with an opportunity to make a meaningful difference. Thank you Brady! We are looking forward to *Cans Can Help 2015!*

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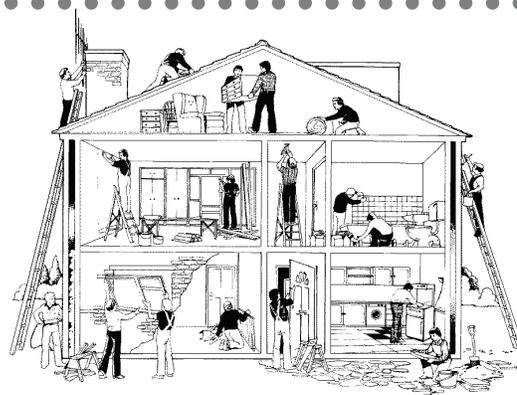
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A RETURN TO BRIMSTONE CORNER ROAD

Robin Rockwell

A few years ago I wrote an article about bicycling around Gregg Lake via Brimstone Corner Road. On that day I had invited Steve Brzozowski and Dennis Huntington to join me. The starting point was the Merrill Farm. From there we took a left at the water fountain at the head of West Street and made our way across the dirt Old Hancock Road. Once we reached Birch Road we took a right and continued onto Brimstone Corner. It eventually leads you to a rugged logging road and ultimately to Gregg Lake. From there it is an easy ride back to the farm. It took us two hours to do the nine miles. Since that day, Steve and I have made that journey three more times.

We've made this an annual event and it was that time again. I invited Dennis to join us, but he wanted no part of it. I've asked Brian Brown, former Antrim police chief, Gary Stacy, and a few others in the past to join us but they've all refused, leaving Steve and me to go it alone once again.

We met at the previously mentioned water fountain on a cool late September day. Pat Webber greeted us as we were unloading our bikes and said he would see us when we got back. Steve and I biked up what I call Harriman's Hill, breathing heavily as we reached the top. We did not stop to rest and coasted down onto the dirt section of the Old Hancock road. It took us a few minutes to reach Birch Road. I thought to myself how much shorter it seemed when I used to drive my

dad's gold Chevy station wagon over it when I was in high school. A while later we reached Brimstone.

There are some nice homes on this stretch of Brimstone, one of which we thought may have been built in the past couple years. Along the way, we came across five wild turkeys in a field to our right, ambling through the grass. It wasn't much longer before we arrived at the old logging road.

This was our fifth ride on this route and on each occasion the logging road seemed worse than the time before. There were rocks everywhere and plenty of water and mud. It had rained steadily the previous days and although this day was delightful, the water had not yet drained off. We found ourselves walking most of this 3/4 mile rocky stretch, avoiding the water as best we could. At one point there is a stream that crosses the logging road. Last year this stream was a foot wide, this year, six feet. We had to hopscotch on three rocks to get across, I slipped and fell but somehow managed to avoid getting wet while landing on my back on the other side of the stream.

A few minutes later as we neared the end of the logging road, we heard a loud cracking sound to our right. I looked over and saw a black bear climbing down a tree, forty yards from us. He stood on the stonewall beneath the tree, gazed at us for a few seconds and slowly walked away, disappearing into the woods. That was the highlight of the day.

We finally reached the end of the logging road when we came upon the Miller homestead. The sign with the words "Price Farm" was still there, nailed to a tree next to its driveway, but the Prius that was normally there was absent. About a half-mile from the Price Farm, Steve and I decided to rest for a brief spell when we spotted a car moving toward us from Gregg Lake. The driver stopped and rolled down the window, it was Jane Miller. We chatted for about twenty minutes before continuing our trip. From this point the trip was a breeze. It was mostly downhill from there until we arrived at the beach at Gregg Lake. A short time later we reached the water fountain and Pat Webber, another successful bike ride concluded. We plan to do it again this September, hopefully with a couple additional bikers. I would think David Boule and Gary Stacy, a couple of rugged lumberyard men and Antrim natives, would make good candidates. ☺

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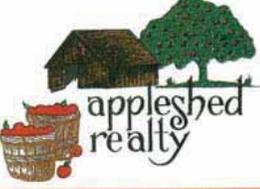
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BYE, BYE BAKERY

Cindy Crockett

When I was a kid, we would go across town to visit my Gramma. She happened to live down the street, a very short walk, from the corner bakery. Ande's Bakery was on the corner of Maxwell Street and Parkman Road. It was pretty much no frills—a curved counter with the round metal/vinyl cushion spinny-stools (this was in the “Way Back Machine” after all), no extravagant décor, but the baked goods and bread were simple, delicious, and hand-made, not mass-produced. People sat at the counter, sipped coffee, ate something fresh-baked, and chatted with each other. The lady behind the counter always knew what we wanted. For some customers, it was a daily ritual, for others, it was a place to catch up. Often we would have a hard time getting a couple of seats together, or even a lone seat. Sometimes we would get our treat and sit there and eat it, all the while spinning round and round on the stools. If we stayed overnight at Gram's once it was summer, we would go to the bakery every day. And we didn't get fat by doing this because we were outside running around, playing, riding bikes—doing things all day and half the night. I don't know if the bakery is still there; it may have gotten shoved out by a huge corporate box.

There was also the Warren Baking Company which made the best Italian bread around, and we would get their bread for supper, Sunday meals, special occasions—and also just because it was good: warm, aromatic, chewy, sumptuous, and satisfying. It wasn't within walking distance but somewhat downtown and worth the little bit of a drive through traffic. It was handmade with fresh ingredients, no funny stuff, no junk. Warren Baking still exists today, even after all these years. And it's still good and we always get it when back in the area.

Jeffrey Hamelman writes in the epilogue to his 2nd edition book on bread-baking: “the bread was there...before any of us were; the foundations and fundamentals have been in place and intact for centuries. With an eager mind and willing hands, we enter into the baking life, with a sense of awe at what we see being made and how it comes to be made. We are most fortunate to have found work that is useful, stimulating, and fulfilling.”

The first people to bake bread were in ancient Egypt around 8000 BC. Then, during the Middle Ages it was common for each landlord (not the landlord we think of today) to have a bakery that was usually a public oven. Most of the Old World has distinctive styles of baking, bread, and bakeries—and they still exist today because they are important to the fabric of the culture. People frequent the bakeries on a daily basis. There is often one in every neighborhood, every small village, or every town. The city of Pompeii in 79 AD had 33 bakeries alone. Bread was important as a daily staple and for survival. In many places if there was a shortage of bread or no bread at all, unrest took hold and villagers rioted. Bread

became a political matter, being intertwined with many major upheavals in Europe, including the bread riots in Paris. The bakers worked a minimum of 12-hour days—everyday—with no days off. There were no holidays. Apprentices worked unpaid for the sheer privilege of learning the craft.

The importance of bakeries over time has been documented in numerous reports and histories. As previously, noted, bread and bakeries have played major roles in previous conflicts in history. Today, people in war-torn regions of Syria value their local bakery so much so that they risk their lives and line up in dangerous streets for their daily bread. Many have been killed as the bakery lines began to be targeted for bombings; yet still, they returned. It was that important. Last August (2013), ten bakery attacks took place in Aleppo as residents lined up daily at their bakeries to get bread for their families. As posted in one news item, “we are very nervous about the bakeries but people lined up anyway [despite the dangers]—they need bread.” Residents in eastern Syria are now demanding that the government set up a subsidized bakery so that they can handle the demand for bread given that the recent influx of displaced people has created so much pressure on the local bakeries and there is an increased demand for services. This is not from a history book, it is from last week—April 28, 2014. At the moment there is only one source for bread from a more distant village that is brought in daily. The people of the region are desperate for a bakery to ease the suffering of the war-torn region. They have taken to social media outlets and angry protests for the purposes of getting their concerns heard and setting up a bakery and feeding the townspeople as well as the newly displaced who have arrived. This is not an isolated incident, it is happening throughout the area. One official warned that the issue of not having a bakery could be “the last straw that broke the camel's back...” The local bakery is that valued and that important to the fabric of their communities and their social, physical, and mental wellbeing. They get it.

Goodbye Bakery 42. To me it was special and served a purpose. We made magical things and good smells. To those of you who visited us often and thought so too: you, also, are special to us. Thank you so very, very much.

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JULY 21

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

- 4 **Declaration of Independence** • read by members of the Antrim Players • Hosted by the Antrim Historical Society—Fresh coffee and doughnuts will be available.
- 4 **Youth Night** • Antrim Grange • 7:00 p.m.
- 7 **Black Fly Community Art Show** • The Grapevine • 10:00 a.m.–12 noon
- 7 **Teen Tech Tutors** • Tuttle Library • 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- 7 **Bike Safety Rodeo** • Rec Dept • 2:00–4:00 p.m.
- 13–15 **Twelfth Annual Art Show** • Antrim Grange • See schedule on page 4
- 19 **Penny Social** • Antrim Grange • 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
- 19 **Free Community Supper** • **NOTE LOCATION: Antrim Baptist Church** • 5:30 p.m.
- 19 **Ukulele Society of Antrim (USA) Concert** • Antrim Grange • 7:00 p.m.
- 20 **Diabetes Informational Program** • Antrim Grange • 7:00 p.m.
- 21 **Yard Sale** to benefit The Learning Vine • The Grapevine Parking Lot • 9:00 a.m.–12 noon
- 23 **Tie Dye Workshop** (ages 10–16) • Rec Dept
- 28 **Teen Tech Tutors** • Tuttle Library • 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- 28 **Summer Reading Program Kickoff Picnic** • Tuttle Library • 12–3:00 p.m.
- 28 **Chris' Concert** • American Legion Post 59, Hillsboro • 7:00 p.m. Info: www.chrisconcert.org
- 30 **HOOPPLAH** • at Memorial Park/Rec Dept • 9:30–11:00 a.m.
- 30–Jul 3 **Skateboarding Clinic** • (ages 5–10) • Rec Dept
- 30–Jul 3 **Quickstart Tennis** • (ages 6–8) • Rec Dept

JULY

- 7 **Mosaic Art and Antrim Archaeology Camp** • Rec Dept
- 8 **Pajama Storytime** • Tuttle Library • 6:30 p.m.
- 12 **Mad Science Program "Spin, Pop, Boom!"** • Tuttle Library • 11:00 a.m.
- 14–18 **Princess Dance Camp** (4–6 year olds) • Rec Dept
- 14–18 **Sport Sampler Camp** (6–12 year olds) • Rec Dept
- 17 **Overnight Adventure** (7–9 year olds) • The Grapevine • 3:00 p.m.–10:00 a.m.
- 17 **Free Community Supper** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 18 **Storytime** • Tuttle Library • 10:30 a.m.
- 18 **Fairy Houses in the Park** • Rec Dept at Memorial Park • 1:00 p.m.
- 19 **Potluck Dinner** • Franklin Pierce Lake Association • 6:00 p.m. • Manahan Pavilion
- 21–25 **Backyard Adventures Session 1** (4½–6 year olds) • The Grapevine • 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- 21–25 **Ketchums Kickers Soccer Camp** • Rec Dept
- 21–25 **Vacation Bible School** • Baptist Church • 5:00–8:00 p.m.
- 25 **Scituate Skippers Jump Rope Clinic & Show** • Rec Dept at Town Gym • 1:00 p.m.
- 26 **Drop-in Crafts** • Tuttle Library
- 28–Aug 1 **Backyard Adventures Session 2** (4½–6 year olds) • The Grapevine • 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- 28–Aug 1 **Gymnastics and Tumbling Camp** • Rec Dept
- 31 **Archaeology in the Afternoon** with Martha Pinello • Tuttle Library • 4:00 p.m.

AUGUST

- 4–8 **Backyard Science** (7–9 years old) • The Grapevine • 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- 4–8 **Silver Lining Circus Clinic** • Rec Dept
- 7 **Teddy Bear Picnic** • Rec Dept at Memorial Park • 1:00 p.m.
- 11–15 **Bombers Basketball Camp** • Rec Dept
- 18–22 **Ketchums Kickers Soccer Camp** (grades 5–8) • Rec Dept
- 21 **Free Community Supper** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.

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Our next adventure into energy conservation was buying a Toyota Prius in 2008. The car is called a hybrid because it uses a battery and electric motor to supplement the gasoline engine. Also, it gains electrical power when you brake and go downhill. The engine also stops running when you are stopped at a traffic light. We typically got 50 miles per gallon. In 2011 we traded in our second gas-guzzler for another Prius. There is more to this story that I will tell you about a little later.

In 2010, after receiving an inheritance, Carol and I decided to embark on another major energy conservation project. We contacted a company in New Hampshire called ReVision Energy that installs photovoltaic solar panels and hot water panels. The idea is that sunshine is another form of absolutely free energy. All you need is the equipment to capture the sun and convert it into hot water or electricity. We initially decided to put up two hot water panels. The first thing ReVision Energy did was come out to look at our house to see if our location was suitable for solar panels. They found that solar panels would indeed work on our roof. The hot water panels were tied into a new, super-efficient hot water tank that only loses a third of a degree of heat an hour. When the panels are generating hot water there is no need for the furnace to run, particularly in the summer, which is comforting.

A year later we again had enough money to go forward with the solar photovoltaic panels and ReVision installed 14 of them. The system comes with an inverter that changes the DC voltage from the panels to 120 volts AC. In fact, what power we don't need we can sell back to PSNH. A special electric meter was installed that automatically allows the inverter to feed excess electricity back to the PSNH. When that happens the electric meter runs backwards. A couple of years ago we delivered more electricity to PSNH than we used in one month. When that happened, PSNH credited us the following month with the excess electricity we sent them. It also

is very easy to see when we are not using PSNH's power as the meter stands still. In general, our electric bills have dropped considerably, particularly in late spring, summer, and early fall when the sun is high in the sky.

Our next big project was installing a "mini-split." Our electric bill would jump in the summer when we had our air conditioners running. I had often regretted that when we built our house we didn't at least look into geothermal heating and air conditioning. A geothermal system uses a liquid sent through pipes buried in the ground. The idea is that at a certain depth the ground maintains a roughly constant temperature of about 50 degrees all year. A device called a heat pump extracts the heat from the ground and concentrates it to the point where it is hot enough to heat a house and the hot water for the plumbing system, even in winter. In the summer, the heat pump runs backward as it extracts heat from inside the house and transfers it to the ground, thus cooling the house.

The mini-split I mentioned above works on the same principle as a geothermal heat pump. It also uses a heat pump to cool off the house by absorbing the heat inside the house and exhausting it outdoors. In the winter it generates heat from the outside air and delivers it inside. The mini-split is actually two separate units tied together. The outside unit does all the "heavy lifting" and the inside unit, mounted high on

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And now the end of the Prius story. Last November we traded in both Prius hybrids for a new plugin Prius which is still a hybrid but with an additional feature. The car can be plugged into a 120 volt outlet on our house to charge the car's special electric battery. Our theory was that since we already had solar panels generating electricity for the house, some of that could be used to charge the car, too. A full charge takes about two-and-a-half hours. With that charge we can easily go back and forth to the center of Antrim or to Hillsborough from our house on Rte. 9 without the gasoline engine coming on, except for steep hills like one on Rte. 31 where the electric motor can't generate enough power on its own.

A word about financing. Some of these projects cost into the thousands, and of course the money has to be paid up front. However, the payoff comes down the road with lower energy costs. There is help for anyone wanting to undertake these and other similar projects because the state has offered sizeable rebates for solar projects. The federal government also offers tax credits for many of them, too, even for the plugin Prius which amounted to \$2,500. A tax credit is much better than a tax deduction in that the tax credit of \$2,500 comes directly off your tax bill. You also can carry over an unused tax credit into following years.

Whenever possible, look for Energy Star products. It is an assurance that they are more energy efficient than normal products. They may cost more up front, but a lot of them come with rebates and when you use them you will be saving money on electricity usage. One good example is replacing an old refrigerator with an Energy Star model. They are much more efficient which will save you dollars for as long as you use them. And they may come with additional rebates or tax credits.

The key thing is that the next time you plan on buying something powered by electricity, do some homework ahead of time. Find out if it is Energy Star and if so, check into the rebates and possible tax credits. That way you get almost instant money back while saving money on your energy bill. It's an idea your wallet will love! ⚙

NEW ANTRIM BARBERSHOP

Lyman Gilmore

Henry Procter has opened his new barbershop in the same spot that his great-grandfather Harold "Bub" Procter had a small variety store in the 1960s. Henry's attractive, comfortable barbershop is located at the lower level of Trends of Fashion at 46 Main Street. A graduate of Conval in 2010 and the New England School of Barbering in 2013, Henry worked at the Henniker Barbershop before coming to Antrim. I know he can give a good haircut because I was one of his first customers. He is open every day but Tuesday and Sunday and can be reached at 808-0089. ⚙



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HOME FROM JAPAN: A FEAST OF FESTIVALS

Mike Haley

In 2004 I left the New Hampshire life I had known since childhood for the mountains and rice paddies of Akita, Japan. As I re-acclimate myself to Antrim after ten years abroad, I find that though the differences between these two cultures are many, our similarities far outnumber them.

Festivals were a big part of life in rural Japan, and every town had one or two of its own that could not be found anywhere else. Winter festivals had by far more variety, no doubt desperate attempts long ago to bring some cheer to the daily heavy snowfall. But summer festivals, many tied to the Buddhist *Obon* holiday when the spirits of ancestors are believed to return home and families gather to honor them, had their own special charm as well.

One of the first summer festivals I experienced was the *Okuribon* festival in the city of Yokote, Akita. On the first day of the festival, the main streets of downtown are closed for a two-hour *Bon* dance. The repetitive nature of the dance makes it easy for anyone to join in, but freely flowing beer and *sake* ensure a quick deterioration from fluid motions to somewhat haphazard flailing. Neighborhoods, businesses, and circles of friends form troupes to participate. I was asked to join one organized by my hairdresser. An after-hours hair salon may not have been the roomiest practice space available, but there was no shortage of stylists, hair gel, and body glitter to ensure that we all looked fabulous for our two hours of dancing. At 6'3", I was a head taller than everyone else in town and stood out quite a bit, so it was important to look good.

In preparation for the second day of *Okuribon*, each neighborhood builds a thirty-foot long boat-shaped float out of wood and rice straw. The floats are decorated with the neighborhood's symbol, colorful paper flags, and candles. Then teams of men from the neighborhood carry the floats and ram them into each other on a bridge over the town's main river. A navigator stands on top of each thousand-pound tinderbox and directs his team into the fray with a whistle, confident that with each impact that the float that "wins" will have a better harvest for the year. "This seems dangerous," I once naively pointed out to a colleague. "Oh yes. Someone

was crushed between two floats a few years ago and died," he shrugged. "But, what are you going to do? NOT have crowds of inebriated men run at each other with a pile of flaming kindling on their shoulders?" was implied. I elected to remain a spectator on day two.

About 20 minutes down the road from Yokote is the city of Daisen, which hosts the Japanese national fireworks competition every August. Nearly thirty of Japan's top fireworks companies participate, and since they are competing for the title of national champion, no expense is spared in putting on the best display they each can muster. Over the course of the night, about 20,000 fireworks are set off, mostly accompanied by music, anything from the latest pop song to Mozart to traditional Japanese music. Some boom large, filling the



entire sky at once with a burst of color. Others explode and drip downward with a lingering shimmer like a weeping willow of flame. Still others erupt into the shapes of popular cartoon characters. In the paid seats in front where I was invited to watch the competition on a few occasions, the wind would carry ash and embers down into the audience. I guess in addition to the closer view, you are also paying for this added excitement.

"About seven billion people come every year," a friend told me. After the number 1,000, the English and Japanese numbering systems cease to align with each other, so translating larger numbers requires a degree of mental gymnastics. My quizzical look made him realize his mistake. "I mean 70 billion," he corrected himself, satisfied. The actual number, I later found out, was 700,000. While not a crowd ten times the population of earth, it was quite a lot of people to descend at once on a city of only 80,000.

By far the most famous festival in Akita is the *Kanto* festival held in the capital, Akita City. In this four-day spectacle, the men of various neighborhoods construct bamboo frameworks on long bamboo poles. They balance these structures, each weighing over 100 pounds, on their palms, shoulders, foreheads and hips. Rows of dozens of paper lanterns hung on the poles and lit with real flame teeter over throngs of spectators, because really, how could that go wrong?

In the daytime, there is a competition between neighborhoods to see who can complete a series of balancing feats in

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the best form without losing balance or stepping out of a circle painted on the ground. At night, the main streets are shut down as all of the neighborhoods balance their *Kanto* poles simultaneously in a huge parade. These swaying clusters of lanterns are meant to resemble rice stalks, symbolizing a fruitful harvest. The sight of them glowing by the hundreds in the dark night, accompanied by the sounds of bamboo flutes and *taiko* drums is unforgettable.

I am looking forward to the *Antrim Home & Harvest* festival this year. While I do not expect to find any death-defying straw boat battles or lantern balancing acts, I do expect to find other things that I did in Akita—friendly country folk enjoying a day of each other’s company in the summer sun, people sharing the skills they are proud of with their communities, and local traditions being passed on.

Editor’s note: Mike is the son of Antrim’s Sheila Nichols. ✨

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sandy Snow

A lot is happening at the First Presbyterian Church of Antrim this spring. The “Session,” our governing body, has embarked on a New Beginnings Program with the guidance of a consultant who recently visited the church and toured Antrim, Bennington and Hillsborough to get a sense of the region. She also visited the church, spoke to our members and those who are not members but are frequent visitors.

The consultant will report back to the Session on her findings. The goal of the program is to help us lead ourselves “to what God is calling our church to do in Antrim and the world,” says Sarah Edwards, the clerk of the Session.

In early May, Sherrill Scales was ordained as an elder and begins her three-year term as an elder on the Session. Also in May, we welcomed Joan Blood and Joyce Stimans as new members of our congregation.

On Easter Sunday our church and the Antrim Baptist Church gathered on our lawn for a sunrise service. The Rev. Charlie Boucher, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted the service.

However, not everything is rosy at the church. We have been told that our organ needs some major work. Peter Walker of Walker Pipe Organs in Vermont said that half the bottom keys do not work. There are approximately 500 pipes in the organ that need to be rebuilt or replaced. The cost for the work is approximately \$35,000. An alternative solution is to purchase an organ in Montclair, NJ. The church it is in has shut down and its organ is available to us at no charge, but it will cost \$15,000 to \$20,000 to install it.

The Session is considering its options. As an interesting footnote, our present organ was installed in 1913 when a summer parishioner—who worked for the Carnegie Organization, founded by steel magnate and philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie—asked Carnegie for a donation to buy the organ. Carnegie’s generous gift covered half the cost of the instrument.

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SUMMER EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

- **Mon June 23** • Summer Reading program sign-up begins
- **Sat June 28** • 12:00–3:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program Kickoff Picnic
- **Tue July 8** • 6:30 p.m. Pajama Storytime
- **Sat July 12** • 11:00 a.m. Mad Science Program “Spin, Pop, Boom!”
- **Fri July 18** • 10:30 a.m. Storytime
- **Sat July 19** Drop-in craft
- **Fri July 25** • 10:30 a.m. Storytime
- **Sat July 26** Drop-in craft
- **Thurs July 31** • 4:00 p.m. Archaeology in the Afternoon with Martha Pinello
- **Thurs July 31** Summer Reading Program ends

More activities to be added, along with the possibility of a joint movie program with the Antrim Rec. Dates and times to be decided.

“FIZZ, BOOM, READ!!”

Readers of all ages are invited to explore all things scientific this summer at the James A. Tuttle Library as we celebrate the summer reading program theme, “Fizz, Boom, Read!” Join us for all sorts of summer fun and activities, which may include science experiments, Grossology fun, backyard explorations, archaeological observations and much more. There will be storytimes and drop-in activities, games, guessing jars, prizes and a visit by some Mad Scientists.

The 2014 Summer Reading Program is open to all ages, and reading levels, preschool through young adult. READ, BE READ TO, LISTEN TO BOOKS ON CD—whatever sparks your imagination; no rules, just fun! Registration for “Fizz, Boom, Read!” begins June 23rd and runs through July 31st. Sign up at anytime during this period; all programs are free of charge. For more information, call the library at 588-6786 or stop in. We’d love to see you at the library this summer!

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The Tuttle Library is launching a SEED LENDING LIBRARY for its patrons. We have a wide variety of seeds available for borrowing – no due dates, no overdue fines—we just ask that you save a few seeds to return to the library. And if you already have seeds saved from some of your heirloom plants, please consider sharing some of those as well.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Our plans are finally in the works for a memorial garden on library grounds. Many years ago, before our addition was built, we had plans to add a garden with perennials and shrubs in memory of library supporters, library trustees and librarians. Once the addition was done, other landscaping plans had to be established to set the background for this garden. Watch for a work in progress as we move forward with this lovely addition to the grounds. Many thanks go to Lynne Lawrence who offered her expertise designing the garden. It is our hope that the garden will continue to grow with donations of plants in memory of others who loved the library.

NEW BOOKS BY SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE AUTHORS

This summer look for new books by some of your favorite authors: Susan Wittig Albert, Isabel Allende, Nancy Atherton, Nevada Barr, M.C. Beaton, Maeve Binchy, Mary Higgins Clark, Harlan Coben, Robin Cook, Catherine Coulter, Clive Cussler, Janet Evanovich, Joanne Fluke, Robert Galbraith (J.K. Rowling), Cynthia Harrod-Eagles, Jack Higgins, Alice Hoffman, J.A. Jance, Iris Johansen, Jonathan Kellerman, Sue Monk Kidd, Jayne Ann Krentz, Alexander McCall Smith, Shirley R. Murphy, Bobby Orr, James Patterson, Anna Quindlen, Ian Rankin, Lisa Scottoline, and Danielle Steel.

NEW MOVIES

We also have acquired many new DVDs people have been looking forward to: *American Hustle*; *Bletchley Circle* (season 2); *Book Thief*; *Broadchurch* (season 1); *Captain Phillips*; *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2*; *Despicable me 2*; *Doc Martin* (complete series); *Ender’s Game*; *Free Birds*; *Frozen*; *Game of Thrones* (season 3); *George Gently* (season 6); *Gravity*; *Her*; *The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug*; *Hunger Games: Catching Fire*; *The Butler*; *LEGO Star Wars: Yoda Chronicles*; *LEGO: The Batman movie*; *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom*; *Downton Abbey* (season 4); *Out of the Furnace*; *Pirate Fairy*; *Saving Mr. Banks*; *Scooby Doo: Wrestlemania*

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AUTHOR FOCUS

A new *Alice in Wonderland?* *The Golden Compass?* These are the comparisons being made to the work of **Catherynne M. Valente**, who published her first novel in 2004. Valente writes young adult, fantasy, and short fiction as well as poetry, critical essays, and folklore-based fantasy fiction. But do not make the mistake of thinking that an author whose effort is spread over so many genres is not to be taken seriously. In ten years she has won a dozen major literary awards: *The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making* debuted at #8 on the New York Times Best Seller List, and earned starred reviews from both Publisher's Weekly and Booklist. Beautifully illustrated by artist Ana Juan, it tells the story of 12-year-old September from Omaha who meets the Green Wind in her kitchen and is transported to Fairyland where her help is needed to defeat the evil Marquess. Valente weaves her own vision for her young readers but is not afraid to throw in a little joke for adults once in a while. Equal praise has been heaped on the sequel, *The Girl Who Fell Beneath Fairyland and Led the Revels There*, which was one of Time Magazine's top ten novels of 2012.

Valente, who lives on a small island off the coast of Maine, is also a respected poet and literary critic. Her college major was ancient Greek linguistics and her critical work has appeared in the *International Journal of the Humanities*. Stop in at the Tuttle Library when you're going through town and sample the work of this intriguing new author.

Note: The library will be closed on Independence Day, Friday July 4. ☼

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From left: Kathy Wolfford and Michele Flagg
Photo courtesy of Lyman Gilmore

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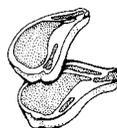
MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

Once again, Boy Scout Troop 2 has assisted its chartering organization, the Myers-Prescott-Olson Post #50 of the American Legion in placing flags in Antrim's five cemeteries: Maplewood, Over East, Antrim Center, Meeting House Hill and North Branch. In addition, Troop 2 has been asked to assist in Frankestown as well this year. This is both an honor and an education for our Scouts, who learn first hand how many residents have served in the military in the 239 years since the American Revolution. The observed Memorial Day is May 26 this year, and Troop 2 will march in the Antrim, Bennington & Hancock parades.

TROOP 2 HEADS TO CAMP BELL IN JULY

Every three years, the Scouts attend Camp Bell, which is part of the 3600 acre Griswold Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Iron Works. This year, Troop 2 will be taking two patrols of six Scouts for the first time. Unlike nearby Hidden Valley, the patrols do all of their activities and their cooking by patrol each day. This helps to reinforce the "patrol method," which encompasses teamwork, leadership and skill advancement. The camp includes horseback riding, sailing, kayaking, search & rescue training, Native American skills, blacksmithing and tinsmithing, a lumber camp and several other activities. Registration is still available until June 10, and you need to be a registered Scout to participate.

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Photographer Virginia Pereria for our wonderful pictures in the local papers, the Great Brook Middle School Students & Staff for the wonderful hand made get well cards for the wounded warriors, the Monadnock Community Hospital for allowing us to conduct our monthly meetings in the Bond Wellness Center conference room. I would like to personally thank the ladies of our group for their hard work in helping make this event happen and if anyone would like to be a part of our group or donate to our care packages in the future you can contact me at ellsworthsusan@ymail.com. ☺



HEDGEHOGS

Charles Butterfield

*Mrs. Edward M. Knapp, 30 hedgehogs \$15.00
Statement of Payments, Antrim, N.H., 1944*

Sarah Mary Knapp was not always a huntress. You remember her better as Ed's good wife and mother to four sons and five daughters.

But her twenty-two by the kitchen door is loaded and in the shed she keeps her ax, helve dark-spotted, and her sheathed knife.

With Ed long buried and the young ones scattered Sarah lives by her chickens, grading and crating eggs for *Fricks* to carry to Boston once a week.

Her fragile living is thin enough to crack if even the scent of fox or fisher gets to the hens and traumatizes her layers.

But she has Kip, her shepherd mix, to keep marauding carnivores away from her feathered sustenance, roosting wing to wing.

Kip's wracking alarm is all it takes to discourage invaders, and the voice of the sentinel as she turns out the lamp is Sarah's serenade.

So you understand that when the dog bit down on a hedgehog and spent all night recovering from anesthesia and quill extraction

Sarah had to rid her farm and every place around of these baleful rodents. And thus come spring at twilight and at dawn she takes to the woods,

dispatching every one she finds, thirty this year, bringing bags of their noses to the selectmen as evidence and collecting the bounty at fifty cents.

Fifteen dollars buys flour for the huntress, mash for the chickens, *Gains* for Kip. Every death should mean at the least a meal.

Editor note: Charles Butterfield, who frequently contributes essays about growing up at Butterfield Farm, has written a series of poems inspired by passages in old Antrim Town Reports.

CHURCH NEWS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTOR JANICE HOWE

SUNDAY WORSHIP • 10:30 a.m.

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

July 21–25 • 5:00–8:00 p.m. • Vacation Bible School
Jointly sponsored by with the Antrim Baptist Church and held at the Antrim Baptist Church.

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 the community suppers.

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PASTOR CHARLES V. BOUCHER

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.

July 21–25 • 5:00–8:00 p.m. • Vacation Bible School
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MY GENUINE HOME

Steve Ullman

I was not fortunate enough to be born in Antrim but throughout my life I knew that Antrim was my genuine home. After forty-two years as a summer resident (1944-1960 and 1983-2009), I bought a full-time house up on Gregg Lake and every morning Marcia and I feel blessed to get up and observe the Lake as it wends its way through the seasons.

My grandfather had an apple farm out on Smith Road, which he called Northeastern Farm; it has had other incarnations since the 1940's—such as the Doleac Farm. The farm was where my family spent our most memorable days. And back in the day, downtown Antrim was a pretty exciting place for a kid.

In mid-August, 1945, in front of what is now the bank, I celebrated VJ day in my mother's arms. This was a momentous occasion for Mom. Dad had captained four U.S. Navy ships from 1942 to 1945, first doing North Atlantic convoy duty and then charging with the first ranks into Gold Beach as part of the Normandy invasion. He had done such a terrific job at Normandy that he was selected as one of thirty-two Navy captains to spearhead the invasion of Japan. Had that operation actually occurred, I would estimate his life span to have been in the range of several minutes or maybe seconds. Antrim celebrated the end of World War II with a tiny parade or ceremony (I am not sure which). For decades, Mother

sought pictures of this occasion even taking out an ad in the *Limrik* but she never discovered any. If anybody knows of such photos, I would love to Xerox them.

I taught political science for forty-one years at the State University of New York at Brockport. However, my career choice was shaped by three Antrim events, all of which occurred before I was thirteen.

In 1952, when I was eight, my piano teacher "Aunt Louise" taught me a song titled "I Like Ike." The lyrics proclaimed "I Like Ike, I'll shout it over a mike, or a phone" and so forth. On the basis of having learned the song, I decided I supported General Eisenhower in the upcoming 1952 election and one summer afternoon I announced this choice to my grandfather. He then asked me to accompany him out to the porch of the farm's "big house" for a two-hour private discussion about electoral politics. I should tell you that I was the object of my grandfather's extravagant, unconditional adoration so I was predisposed to switch to Adlai Stevenson or whomever he supported. Later that afternoon I did switch my Presidential choice.

The importance of this conversation was not that Papa seemingly insisted that I support the Democratic Candidate. Its significance was that I realized my heroic grandfather had bothered to spend two hours with me—a little kid—discussing politics and thus was endorsing, in a crystal clear way, the study of government and politics.

From the time I was eight I played on the Antrim Junior League baseball team. We had so few kids in the six towns that made up the league that players from eight to thirteen were allowed to play against each other. Imagine an eight-year-old competing with a mature thirteen year-old. But the town teams needed the bodies. Antrim had two legendary coaches, Al Thornton and Bill Edwards, both of whom were formidable role models. Bill's most profane utterance was "Jesum Crow."

In the mid-1950's Antrim was granted a representative in the State House only five years out of every ten. Noticing my interest in politics, Bill invited me to accompany him for a session in Concord. I remember sitting with him in the large auditorium housing the "General Court," then ensconcing myself in the Speaker's chair once the reps had emptied out, and attending a committee meeting. My ten-year-old conclusion was that if Bill was interested in state and local government, I should be too.

Finally, Clara Pratt, Ben's mom, was the Tuttle librarian from 1956 to 1963. Mrs. Pratt had a collection of books perfect for the twelve-year-old boy—lots of high adventure and sports. She inspired me to read a book a day for one entire summer. My brothers had similar experiences thus leading to our decisions to become educators—three of us full time professors and one of us part time. To the Tuttle Library and Mrs. Pratt I owe my love of reading. ❁



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ANTRIM GRANGE NEWS

By Beth Merrill

Members and guests of Antrim Grange have been enjoying a variety of interesting and informative programs throughout the winter and early spring. We've learned about Healthy Foods (with speaker, Ashley Richardson, nutritionist at Farmsteads of New England Rosewald Farm in Hillsboro), Healthy Soil (with speakers Isaac Lombard of Ideal Compost and Whitney Carpenter of the Monadnock Community Land Trust) and Healthy Town (with humorist speaker Rebecca Rule, author of "Moved and Seconded: Town Meeting in NH", provided by a grant from the NH Humanities Council).

Antrim Grange members have been volunteering once a month at the Avenue A Teen Center by providing refreshments and an organized activity. We cooked and served a meal for the March Community Supper. Third grade students in Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, and Hancock have each been presented a dictionary in our continuing work with The Dictionary Project. Thanks to the Peterborough Kiwanis for their financial contribution that made this possible.

Three of the four degrees conferred at the recent State Grange Degree Day were organized by Antrim members and other members of Antrim Grange filled in as various officers throughout the event. We hosted the May meeting of the Hillsborough County Pomona Grange. Three members attended the Grange Bowling Tournament and five members participated in the Grange Spring Fling workshop day.

Friends and neighbors of Antrim Grange, Victor Rozansky and Brian Murphy are coordinating an effort to raise funds and paint the exterior of our hall. Fundraising events are listed below.

Recipients at our Community Awards Night in May: Jeanne and Steve Frizzell were given the Community Spirit Award for organizing the multi-church, multi-town Night in Bethlehem event in December. Sheila Nichols was presented the Agriculturalist Award, Fabiola Woods received the Educator Award, Detective Jason LePine was awarded the Police Officer Award, and 1st Lt. Tod Bryer was recognized for his service to the Fire and Rescue squad. The Community Citizen Award was presented to Brian Beihl in recognition of the multiple services he provides to the town including, but not limited to his volunteer work with the Boy Scouts. Nancy Bean and David Corliss, both members of Antrim Grange received their 55 and 35 year Grange membership seals.

Our next big event is the Twelfth Annual Art Show to be held June 13-15. Look for more details on page 4 in this issue if you would like to enter or if you attend as a viewer.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ANTRIM GRANGE HALL

- June 4 • 7:00 p.m. Youth Night

- June 13-15 • Twelfth Annual Art Show. Special Feature: Pizza Box Art Contest!
- July 16 • Business Meeting and Cookout
- July 18 • Salad Supper and Penny Sale
- July 19 • Penny Sale and USA Concert
Hours for Penny Social tickets and "bidding" are 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Winners will be drawn during concert starting at 7:00 p.m. Ukulele Society of Antrim (USA) benefit concert to raise funds to paint the Grange Hall.
- August 20 • 7:00 p.m. Diabetes Informational Program ✪

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STILL TELLING TALES

Dennis Boyer

I sit on an aluminum folding chair in an elementary school gymnasium. Children, including my own, chatter and whisper excitedly. I too am excited. Anticipation buzzes in my stomach as though I've swallowed a bee which is now frenetically searching for an escape. Excited? I'm downright giddy. And why shouldn't I be? I haven't experienced this in nearly thirty years.

I look to the stage and see an immense harp. Next to that, a solitary empty chair. Soon a man will come onto the stage and he will sit in that chair and he will tell all of us a story. He'll tell me a story. The man's name is Odds Bodkin.

Odds Bodkin is a storyteller. He's a teller of tales and he is a master of his craft. He should be; he's been telling tales for over three decades now. Odds was a regular visitor to my elementary school, St. Christopher's in Nashua, when I was a child. We all loved it when Odds would come; it was always the highlight of any school day. It was even better than any possible field trip we could have taken. Odds could bring us places the school bus couldn't: ancient lands that have long ago disappeared, magical places that never existed outside of the imagination. He would enthrall us with his myths and legends; he would enchant us with his fables and his tall tales.

Of course, back then, I never had a two-year old little girl sitting on my lap. I never had a wife sitting next to me holding our son either. I did now. They were about to experience something new. They were about to hear Odds for the first time. I envied them.

I hadn't even been aware that Mr. Bodkin was still performing until I had seen the flyer highlighting this appearance at the Antrim Elementary School. Frankly, I was amazed. I wasn't going to miss it.

Odds takes the stage and he looks just as he does in my mind's eye with one exception. His hair and beard are flashes of silver now. He sits and begins to weave his story.

His first offering is an African folktale featuring a variety of talking animals one would find on the savanna. As he typi-

cally does, he assigns each character a unique and distinct voice. My daughter laughs with delight at the high-pitched squeal that Odds uses to depict the monkey. His vocal skills are amazing; he switches back and forth between characters effortlessly, having entire conversations without missing a beat. It's as if there is a plethora of characters living inside of him all competing with each other to be the one to burst forth through his mouth at any given moment. He's also a gifted musician, using music to enhance his listeners' experience. In this instance he's utilizing a *kalimba*, which is a thumb piano commonly found throughout Sub-Saharan Africa.

The evening progresses and there are several more stories told. Odds has compiled an age-appropriate program of empathy-awareness themed stories which highlight "The Golden Rule." Not only is he entertaining the children, he's also teaching them about a virtue which is a far too often forgotten in our self-focused society.

I am fortunate enough to be able to speak with Mr. Bodkin for a few moments after the performance. I congratulate him on the longevity of his career. He smiles warmly and nods. "Yes, still at it," he says. "Still telling tales."

I tell him about hearing him as a child at St. Christopher's. He remembers. I tell him that I like to write short stories. He smiles enthusiastically and offers words of encouragement. I want to tell him what a profound influence those encounters had on me, how they shaped me to love the art of the narrative, to admire the skill with which words can be strung together in such a way as to carry such profound weight and power. How it was that early experience of listening to him tell me stories in a darkened schoolroom which undoubtedly first instilled within me that same desire to be a teller of tales.

I attempt to, but my words are feeble and fail to convey both the impact which those school visits had on me, or my gratitude for them. Nonetheless he thanks me warmly and shakes my hand.

My family and I head home. They've thoroughly enjoyed their experience and I am glad to have been able to share this with them. The kids eventually fall asleep and my wife begins to read before bed.

I go to the computer in my office and turn it on. The monitor flashes to life. I open my word processor and begin a new document. I feel inspired. I feel like telling a story. ✨



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Kristen Vance, Director

Black Fly Community Art Show June 7. The public is invited to join us Saturday, June 7 between 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon to view works of art by children, youth, and adults in our community. People of all ages are invited to participate in community art making projects at the various arts and crafts stations. Antrim's Brian Murphy will once again be throwing unique and beautiful Family Heirloom Platters by request on his potter's wheel, complete with your children's handprints.

Yard Sale to benefit The Learning Vine Preschool Scholarship Fund. **When: Saturday, June 21 from 9 a.m.–12:00 noon. Where:** Grapevine parking lot. **What:** Loads of treasures and bargains! Donations of new and like-new items are welcome—please call before you donate.

Chris' Concert at Legion Saturday June 28, doors open at 7:00 p.m.

In the tradition of The Rynborn, Chris' Concert is proud to present a "Heard It Through The Grapevine" concert series featuring *The Installers*, Saturday, June 28th at The American Legion Post 59 Hillsboro, NH. For more information visit www.chrisconcert.org and www.facebook.com/ChrisConcert.

PAY IT FORWARD

Looking for a way to volunteer but not sure who needs what you have to offer? Need a hand with something but don't know anyone who has the skill or time to help? Summer is a great time to

join the Exchange and get connected. Want to know more? Call Nancy at 588-2620 or visit pse-nh.org.

THANK YOU...

• **Rick and Diane** Davis for once again hosting Eat Out for The Grapevine this spring at your restaurant and donating \$500 to support programs for children and families. Fiddlehead's Café and Catering, The Common Place Eatery and The Hancock Inn joined Rick and Diane's this year for a total donation to The Grapevine of \$1,215.

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

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

• **Our community**, for collecting pledges, walking, and sponsoring walkers in our Spring Walk for Families to raise over \$12,000 in support of Grapevine programs for children and their families. We met the \$5,000 challenge—**Thank You Finlay Foundation!** And many thanks to Bank of New Hampshire for the 40 "10th Annual" Commemorative t-shirts we gave away, to **Edmunds' Ace Hardware, Northern Vista Creative, and Achille Agway** for the Spring

Garden Kits we gave to all of the children. Edmunds also donated to our raffle, as did Eren Pils-Martin with her beautiful beaded jewelry. Thank you to **C&S Grocers and Shaw's** for donating food for the cookout, and to Paul Koutroubas, Will Pils and Peter Martel for grilling. And we couldn't have done it without many volunteers, most notably our Parent Events Committee: Kristin Proctor, Sadie Cahoon, Eren Pils-Martin, Heidi Hemming-Schultz, Amy Doyle, Siobhan Martin and Melissa Gallagher. It was a wonderful day.

SUMMER OF ADVENTURES AT THE GRAPEVINE JULY 21 – AUGUST 8

Backyard Adventures for Young Children

Two one-week sessions for children ages 4 ½ to 6 years. Carol Lunan M.Ed., our Learning Vine teacher and former Harris Center educator, leads the programs. Activities include investigating flying creatures, creepy crawlers and swimming bugs; exploring mud and water; and scavenger hunts, hikes, nature stories, songs, crafts and painting. This is a wonderful opportunity for young children to discover the natural world—and their place in it—with their peers under the guidance of our early childhood educators.

Session I • July 21–25
9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Session II • July 28–August 1
9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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Carol Lunan is back by popular demand! August 4-8 from 9:00 a.m.–1:00p.m. \$130 for the week.

LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL

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

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

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

Call The Grapevine for fees and other information, and to register.

Learning Vine Preschool—Looking for a preschool program for your 4 to 5 year old? Now enrolling for September 2014. Early June is a great time to visit—Call to schedule.

**Before and After School Clubs
2014-2015 Registration**

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

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- Help finding meaningful employment for people with disabilities through A.C.C.E.S.S.

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ABOUT US

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CABBAGES ARE US

Joan Cobb

The cabbage sat
on a pale green plate
looking like a rose
its cousin
(once removed)

I said, “You are beautiful.”
It seemed
to swell with pride
for cabbages react well
to flattery

So
no longer willing to hack to pieces
this green perfection,
I put the cleaver aside
then
gazed with wonder
as the cabbage rolled
across the counter
and threw itself
into the pot of boiling water

As it sank beneath the waves
I believe I heard it say,
It’s a far, far better thing ...
as it went to meet
it’s inevitable,
invisible
potential.

Editor’s note: Joan Cobb’s connection to Antrim is that she and her husband once owned the famous local resort, Greystone Lodge. Currently she lives in New London.

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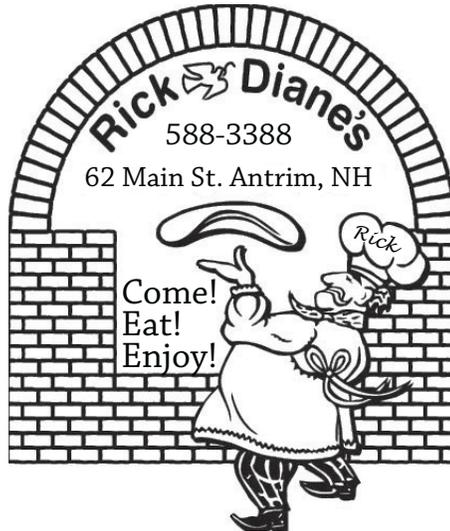
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