

# The Limrik

A Quarterly Journal

*For, by and about the people of Antrim.*

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## 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOME & HARVEST FESTIVAL "NOTHING LIKE IT!"

Rick Davis

September 12–14 Antrim will again be packed for its annual festival as several thousand people enjoy what is always a festival unlike any other. Skateboarders will fly down Summer Street, dodging cones at world record speeds, and there will also be skate competitions at Memorial Park.

For the kids there will be roller skating on Friday night with a DJ at the town gym. Saturday will again feature free fun and games with a rock-climbing wall and bungee jumping along with the bouncy houses. Something for all ages and the best part is that they are free for the kids!

Our big parade is always entertaining, and there is still time to enter your float by calling Ted Brown at 588-2886 or Rick Davis at 464-9915 for information. The sidewalks will again be lined with Arts and Crafts vendors, and there's still time to get your table in by contacting Brad or Ella Kemp at 588-2598, or 620-2490. Local bands will again be entertaining us all day and night on Saturday.

New this year will be The Rick & Diane's Hand Tossed Pizza Contest. Saturday at 3:00 p.m., next to Rick and Diane's Restaurant you can toss a pizza dough for the benefit of The M.S. Society of NH. Sure to be a fun event for all ages, your \$5.00 entry fee goes to the M.S. Society, a cause near and dear to Diane Davis, co-owner of Rick and Diane's, who has battled MS for 25 years. All you need do is register at Rick and Diane's and we'll even give you a free lesson on how to toss a large pizza dough. The event will kick off at 3:00 p.m. with a father against son competition between Rick and Nick to see who can toss the biggest pizza!

Saturday Night is always the highlight at Tenney Farm with live music, a cook-out, and fireworks by Atlas. (Festival weekend schedule on page 11.)

It's the 11th annual Antrim Home and Harvest Festival, September 12, 13 & 14.  
*"There's Nothing Like It!"* \*



## ANTRIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEED TO TABLE

Ann Allwarden, Ed.D. Principal

Last spring the first graders at Antrim Elementary School (AES) started a "garden cycle" by planting a variety of seeds in rinsed out milk containers right in their classrooms. As the air temperatures rose and the local landscape started to bloom, students carefully transferred their young seedlings to the three raised beds that had been constructed on the school's playground. Then during the final days of the school year, the first graders spent time caring for their newly planted garden which contains an exciting mix of fruits, vegetables, and herbs, including (but not limited to) swiss chard, kale, peppers, onions, peas, lettuce, sunflowers, pumpkins, and tomatoes.

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VOTE  VOTE

STATE PRIMARY  
ELECTION

SEPTEMBER 9

The State Primary Election will be held on September 9, 2014 at the Antrim Town Hall, 66 Main Street. The polls will be open 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. Please note that as a result of State legislative action, you will be asked to provide a form of photo identification upon checking in with the ballot clerks.

For Primary Elections, your party affiliation determines whether you have the option on Election Day to choose to vote a Democratic or Republican Primary Ballot. Undeclared voters (those with no party affiliation) may declare a party at the polls, vote the ballot of that party, and then change party affiliation back to "Undeclared" by completing a simple form at the end of the voting process. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 603-588-6785.

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## ANTRIM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Detective Jason LePine

Summer has always been a busy time of year for the Antrim Police Department, and this summer has been no different. Often with nice weather comes an increase in criminal activity. It is important to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity as soon as you see it. It is just as important to remember to be a good witness. Providing your Police Department with specific details such as make, model, and color of a vehicle, direction of travel, and license plate number greatly increases the chances of a criminal's being apprehended.

On a lighter note, Antrim's Home and Harvest Festival will be going on from September 12 to September 14. Be sure to bring your families and friends as they won't want to miss the festivities!

The Annual Father Daughter Dance to benefit the Antrim Police Association will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at the Antrim Town Gym from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The dance is open to all ages. Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and neighbors please join us with your daughters, granddaughters, nieces, sisters, or neighbors for an evening filled with fun. Complimentary photos start at 5:30 p.m. Light snacks and beverages served, raffles for Fathers and daughters, and music by Patrick Cogan. Tickets are \$10 per couple before October 3 (\$15 at the door). Please call Cathy at 588-4103 to reserve your tickets today. We encourage you to reserve your tickets to help us plan accordingly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Antrim Police Department. Have a fun and safe remainder of your summer! \*

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# ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Steve Ullman

## JOINING THE ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Antrim Historical Society (AHS) is dedicated to the celebration of Antrim's history. You can learn of our activities through the Town's "New and Events" notices, local newspapers, and the AHS website: [www.antrimhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.antrimhistoricalsociety.org). (Thanks to Dave Dubois for maintaining this site.) Dues are just \$10 a year for an individual and \$20 for an entire family. To join, please contact me at [sullman@brockport.edu](mailto:sullman@brockport.edu) or 588-2005, or Eric Tenney at [etenney@comcast.net](mailto:etenney@comcast.net) or [ltenney@conval.edu](mailto:ltenney@conval.edu) or 588-2793. You can also join by sending a check to the Antrim Historical Society, P.O. Box 172, Antrim NH 03440.

## RECENT ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

On April 13th we were fortunate to have as our speaker, Ben Pratt, New Hampshire's 2014 Engineer of the Year, Town Treasurer, and Grapevine Board Member. Ben discussed his father's firm, Pratt and Caughey, one of Antrim's most significant 20th century construction businesses.

On May 18th Professor Emeritus Jere Daniell of Dartmouth offered a fascinating examination of New Hampshire's involvement with the Civil War.

On June 22nd Professors Lyman Gilmore and Dick Winslow along with ever-reliable Ben Pratt looked back on the pleasures of summering in Antrim. They described the

Antrim Elementary School continued from page 1

While the students have been away enjoying their summer vacation, their garden has grown and grown. In fact, the pumpkin vine has grown well beyond the raised beds and seems determined to cross the parking lot and reach our neighbor, Great Brook Middle School! The appearance of ripening fruits and vegetables signals that we are moving into late summer. Fall is fast approaching, as is the first day of the 2014-2015 school year. It is exciting to think that when the students return, the now second graders will experience firsthand harvesting, preparing, and enjoying with friends their school grown food.

This is the first time that students and staff at Antrim Elementary School have partnered with the staff at The Cornucopia Project whose Mission statement says:

The Cornucopia Project aims to increase children's access to healthy food while providing the education necessary for them to make solid choices about healthy eating. We develop strong community connections and help to lay the experiential and educational foundation for a lifetime of healthy eating and sustainable living. Through actual hands-on work and learning in the garden, children gain a thorough understanding of where their food comes from. As they care for seedlings and enjoy delicious, fresh vegetables, they inherently establish a sense of place and become rooted in their local environment (<http://www.cornucopiaproject.org>).

resorts that dotted the town and annual rituals such as Old Home Days.

On July 4th Thelma Nichols organized the annual commemoration of the Declaration of Independence at Memorial Park. Before Billy Nichols and Dean Proctor (in authentic 1776 garb) read the Declaration, Brian Murphy and the Antrim Ukulele Society treated attendees to a half hour concert replete with patriotic works. Brian Biehl and his Antrim Boy Scout troop added to the significance of the occasion with their flag raising ceremony.

And on August 17th the AHS presented a discussion of Hawthorne College, the liberal arts school that Antrim hosted between 1962 and 1988. Our headliner was Professor Emeritus Lyman Gilmore, Ed.D. and former head of Hawthorne's Department of English. In November 2013 Professor Gilmore received the New Hampshire State Grange's Community Citizen Award for his efforts to narrate Antrim's history and to preserve it for current and future generations.

## FUTURE ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

On Saturday September 13 at Home and Harvest Days, the Antrim Historical Society will be offering its homemade apple crisp topped by vanilla ice cream. Each year we serve several hundred customers, so, especially if the 13th is a warm day, stop by early while supplies last. Also available on the 13th will be Antrim Historical Society tote bags, stationery, and books.

On Sunday, October 19 the Antrim Historical Society will hold its annual meeting at the Presbyterian Church at 3 p.m. We encourage all AHS members (current, past and future) to attend. A short business meeting will precede the multi-generational Edmunds family's exploration of the history of their store. (I expect four generations to be present.) During the business meeting on the 19th we will recognize the enormous contributions that three former AHS Board members (David Dubois, Thelma Nichols, and Missy Taylor) have made and we will welcome newcomers to the Board.

And finally, the Antrim Historical Society will once again be coordinating the Festival of Trees with the Friends of the Antrim Library. \*

## PARTY

Paul Hardwick

Party for anyone who attended or taught at Hawthorne College or Antrim High School at Paul Hardwick's house on Saturday, 13 September, of the Home & Harvest weekend, from 2:00-10:00 p.m. Bring food to share. Driveway behind the Maplehurst Inn.

## GRANDMA'S FLOWERS

Susan Ellsworth

I remember warm sunny days of summer with my grandma. She would take me for walks around our neighborhood looking at the pretty flower gardens. She could name most of the flowering plants, and if she didn't know the name of one, we would take a trip to the library to look it up. She would write down the name and a little bit about the plant, draw a picture of it, and then color it with the flower color we saw that day. When the flowers were past their bloom, she would ask the person who owned the garden if she could pick a few of the seedpods. She would always ask before taking any seeds, and taught me to do the same. The people always seemed to say yes to grandma even if they didn't know her.

Everyone loved my grandma. She was that kind of person. She always had a pen and paper and an empty pill bottle or two in her housedress pocket to put the seeds in. She would write down the color and name of the flower so we could label it when we got home. Grandma would put the seeds in a dish for the sun to dry on a closed windowsill. Then when she said they were ready for packaging, we would make labels and pictures and store the new seeds for next year's flower garden at our house.

In the spring she would take the stored seeds, prepare our garden soil, and we would plant. Grandma placed low-growing flowers in the front of the garden and taller ones towards the back. I checked the seeds everyday to see if anything was growing. Grandma would laugh. She told me it could take a few days or weeks before anything would pop through the soil. When the flowers came up and we had extra plants, Grandma would dig one up if someone on our street wanted it for their garden. She taught me to share extra things in life with others who didn't have. I learned a lot from grandma about gardening and life. Grandma was wise and patient, and she was my best friend. So this summer while walking and admiring the flowers, take time to teach the next generation what my grandma taught me. \*



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sharon Dowling

Autumn always brings a busy buzz to downtown Antrim, and the folks at the Presbyterian Church will be contributing to that buzz this year. While plans are not yet final, a "Welcome Home—We Have Missed You!" service is planned for the month, participation of the building and the congregation will be obvious for Home and Harvest Festival, Sunday School will be starting back up, and most importantly, our New Beginnings process will begin in earnest.

New Beginnings is a decision-making process that involves all interested friends and members of the church, the purpose of which is to discern WHAT is God's plan for this congregation. How can we better serve the community around us, what do we have to offer that matters, do we have the energy and the commitment to build the kinds of relationships we need, how does the care and maintenance of an historic (and extremely inefficient yet beloved) building on Main Street fit into our mission? These are just some of the questions we will be exploring in small group discussions over a period of several weeks. First comes the answer to "What is our Mission?" Then the how's and why's and who's will begin to come. We have been warned that no quick fixes or easy answers will be forthcoming if the process is done correctly. This is truly going to be a period of soul searching, prayer, faith, questions, more prayer, and lots of honest discussion. If you have been, or care to be, part of this church family, and have an interest in joining this process, please call the church office and leave a message for Pastor Jan Howe at 588-2209! Have questions about what we are doing? Please ask.

One of the "Missions" of First Presbyterian Church has long been the Revival Shop. Not only does the shop provide a source of low cost clothing and accessories for the community, but consignors are able to earn some extra money from the sale of their used goods, and the greater community is also the beneficiary of funds generated by the sales, as well as clothing going directly to yet another mission in northern Maine. There is a special sale on summer clothes that began in August, as fall and winter clothes began to first make their appearance, and hours will be extended during Home and Harvest. Friday, September 12, the shop will be open from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., and on Saturday, September 13, the hours will go from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. The Revival Shop runs on volunteer power, and if you have an interest in joining the friendly crew that sorts, hangs, prices, sells, and boxes up the huge volume of items that go through the shop from initial donation/consignment to final farewell on the journey to Maine, please stop in during open hours and leave your name and number.

Many people view this church as a fixture of the community. The active congregation now is small. The welcome you will find within its doors is warm. Think about joining us on a Sunday morning and bring a friend and share the love! \*

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## AVENUE A TEEN CENTER

Heidi Schultz, Coordinator

Greetings from the Avenue A Teen Center at 42 Main Street! Some of you may have noticed that we have a whiter and brighter Avenue A, thanks to fresh paint inside and a power wash outside from our landlords Leslie and Paul Belliveau.

On August 26th, we took an all-day field trip to the New England Sea Aquarium and Quincy Market in Boston with 12 teens, accompanied by three adults. The cost to the teens was only \$10, quite a bargain, considering that the cost of admission plus IMAX and transportation was a good bit higher than that even with a group discount. Thank you to Sue Smith for helping to organize and supervise. Look for more field trips like these in the coming year.

In late September and early October we will be organizing an after school program for middle school students that will focus on arts, crafts, and nature. Talented volunteers will work with the students, and we hope that we can take advantage of the late bus that leaves from the middle school. We will have more specific information on the Great Brook Morning show, on our Facebook page, in the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript*, community calendar, and posters around the area.

Friday night open-hours at Avenue A continue from 5:00–9:00 p.m. for teens ages 13 to 18. We are looking to revive our open mic and karaoke nights and are looking for donations of an electric piano/keyboard, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, and bass guitar, as well as a working karaoke machine. Please contact Heidi at 588-2620, send a message on Facebook, or email to [avenueateencenter@gmail.com](mailto:avenueateencenter@gmail.com).

Also, save the date for our annual Halloween party for 13-18 year-old teens on October 31st during Friday open hours!

Just as a reminder, tutoring is available in English, math and science, as well as college search and financial aid advice, upon appointment at Avenue A.

Some things currently on our wish list: a digital TV with HDMI hookup, a decent stereo system, a dish rack, lamps, and of course, VOLUNTEERS to staff our Friday night open hours and after school programs. Please get in touch if you can donate or volunteer!

Thank you so much for your support of Avenue A Teen Center. Happy Fall! \*

## SELECT BOARD

Gordon Webber

Another summer behind us, and what a beautiful one it's been. Not too many really hot days, plenty of afternoon thunderstorms to keep the gardens watered. Life has been good in Antrim.

The reconstruction and paving on Smith Road has been completed as well as the final section of Elm Avenue. The sidewalk from in front of the Police Station to the Library will be paved by the time this article is published. The engineering work on Highland Avenue and Pleasant Street is underway to design the reconstruction of these roads to improve the drainage and upgrade the waterline. This work will determine the cost for this project in time for the 2015 Town Meeting Warrant articles.

A new flashing LED stop sign is being installed on the corner of West Street and School Street for the downhill traffic of West Street during school hours only. It will flash during those hours, when not flashing you will not have to stop. A group of parents and teachers had approached the selectmen requesting that something be done at this intersection for the safety of children crossing West Street and the cars coming out of School Street. The Highway crew has cleared the brush alongside West Street giving better visibility, and this with the new stop sign will improve the safety of this intersection.

Fuller Masonry repaired the south chimney on the Library this summer. As desired by the Town Meeting vote in March, the chimney was taken down to the roofline and rebuilt using the original bricks. The hand chiseled granite cap was saved and replaced. The North chimney is currently in the process of getting a stainless steel liner installed for the new furnace that is being installed. This chimney will be partially rebuilt and repointed to preserve it with a new cap to be installed.

A new memorial tree has been planted at the Police Station and the marker reset for Chief Ralph "Buster" Brooks.

Leaves will be turning soon, the swamp maples already are! Get your wood in, watch for children as school is back in session, and remember to shop locally. \*



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# Help Conserve Camp Chenoa's Wildlands

**BACKGROUND:** When Camp Chenoa Girl Scout Camp on Gregg Lake in Antrim was put up for sale one year ago, the Harris Center offered to purchase the 184-acre undeveloped parcel if a potential buyer for the camp was interested only in the lakefront parcel with extensive camp facilities.

In June, to our great pleasure, that scenario came to be, and the Harris Center contracted to buy the undeveloped forested parcel.

**THE LAND:** Direct neighbor to New Hampshire Audubon's Willard Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, the property also has 1,450 feet of frontage on Brimstone Corner Road. A 34-acre beaver pond with associated wetlands helps protect the quality of water flowing into Gregg Lake. It also provides wildlife habitat ranked as Tier I (the highest) in New Hampshire's Wildlife Action Plan. Existing trails to the pond and dramatic views of the Antrim Highlands on beyond will be open to the public.

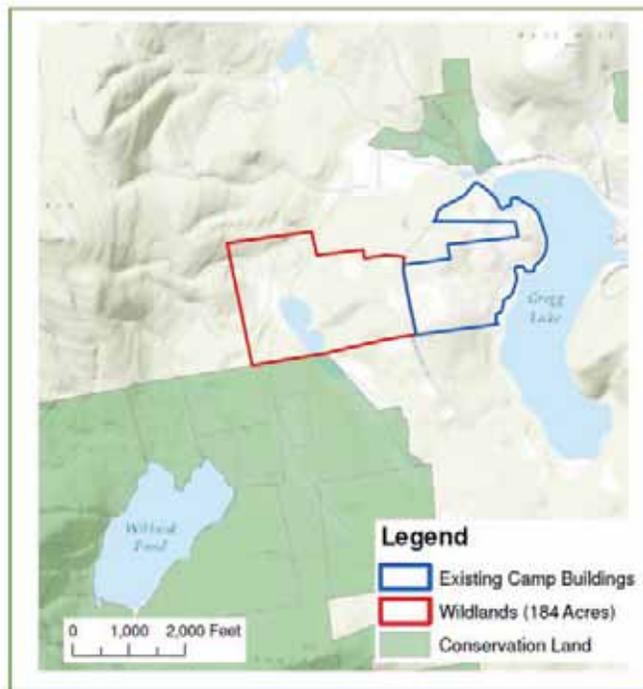
**THE CHALLENGE:** To raise funds to meet the purchase price, \$200,000. No small task.

**THE DEADLINE:** September 26, 2014. Soon.

The Harris Center is actively fundraising, but success will depend on the energy and assistance of many participants. To learn more, to join the effort, or to make a tax-deductible contribution, contact:

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The Harris Center  
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**HARRIS CENTER**  
FOR CONSERVATION EDUCATION

## ANTRIM'S CAMP CHENOA: SOME HISTORY

Francie Von Mertens, Harris Center Honorary Trustee

The Harris Center for Conservation Education is piecing together history of the two land parcels of Camp Chenoa parcel, one on Gregg Lake and the other west of Brimstone Corner Road. The Center hopes to purchase and conserve the Brimstone parcel as permanent open space. We're eager to talk with people who know the land's history far better than we do.

What we do know is the land's great natural resource value, confirmed by the State's Wildlife Action Plan that prioritizes land for conservation with a focus on value for wildlife. Linkage with other conserved lands greatly adds to a property's conservation value. As Meade Cadot, longtime head of the Harris Center, often says, "Room to roam" is key for wildlife—as well as for people. The property links with a corridor of conserved lands stretching from MacDowell Reservoir in Peterborough all the way to the Stoddard Rocks.

A long-used trail accessed from Brimstone Corner Road crosses the property on the way to Balancing Rock on private land beyond. From there the trail leads to the top of Robb Mountain or forks left to the Tudor Trail on New Hampshire Audubon's Willard Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, direct abutter to the south.

Boy Scout Camp Sachem opened in 1928. In the early years, there was no road around the north end of Gregg Lake, so the campers arrived and departed by ferry. The camp was put up for sale in the late 1980s, test pits for house lots were dug throughout the property, and concerned townspeople met and created a study committee. "Save Camp Sachem Forever" bumper stickers appeared on cars around town, a petition article in the 1989 Antrim Town Meeting to approve \$1 million for the Town to buy the land was defeated, but a vote to create Antrim's Rural Conservation District passed.

The Harris Center tried to find the right buyer for the camp, but the asking price was high. After many years on the market, the Girl Scouts bought the camp in 1991, and Camp Sachem became Camp Chenoa. Over the years the Girl Scouts made extensive upgrades to the facilities on the Gregg Lake parcel.

The 184-acre forested parcel west of Brimstone Corner Road remained undeveloped and was used by the two camps for hiking and camping. The land also has seen several timber harvests as well as gravel removal for camp roads.

Almost a year ago, the Girl Scouts put the two Camp Chenoa parcels up for sale. The Harris Center offered to purchase the undeveloped Brimstone parcel. In late spring, a purchaser came along that was interested in continuing to run a camp on the developed Gregg Lake parcel, but was not interested in the undeveloped property.

That brings the story of the land to the immediate present. We welcome the help of *Limrik* readers in fundraising that is ongoing with a deadline late this month. Details are in the flyer reproduced on page 6.

The Harris Center's history in Antrim includes helping expand N.H. Audubon's Willard Pond Wildlife Sanctuary and assisting the conservation easement that permanently conserved 887 acres of timberland on Willard Mountain and Robb Mountain.

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## SUMMER PUDDING

Virginia Dickinson

Several years ago I wrote a *Limrik* article about one of the memories of my childhood when, before my mother died of cancer at the age of 41, the community rallied around our family and came to our house to sing her Christmas carols. This gathering of community helped us prepare for her loss.

After my mother's death our Dad struggled to care for us. In the period he referred to later as "the interregnum," he hired a housekeeper who, after a week, fled back to Bermuda (were we really that bad?). Later, he finally found the perfect housekeeper named Francis Rossiter, a very tall and very strict older woman from Grafton, Vermont. She kept us from running off the rails.

One thing that Francis (whom we nicknamed Tilly) did which my sisters and I found unforgivable was to write recipes in our mother's cookbook. Mother wrote out her recipes in a red ledger book, sacred territory to four teenage daughters. She had some really great recipes, but she was not fond of cooking. The meal she fed us most frequently included ground beef, tomato sauce, green pepper, sour cream and noodles—we called it "pink casserole," not bad at a church rummage sale, but if you have it too often it loses its charm.

Dad met someone in the church choir, and he finally got the courage up to ask her out. I think he was concerned about their seventeen-year age difference, but in the end he did not

have to worry because Leslie was crazy about him. As graciously as we could, my sisters and I accepted Leslie into our family. We were not always as gracious as we should have been, but Leslie understood.

Leslie had a secret weapon to win us around, food! Not just any food, but food from her family roots, classic English recipes. I heard you snicker as you read that last sentence, but I can assure you that there are delicious recipes from England. Leslie introduced us to Yorkshire Pudding, smoked salmon on buttered wheat bread, trifle, really great fruit cake that she and her mom tinkered with for years, and best of all, "summer pudding."

Summer pudding is a simple recipe but requires certain receptacles: a deep bowl (a pudding bowl if you have one) and a plate that fits inside the bowl so that when a weight is put on it the plate can sink down into the bowl gently. This recipe includes strawberries, blueberries, red raspberries, red currant jelly or red currants, if you are lucky enough to have some, and just enough sugar to make it a bit but not too sweet. The first step is to cook the fruit and red currant jelly down slightly, the amounts of fruit depending on the size of the container. The next step is to line the pudding bowl with a really good white bread with crusts removed. Make sure there are no gaps. Then fill the bowl with the fruit using a slotted spoon leaving a little less than an inch at the top of the bowl. Then cover the top of the fruit with more bread, making sure there are no gaps. Put the plate inside the top of the bowl and place a heavy can on it so that it presses the pudding down. Refrigerate for at least 24 hours. This is when magic happens.

After 24 hours the starch from the bread is drawn out into the fruit and solidifies it so that when you run a warm knife around the edge you can invert the bowl and ease the pudding upside down onto a plate. Voila! Summer pudding. ★



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## FESTIVAL OF TREES

Kristy Boulé

The Festival of Trees committee has had a productive summer preparing for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival. Following a good revival last year, we are pleased to announce that a 2015 Community Calendar is being planned. The 12"x18" tear-off calendar will feature notices and dates for town-wide events and happenings such as voting days, school vacation days and special events for area organizations like the Recreation Department, Grange, and Grapevine all in one place! Area businesses are featured in display ads on the top of the calendar, and common contact numbers are included under the monthly pages. Pre-orders will be taken through September 30 and will include free listings for notation of special family dates like birthdays and anniversaries. The cost will be \$5.00. Ready by Thanksgiving, the calendars also make thoughtful gifts. Order forms will be available at our Festival booth at Home and Harvest as well as at various locations throughout town.

Do you have a great picture that depicts Antrim? The Festival of Trees committee is accepting photo submissions for consideration as feature image for the 2015 Community Calendar. We're interested in photos that show the beauty of Antrim, its community, scenery, small-town life, or special moments. Photos can show any season, year, or subject matter, whatever says "Antrim" to you. Submissions should be sent to [info@AntrimFestivalofTrees.org](mailto:info@AntrimFestivalofTrees.org) by October 1st. If there are sufficient entries, a special display may be put together for this year's Festival.

Open House the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Festival of Trees will be on Saturday, November 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Although this is Thanksgiving Weekend (again thanks to the calendar), we're looking forward to a robust turnout to surpass last year's single-day record of more than 600 visitors! The Festival will continue during regular Library hours throughout the month of December until January 3, 2015.

Be sure to visit our booth at the Home & Harvest Festival celebration where you'll be able to pre-order your Community Calendar, reserve a spot at the Festival for your tree, get some decorating or do-it-yourself ideas, and take a chance on the annual quilt raffle. Oh, and be sure to watch out for us in the parade! \*

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## ANTRIM-BENNINGTON LIONS CLUB

Steve Ullman

On Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, as part of the Home and Harvest festivities, the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club (AB Lions) will once again be mounting its acclaimed chicken barbecue under the leadership of John Robertson, chef de cuisine. The barbecue will take place at Tenney Farm between 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. For those seeking alternatives to chicken, maestro Robertson will be preparing hot dogs, hamburgers and, for vegetarians, veggie burgers. All meals come with fresh Tenney corn on the cob, a drink, coleslaw, and chips.

Even more important than Lions' barbecue victuals, however, will be the technologically advanced eye screening we will be offering to Antrim children and adolescents on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The AB Lions now have access to a "Spot Vision Screener" by Pediavision. "Spot" is powered by engineering advances that quickly detect the following vision problems: near-sightedness, far-sightedness, unequal refractive power, blurred vision, pupil size deviations, and eye misalignment. In just seconds, "Spot" provides a comprehensive, reliable analysis that enables parents to make informed decisions about the need for further diagnosis and treatment.

The Home and Harvest screening program will be followed by eye screening at the elementary schools in Antrim, Bennington, Hancock, Frankestown, and Greenfield. Our goal is to evaluate all students in these schools from kindergarten through the fourth grade.

In an effort to connect Antrim and Bennington voters more tightly to their representatives in Concord, the AB Lions will hold four Candidate Forums in October. On Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bennington VFW Hall, we will host Hillsborough County District 3 House candidates. Then on Wednesday October 22 on the second floor of the Antrim Town Hall, we will welcome the District 38 House candidates. On Wednesday, October 29, once again on the second floor of the Antrim Town Hall, the Lions will present the House District 1 candidates. And finally on Thursday, October 30 we will hear from the New Hampshire State Senate District 8 candidates.

Sarah Edwards has taken over as "King Lion," i.e., the chair of the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club. Sarah succeeds David Ward of Antrim and Rick King of Bennington who in recent years furnished the AB Lions with stellar leadership. If you are interested in joining the Lions and thereby helping with our community service programs, please contact Sarah or, for that matter, any AB Lion. \*

### *Celtic Evensong*

5:30 p.m.

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## 935 LIES: *The Future of Truth and the Decline of America's Moral Integrity*

by Charles Lewis

Reviewed by Ben Pratt

This is an important and patriotic book. Charles Lewis is a veteran investigative reporter, professor of journalism, and founder of The Center for Public Integrity.

He is concerned that we are unable to get accurate information in a timely manner from government, corporations, and other organizations. He worries that government “of the people, by the people, and for the people” cannot function properly without an informed citizenry. Lewis documents his concerns with many examples of our being ill informed, or not informed at all, about subjects of grave national importance including race relations, the Viet Nam War, the Iran Contra cover up, and the 935 lies leading to the invasion of Iraq.

Lewis says that professional journalists are now outnumbered four-to-one by public relations people, and he shows how “the value of truth is diminished by delay.” The results of our inability to get accurate, timely information are simply monstrous. Witness the expansion of the Viet Nam War, based on inaccurate information about the Tonkin Gulf incident, eventually resulting in the death of fifty thousand American soldiers. Misinformation about the dangers of tobacco has resulted in millions of lost lives and terrible costs to society, and all this occurred long after the dangers of cigarette smoking were definitively established by scientific studies. (For more detailed information on how the tobacco industry misled the public, see *Merchants of Doubt* by Naomi Oreskes & Erik M. Conway.)

This sort of misinformation now exists in discussions of climate change and global warming. Interestingly, some of the folks denying the reality of global warming are those who worked for the tobacco companies creating doubt about the dangers of smoking. Fossil fuel industries afford them a new market for their talents. We need to pay attention! \*

## THIS YEAR AT GREAT BROOK SCHOOL

James Elder, Principal

We are starting off the school year determined to continue to improve. Last year, as you may remember, GBS was selected as “Middle School of the Year” by the NH Excellence in Education Committee. This prestigious award does not mean that we are finished, it only suggests we are on the right path toward creating the school we hope to be.

This year our challenge to students is that they make a twenty-one day commitment to be the best student they can be. This means doing all work that is expected, plus “extra credit” offerings. It means doing all the homework, and on time. It means coming to school every day on time and well rested. It means thirty minutes of reading every day (one of the best ways to grow intellectually), and putting their full, best effort into test taking. Also, we are asking that students limit screen time whether it may be video games, TV, Facebook, or other “aps” to a reasonable one-hour per day.

I am also putting forward this challenge to teachers and staff members. They will be asked, “What would your ideal classroom look like?” I am also challenging them to put their maximum effort into their lessons, their communication, and their environment to support the children who take on this challenge.

At this point you’re probably asking, “What about you?” I recognize that the best way for me to adopt this challenge is for me to lead by example. I will continue to look for ways to improve our school. I will also be ready to do anything I can to support the staff and students who are accepting my challenge.

Why only twenty-one days? Well, people are people, after all, and I am concerned that making a promise to do something for the entire ten months of school would seem overwhelming. To do something for twenty-one days, on the other hand, does not seem impossible. We all can endure even unpleasant things for that amount of time.

The next question you might ask then is, “Well, why bother?” Indeed twenty-one days doesn’t even get us out of September. However, psychologists and behaviorists all agree about this one relevant detail. If a person does the same thing for twenty-one days, this thing becomes a habit. It is my hope that at least some of the students will form better school habits and they will discover that doing your very best does not take that much more effort than doing just ok, and that the benefits of being successful in school are worth the extra energy.

If this makes sense to you, please support GBS by encouraging your child, grandchild, or young neighbor to take this challenge seriously. \*



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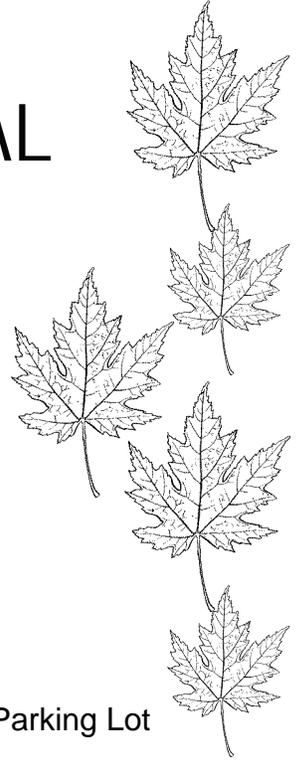
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(RAIN DATE SEPT 20)

## FRIDAY SEPT 12

**2:00–6:00 P.M. Skateboard Tight Slalom:** Summer Street

**7:00–9:00 P.M. Roller Skating** with DJ for All Ages: Antrim Town Gym



## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13

**8:00–10:00 A.M. Breakfast:** Presbyterian Church

**8:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. Hybrid Slalom Championship:** Summer Street

**9:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M. Arts/Crafts, Flea Market:** Main Street

**10:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M. Fun & Games:** Behind Town Hall and Trends of Fashion Parking Lot

**10:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M. Open House and Storytime:** Tuttle Library

**10:30 A.M.–2:30 P.M. Historical Society Apple Crisp Social:** front lawn of Maplehurst Inn

**11:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M. Freestyle Skateboard Competition:** Eastern Boarder Team at Memorial Park

**11:30 A.M. Parade:** North Main Street to Tuttle Library

**12:00 NOON–3:00 P.M. LIVE BANDS:** *The Honey Bears* next to Bank of NH and  
*Decatur Creek* next to Maplehurst Inn

**12:00 NOON–3:00 P.M. Virtual Downhill Skiing** with prizes from Crotched Mt. Ski Area: Town Hall

**3:00 P.M. Hand Tossed Pizza Contest:** (Benefit MS Society) Rick & Diane's

**4:00–5:00 P.M. Drop off Bake-Off Entries** at Tenney Farm: Baked-Beans or Fruit-Pie

**5:00–7:30 P.M. Lions Club BBQ Cook Out** at Tenney Farm (a non-alcohol event)

**5:30–7:30 P.M. Free Concert** by *Bursitis Brothers* at Tenney Farm

**7:30–8:00 P.M. FIREWORKS** by Atlas: at Tenney Farm

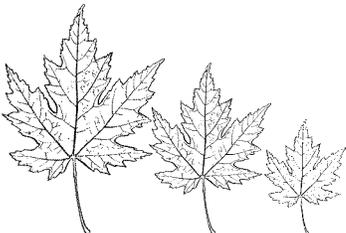
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## ANTRIM PLANNING BOARD

Diane Chauncey

The Town of Antrim is proud to announce that the Village Business District is in the process of being designated as an Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) by the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED). An ERZ enables business owners to receive tax credits for job creation and certain infrastructure improvements made to their businesses. The maximum benefit of the ERZ tax credit is \$240,000 which must be spread over 5 years. The credit is taken against the business profits tax and then the business enterprise tax. The ERZ tax credit program is administered through NH DRED and applications are due each year by February 10. To help you better understand the ERZ program and other resources available to small businesses, the Planning Board would like to invite you to an informational meeting on October 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Chris Wellington of NH DRED will be discussing the ERZ program and other programs available to assist small businesses. \*

## GLENN SUDSBURY BENEFIT SUCCESS

Barbara Dilling

The Sudsbury family would like to thank the people who participated in the benefit for Glenn Sudsbury on July 13th. Everyone enjoyed the music that was provided by The Sysyns, Arthur James, Steve Clarke, Ottis & the Elevators, Kendal Bush, and The Original Boogiemens. In particular we would like to thank Danni Lowell who organized the event and brought everyone together. The Sudsbury family has called Antrim home since the 1920's and have many fond memories here. If anyone missed this event and would like to contribute to assist Glenn in this time of need, a trust account has been established at the Bank of New Hampshire in Antrim. \*

## CONVAL SCHOOL BOARD

Crista Salamy

Even though the kiddos have been out of school for the summer, School Board has been busy working on this coming year. What happens during the summer? I would like to think it is pretty quiet but it is far from that. The Education Committee of which I am chair has been working on many projects. The elementary schools throughout the district have for a very long time had different ways of grading the students. This year, the staff has come up with a unified report card that will address not only grades but also the social and behavioral development of our youngest students.

With decreasing enrollment still an issue, the elementary schools have been challenged with finding ways to give the students their "specials"—art, music, physical education, and library media. Last year, they alternated these classes on a six day rotation. It really didn't work, especially with snow days and other interruptions. This year each "special" will be at the school for a week, and PE will be two weeks a month. AES/BES along with GBS will be collaborating their specials, but it will not be like the "campus plan" we all lived through a few years back.

Speaking of Great Brook, what an accomplishment we witnessed, "Middle School of the Year"! We are so proud of all the hard work our staff, students, and parents did to make that happen.

Parents, staff, police, and concerned citizens have been working with the Antrim selectmen on the cross walk on West Street. Many feel it is an accident waiting to happen. See update in Selectboard article on page 5 of this issue.

Our ATC ("Automotive Technology Center" at which students prepare for automotive professions) agreement with Jaffrey and Rindge High School is coming to an end this year. We are working on a new agreement that best helps all students who are choosing one of those professions. Working on the agreement also means looking at what classes our students would like to have that we currently do not offer.

This brings us to reviewing our current block-scheduling at the high school. Does this work? What are the pros and cons of this schedule? What would we like to see for the future? Students, staff and parents will be surveyed on their opinions as well.

Our negotiations team is working with the teachers union on a new contract that we hope to have for the March vote.

I have just touched the surface of what we have been doing, but I don't want to take up the whole *Limrik*. As always, feel free to contact Rich Cahoon or me with any questions or concerns you may have. \*

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## PETEY AND ADVANTAGE

Sheila Nichols

*"Hawks and coyotes and bears oh my!"*

We have movable electric fencing for all of our farm animals. This fencing allows them to roam and lets us frequently rotate sheep, goats, chickens, and pigs to fresh pastures. Sadly, the fencing alone has not always protected them. Because our animals, farm and domestic, have been attacked by predators we needed to investigate other options of protection. I had read that Llamas are used as guardians of herds and decided to learn more.

Llamas are naturally aggressive towards foxes, coyotes and dogs, as well as some other predators. Guard llamas usually respond to a predator by watching it intently and posturing, sounding a shrill alarm call, spitting, or herding their flock mates away from the threat. Most guard llamas will also move towards the predator and attempt to chase or strike out at it; however, very few guard llamas actively attempt to kill a predator.

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful breeder of llamas and alpacas here in Antrim. She and her brother are some of the most knowledgeable and helpful people I have encountered. I called asking to visit and was welcomed. All of

my novice questions were patiently answered. Petey, a llama and his life-long buddy Advantage, an alpaca, were available. Petey was a handsome llama, tricolored, and statuesque, with deep brown eyes and long lashes. Advantage, a Huascaran alpaca, had a soft pure white fleece. He was timid while Petey was a bit more outgoing.

Bill and I bartered with the breeders. Bill volunteered 8 hours of hands-on shearing wrangling in exchange for me spending a month working with the breeders and Petey. There were over 70 animals to shear. Each had to be hobbled, muzzled and sheared. The sheppards had two stations running at all times. He sheared and the helpers wrangled. It is backbreaking, hot work. Bill came home dragging! I in turn went to spend time with Petey to learn some ins and outs of haltering, leading, feeding, and grooming.

I read everything I could find including a book by a famous llama whisperer, *The Camelid Companion: Handling and Training Your Alpacas & Llamas* by Marty McGee Bennet. These are the largest animals we would have at the farm and I wanted to be sure I was as informed as I could be before bringing them home.

I accompanied our New Zealand sheppard friend one day to help him with shearing, hoping his knowledge would rub off on me. Day's end found me exhausted, covered in regurgitated cud, and still unsure.

Petey and Advantage came for a preview of the farm. Their breeders felt it was a good match and the deal was made. We set up fencing and within a month our newest members of Liberty Farm had arrived.

My son Mark was here to help that first day. He and I held their leads as Bill secured a stronger temporary fence around their shelter. We felt that they should be in a more contained area for a few days to acclimate to their new home,

complete with fresh bedding, grain, water and a lovely view. The opening between fence and roof was less than three feet, but Petey, eye to eye with my 6'3" son, amazingly leapt through with Mark still holding the lead. It took a moment to register. How could he possibly have done that? Advantage, then, demonstrated spitting, covering Mark in green slime, to which Mark said through clenched teeth, "We will have to burn this shirt!" The aroma of regurgitated camelid cud is truly unforgettable. Bill finished a bit taller fence, Mark disposed of his shirt and we retired.

I went out the next morning to find them both peacefully **kushed**, (lying down), chewing their cud, in the morning mist. I felt happy we had them.

Llamas are part of the camel family. They are approximately 36-47 inches wide at the shoulder and measured from the head they are 4 feet tall at the shoulders. They can weigh up to 400 pounds when they are full-grown.

I learned that llama and alpacas, both camelids, choose one spot in which to poop. This makes mucking up a breeze. I would later collect this poop to make *Poo Brew*. By filling 5-gallon containers with 2/3 poo and 1/3 water, leaving it to cure covered in the sun a concentrated and wonderful fertilizer is created. This *Poo Brew* diluted 4 to 1 and applied to my gardens works wonders! Their fleece would be wonderful for my winter knitting.

One day I took a chair up to their pasture, opened a book and began reading out loud. I thought this would be a non-threatening way to share their space, have them hear my voice, and have me be with them as they grazed. Petey occasionally looked at me while batting his long lashes, then pushed up against me and made a chortling throaty sound. I learned this was his way of making a pass. Yikes!

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But, try as I might I could not get comfortable around these two majestic creatures. They were not approachable and followed my leading only because it was the direction they had intended to go, not because they were obeying me. This was unsettling.

I called Bill at work, and with a stressed shaky voice I said, "I just can't do it. They scare me. We have to do something. It isn't going to work!" Bill asked, "Who is this and what did you do with my wife who doesn't fear any animals?" I told him I was sorry about it but I just couldn't do it.

The breeders visited and offered suggestions for assimilating. For some reason, with all of the animals both large and small that I have had over my lifetime, these were two that I feared. The breeders took Petey and Advantage back with open arms. They have since both been placed in new homes. They never once made me feel bad about it, but to this day I am troubled by my reaction.

With us for only two weeks, they rolled in the grasses, chewed their cud, pooped politely in one spot and returned home. They were beautiful animals, doing what came naturally. Life on the farm is full of self-discovery and I am fortunate to be here learning more about myself each day.

<http://www.motherearthnews.com/homesteading-and-livestock/guardian-llamas-bcz1309.aspx#ixzz39oHqR4bC> \*

## CUB SCOUTS

Jenny Colby, Pack 2 Cub Master

With summer in full swing as I write this, it is hard for me to think that autumn is right around the corner. To our family autumn means two things: soccer and Cub Scouts. Of course soccer only lasts for about two months, cub scouts is in full swing for the entire school year. As in past years, we will hike, bike ride, march in parades, attend hockey games, and go to a Monster Jam. We will build cars out of a block of pine and race them down a track in our annual Pinewood Derby. Weekly the boys will attend scout meetings and work on advancement, as well as learning new skills. Some boys will build birdhouses while other others will visit a nearby fire station.

We go camping in the fall, and again in the spring. This fall's campout will be extra special because Pack 2 will be at the Hidden Valley Boy Scout camp during Daniel Webster Council's Fall Blast weekend. This is open to Cub Scouts and their parents and siblings above age six. During this campout scouts will be able to participate in archery, bb gun target shooting, Indian lore, carnival games, and lots more, including a traditional campfire in the evening.

This coming Spring our Pack will also go on an overnight trip to the USS Salem in Quincy, MA where the boys and their families will sleep onboard ship. In every way this trip is always fun!

We are always looking for new boys ages 6-10 to join our Cub Scout pack and join the fun. We will be having a sign-up night in early September, so watch for posters around town with the specific date and place. If you miss that, you are welcome to email me at [jennylc@tds.net](mailto:jennylc@tds.net). I hope to see you this fall! \*



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## OLDEN TIMES IN ANTRIM

### 1964 ANTRIM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION

Robin Rockwell

It was September 1964 and the Antrim High School Student Council election campaign was just beginning. David Moore, a popular senior and a resident of West Street, was running unopposed for the office of president. I was in the ninth grade at the time and my fellow classmates and I preferred another senior, Bill Waller, a North Branch native who was very reluctant to toss his hat into the ring. Somehow, we managed to convince Bill he would be the ideal candidate for the position.

Our class quickly went to work. We made numerous signs, placing them on strategic locations. One of them could be found scotch taped to each classroom clock with the following words: "Time to vote for Waller." Another campaign slogan we used "Switch your vote to Waller," was placed on light switches throughout the school.

It was a bitter campaign. Both candidates were outstanding students. David Moore was a cross-country star and captain of the team and was considered the heavy favorite to win the election. The ninth graders turned what was once considered a lackluster race into a highly electrified contest. Moore campaigned openly while Waller let his young staff drum up support on his behalf. My classmates; Steve Brzozowski, Linda Ashford, Shirley Lane, Roxanne Johnstone, and Alison Currier, were very instrumental in gaining support for Waller among the younger students. Steve and I were already avid political campaign button collectors so this kind of activity was right up our alley. We loved it. The day before the election, all candidates delivered their campaign speeches at a school assembly at the gym next door. I can remember Student Council vice presidential candidate, Jim Putnam, giving his speech while he nervously shuffled his feet on the gym floor.

On Election Day, the students cast their votes at the gym, one class at a time during activity period. We waited impatiently for the final outcome in our homerooms, hoping for that upset victory. Eventually, principal Chick Hamel, made the announcement over the intercom, "David Moore 60..... Bill Waller 60!" A tie! But, Hamel knew the attendance for that day was 121, so that meant one student did not vote. Upon further scrutiny, he discovered David Cottle, a senior, had slipped by the gym and walked downtown to Wayno's Coffee Shop (now Rick & Dianne's) rather than vote. The only solution was to vote again the next day.

The following day, we once again marched next door, including David Cottle, to the gym and cast our votes. You could sense the excitement among the students. We knew it would be close again, but could Waller pull it off? An hour later we had our answer: Bill Waller won! Our freshmen class reveled in Waller's victory and was pleased to have played a pivotal role in his Student Council victory. \*

## YOUR DOG AND BARF

Tom Dowling, V.M.D.

When vets are gathering information about how owners feed their dogs, we often discover that they are on the B.A.R.F.diet.

No, this is not an attempt to induce vomiting in your pet, but a misguided effort to provide supposedly superior nutrition.

B.A.R.F stands for "bones-and-raw-food." The attitude, theory, or idea is that this is as close to nature as a dog can get. On the surface, this may make sense to some folks, but in reality, it is not such a good idea from several perspectives. A variety of ingredients have been included in the "B.A.R.F." diet approach. These have included cut up chickens, usually including necks, legs, or wings, raw eggs, and types of raw meat, and even aborted calf fetuses, called "slunks." When owners procure these ingredients they are usually the discarded meat grades unfit for human consumption. But, if it's not safe for you to eat, why would you want to feed it to your precious pet? There are a number of threats and hazards to this practice, but I will only mention a few.

To start off, most of these ingredients smell really appetizing to dogs because they are in the stages of decomposition (or, said another way, rotting). As everybody knows, from a dog's perspective, the smellier the better. The excitement and anticipation of such a feast causes most dogs to attack such offerings with a vengeance. This poses a serious threat because while "Bowser" is in his shark-like feeding frenzy, there is a high potential of injuring teeth, tongue, throat, or anything else in the oral cavity. From there, coarse or sharp components of the meal can lodge in or puncture the throat, obstruct the airway or esophagus, or damage other soft tissues along the way. The same could happen anywhere else further down the digestive tract. Should things pass down without such mishaps, there is the risk of serious infections which may lead to kidney failure, or conditions even more serious and life-threatening.

Aside from all this, we must not forget the dangers that humans face when handling these materials. People with compromised immune systems due to disease or chemotherapy run the risk of developing serious infections from raw, partially decomposed, or contaminated meat by getting organisms on their hands which can transfer easily through body orifices thereby setting up trouble internally.

The "B.A.R.F" diet is very risky business. A word to the wise is quite simple: just don't do it! \*

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

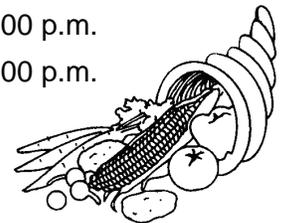
## SEPTEMBER

- 5 **Quilted Bag Sewing Workshop** • Tuttle Library • 10:00 a.m.
- 5 **A Matter of Balance program** • Concord Regional VNA at Presbyterian Church • 10:00 p.m.
- 8 **Weekly Children's Programs** begin at The Grapevine
- 9 **State Primary Elections** • Antrim Town Hall • polls open 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
- 12–14 **Home & Harvest Festival Weekend** • schedule on page 11
- 17 **Mystery Ride** • Antrim Grange • 7:00 p.m.
- 18 **Free Community Supper** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 20 **Grange Day at the Big "E"** • West Springfield, MA
- 27 **Seed Saving Workshop** • Tuttle Library • 11:00 a.m.



## OCTOBER

- 2 **Antrim Planning Board ERZ meeting** • Antrim Town Hall • 7:00 p.m.
- 4 **Ukulele Fest 2** • Antrim Grange • 7:00 p.m.
- 5 **Celtic Evensong** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 15 **Davi Penny Travelogue Program** • Antrim Grange • 7:00 p.m.
- 15 **Candidates Forum** • Antrim-Bennington Lions Club at Bennington VFW • 7:00 p.m.
- 16 **Free Community Supper** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 19 **History of Edmunds Store** • Antrim Historical Society at Presbyterian Church • 3:00 p.m.
- 22 **Candidates Forum** • Antrim-Bennington Lions Club at Antrim Town Hall • 7:00 p.m.
- 29 **Candidates Forum** • Antrim-Bennington Lions Club at Antrim Town Hall • 7:00 p.m.
- 30 **Candidates Forum** • Antrim-Bennington Lions Club at Antrim Town Hall • 7:00 p.m.
- 31 **Avenue A Halloween Party** • during open hours for 13–18 year-old teens



## NOVEMBER

- 2 **Celtic Evensong** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 7 **Rec Dept Children's Musical Theater** • Antrim Town Hall • evening performance
- 8 **Rec Dept Children's Musical Theater** • Antrim Town Hall • matinee performance
- 20 **Free Community Supper** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 29 **Festival of Trees OPEN HOUSE** • Tuttle Library • 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

## DECEMBER

- 2 **Celtic Evensong** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.



# WHY PROCRASTINATING ALMOST COST US A LIFE IN ANTRIM

Sandy Snow

The other day, late in the afternoon, just before I had to feed the dogs, I was sitting on our screened-in porch off our bedroom reflecting on what life has been like for Carol and me here in Antrim. To my left, a phoebe flew to its chicks in the eaves; to my right, a hummingbird drank at the feeding station. It was a beautiful, restful sight.

The reason we like to sit on the porch is because we have a great view of the North Branch River. We are perched on a high rise surrounded by hemlocks which affords us a nice view of the river and a small (two-foot high) waterfall when the river runs hard like it was that sunny afternoon in late July. I recalled the day in 2000 when Carol and I were beginning to plan for our retirement. We lived in central Connecticut and hoped to find someplace to call home in Vermont, New Hampshire, or Maine. We wanted a location where we could connect with nature again and forget about the tiresome commutes we then struggled with. I worked as a database designer more than an hour away from home, and Carol was a nurse who worked crazy hours at a nursing home. There were times when we would kiss goodbye in the early morning and might not kiss again until the next morning when she was coming home from a rough third shift and I was leaving for work. Yes, the pace was frantic, and we were more than ready for retirement.

I was looking through real estate ads on line and an advertisement for land in a place called Antrim, NH, caught my eye. The photo showed a beautiful autumn scene with oaks, maples, and beeches in full fall colors and many green hemlocks interspersed. The photo had been taken upstream on a river from a bridge. This is what we had been looking for. It had a lot of river frontage and was stocked with trout which would feed my fishing habit. But where is Antrim? It was just a small rural dot on the road map, and the price was right for the 9-1/2 acres.

Then, I looked at Carol and said, "Why is something like this land still for sale? Who knows how long it's been on the Internet? Surely, someone must have bought it by now." She urged me to call, but for several weeks I procrastinated. Finally, she told me in no uncertain terms that I had better call.

I reluctantly called the real estate agent who said it was still for sale and the owner, who lived in California, was getting anxious. It was located off Rte.9 which made me pause; perhaps it was the highway noise and traffic that the land hadn't sold. A look at a topographical map indicated the river was about 500 feet north of the highway. Still skeptical, I agreed to make the three-hour drive from Connecticut to this obscure place in New Hampshire.

The directions were good and the land was easy to find. We parked on a pullout spot on Liberty Farm Road and I quickly realized that the picture in the ad had been taken from the Liberty Farm Road bridge. We began walking the land. We walked the full length of the river, as it snaked upstream from the road, until we found the boundary. We even found a rise well above the river where someone had driven a stake into the ground with a torn piece of cloth tied to it. Obviously, this is where someone thought they might build a house. It afforded a beautiful view of the river. Just upstream of that spot, the river split in two to create an island that ended just above Liberty Farm Road. The land we were looking at included the down-stream half of that island. It took no time at all for us to decide that this was what we had dreamed of.

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## A RARE DRAGONFLY AT GREGG LAKE

Paul Bedell

Paul Bedell and his wife Susan, who live in Richmond, Virginia, recently visited her father, Antrim's Richard Winslow. Both are professional musicians with the Richmond Symphony, and Paul is an expert birder and naturalist.

My family has always greatly enjoyed our summer visits to Antrim. The weather in Virginia at this time of year is hot and humid, and it's a relief to come north for a while. As a dedicated naturalist, I also enjoy seeing birds and insects such as dragonflies of more northern affinities that I don't see at home. One of the local spots I always go to is Gregg Lake, especially the northwestern end with all the lily pads, and the marshy area across the road.

I especially like dragonflies, the insect order Odonata. These are aquatic insects, breeding in New Hampshire's abundant lakes, rivers, and marshes. They prey exclusively on other flying insects, and reduce the population of deerflies, mosquitoes, and other flying insect pests. The Odonata can be divided into two easily recognized groups, the damselflies and the dragonflies. Generally speaking, dragonflies are large, stout, strong-flying insects that perch with their wings held out to the side like an airplane. Damselflies are small and delicate, hold their wings folded above their body, and also tend to stay low in vegetation. Dragonflies and damselflies



The damselfly New England Bluet at Gregg Lake.

have attracted enough attention that several excellent regional field guides are now available such as *Dragonflies and Damselflies of Massachusetts* by Blair Nikula, *Damselflies of the Northeast* by Ed Lam, and *Dragonflies and Damselflies of the East* by Dennis Paulson.

This last July 9<sup>th</sup> I was headed towards Gregg Lake when I noticed a swarm of several dozen dragonflies flying around the dam spillway at White Birch Point.

I stopped to have a look and saw that they were the large and common Prince Baskettail, but mixed in with these large dragonflies were a few small and unfamiliar ones. Occasionally one would stop and perch and I got some photographs that I sent to my friend Pamela Hunt who works for New Hampshire Audubon and was the coordinator of the New Hampshire Dragonfly Survey (NHDS). It turns out that this species is the Mantled Baskettail, and—found at your very own Gregg Lake—is the first confirmed record for New Hampshire! The NHDS ran for five years from 2007-2011 covering the entire state with many participants, and never recorded a Mantled Baskettail. The survey did record 162 species of dragonflies and damselflies for New Hampshire, of which 134 were found in Hillsborough County. The results can be found at <http://www.nh Audubon.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/NHDS-final-report.pdf>

My passion as a naturalist has led me to many wonderful places around our country and abroad, but I most appreciate the discoveries I can make close to home, or even on visits to relatives! Gregg Lake and the Antrim area is such a place for me. \*



A dragonfly (Dot-tailed Whiteface) at Gregg Lake.

Within months we were the proud owners of about 800 feet of river frontage, including half an island. At first we were going to put off building a house. But we asked ourselves "Why wait?" We didn't anticipate any problems selling our current home with its trout pond. We decided to just charge ahead. We quickly moved forward with a chalet-style house that afforded expansive views of the river and forest and the sky. In six or seven months we had moved into our house. Our life in Antrim had begun! There was no turning back.

It took a couple of years to become acclimated to the slower pace of life in rural Antrim. During that time we developed concerns about the zoning along Rte. 9 that was zoned "highway business" meaning that residential housing was allowed but so were commercial and industrial developments. We joined a group of neighbors who tried to get the zoning changed to protect our homes, the North Branch River, and the beautiful forest through which the river flowed. We failed. However, for me, this was a new beginning. Then, Town Planner Paul Vasquez asked me if I wanted to become an alternate on the Planning Board. I agreed. A few years later I ran for the board and became a regular member. It was an eye-opening experience about how much work passes through town hall and how much volunteers do for the town.

I served on other boards and committees over the years. I met many, many people, most, if not all, are now close friends. There are those from town government, the senior center, *The Limrik*, the Presbyterian Church and others I meet in my travels around town.

As I sat on my porch that July afternoon, I thought of Carol's giving me a kick in the pants to at least look at the land on the North Branch River. What, I wonder, would life have been like if we hadn't settled in Antrim? I don't know and I don't like to think about it.

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## PROGRAMS

September • Library Card Sign up Month

September • Month Long Community Creative Arts Display

Friday **September 5** • Quilted Bag Sewing Workshop Taught by Ellie Franco 10:00 a.m.

Saturday **September 13** • Home & Harvest Festival: Open House with Story Time

Saturday **September 27** • Seed Saving Workshop presented by NH Cooperative Extension 11:00 a.m.

## LIFE GOES ON

With the arrival of September, we say goodbye to summer vacation and hello to the new school semester. Here at the Tuttle Library we are also saying so long to one of our favorite Library Assistants, Maureen Reider. Maureen and her family are relocating to Virginia. Although we are filled with sadness to see her go, we know that her family is off to start a grand new adventure as new opportunities unfold. Maureen has had her heart and soul into her work over the past few years as the Children's Librarian and has been our default techie for anyone with computer glitches that patrons could not immediately solve on their own. She has been madly processing books and adding her touch of pizzazz to practically everything we do. She will be sorely missed by the library staff and the library community.

However, just to prove that life does move on as one chapter closes and another opens, we welcome Laurie Cass-Griggs to our library staff. Laurie brings fresh new life to the library with her creative talents, charming wit, and smiling face. Like Maureen, she is great with people (as well as computers) and plays well with others. We are delighted to have her on board our staff and look forward to working with her.

## DO YOU HAVE A LIBRARY CARD YET?

September is National Library Card Sign-Up month and we would like to remind you that your Library Card may be the smartest card in your wallet. Having a library card offers you many options. Not only does it give you the ability to do

research for homework and novels to read, but it also offers DVDs, books on CD, as well as e-books, puzzles, gaming, graphic novels, help with genealogy research, a computer to apply for human services, unemployment, job searches, renew your driver's license, look for real estate listings, the list goes on and on.

## COMMUNITY CREATIVE ARTS DISPLAY

Come see what Antrim artists are up to. We have some new work by fabulous cross-stitch artists Debi Flanders and Judi Bernardi, watercolor paintings by Barbara Strawbridge, Walker Boyle and Doris Penny, unique quilts and miscellaneous sewing projects by Mary Sherbourne and Ellie Franco, a stunning display of local photographs by Virginia Peirera, and Diane Gutgesell's unique paintings on found objects. Be sure to come see the exhibit before the end of September.

## SEWING DEMONSTRATION

Have you happened to be at the Tuttle Library when our patron Ellie Franco has stopped in carrying her amazing quilted purse? Would you like to know how to make one for yourself? Ellie will be here at the Library on Friday, September 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon to show us how to put together this easy and colorful raw edge pieced purse, with lots of pockets for storage. Ellie will provide a complete list of what you need to make your own, as well as easy to follow instructions.

## SEED SAVING WORKSHOP

Our seed-lending program has gotten off to a great start with lots of experienced and new gardeners taking advantage of our great variety of *free* seeds. Now that your garden is producing vegetables and flowers, please join us on Saturday September 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon when Amy Papineau from the UNH Extension Service will be here to teach us the best methods for preserving the real fruit of our labors—the seeds for next year. Bring your questions to the expert so you can participate in preserving our local food heritage. ★

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# ANTRIM GRANGE NEWS

Beth Merrill

Our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Art Show was held in June, and was a great success, with several new artists displaying their work. We acknowledge and thank Bank of New Hampshire for sponsoring the People's Choice Award, won by Crista Tenney. For the second year, Rick and Diane's Restaurant sponsored the Pizza Box Art Contest won by Jaxon Salamy in the youth division and Louis Hugron's model of their restaurant storefront earning the top award in the open division.

We welcomed new members Joan Blood, Rose Novotny and Brian Murphy this spring. In July, we enjoyed a cookout and potluck supper and made final preparations for our Summah Suppah, Penny Sale and benefit concert fundraisers. We are fundraising to pay for the exterior Grange Hall painting project (which is already underway thanks to the efforts of Brian Murphy). Putting on a supper at the Grange Hall is an interesting and challenging task due to the special problems of our historic building (and why we've avoided this type of fundraiser until now), but with great teamwork the members pulled it off with flying colors, according to feedback from our Summah Suppah patrons. Thanks to Tenney Farm and Patten Hill Farm for providing berries for pies for the supper, and to Edmunds' Store, Great Brook Vet Clinic, Tenney Farm, Patten Hill Farm, Bellows Nichols Agency, Dunkin' Donuts, Crotched Mountain Ski Area, Frank Gorga, Diane Gutgesell, Virginia Pereira, Brian Murphy and Barbara Mervine for their donation of items for our Penny Sale. If a community member wishes to provide some financial assistance for this ongoing project, tax deductible donations can be made payable to the NH Grange Foundation and sent to Andrew Savage, Treasurer, 18 Mill Street, East Rochester, NH 03868. Checks should include a notation that the donation is designated for the Antrim Grange Hall Painting project. We are so grateful for the support of our community.

Fair season is upon us, and our exhibit at Cheshire Fair, created by Dawn Hugron and Gloria Davis, received a blue ribbon. This exhibit will also be entered at Hopkinton, Hillsborough County, and Deerfield fairs throughout the fall.

On October 4th, the third annual Ukulele festival takes place at the hall at 7:00 p.m. Admission is by donation, and

refreshments will be provided in the same manner. Last year's event attracted a capacity crowd, a result of the Ukulele Society of Antrim's increasing popularity and perhaps a bit of notoriety, too. Antrim Grange is grateful to them for their benefit concert in July held in support of our Grange Hall Painting Project.

On October 15th, Antrim Grange member and 2014 Conval graduate, Davi Penny, will present a program about her trip to Germany in April and her American cross-country truck driving experience. The public is welcome! Here is an excerpt from her journal: "We were in a traffic jam about ten minutes ago. It lasted for maybe 20 minutes, and it was quite funny. We had the CB on, and the guys were just going at it. It was great. One of the better comments was 'If I got out of this truck wearing shorts and sandals, my granddad would rise from his grave and beat me!' I was very enthusiastic to all our fellow truckers; a big grin and wave. I got smiles and waves in return. Yay for forcing truckers to interact with people who are not truckers." Join us at 7:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall to hear more travel tales from this extraordinary young woman.



This fall, we look forward to meetings and events at the Grange Hall that will be warm and toasty, thanks to the new pellet stove installed by the other fraternal resident at the Grange Hall, the Waverly Lodge Odd Fellows.

The end of October will have many of our members attending the annual State Grange session, this year in Nashua. In November, Arthur Merrill and Bob and Adam Paquin-Varnum will travel to Sandusky, OH for the National Grange convention.

Keep abreast of our activities and programs in local papers, on our Facebook page, or on our website at [grange.org/antrimnh98](http://grange.org/antrimnh98). ★

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## AUTUMN IN JAPAN AND ANTRIM

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.

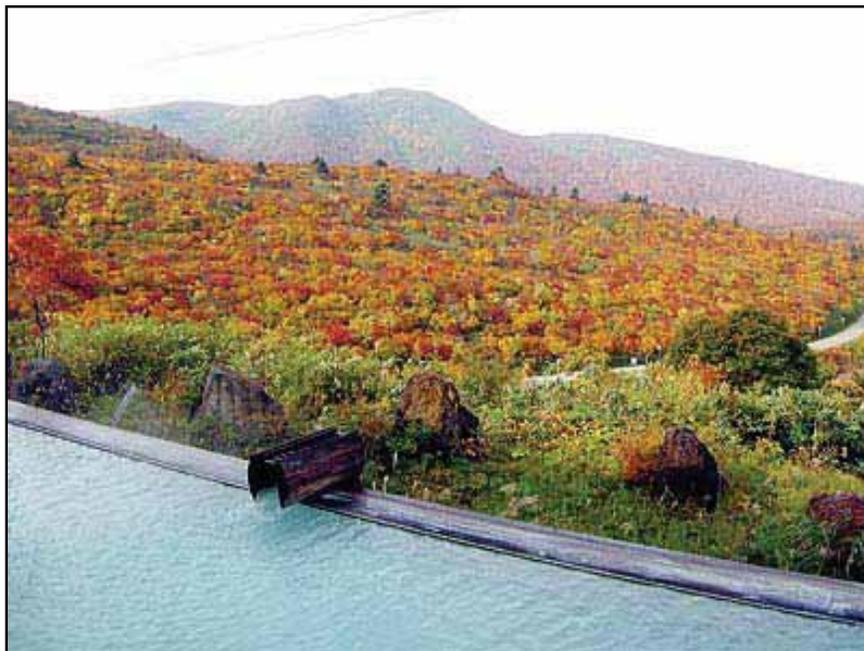
As we enter autumn here in southern New Hampshire, I am reminded of autumns in Akita. There, leaf peepers were every bit as avid as they are here, and with good reason; the foliage was simply spectacular. In fact, much as they have with springtime cherry blossoms, the Japanese have designed many of their parks with autumn foliage in mind. By planting a rich variety of trees, they ensure that vibrant hues from across the spectrum delight the eye with a brief burst of color before turning grey for the cold, snowy winter.

Parks, however, were a pale facsimile of the scenes that nature had to offer. New England's hills and mountains are glacially formed, so in autumn we have a gently rolling sea of colors. In contrast, Japan is volcanic, so the autumn landscape is a series of steep, fiery daggers piercing the sky. While the city of Akita had 300,000 people, it was quite densely packed, so I was only a 15-minute drive from my downtown apartment to thick woods and expanses of rice paddies.

Most people I have spoken to about living in Japan imagine the towering, big-city neon lights of Shinjuku, or the Shibuya crosswalk shown in countless movies, where more people than live in Antrim scramble across the street each time the light changes. So they are surprised to hear that almost 70% of Japan is covered in forest. Among developed countries, only Finland and Sweden have more, and with only about 30% forest, the US falls far behind.

Japan owes its heavy forestation to conservation programs that began nearly 400 years ago. Yes, shortly after the pilgrims landed in Plymouth, and 300 years before the first "Earth Day," the Japanese were already working out how keep their archipelago green, and the result is one of environmentalism's greatest success stories. One hiccup in this otherwise impressive effort was World War II, where demand for natural resources stripped huge swaths of the forests for timber and mining. After the war, most of these areas were replanted with cedar monocultures. In the summer months, they are not so noticeable, but in foliage season the dull green geometric cedar groves stand out as scars on the bright autumn landscape, a subtle but lasting reminder of a dark chapter in Japan's history.

The volcanic activity that created these stunning vistas is also responsible for providing the best way to enjoy them—the onsen. An onsen is a volcanic hot spring, and Akita in particular was famous for its number and variety of them. I was within easy driving distance of dozens of onsen, and went



View from the rotenburo at Kurikoma onsen, a favorite spot of the author.

on a weekly basis. At only around \$5, these were not decadent spa retreats, but simple everyday pleasures, a great way to relax tired muscles or warm up on cool evenings. Every onsen I visited posted an enormous placard that, in great detail, explained the source of the water, the concentrations of various minerals, the pH, the temperature, and a list of ailments it was purported to treat.

All of these onsen, clear or cloudy, acidic or alkaline, had one thing in common, they must be entered in the nude. In fact, "No bathing suits" would sometimes be the only sign in English. In the interest of modesty, most onsen are separated by sex, and you are allowed to carry around a facecloth-sized towel. These are called "face towels," though I am sure no one covers their face with them. There is a bathing area to scrub yourself clean before you ease yourself into the 100-degree water and let the heat and volcanic minerals soak your stress away.

The outdoor baths, or rotenburo, were by far the best place to enjoy the autumn foliage. Naked, outdoors, and exposed, yet warm and relaxed, it was a treat to look out over a landscape of jagged, brightly colored peak after jagged brightly colored peak, and reflect on the nature, and people, who made it what it is today.

I am looking forward to my first New England autumn in ten years, but at the same time I hope someone stumbles across some heretofore undiscovered New Hampshire volcano so I won't have to be dry and clothed the whole time. ★

## A YEAR OF FIRSTS ON PIERCE LAKE

Frank Malinoski

While fireworks filled the night skies over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, on the blustery Saturday afternoon of July 5<sup>th</sup> some 20 boats and 5 jet-skiers braved the wind and waves to form the first annual Independence Day Boat Parade on the lake. Starting at the Manahan boat launch, a cavalcade of flag flying decorated watercraft cruised around the lake's shores greeted enthusiastically by waving and cheering residents out on their lawns and docks. "I've paddled on lakes around NH where it's hard to get boaters to say hi or wave back. But not here on Pierce Lake," commented FPLA Treasurer Nancy Cone, "the people on this lake are the friendliest. We love this place and our neighbors."

Two weeks later, on July 20th under a perfect evening sky, a record turnout of some 58 residents and guests gathered at the annual Potluck Supper held at the Manahan Pavilion to share great food, visit with old friends, make new ones, and choose their favorite photos that would be included in the Association's 2015 wall calendar. Besides setting a record in attendance, there was an abundance of gifts from local merchants and residents available for the annual auction which raised over \$450.

"This year's fund raising, starting with the Potluck Supper, is very important, not only because it brings our community together, but over half the funds raised are put aside if—or should I say when—we ever have to treat the lake to eliminate an invasion by exotic plants like milfoil," said FPLA Vice President Todd Birkebak.

On August 9th the Association continued racking up the "firsts" with 40 members attending (another record) the morning Annual Meeting. Attendees had a chance to get an update on the business of the association and vote on three new members to the FPLA Board. Guests also could purchase the new 2015 FPLA wall calendar featuring 12 photos taken by residents selected from 30 entries voted on at the Potluck Supper. The morning ended with a delightful talk by Hillsborough Historical Society's Alan Dobrowolski on "Franklin Pierce and His Neighborhood." The Board also recognized Robin Loveland who started the Association four years ago by presenting her with a set of FPLA mugs noting her role as Founding Mother of the FPLA and making her Honorary President. "We were proud to honor Robin for her decision to create the organization, we would not have our Lake Host, the Weed Watching programs, or this organization without her dedication and hard work," said FPLA Secretary Chuck Nystrom. He continued, "Our board members described their efforts to

help keep our lake healthy and enjoyable for residents and guests, with details on our weed watcher and Lake Host programs, our annual water quality testing, membership efforts, and our financial status. I'm hopeful that folks not only came away with an appreciation for what's done behind the scenes to make this a great lake, but also how they can help keep it that way." Pat Nash, head of membership for the FPLA noted that "there are over 300 residences on the lake and we are very close to reaching our goal of 100 members for 2014, another first, that will keep our Association strong and people involved."

Topping off the lists of this summer's firsts was the "Franklin Pierce Lake Boat-In Concert" at which 25 boats anchored in the waters between the Manahan boat launch and the lake's dam to listen to music and watch a video of "Journey's Greatest Hits" on a 20 x 14 foot screen set up on the lawn of Randy Allen and his family, creators of the event. Randy is one of the three newly elected members of the FPLA, joining Ron Cheetham (returning member) and Ann Gilbert. "It was a perfect night. Boats gathered under our August Super-moon, the video and sound worked perfectly, and we sat around our own campfire and watched our neighbors party on the lake. Some folks even caught the occasional meteor streak across the north sky," said Randy.

"We encourage anyone interested in preserving our great lake to join the Association and contribute to the organization. Making financial contributions by becoming a member or through purchasing our unique wall calendar or FPLA coffee mugs is one way. But folks can also just join in and share their ideas on how to make this an even greater place which will make summers to come even more memorable," said FPLA President and Breezy Point resident Frank Malinoski. He added, "Our theme this year is, "This Lake is Your Lake," and we are very glad people are helping to keep it so."

Learn more about the Franklin Pierce Lake Association at [www.fplake.org](http://www.fplake.org) or send an email to [info@fplake.org](mailto:info@fplake.org). The 2015 Calendars are available at local retailers including Kats (formerly the Corner Store), the Discount Center, and Sweet Expressions in Hillsborough. \*

### ***Celtic Evensong***

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Celeste Lunetta

## FUNDRAISER FOR ANTRIM FRIENDS OF RECREATION! SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21

We are looking for people to join us at NASCAR at the New England Motor Speedway in Loudon on Sunday September 21. We'll be leaving from Antrim early in the morning. This is a great fundraiser for recreation programs, and the more people we have, the better. To join our team, call Catrina Young or Celeste at 588-3121.

### DISCOUNT SKI & RIDE PASSES

Sign up for Club passes and ski or snowboard lessons at our Ski and Ride Club at Crotched Mountain. Now is the time to get the best prices and big discounts for ski and ride passes and or lessons. Also, as a bonus, this is a fundraiser for our Recreation Programs, and Crotched Mountain gives us back 7% of our sales that we put right back into our rec programs, including the community bus, new equipment, and lots of fun stuff. So, go now to [crotchedmountain.com](http://crotchedmountain.com) and open up the program's club page, and sign in on our club page-Antrim Recreation Ski & Ride. Our member password is *arsrmember*. From there, you can find all the ski and ride products you need for a great season on the slopes at Crotched Mountain. We will have group lessons on Tuesdays in January and February, and kids from AES and GBS can ride over

in our community bus for their lessons. We have lots more information about the club passes online at [antrimnh.org](http://antrimnh.org), in our office, and we will have an "information night" on Monday September 22, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Antrim Town Gym. For the discount prices, the deadline is Sunday October 12. Payment can be cash, check or credit card.

### CHILDREN'S MUSICAL THEATER PERFORMANCE NOVEMBER 7 & 8

Children's Stage Adventures returns for a fall production of **A Sword Called Excalibur!** With music by Tom Chapin, this original play will be accepting young theater artists, ages 6 through 14. We want kids to join us to portray wizards, knights, kings and more. We have parts for 40 kids. This play will be staged at the Antrim Town Hall the week of November 3-8, with performances Friday night and a Saturday matinee. Rehearsals will be held at the Antrim Town Gym after school and early evening. It is a big commitment for one week, but always worth it! All the kids who have done it the past few years have loved it. Sign ups for the audition (Monday November 3 at 3:30 pm) are available NOW at [antrimnh.org](http://antrimnh.org).

### ADULT EXERCISE

To register and get more information about any of these, please call us at 588-3121 or look on the bulletin board at Town Hall or online at [antrimnh.org](http://antrimnh.org)

**Dance Movement: Strength, Stretch, Dance:** Laura Horne, our ballet teacher, will offer a dance exercise class for adults. The class will be held on Fridays, at the Town Hall, at 11:00 a.m. The one-hour class will teach balance, flexibility, and core strength using ballet standards. The cost of the program is \$12 for a drop-in and \$42 for a four-week session. We will have a free demo/trial class on Friday September 26. The four-week session will run October 3-October 24.

**Adult Jujitsu** with Jim Aborn. This is a free program. Mondays, 7:00 p.m., at the Antrim Town Gym

**Yoga** with Jeanine Clarke Edmunds: 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Antrim Town Hall

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**September 18** • 5:30 p.m. • *Community Supper*

**October 5** • 5:30 p.m. • *Celtic Evensong*

**October 16** • 5:30 p.m. • *Community Supper*

**November 2** • 5:30 p.m. • *Celtic Evensong*

**November 20** • 5:30 p.m. • *Community Supper*

**December 7** • 5:30 p.m. • *Celtic Evensong*

**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.

### BAPTIST CHURCH

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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.

**October 25** • 5:00–6:30 p.m. • *Turkey Dinner with all the fixins'*. Adults \$9, children ages 5–12 \$6, Family max of \$32

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## BIRTH OF NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE COLLEGE

Lyman Gilmore

**Pick up Adult Volleyball:** Thursdays at the Antrim Town Gym, 7:00 p.m.

**Pick up Men's Basketball:** Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Antrim Town Gym

**Zumba and Fab Abs** with Cathy Garland: Mondays and Wednesdays, Town Gym: 5:30–7:00 p.m.

**Indoor Walking Returns:** Pending final approval, we are reestablishing indoor walking on weekday mornings, in December through March, from 7:00–8:00 a.m. at Antrim Town Gym and Elementary School. This program is for adults who want to keep up their walking routines during the colder winter months. Participants must bring indoor walking shoes, and register with the Recreation Department.

### CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

**2014/2015 Youth Basketball:** Please remember to sign your youth Basketball players up by the middle of October. We start our games in November. Our grades 3 through 6 teams play in the Merrimack Youth Basketball Association, and have been very strong the past few seasons. Our program hosts teams for travel play for players in grades 3 through 6. We run a Saturday developmental program for kids in grades 1 and 2.

**After School Jujitsu** with Elizabeth Kenney starts on Thursday September 4. This is a very popular class for kids in grades 1 through 8. Registration forms are online at [antrimnh.org](http://antrimnh.org).

**Halloween Window Painting Contest:** Join our contest to paint the best Halloween mural on a downtown window. We provide all the materials. Teams of 3–5 people, all ages, though teams with kids under 10 need an adult registered with them. Register before Friday October 17 so we can get all the supplies we need. Prizes are awarded! This is a really fun program. We hope you sign up.

New programs are often added after the deadline for our dear *Limrik*. To keep abreast of all Recreation programming, follow us on Facebook, or check frequently on [antrimnh.org](http://antrimnh.org). We also maintain bulletin boards at the Antrim Town Hall and the Antrim Town Gym. Have Fun, play hard, be nice, and we'll see you around town! \*

Fifty years ago this week I drove across the North Branch bridge and taught my first class at Nathaniel Hawthorne College. It was September 1964, and the college I encountered was fully formed, with four-hundred students, a faculty and staff of fifty-three, a handsome campus combining historic 19<sup>th</sup> century and newer buildings, including classrooms, dining hall, dormitories, bookstore, student affairs complex, student union, infirmary, maintenance building, and a large field-house.

Excited by my first college teaching job, I did not give a thought to how Hawthorne was created just two years before, in the spring of 1962. It is an extraordinary story, one that many in Antrim said was impossible. They did not know the two men who made it happen, its founder and President, Judge Kenneth McLaughlin, and its Chancellor William "Bill" Shea.

Last month I met with eighty-five year old Judge McLaughlin in his law office at the Nashua Airport where he owns Nashua Jet Aviation that provides hangars, airplane services, rest areas, and conference rooms to corporations and individual pilots. As we relaxed with cups of tea, he told me his story.

With fierce ambition, energy, street smarts, and a dollop of luck, McLaughlin climbed from poor high school grades and truck driving to talking his way into St. Anselm's College, that had rejected him several times previously, and Boston College Law School. He was—and remains—the youngest lawyer to pass the New Hampshire Bar at twenty-one. He learned to fly and became an avid pilot at twenty-five, and he was appointed Judge of the Nashua District Court at twenty-nine.

As he became successful, McLaughlin remembered a life-changing experience between high school and college when he volunteered for an archeological expedition in New Mexico. Surrounded by highly educated, intellectual scientists, he discovered that "I did not know anything." That memory stuck with him, and by 1960 it had turned into his conviction that many young people rejected by admissions departments, as he had been, needed a college that would welcome and give them a chance to learn.

How do you create a college? You start with land. He called his friend, Peterborough realtor Walter Peterson—member of the NH House of Representatives and later Governor—telling him he was looking for property to build a college. Peterson said he'd get back to him in several weeks, but McLaughlin (in his typically peremptory "do it now" manner) said no, this week! Days later the Judge flew to the Jaffrey airport and picked up Peterson who had found five available plots in southern New Hampshire. They flew over each spot, with the Judge banking the plane and looking down, and when

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he saw Antrim's Flint Estate at North Branch, he knew he had found his college.

The Flint Estate was an excellent choice as it consisted of four solid 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings and several 20<sup>th</sup> century farmhouses, a large barn, and more than four hundred acres. The four oldest structures were the beautiful brick Flint Mansion (ca. 1817, remodeled 1913-14) that became Administration, Infirmary, and girls' dorm; a brick schoolhouse (ca. 1820) a classroom; the wood "Sawyer House" (ca. 1846) housing Chancellor Shea and his family; and a chapel (1877) another classroom. The other buildings were converted into classrooms and dorms. McLaughlin bought the Flint Estate from Antrim resident and chemist Winslow "Skeezee" Caughey who from 1956 to 1959 owned the Monadnock Research Institute, a group of scientists investigating porphyrins, natural chemical compounds important to medicine and industry. In the spring of 1962 Nathaniel Hawthorne College received a charter from the State of New Hampshire granting it degree-granting powers.

While Judge McLaughlin handled the financing and development of the land and buildings, Chancellor Bill Shea was in charge of recruiting students, creating a curriculum, and hiring faculty. Shea, who had been a Massachusetts guidance director, was also an experienced pilot and had an inter-

est in starting a college. By chance, in 1961 he met McLaughlin who took him on and gave him a title: "Chancellor." In my several recent telephone interviews with Shea in California, he said his first important job was flying throughout Massachusetts talking to guidance counselors about this fabulous new college in New Hampshire of which none of them had ever heard. Several times during the spring and summer he flew groups of counselors to Antrim to view the campus.

What Antrim residents thought impossible was McLaughlin's and Shea's plan to open the college with newly landscaped grounds, renovated buildings, faculty, staff, and one hundred students in the fifty-five days between the signing of legal papers in mid July of 1962 and opening day September 16th. But they did it.

They made two wise decisions. They decided to hire many local residents to build and staff the college, and they obtained two prominent academics to advise them on curriculum, faculty hiring, and college philosophy. Older readers will recognize Antrim people who worked at the college, including Edith Mulliner, Dean of Women, Howard Sargent, Dean of Faculty, Ted Randall, Registrar, Arlene Cook (whose home was just across the bridge), Secretary, Shirley Lamothe, Punch-Card Technician, Helen Hammond, Switchboard Operator, Charlie Rabideau, Maintenance, Win Chase, Chef and Dietitian, and Evelyn Grant, Beverly Laughlin, Alice Chase, and Alice Graham, Kitchen Crew. One of the most important Antrim residents making the college possible was unpaid "Friend to Hawthorne" (as he was called in the 1967 yearbook), Ralph Little, a retired executive with Goodrich Rubber who not only handled the difficult and delicate job of college and community relations, but became a valuable advisor to McLaughlin and Shea in policy matters.

The academic consultants who were invaluable in shaping Hawthorne's educational life were George V. Kidder, Dean of Liberal Arts at University of Vermont, and Albert L. Demaree, former History Department Chairman at Dartmouth College.

During the summer of 1962, in a frantic rush of construction and academic planning, McLaughlin, Shea, the staff, and many of the new students who arrived early to help, labored mightily to ready the campus for opening day. To paraphrase Bill Shea's 1966 booklet "Birth of a College," bulldozers and backhoes everywhere, huge boulders dynamited, student drivers tipping over dump-trucks, paint slathered, wealthy students sweating under loads of mattresses and furniture, everyone pitching in.

Finally, at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 16, 1962, non-profit Nathaniel Hawthorne College officially opened with convocation in the chapel, freshly painted the previous week by McLaughlin and Shea.

In December Limrik: "New Chinese owners create a school." ★

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## BOY SCOUTS

Scoutmaster Brian Beihl

### TROOP 2'S SUMMER OF FUN

Summertime is for fun, right? Troop 2 met throughout the summer on Wednesdays and participated in a variety of great summer activities—with no homework!

James Batty, the grandfather of two T2 Scouts, came to Antrim again this summer to teach the boys the British game of Cricket. Cricket has long roots in Antrim as well, with Goodell Company employees' forming a team in the 1890s. Other activities included a bike hike to Hancock, blueberry picking on Pitcher Mountain, an Ultimate Frisbee game against Peterborough's Troop 8, "assault boats" in which the boys try and sink each others' canoes, and finally, the "riff-raff regatta" on Cunningham Pond, with other Monadnock Region troops.

July 20-26, we spent a week at Camp Bell in Gilmanton Iron Works during which they made knives starting with plate steel, spent a day in a lumber camp, learned the ways of the mountain men, went tubing behind a motor boat, and challenged themselves at Challenge Valley, an extreme obstacle course. Camp is made possible, in part, from the Troop 2 wreath sale each December. Your purchases and donations made it possible for 11 Scouts to attend camp this year, the most in recent memory. Thank you.

### COMING UP THIS FALL

This fall's program starts with the Antrim Home & Harvest Festival where the boys will again be selling fried dough on Saturday, showing off our newly renovated trailer in the parade, and participating in other festival activities. There is a campout schedule for September, then the Mt. Monadnock Fall Camporee and "Scouting for Food" in October.

In a new event this fall, with the help of Little Zoe's Take & Bake Pizza in Keene owned by local entrepreneurs Ed & Melanie Forster, Troop 2 will use portable ovens to bake & sell pizza by the slice at the Keene Pumpkin Festival. Troop 2 is considering a big out-of-state adventure in 2015 which it hopes to finance with this event. We hope Antrim folks will get a pumpkin at Tenney Farm, bring it to Keene to help set a

new world record, and stop by for a piece of pizza and a lemonade! We'll be in the "food court" among the other food vendors.

Scoutmaster Brian Beihl will be missing Antrim Home & Harvest Festival this year for the first time in 10 years as he participates in the Daniel Webster Council's Wood Badge course, the highest level of training for volunteer leaders. The six-day course teaches advanced leadership skills and provides insight into the aims and methods of the Scouting program. Beihl has also taken on the "Boy Scout District Roundtable Commissioner" position for the Mt. Monadnock District. In this capacity he will lead monthly training programs for Boy Scout leaders throughout the region.

### JOIN BOY SCOUTS THIS FALL!

Boy Scout Troop 2, now in its 101st year, has 17 Scouts and is an extremely active group of 11 to 17-year-olds. If your son would like to participate, he is allowed to attend two meetings to try it out without registering. We also encourage boys who do sports to consider Troop 2 in the off-season. Recently, Scouts Max Davie and Sean Grady participated in the local area all-star team that finished third in the state. More information is available from Scoutmaster Brian Beihl at 588-3014, or cell 620-8300, or check in at the Troop 2 booth at the Antrim Home & Harvest Festival. \*

### CELTIC EVENSONG RETURNS

Sharon Dowling, Celtic Evensong Coordinator

It is hard to believe, but the 5<sup>th</sup> Season of Celtic Evensong begins on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014! After our usual summer hiatus at the Presbyterian Church—a three month break that acknowledges the difficulty of fans, flames and hot temperatures combined—once again you can find our quiet, candlelit, contemplative evening service at 5:30 p.m. every FIRST SUNDAY of the month, October through June. Keep an eye out for our sign, a reminder that always appears several days before the service.

This service is non-denominational, and everyone is welcome. No sermon, no fellowship hour, and plenty of time for private reflection. The music either played or sung is quiet and meditative. The readings come from scripture, poetry and many wisdom-traditions from around the world. Celtic Christian communities provide the heaviest influence for this service, but it appeals to many people from other faith backgrounds. It is a great way to "reboot" oneself at the end of the day, and beginning of a new month.

So, if you haven't yet tried this peaceful oasis in our busy world, perhaps you will give it a chance in our new season. We are always looking for musicians or readers to participate, and if you have a desire to do either or both, please call the church office at 588-2209 and leave a message. \*

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Kristen Vance

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Do your holiday shopping AND support The Grapevine through the First Annual Grapevine Online Auction November 2<sup>nd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. Over 300 items from antiques and art, to show tickets and handmade items, to gift certificates and services. Much like a silent auction, but run online. It is also a great way for local businesses, artists, and other vendors to promote their goods and services. Please watch for more information—and let the bidding begin! Have something you would like to donate to the auction? Please give us a call at 588-2620.

## GETTING THE WOOD IN

The wood bank is in need of donations of firewood. Our favorite form is cut-split-delivered, but we can come to your place to cut and haul tree lengths as well. And we're always looking for volunteers to join the Community Wood Bank Team. People with chainsaws and trucks are especially encouraged, but we could really use volunteers who would like to get a good workout splitting and stacking as well. Call Kristen at 588-2620 to help.

## COME PLAY WITH US

If you enjoy being with young children and have some experience, The Grapevine's children's enrichment program might be the right fit for you. We are looking for a weekly volunteer (approximately 3 hours per week) for our morning program. You will be well supported by our great program staff, but enjoyment of active time with young children is a must! Call 588-2620 and ask for Beth to learn more.

## COFFEE HOUSE OPEN MIC

Thursday September 4 at 7:00 p.m.—*Heard it through The Grapevine*—Music Series presents a coffee house Open Mic with host featured artist *The Kingsnakes* at Avenue A, 42 Main Street. Visit the *Heard it* Facebook page for more on these and upcoming open mics, always on the first Thursday of the month. Adults and teens who wish to play or listen are welcome. \$5 donation requested at the door, Parker House Cof-

fee and hors d'oeuvres from Fiddlehead's, and Houghton Farms by donation. All proceeds support Grapevine programs and services. Our thanks to Doug Aborn and Rick Fitzgerald for volunteering their time and expertise to make the music happen.

*Guiding Good Choices* is coming—If you're a parent of a 9-14 year old and you missed this workshop last year, you'll have an opportunity this winter to build the family communication and refusal skills that will help your child steer clear of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. As one parent put it, "This course helped me to talk with my son about drugs and alcohol, and helped him deal with the peer pressure every kid will face." Space is limited, so call now to let us know you're interested. This series—a partnership of The Grapevine, Great Brook and Antrim Elementary Schools and their PTOs—has been generously sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire.

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

- **Chris' Concert** organizers, volunteers, and sponsors, who raised \$2,200 for The Grapevine! A special "shout out" goes to Doug Aborn and Cheryl Barlow—the core organizing team—for their hard work and dedication, and to Tom Griggs for his valuable contributions.

- **Uplift Music Festival** organizers, volunteers and bands for a wonderful day of music with proceeds donated to The Grapevine. If you didn't make the show this year you'll want to be sure to put it on your calendar for July 2015.

- The **many families and shoppers** who gave to the Learning Vine Yard Sale and Raffle—raising over \$800 to support The Learning Vine preschool.

- The **talented children and youth** who submitted their works of art to the Black Fly Community Art Show, and to **Carol Storro** for bringing her creativity to design and run the beautiful community art project.

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• Our fabulous Avenue A volunteers who spend an occasional Friday evening chaperoning the teens, including **Sue Smith, Marcia and Steve Ullman, Dick Loveland, Beth and Arthur Merrill, Dawn Hugron, Dave Kirkpatrick and Sue Conklin.**

### THE PEOPLE'S SERVICE EXCHANGE

The PSE is a Time Banking Project of The Grapevine, where members get the help they need and share their skills with others. Examples of services exchanged: help moving, help with firewood, Reiki, tutoring, sewing, massage, financial consulting and light maintenance. It's easy to join! For more information, contact Nancy O'Brien at 588-2620 or [peoplesserviceexchange@tds.net](mailto:peoplesserviceexchange@tds.net), or visit [www.pse-nh.org](http://www.pse-nh.org).

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS 2014-2015

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

### WEEKLY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 8

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

- Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:30–11:30 a.m. Better Beginnings playgroups and parent groups
- Wednesday and Friday 9:00–11:30 a.m. The Learning Vine preschool
- Wednesday 10:00–11:30 a.m. Better Beginnings for Babies—expectant parents welcome

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

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

**Learning Vine preschool – One Space Available for the 2014-15 school year!**—for children 4 and 5 years old. This hands-on program focuses on social interaction and problem solving skills in a small group setting to help prepare children for school in a fun and engaging environment. The Learning Vine has been taught by Carol Lunan, M.Ed. for the past twelve years. Both parent-cooperative and drop-off options are available.

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

### SENIORS

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### SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE GRAPEVINE...

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

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### CORRECTION

After the June Limrik was published we received a letter saying that we had erred in referring (in a headline for goodness sake) to the “Antrim-Bennington American Legion Post 50.”

“We are Antrim American Legion Post 50 NOT Antrim-Bennington! We have members from Antrim, Bennington, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Hillsboro, Wyoming, Maine, Florida, Alaska and Afghanistan (temporary)”

— Don Paige

*We apologize for the error. Lyman Gilmore, Editor*

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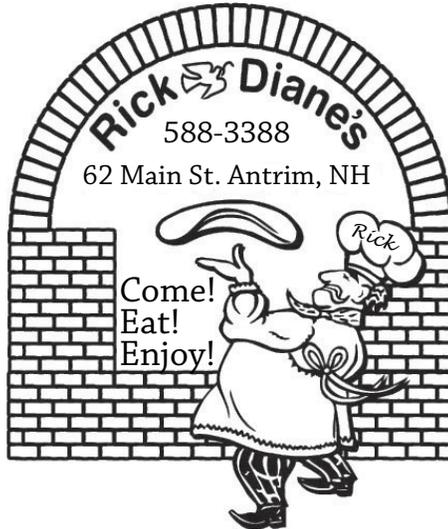
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