

## NINA HARDING “Iron Unyielding Will—Soft Loving Arms Wide Open”

An Oral History by Lyman Gilmore

Nina Harding died July 15<sup>th</sup> in her ninety-seventh year. This is not an obituary. It is an oral history of this extraordinary individual’s life. For this account of Nina I interviewed family members, friends, and co-workers. All of them agree that Nina had an indomitable spirit, an iron unyielding will, and could always be characterized as “soft loving arms wide open,” as Amy Proctor has expressed it.

Nina Mae Rokes was born in 1920 on her father’s subsistence farm in East Antrim—“over East”—near where the North Branch River would be dammed to create Franklin Pierce Lake in 1926. The farmhouse with outhouse and no indoor plumbing was heated by woodstoves, and water had to be pumped into buckets and carried inside. Ben Pratt and Marguerite “Margie” Roberts are in their eighties and knew Nina a long time. Ben says and Marguerite agrees that Nina grew up “in close to abject poverty.” As Nina’s son Sam described in his moving words at the celebration of her life at the Presbyterian Church: “Nina’s

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## BOY SCOUT TROOP 2

Brian Beihl, Scoutmaster

With summer winding down, Troop 2 can say it got the most out of the great weather this season. In addition to weekly outings, 17 members of the troop spent a week at Hidden Valley in Gilmanton Iron Works, and all celebrated the achievement of Eagle Scout Henry Johnson. Our ability to take the boys on such great adventures is due in part to your support of our popcorn, fried dough and wreath sales. Thank you for making it possible!

*Canoe Trip to Umbagog.* For the first time in five years, Troop 2 headed to the Maine/NH border to paddle on Lake Umbagog and the Androscoggin and Magalloway Rivers on Aug. 1–5. Nine Scouts and three adults paddled 41.5 miles over five days, including Class I and II rapids on the Androscoggin. The Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge features many species, and the troop saw bald eagles, osprey, deer, and several species of waterfowl, including several loons. The boys saw their first eagle within 10 minutes of launching on their first paddle. Proficient paddlers were able to try Class III rapids in the center of Errol, NH, and all navigated the rapids successfully. It’s a trip none of the boys will ever forget.

*“Pumpkin Chunkin” Camporee.* The Mt. Monadnock District hosts the “Pumpkin Chunkin” Camporee at the First Baptist Church property in Keene from September 30–October 2. Scouts will be designing and constructing their own trebuchets and catapults and launching mini-pumpkins, after a talk from a Keene State professor on the physics of their inventions. There will also be a pumpkin cooking contest, using Dutch ovens.

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Join us on **October 28 (Fri) 10 a.m. to noon** for a special morning retreat with author and environmentalist Gordon Russell. Reading from and discussing his book *Watching Great Meadow: A place of joy; a place of woe*, Gordon will ask each of us to think deeply about place, ecology and the passage of time. Our retreat will be held in a mountaintop cabin, tucked into the Stoddard highlands with incredible vistas. We'll hear excerpts from Gordon's book, have a chance to reflect and spend time on our own in the surrounding fields to observe, write and/or draw.

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## SELECTBOARD UPDATE

Bob Edwards

During the last quarter, your Selectboard and Town Administrator have been working on finalizing the financial structure to support the water- and drainage-related improvements approved at Town Meeting in March. It appears that 30-year financing will be in the area of 2.25% while short-term borrowing for the construction phase will be under 2%. After some detailed analysis of the water aspect of the project, the grant money portion was agreed to at \$433,000. The process was long, and depending upon the bidding and available start dates, it may be better for affected residents and scheduling to undertake the project in Spring 2017. The Board will decide as additional information is learned over the next 30 days.

The Board is pleased to announce that Mike Tatro, a 6-year town employee, was promoted to Foreman at the Highway Department replacing Bill (Moe) Willett, who retired after 29 years of service. A celebratory luncheon was held to honor Moe and he was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift certificate. The luncheon was well attended and a special cake was enjoyed in his honor. We are in the process of hiring someone to take Mike's position.

The Gregg Lake Dam challenges and Mill Pond continued to be studied as we consider both physical improvements and normal maintenance required or encouraged by the NHDES.

As we approach the fall, budget season comes to mind. The Board will be beginning the process of budget analysis and working with department heads and the Planning Board to define anticipated capital improvement needs that are necessary and financially prudent. Among these will be a continuing review of water and sewer challenges and working with the Water & Sewer Commissioners.

After a public information meeting was held by the Planning Board and NH Solar Garden, LLC, on a solar installation planned for lower Aiken Street on town property, the Selectboard will finalize administrative details with the company so construction can begin timely. This is a 1,100-panel, 36-MW array designed to produce 460,000 kWh that is proposed to assist the Town with its cost of electricity, most specifically, its wastewater treatment plant operation. Electricity cost benefits are available to residents as well, and residents are encouraged to contact NH Solar Garden at 603-817-1175 or [nhsolargarden.com](http://nhsolargarden.com) to learn details of how they may benefit.

Your Selectboard members attended the recent structuring meeting conducted by the NH Site Evaluation Committee regarding Antrim Wind, LLC's pending application. Intervenor were allowed to ask questions of each other regarding their submitted testimony but the SEC was not seated and no official recordation of the meeting's content was recorded.

The official process will begin on September 13, 2016, in earnest, and the Selectboard will have a presence then and at all future meetings.

Finally, when any resident has questions regarding specific town regulations, what is allowed or the process for applying for approvals, please call 588-6785, visit the town website at [antrimnh.org](http://antrimnh.org) or visit Town Hall to be directed to the appropriate individual and department to ensure accurate information.

As always, thoughtful comments and questions from our community are always welcome. ☐

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

*"Nothing Like It"*

**September 16 & 17**

Rick Davis

Hard to believe we've been doing this small town festival for 13 years. Every year has been special and loaded with fun. Now the entire town looks forward and gets involved. Whether it's the free fun and games, the fireworks and cook-out, the parade or watching the professional ISSA skaters, there is something for everyone. This year the cookout and fireworks will be on Friday night at Tenney Farm with the music of the Bursitis Brothers. The ISSA skaters will be back skating down Summer Street at record speeds. We are always looking for new floats for the parade.

### **Antrim's Got Talent!**

New this year is Antrim's Got Talent on Saturday from 7-9 p.m. upstairs at Town Hall. Can you sing? You can show off your talents and win \$200 in gift certificates. We are looking for singers, amateur or otherwise, to compete. The event will be a bracket-style singing competition with three rounds. A competitor will be eliminated each round until the last singer is declared this year's winner by our panel of local judges involved in the music of our area. In addition to bragging rights, the winner will be awarded a basket loaded with local gift cards and goodies. To choose the songs you'd like to perform please visit our talented DJ's master song list at [www.kjayentertainment.com](http://www.kjayentertainment.com) under the karaoke tab. Enter with Russell by email at [russell@pearl-peterborough.com](mailto:russell@pearl-peterborough.com) or with Rose at Bank of NH.

Many thanks to our committee members:

Crista Salamy  
Ted Brown  
Jonas Taub  
Rick Wood  
Brad and Ella Kemp



**JACQUELINE ROLAND**  
**Avenue A Coordinator**

Joan Gorga

One warm Friday morning when we'd had a tease of rain I had the pleasure of sitting down with Jacqueline Roland, the new Coordinator of the Avenue A Teen and Community Center. We immediately bonded when I admired the brand new raised beds built outside the door, which she has since filled with flowers.

Jacqueline, who moved to Nelson when she was in kindergarten, says it was a good place to grow up. As she articulates, in New Hampshire, any town has its own character, and Nelson certainly fits that mold. She got into gardening at age 11, read all the gardening books in the library and experimented with growing her own garden. Three years later, the librarian told her that someone was looking



Photo: Joan Gorga

for a gardener, and the first of her gardening jobs evolved from there. She's also been working as a library assistant, although she's cut back on her gardening jobs as she's found herself busy with college courses and other commitments.

Jacqueline and her mom have an annual tradition of going blueberry picking at Patten Hill Farm in Antrim, followed by a stop at the Tenney Farm for a meal. The trip through town is always an occasion to examine signs and see what they can see. Thus, one day they happened to read the sign outside Avenue A, and Jacqueline thought how cool it was that Antrim has a teen center when many larger towns don't. Jacqueline was looking for another internship, and

this somehow connected with her. She checked the website, called the Grapevine and started as an intern in late May. She managed to catch one of the Avenue A Clubs before school let out and came for Teen Open Hours with former Coordinator Heidi Schultz before she left.

At first, Jacqueline planned to primarily maintain the Avenue A website and social media and take on the marketing activities, but now she's found that interacting with the kids is her favorite part. She says the Avenue A community is really something special, and is working with the Grapevine to develop additional programs to bring more youth and adults to the Center. Jacqueline says her aim is to get teens and adults to turn to Avenue A when trying to think of what to do or how to do it. □



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## FESTIVAL OF TREES

Kristy Boulé

Antrim's Festival of Trees committee is pleased to extend an invitation to the greater community to exhibit holiday quilts and crafts during the 2016 Festival. The committee is seeking holiday quilts of all types, from wall hangings to bed-size, table toppers to stockings. Exhibited items will be placed throughout the historic James A. Tuttle Library. All items will be labeled with maker and an artist's statement or brief description of pertinent information. Like the Festival itself, the exhibition is open to all, and seeks to provide a venue for sharing the talent and artistry of our greater community. Items to be lent for display will need to be available from early November through the first week of January. Drop-off deadline is Nov. 3 (or bring to the October MQG Meeting). Volunteers will be needed for the Hanging party on Nov. 4.

A holiday weekend tradition, the kickoff Open House event the Saturday after Thanksgiving draws more than 600 visitors. The 2016 Open House is Saturday, November 26, from 10 a.m.–4:00 p.m. at the James A. Tuttle Library. Thousands of visitors from near and far enjoy the Festival throughout the season, which concludes January 2, 2017.

The Festival's registration season kicks off at Antrim's Home and Harvest Festival where we host a booth featuring this year's Raffle items and pictures and inspiration for all. A new offering will be an ornament swap where people can either purchase items we're no longer using for a small donation or swap items from their stash. It's a great way to reuse and recycle!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community event. Several new committee members have come on board for this season. We welcome Anne Enman, Sue Conklin, Sarah Davy Devlin, Linda Bryer, Linda Tenney and Jackie Cottle. They join Board Members Connie Vandervort, Laurie Cass-Griggs, Gerry McGlory and Kristy Boulé and committee members Imogene Drabble, Christie Guzeman, Beverly Weymouth and Kerry Holt. Volunteers give of their time and talents as best fit their schedules. More are needed!

We're especially seeking a volunteer or two to be in charge of our outdoor lighting and setup. If you can help in any way, please contact Kristy at 831-1802, or email [info@AntrimFestivalOfTrees.org](mailto:info@AntrimFestivalOfTrees.org). Be sure to check out our Facebook page for current information. ☐



## A WILD GOOSE CHASE

Charles Butterfield

Everyone knows that a wild goose chase is a useless errand, a hopeless quest. I went on one of those in Antrim Center recently.

An actual wild goose chase, as I understand it, was a form of entertainment popular in 16<sup>th</sup> Century England. Horses were lined up behind a lead horse and the chase, not really a race, was off. The challenge was for riders to keep their mounts a fixed distance from the lead horse in the same way that flying geese appear to keep a set distance from the head of their V formation when they migrate. So a wild goose chase was a test of equestrian skill.

The Mother's Blessing from that period goes like this: "Esteeme a horse according to his pace, but loose no wagers on a wilde goose chase."

Well, I would have lost had I bet I could find the "bridle road" I found described in Cochrane's History of Antrim.

One of my favorite places in Antrim is Meetinghouse Hill. Decades ago I used to ride my horse there. In more recent times, I walked the Meetinghouse Hill Road its entire length, ending up on Rte. 31 near Old North Branch Road. On my way, I discovered, not far from the cemetery, an inviting gap in the wall that runs along the east side of Meetinghouse Hill Road. Sometime, I said to myself, I'll see if that gap leads anywhere.

Here begins my wild goose chase. One rainy day last month I went back and located that inviting gap. Before I went, I checked the 1858 survey map that is included in Cochrane's history. On the map, just near the old cemetery, a dotted line extends easterly down to what we now call Smith Road. Could the gap in the wall be the entrance to that old trail?

Cochrane refers to a "bridle road" laid out in 1804 that connected David McIlvain's farm on Smith Road to property owned by the Whiteley family on top of Meetinghouse Hill. Aha! This bridle road, what we would call today a bridle path, must be the dotted line on the old map.

I decided to walk down the east side of Meetinghouse Hill, hoping to see signs of this old bridle road which Cochrane says was improved (widened?) by the town sometime later. Could I find a dent in the ground formed by horses carrying their riders up the hill to attend church services and town meetings two centuries after the fact?

I only knew the general direction of the bridle road—west to east—and I had only the gap in the wall to indicate where to start. Anyway, in the manner of wild goose chases, I took a compass bearing, ten degrees south of east, and headed downhill.

I was encouraged when I found a small gap with pushed-aside rocks in the first stone wall I came to. However, as there is plenty of evidence that the hillside was lumbered

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early years were rustic at best, lugging water, taking family cows out to pasture, or horses to water in the North Branch River with her brothers, or riding to school in a one horse buggy... The loss of her mother at the age of seven and the subsequent move into the village along with the onset of 'The Depression' provided Nina and her family with incredible hardship, yet she always very matter-of-factly said she was 'No Worse for Wear.'" This stoic attitude fits with Amy Proctor's telling me that when Nina was exhausted and things were going badly, she would always say, "soldier on."

After Nina's first year at the Over East School on Turner Hill Road, her family moved to Wallace Street (opposite the dentists' building on Elm Street) in South Village where her mother died in 1928. She continued on through school, working as a baby sitter and doing chores for families, graduating in 1937. She was met with discouragement in high school where the Principal Edward Chaffee expressed the opinion that young women like Nina had no "future beyond marriage and child rearing." Susan Harding reports that Chaffee specifically told Nina that she was not college material. Ben Pratt says that although Chaffee was a good teacher, he only encouraged what he considered the "better students" to go to college. Contrary to Chaffee's belief regarding Nina's future potential, Ben says that his younger and highly successful sister Judy, the same age as Nina, told him after earning her BA, MA, and PhD degrees in Zoology, and having a successful university teaching career, that "I had great respect for Nina, and that if Nina had the opportunity I had, she would have gone far." Ben says that this was not an offhand remark, that Judy was quite serious and sad about Nina's difficult and limiting upbringing and schooling.

At sixteen one of Nina's jobs was caring for Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fuglestad's large family and helping around their house on North Main Street near her home on Wallace Street. Her life changed radically and permanently when Mrs. Fuglestad died of cancer, and in 1938 at eighteen years of age Nina married Andrew Fuglestad and became the mother of his eight children in their new home at the end of Grove Street, across the brook.

Although raising the Fuglestad family was a full time job, Nina "was always very social," as Marguerite Roberts recalls, becoming a Girl Scout leader and, during World War II, joining the Civilian Defense Corps where she learned patient care

and wound-dressing, and becoming with her husband Andy an aircraft spotter identifying plane silhouettes overhead. She was very active in the fraternal and service oriented Antrim's "Hand in Hand" Rebekah Lodge of the Oddfellows Order, and she worked as a switchboard operator in the telephone office on the corner of Main and Summer Streets. In addition, Nina told Sam and Susan that during the 1940s and 1950s she belonged to more than fourteen community organizations, including the Antrim Players in which she was remembered as backstage dialogue prompter "throwing that much needed lost line or two" in what Marguerite describes as her quiet, sure voice.

Marguerite goes way back with Nina (who gave her the "Margie" nickname). "I first met Nina in 1942 when I was ten years old at Camp Caughey at the south end of Gregg Lake. Nina was a Girl Scout leader, and when I said I wanted to lead too, she said that I could not because "Margie has more demerits than any other scout." Susan and Sam have a good description of their mother at Camp Caughey in the biography they wrote for her ninetieth birthday in 2010:

*"The five Fuglestad girls belonged at one time or another to the Girl Scouts during these years. On several occasions Nina and the other leader, Sylvia Ashford, would pool together their WWII ration coupons and take as many as 24 girls across Gregg Lake by rowboat. The summer outings took place at the "Caughey Property" also known as the Antrim Boy Scout Camp on Gregg Lake, located at the southeast corner of the lake. The camp consisted of a mess hall, bunkhouse, and latrine facility. Many lasting memories were formed during the girls' summer camp excursions. On one of the many summer camp trips during World War II, as*

*the camp latrines were constructed and paths were worn in, the girls gave names to the trails naming them after such famous war news reel locations like the Burma Road, and the Ledo Road."*

The nursing skills Nina learned during WWII became valuable in her caring for her husband Andy who became ill with cancer and died in 1952.

Nina continued to live in the Grove Street house, and while working as an Antrim telephone switchboard operator she perfected her cooking skills and became famous for baking pies, doughnuts, and her universally loved cinnamon sweet rolls that Harold "Bub" Proctor sold in Proctor's Store and lunch counter on Main



Courtesy photo

Street where Trends of Fashion and Henry Proctor's barbershop are now located. "Ted Williams" was known to frequent the lunch counter on occasion.

In 1956 Nina met and married William James "Bill" Harding, and they purchased the "Village Barn," a small B&B and restaurant on the corner of North Main Street and Grove Street. They owned and operated it for several years, providing a summer stop-over for parents visiting campers at the Gregg Lake Boy Scout Camp Sachem and the girls' Camp Birchmere. After selling the business they moved to "The Proctor Farm" (formerly the Governor Goodell Estate) where North Main Street, Smith Road, and Goodell Road meet, joining two other families, Bub and Dot Proctor and his son and his wife, Barrett "Barry" and Ellen Proctor. Barry died last March, and Ellen lives in a tiny apartment in Jaffrey where I sat down with her and her daughter Amy early last month. Ellen told me: "I knew Nina for more than sixty years from when she and Bill moved in with us, Barry and I upstairs, Bill and Nina downstairs, about 1961 to 1964. We got along great, I'd call downstairs out the window, and Nina would call back from her window, and we used to have wonderful parties. Gardening was Nina's refuge, and she was such a loving person." When Ellen said this, Amy interjected, "Nina was always soft and loving, arms wide open!" She went on to explain how Nina became a second mother to her, to whom she could turn when in difficulty when Ellen was not available. "No matter what was going on with Nina, if she saw someone in need, she would drop everything and help." Ellen and Amy said that Nina was a wonderful cook, and often cooked for the whole community—baking for Proctor's lunch counter, Antrim's school lunch program, community fund-rais-



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ers, the B&B restaurant—always cooking!

Around 1965 the Hardings moved into a duplex owned by Marguerite and Fred Roberts on Pleasant Street. Marguerite remembers it as a happy time. "When Nina and Bill moved into our duplex with Fred and me and our kids, there was very little money so Nina and I would share whatever food we had and we'd cook together and the families would eat together. Nina loved to cook, and she taught my four children to cook and they still fix meals that Nina taught them. She

always had a big garden that she loved to weed, and she did a lot of vegetable canning. The Hardings and the Proctors had young children as did Fred and I, and we used to have wonderful parties on our back deck with all the kids together." Nina cooked in the school lunch program at Antrim Elementary School. Many Antrim adults today deliciously remember Nina's yeast rolls from their school days.

Bill worked in the food industry, and as his son Sam says, "Dad was a rolling stone," which accounts for the many homes the Hardings occupied. (Sam says his mother claimed to have lived in at least ten houses in Antrim.) When Bill got a job cooking in Manchester in 1967, he moved the family from the Roberts's duplex to an apartment at 318 Pearl Street in the city from which Nina walked every day about thirty blocks to a piecework job sewing shoes in a sweatshop mill along the Merrimack River, surrounded by French Canadian immigrant women workers. Tragedy struck in 1968 when Bill developed diabetes, suffered two strokes, and had a leg amputated. Nina disliked Manchester and longed for her beloved Antrim, and as Sam has said, "Mom threw out an anchor in Antrim, and when times were tough she pulled on the line and returned to Antrim." With help from Fred Roberts and Barry Proctor, she moved the family to the old Gould house on West Street in Antrim. Once again Nina depended on her WWII nursing skills to care for Bill while employed in several jobs. Marguerite reports that "when the Hardings moved to the Gould Farm on West Street, Nina had an even bigger garden, and my children liked to 'run away from home' to visit Nina and eat her delicious cookies."

Barry Proctor, who was working at New England College in Henniker, got her a position as the college baker, and instantly she went from baking for family and friends to providing all the bread, rolls, pies, and cookies for six or seven hundred students. Nina didn't drive, so Barry took her

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to and from the college, and on the way began showing her how to drive. (I was teaching at NEC at that time, and I first met Nina when for a week or so Barry couldn't take her to work and I did.) And Barry was successful in teaching her to drive, but, as his wife Ellen said to me, "Barry also taught her how to run out of gas!"

Mary Ann "Mac" Borden was Director of Food Services at NEC during Nina's time there from approximately 1969 to 1990 when Nina retired. Recently I visited Mac at her Henniker home where she remembered Nina fondly: "That woman knew how to cook! She was a sweetheart and she was fun, and everyone loved her. She was such a loving person and easy to work with, but she wanted things just her way." The bakery was downstairs in Charter Hall, a student dormitory and dining room, and Nina baked everything, from bread and cinnamon-raisin puddings, to the sweet rolls all the students loved. "She could make a mean pie!"

In the 1970s Nina not only baked full time at NEC, she was also the cook for Barry's popular Valley Inn in Hillsboro, and summers cooked at Camp Sachem on Gregg Lake in Antrim. Nina experienced a personal triumph while working at NEC when she took and passed a college Psychology course, finally and joyfully proving to herself that her high school principal was wrong when he said she was not college material. She was very proud!

The Hardings lived on West Street from 1969 to 1972 when the family built the current Harding house on Pleasant Street. Nina continued nursing Bill until he died in 1981, and she kept on at NEC until she retired in 1990 at seventy years of age. Always an active member of Antrim's Presbyterian Church, after she retired from NEC Nina went to work as the church secretary. Brian Beihl remembers Nina as key person "when planning church suppers, always very organized, very pragmatic, just a lovely lady all round."

Here are some final words by three people who knew Nina intimately.

Amy Proctor: *Nina was very dedicated to the preservation of Antrim's history and was the go-to person if you were looking for a past fact or historical context. She knew it all. She was a master community organizer and, given a kernel of an idea, her enthusiasm would pull you in and she would convince you that you were the one to help. In recent years Nina worked as the secretary at the First Presbyterian Church, where you could find her almost every morning putting together the church newsletter, kibitzing with the*



Courtesy photo

seniors, and giving the dickens to the party responsible for an improper table setting.

Susan Harding: *Mom never called herself a teacher, but that is the title that has surfaced for me in recent months. She was always teaching whatever audience she had. I remember her (and my dad) teaching me how to cook before I was even old enough to read. She would teach me household chores: how to do the ironing properly, how to fold clothes, how to clean, etc. After her time as a baker, the lessons would often be about efficiency, how you can get the job done with the least amount of effort and steps. Even in her last days in the nursing home she would crit-*

*ique the food service people and show the servers how to serve correctly. She took other residents under her wing and would coach them. There was one woman who suffered from depression and anxiety attacks. Mom would try and make her laugh at meals—apparently she had quite a group of ladies that loved to sit together and "raise holy heck."*

Sam Harding: *I think that there is an intangible about my mother that centers around this town, her interaction all of her decades with its people, its history, her heritage, including the five generations of her family that came before her and are buried here. Antrim—this place on a map, mostly hills, rocks, woods, fields, brooks, ponds—this was the place she called home, and loved ever so much. As she said to me more than once, it's not about Antrim the place, but rather the people, those who settled here, who called one another neighbor, who shared a love for her rocks, her hills. For me she connected and passed through her being a continuity of the generations, preserving the past, the old ways, yet embracing the present, through hard work and determination and love for it all.* □

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# ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Steve Ullman, President

## Recent Events

*Founding of the Grapevine.* On June 12<sup>th</sup>, the Antrim Historical Society presented a panel discussion by the “Founding Mothers and Fathers” of The Grapevine, our invaluable community resource center. We heard from Andrea Gilbert, Ben Pratt, and Sydney Wilson-Smith who were all “present at the creation,” as well as from Kristen Vance, recently retired after eighteen productive years as Director, and Melissa Gallagher, the dynamic new Director.

*Independence Day.* I tell newcomers to Antrim that if they truly want to appreciate small town America, they should attend the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at Memorial Park. Izi Nichols and Thelma Nichols pioneered this event, which celebrates the Declaration of Independence. AHS Vice President Bill Nichols does a masterful job in coordinating this event.

This year’s event was particularly meaningful to me because two of my guests have roots outside the United States. My older son’s *au pair*, Sophie, had arrived from Germany only a week before. Also present and adorned in his huge Uncle Sam hat was my grandson Elliot who holds dual American and Canadian citizenship, lives in Toronto, and hears “Oh, Canada” every school day, but not the “Star Spangled Banner.” What a compelling expression of American patriotism they witnessed highlighted by: 1) The Yankee Doodle and the Dandies ensemble, consisting of Walker Boyle, Frank Gorga, Joan Gorga, Victor Rosansky and Margie Warner, who led us in cherished songs; 2) The Cub and Boy Scout color team led by Scoutmaster extraordinaire Brian Beihl; and 3) Bill Nichols and Dean Proctor decked out in colonial garb, who read the Declaration itself.

The support crew for this gathering is quite long so I will undoubtedly miss some contributors, but I would like to thank Brian Beihl, Diane Chauncey, Sue Conklin, Kim Proctor, John Robertson, and Sheila Nichols for the home-baked pastries and other refreshments.

## Ask an AHS Archivist

If you’re interested in exploring the contents of the Antrim Historical Society archives located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Antrim’s Tuttle Library, you should know that members of the society are staffing the archives Saturday mornings from 10–noon through September. We have also been answering emailed questions about Antrim history and especially about the backgrounds of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century relatives who lived in Antrim. In addition, we have had the opportunity to share some digital resources with distant families.

## Future Programs

*Apple Crisp.* On Saturday, September 17, during Home & Harvest Days, please look for the AHS booth located as usual in front of the historic Maplehurst Inn. Once again we will be offering our world famous, homemade Apple Crisp topped with vanilla ice cream. In addition, we will be selling the much-copied, but never equaled, AHS tote bags, as well as copies of *Parades and Promenades, A Stroll Through Antrim, New Hampshire* and Don Dunlap’s book on his family’s two-hundred-year tradition of woodworking.

*History of the Tenney Farm.* On Sunday, October 18, at least two Tenneys (and maybe more) will discuss the history of Antrim’s foremost (and arguably last) agricultural outpost. Just before the Tenneys talk, the AHS will annoy you with its short annual meeting as required by our by-laws.

To keep yourself informed about AHS programs, you can go to the Antrim Historical Society Facebook page.

We invite you to join the Antrim Historical Society, which is dedicated to the celebration of Antrim’s history. 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 588-2793. You can also join by sending a check to the Antrim Historical Society, P.O. Box 172, Antrim, NH 03440. ☐



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## CONVAL SCHOOL BOARD

Kimberly Saunders, who served as Assistant Superintendent of SAU #1 under Brendan Minnihan, has been hired as the new Superintendent. For a full explanation of the School Board's decision to hire an internal candidate without undertaking a full national search, please see the SAU #1 website at <http://convalsd.net/superintendents-office/>. ☐

### A Wild Goose Chase continued from page 5

many years ago, the gap could have been created when logs were twitched out through the snow. Still, at the second stone wall in my path, I found another such gap.

There is no way to know whether this meager evidence indicates the bridle road. I didn't find any other clues. The hillside is very rough and steep where I walked. Several dry streambeds gouge the ground, and huge glacial erratics lie scattered. I have walked this kind of terrain in many parts of Antrim. Nothing unusual here.

It took me a half hour to bushwhack to Smith Road. I ended up near what was called the Henderson Farm when I was growing up. The name on the mailbox now is Cork. I had nothing to show for my effort, so instead of climbing back up through the thick woods, I returned to my car at the cemetery by way of Smith Road and Miltimore Road. Wet and tired, my trek was a classical wild goose chase.

Still, I got to see a piece of Antrim I had not seen before. Nothing I encountered refuted the idea that once upon a time a bridle road to the top of Meetinghouse Hill existed. After walking the few miles around Meetinghouse Hill in the rain, I can understand why the families in that part of town might take advantage of a shortcut to the center of town, even one that was steep and rocky.

Of course it was a wild goose chase. What else could it be? Imagine the changes in land use that have occurred on that hillside since 1804. Lots of events, the Hurricane of '38, for instance, would have scoured away any traces. Why would anyone imagine that a trail through the woods, never even a real roadway, would persist through centuries? Chalk it up to the lure of a dotted line. ☐

## ANTRIM RECREATION

Celeste Lunetta

Antrim Recreation programs and parks were well used during the summer of 2016. The lighting project at Shea Field was completed, and a new sign for Memorial Park was commissioned.

Fall programs are upon us. Antrim **Youth Soccer** has 6 teams (girls and boys, grades 3–6) in the Merrimack Valley Soccer League, and is accepting registrations for the Soccer program serving players ages 4 years–2<sup>nd</sup> grade through the first week of September. Our teams will be having home games on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays—come by Shea Field on School Street to cheer them on!

**After-school programs** will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We welcome back **Kenny's Tae Kwon Do** on Thursdays starting September 8; registration is available on the town website. Tuesday after-school programs will begin in October.

**Tumbling with Alison Wozmac**, for kids ages 5–15 (in separate age groups) is offered in four-week sessions on Sundays from 4:30–6:30 p.m. at Antrim Town Gym.

We will have **free movie nights** on the weekends of October 14–15 and November 18–19. For information regarding what's showing, watch the town website and the front window at Town Hall. We also have an active Antrim Recreation Facebook page. We'd love to hear your suggestions!

Our **Youth Basketball** season starts in November. Registrations for the 2016–2017 basketball travel season, serving girls and boys in grades 3–6 who want to play in our recreational travel league, are due by Friday, October 28. These teams participate in the Concord-area Merrimack Valley Basketball League. We will collaborate with the Cougar Youth Sports Association for kids in grades K–2.

The **Halloween Window Painting Contest** is back this year. Families and groups can sign up to decorate a window downtown—prizes will be awarded! The contest will be on the morning of Saturday, October 29. All materials will be provided. Groups will be asked to submit their designs by Tuesday, October 25. The top 5 designs will be selected

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## WHO SPEAKS FOR US, ANYWAY?

Joan Gorga

With the New Hampshire primary elections coming up on September 13, followed by the general election on November 8, I thought it might be useful to consider who some of our representatives are and how our government works outside the boundaries of our home town. Who has stepped up to run for elected office? How do those offices represent us? Because of limited space, I chose to focus on those who represent us on the Executive Council and in the NH General Court (House and Senate). I asked each of the candidates on the state primary ballots to submit a short statement about who they are and what they'd like to accomplish if elected. Twelve of the fourteen candidates responded.

**Executive Council.** Did you know New Hampshire is the only state in the union whose executive branch is run by a “Governor and Council”? The Governor and the Executive Council are elected separately and have veto power against each other, adding an extra layer of checks and balances to the state government. The Governor convenes the Executive Council, which approves the spending of a major portion of the money appropriated by the legislature, as well as appointments of Judges, Commissioners, Notary Publics and Justices of the Peace. The Executive Council ensures that executive branch business is conducted in the best interests of the public. It is made up of five private citizens, each of whom represents one-fifth of the population of New Hampshire and receives a salary of approximately \$16,000. Antrim is located in District 5, which consists of the towns of Amherst, Antrim, Bennington, Brookline, Deering, Dunbarton, Fitzwilliam, Francestown, Greenfield, Greenville, Hillsborough, Hollis, Hudson, Jaffrey, Litchfield, Lyndeborough, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, New Boston, New Ipswich, Peterborough, Richmond, Rindge, Sharon, Swanzey, Temple, Troy, Weare, Wilton, and Windsor, and the city of Nashua. There is only one candidate for Executive Councilor on each primary ballot, incumbent Republican Dave Wheeler and Democrat Dan Weeks.

<b>Candidates for Executive Councilor</b>	
<b>Republican</b>	<b>Democratic</b>
<b>Dave Wheeler</b>	<b>Dan Weeks</b>
No response	<p>I'm running for Executive Council in District 5 where I was raised to put public service ahead of partisan ideology in Concord. As your good-government watchdog charged with approving state spending and appointments, I will work to move New Hampshire forward on key issues facing our state.</p> <p><i>Economic Development:</i> Bring thousands of good jobs and millions in new business spending on commuter rail and broadband; make smart investments in education and opportunity for all.</p> <p><i>Access to Affordable Healthcare:</i> Ensure people battling addiction and families denied access get the care they need before it's too late; protect critical investments in women's health.</p> <p><i>Clean Energy:</i> Stop unnecessary projects like the NED pipeline and instead bring smart renewable energy to New Hampshire for economic growth and a more sustainable future.</p> <p><i>Good Governance:</i> Increase transparency and accountability in Concord so that every voice is heard, not just wealthy special interests that fund political campaigns.</p>
<i>davewheeler.org</i>	<i>www.danielweeks.com</i>

New Hampshire's legislative branch, known as the NH General Court, consists of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Legislation is initiated in the House and modified in the Senate before final consideration by both legislative bodies and presentation to the Governor. The Senate President serves as Acting Governor when necessary. Our legislators are paid only \$100 per year, plus mileage.

**Senate.** New Hampshire has 24 state senate districts based on population, each of which elects one senator for a two-year term. Antrim is located in District 8, which also includes Acworth, Bennington, Bradford, Croydon, Deering, Francestown, Goshen, Grantham, Hillsborough, Langdon, Lempster, Marlow, Newbury, New London, Newport, Springfield, Stoddard, Sunapee, Sutton, Unity, Washington, Weare and Windsor. One-third of the State Senators are retiring this year, leaving room for competitive campaign battles and major changes in the Senate makeup. District 8 incumbent Jerry Little is not running for re-election because he has been appointed State Banking Commissioner. Republican primary candidates are Jim Beard and Ruth Ward; the Democratic candidate is John Garvey.

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

Sharon Dowling

Music Director/New Beginnings Committee

It has been an interesting summer in the Monadnock area—but despite hot and humid, yet drought-plagued weather, our church community has been busy serving the community at large, and has been gathering to decide how else we can help meet needs in our area. The building and Sanctuary host a variety of events both secular and spiritual. Our biggest focus right now is connecting with and building community—and we are in good company in town! Many organizations in Antrim appear to be striving towards the same ends. What is community? How do we connect with each other in the face of fast-moving technology, increasing social isolation, and the financial strains and drains on our family time and real social experiences? How do we move from being a provider of spiritual services, organized and packaged for “consumers,” to becoming a thriving, living embodiment of our faith that is truly connected to the surrounding community, regardless of individually held beliefs?

Have you ever heard of or experienced a labyrinth? Over the past decade or so there has been a worldwide move-

ment to create labyrinth experiences for people. There are many different types, shapes and sizes of labyrinths, and many different materials used to construct them. For a number of years now, in Peterborough Town Hall, a labyrinth has been set up on New Year’s Day—simply constructed of masking tape on the floor, but creating a place for meditation and contemplation as individuals slowly walk the path of turnings and circles until reaching the center, and then reverse direction to exit. Unlike a maze, which it can resemble, there are no blind ends—you cannot get lost or make a wrong turn. It is a tool for centering and is said to create a sense of peace and connectedness for the participants—and to send those vibrations of positivity out to the world. Often noted as a healing experience, it has also been described as a way to see more clearly where you have been, as well as where you are going. Might we, in our small way, be able to bring that experience to Antrim so that the community at large can come, seek peaceful moments, as individuals or in groups, and thereby help build a stronger sense of community and connectedness? Is there something we can do as a church to promote peace in our world? This is an idea we plan to explore! Mark your calendars for October 22, 2016! We will be borrowing a “traveling labyrinth” from South Church in Concord, and between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m., invite the community to drop in and try out this extraordinary experience! If we get positive reactions, the hope is to create a permanent structure on the church grounds that everyone can enjoy. An oasis of peace on Main Street. Can you picture that as a possibility?!

In other news, Home & Harvest Days will see the church busy with the traditional Breakfast from 8–10 and the Yard/Rummage Sale from 8–2. The Revival Shop will be open as well, with special deals outside and in—this mission has

been a valuable resource for both the Church and the community for many years now! We are sprucing up the outside of the church, so check it out! Sunday School will restart on September 25, during regular worship time at 10:30 a.m. Choir will resume on October 2, with rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. And we will be hosting the Presbytery of Northern New England on December 3, when Melissa Gallagher of The Grapevine—an organization our church has helped to support with funds from the Revival Shop and more—will be speaking.

Our church family has also agreed to become part of ConVal End 68. Working with churches in the region, this mission seeks to help families with students who participate in school-provided breakfasts and lunches with supplies to get through the weekend as well. Part of a nationwide initiative, we are just beginning to become involved, and are coordinating with the Peterborough Congregational Church for implementation. It will be interesting to see how it goes!

Anyone interested in using the Sanctuary for private prayer during weekday morning hours is invited to do so. Senior Center hours are 9–11:45, Meals On Wheels deliveries are at 11:45, and office hours are 9–noon, so come in and let the office know you are there—all are welcome! Anyone wishing to contribute to plantings on the grounds—whether financially or with contributions of plants from home gardens—call the church office and leave a message for Sherrill or Sharon.

Questions? Comments? Please call the church at 588-2209! Check out our Facebook page! Join us for worship any Sunday morning at 10:30—share the Love! ☐

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Candidates for New Hampshire State Senator		
Democratic	Republican	
John Garvey	Jim Beard	Ruth Ward
<p>I've spent my adult life building bridges of one kind or another. As a mediator, I build bridges between parties to resolve their differences. As a law professor, I teach students to build bridges to better understand and advocate for clients. In the State Senate, I will build bridges between the Parties and other interest groups to address the issues facing New Hampshire. I support a responsible balanced state budget that avoids unnecessary expense but properly invests in our future. Many young people are leaving New Hampshire, which will hurt our economy and long-term wellbeing. We need to give them a reason to stay. I will focus on infrastructure, including roads, bridges, cell service and broadband internet. I support early childhood education, quality schools, worker training, affordable healthcare, and women's reproductive rights. I support the environment and am an easement donor. I'm also a proud Navy veteran.</p>	<p>I'm running for State Senate because New Hampshire deserves a business friendly government that works for the people.</p> <p>I'm not a politician and I've never run for elected office before. I'm a retired pilot and international sales director who believes that we need bold plans and elected officials who care more about doing what is best than about getting reelected.</p> <p>Our state needs make sure we teach students how to compete in a 21st century economy by using technology and returning to vocational training.</p> <p>We also need a real energy plan that works to lower costs while respecting property rights, conservation concerns and our energy needs.</p> <p>Finally, we need a more friendly tax climate for families and businesses. If we work together we can achieve great things for our state. I hope to see you as I go door to door and hope I can earn your vote in September.</p>	<p>My name is Ruth Ward and I am a retired Nurse Practitioner. I live in Stoddard where I am currently on the Stoddard Planning Board, and previously served on the ZBA. While campaigning in my hometown, I heard the same thing over and over again – <i>nobody listens</i>. Too many of us feel this way here locally, I am running for State Senate because that needs to change.</p> <p>If elected I will protect the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment, fight for local control, especially in education, and work to make our economy stronger. I oppose a sales or income tax, I support making NH a RTW state, and I believe we need develop a workforce in the technical and vocational trades to give our children more opportunities to succeed. I support charter schools, technical schools, home schooling, and believe we need to make tuition more affordable.</p> <p>I hope I can count on your vote.</p>
<p><a href="http://www.johngarvey.org">www.johngarvey.org</a></p>	<p><a href="http://www.votejimbeard.com">www.votejimbeard.com</a></p>	<p><a href="http://www.ruthwardforsenate.com">www.ruthwardforsenate.com</a></p>

**House of Representatives.** New Hampshire has 204 state house districts, which elect 400 representatives for two-year terms, making the NH House the largest lower house in the US and one of the largest parliamentary bodies in the world. The least populous districts elect a single representative; more populous districts elect up to eleven representatives. Antrim is located in two state house districts, Hillsborough County District 1, which consists of Antrim, Hillsboro and Windsor, and Hillsborough County District 38, which consists of Antrim, Bennington, Francestown, Greenfield, Greenville, Hancock, Hillsborough, Lyndeborough, Wilton and Windsor. Each of these districts elects two representatives. Republican candidates for **State Representatives** for Hillsborough **District 1** are Charles Levesque, Joseph M. Alibrandi and Jim Fedolfi. Democratic candidates are incumbents Marjorie Porter and Gilman Shattuck..

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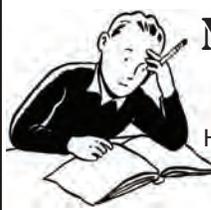
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Candidates for New Hampshire State Representative, Hillsborough District 1		
Republican Ballot, Vote for 2		
Charles Levesque	Joseph M. Alibrandi	Jim Fedolfi
<p>I am excited to run for this House seat as I believe I have something to offer the citizens of the three towns and I will represent them well in Concord. I offer simple things in this election: to listen to people; to work hard on issues to best represent the interests of my constituents and the state; and to make informed decisions—to make sure I have the best information possible before I make a decision. I have always done this as a volunteer and in my work. I think my years of experience as a small business owner, forester, non-profit board member and staff, and as an elected official as town moderator, school board member and planning board member, will serve well in this position.</p> <p>I have seen government operate in many other states and NH's small, efficient government works well, despite the political rhetoric we seem to hear all the time. I want to keep it that way.</p>	<p>I am an engineer and a scientist, not a politician. For two years, I have been mired in the broken and dysfunctional family law system and witnessed the horrors of families dealing with this system. I have been asked by several state reps on the child and family law committee to run and join them in their fight. I have also been working with a growing group of outspoken citizens, reps, senators and candidates for all offices including Governor who are committed to bringing needed change to this state in Family law reform, local jobs, strong communities, locally controlled education, abolish common core, no new taxes and judicial accountability to name just a few. I am happy to say that I have made many friends and enemies and plan on making many more. Win or loose, I'm in this battle for the long haul, politically incorrect, direct and to the point....Joe</p>	<p>I am running for State Representative because I don't like the direction the state is going in terms of fiscal responsibility and intrusion into our lives. This has happened with democratic Governors in particular and Democrats in general. Anyone who tells you that one representative can change all that has an ego problem, especially those from small towns; however a rep that is part of a political party can help persuade fellow party members to deal with these problems in an effective manner.</p> <p>I like to think of myself as a traditional conservative Republican. I have been married to the same wonderful woman for fifty years, I have four wonderful hardworking children and six grandchildren. I owe it to them to try to make this a better state and better country than I inherited. My web site contains many of my writings over the past few years, and I hope it will give some insight into who I am.</p>
<i>charles-levesque.win.gop</i>	Facebook: <i>Joe-Alibrandi-for-State-Rep-of-Hillsboro-Antrim</i>	<i>www.jimfedolfi.com</i>

Candidates for New Hampshire State Representative, Hillsborough District 1	
Democratic Ballot, Vote for 2	
Marjorie Porter	Gilman Shattuck
<p>It has been an honor to serve as your state representative for these past six years. During this time we have seen NH's economy rebound and prosperity return for many. Our unemployment rate has dropped from 5.6% to 2.8% and this year's revenues are exceeding expectations by more than \$100 million. CNBC ranks us #1 for business friendliness and #4 for overall quality of life.</p> <p>But there continue to be some troubling trends. CNBC also ranks us #49 for the quality of our infrastructure. Our college costs are the highest in the nation, and our young people are leaving NH at an alarming rate. We are in the midst of a drug crisis, and services for our most vulnerable are inadequate. Childhood poverty has risen, and so has income inequality.</p> <p>I am running for re-election because I believe we need to focus on improving the quality of life for all NH citizens. It's time to use our prosperity to invest once again in our state and its people.</p>	<p>What did I take away from the Philadelphia convention? It had a message of hope to move our country forward to the greater good of all.</p> <p>To bring this about in New Hampshire much hard work at the state level will be needed as well.</p> <p>We must work to—restore economic security for all workers and for the middle class—lighten the burden of property taxes—make the expansion of Medicaid permanent—remove state barriers to voting—recognize climate change—build a clean energy economy—provide quality and affordable education—ensure the health and safety of all—rebuild our infrastructure.</p> <p>We must work to protect existing revenue sources and find new sources so we can carry out necessary governmental functions.</p> <p>Every vote will count—not to vote is a vote for doom and despair.</p>
Facebook: <i>State-Representative-Marjorie-Porter</i>	

Candidates on the Republican primary ballot for **State Representatives** from Hillsborough County **District 38** are Jim Kofalt and John J. Valera. Democratic candidates are incumbent Richard D. McNamara and Bianca Acebron Peco. Incumbent Frank Edelblut is not running for re-election as he is running for governor.

<b>Candidates for New Hampshire State Representative, Hillsborough District 38</b>	
<b>Republican Ballot, Vote for 2</b>	
<b>Jim Kofalt</b>	<b>John J. Valera</b>
<p>Despite claims that the economy is in recovery, families throughout New Hampshire continue to struggle. As government spending grows larger and larger, most of our citizens are under increasing pressure to balance their household budgets as they watch their tax bills go up year after year. Many of the factors that drive up our property taxes stem from decisions made in Concord and Washington. As your State Representative, I would fight against that kind of top-down decision-making.</p> <p>While many politicians promote the idea that we need more government to solve our problems, I believe that the best solutions come from individuals and local communities. Our nation and our state were founded on the principles of individual liberty. As a State Representative, I will oppose excessive government spending, fight for reduced regulation, empower parents in their children's education, and stand for property rights and 2nd Amendment rights. I respectfully ask for your support in standing for a strong economy and protecting personal liberties in New Hampshire.</p>	No response
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<b>Candidates for New Hampshire State Representative, District 38</b>	
<b>Democratic Ballot, Vote for 2</b>	
<b>Richard D. McNamara</b>	<b>Bianca Acebron Peco</b>
<p>Bipartisanship Works For All.</p> <p>I am running for office again this year because of my concerns that our government could evolve into a non functioning political body as has occurred in Washington, DC. I see candidates who are running for office who do not like government and do not like other people. We now have a small group of these individuals in the NH House who are not willing to work together for the greater good of all our citizens. I understand that we all have difference of opinion—but compromise is important. As someone who has been happily married to the same woman for 49 years, we learn that everything in life is a give and take situation. Compromise applies to the personal as well as the political.</p> <p>My background as a High School Chemistry Teacher—18 years, office manager to a healthcare clinic—25 years and my 4 years as your State Representative serve me well as one of your Representatives in District 38 which includes 10 towns, one being Antrim.</p>	<p>My name is Bianca Acebron Peco (24 years old), pursuing my MBA. I received my Bachelor's from Franklin Pierce, where I studied Political Science. I am running to serve the people of District 38 because our county matters. Throughout my campaign I have asked many Antrim and district residents what concerns them. Continuing responses are trade jobs, keeping the youth in the state, and stability of the economy. As a Representative, I would begin by tackling trade job opportunities. Where generations can learn the skills they need to be productive in our job force. I will champion bills to educate our communities, to get jobs. No longer will we rely on neighboring states to bring skilled workers. Send me to Concord and together we can stimulate growth in the county, and keep our young people in the state. It starts with us. Get to know me at <a href="http://www.biancaacebronpeco.com">www.biancaacebronpeco.com</a>.</p>
Facebook: <i>RichardMcNamaraNH</i>	<i>www.biancaacebronpeco.com</i>

As you can see, most of our candidates made the effort to introduce themselves to Antrim, so do your part—check out their websites, come out to meet them and make informed decisions in the State Primary on September 13 and the General Election on November 8. Remember, decisions made at the local and state levels often have a larger effect on our daily lives than those at the national level. ☐



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

- 6 *Climate Change—Hurricanes & Tornados* • Tuttle Library program • 6:30 p.m.  
15 *FREE Community Supper* • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.  
16–17 *Home & Harvest Festival* • see insert  
17 *Home & Harvest Breakfast* • First Presbyterian Church • 8:00–10:00 a.m.  
17 *Rummage Sale* • First Presbyterian Church • 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
20 *Hurricane Katrina* • Tuttle Library program • 6:30 p.m.  
22 *Boy Scout Troop 2 Registration* • Shea Field • 5:00–7:00 p.m.  
27 *Tornados and TWISTER* • Tuttle Library program • 6:30 p.m.  
30–Oct 2 *“Pumpkin Chunkin” Camporee* • Boy Scout Troop 2 • Keene



## OCTOBER

- 4 *Acid Seas* • Tuttle Library program • 6:30 p.m.  
7 *Trip to Beal Island, ME* • Boy Scout Troop 2  
18 *History of the Tenney Farm* • Antrim Historical Society program • First Presbyterian Church • 3:00 p.m.  
20 *FREE Community Supper* • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.  
21–22 *Antrim 2020 Community Profile* • Action Project days—Planning for the Future  
22 *Labyrinth Community Experience* • First Presbyterian Church • 7:00–9:00 p.m.  
28 *Watching Great Meadow* • Harris Center program • 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
29 *Turkey Dinner and Goods & Services Auction* • Antrim Baptist Church • 5:00 p.m.

## NOVEMBER

- 5 *Ramble in McCabe Forest* • a Grapevine program • 9–10:30 a.m.  
17 *FREE Community Supper* • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.  
19 *International Games Day @ Your Library* • Tuttle Library • 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
26 *OPEN HOUSE Festival of Trees* • Tuttle Library • 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
26 *Holiday Wreath Sales* • Boy Scout Troop 2  
26 *Annual Christmas Tree Lighting* • Caroling & Visits with Santa at the Tuttle Library • 4:00 p.m.  
27 *Special Advent Service • Decorating the Chrismon Tree*  
First Presbyterian Church • 10:30 a.m.



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for painting the Town Hall windows. A grand prize will be awarded, as well as prizes in other categories. Details for the program will be available at Home & Harvest.

We will once again welcome **Children's Stage Adventures** to Antrim, as we put together a production of the classic story *Oliver Twist*. Auditions for kids ages 6–14 will be held on Monday, November 7...and there are parts for up to 50 kids! Children's Stage Adventures has proven time and again to be an extremely valuable and enriching program for the participants and their families. The cost is \$60 per child, with a sibling discount, and includes acting workshops and two performances. This program runs after school for one week; the level of commitment depends upon the part. We encourage you to contact us with questions. Details are pending regarding the final day being Friday, Nov. 11 or Saturday, Nov. 12. Stay tuned!

We have some special trips coming up!

**Community Bus Trip to Salem, Massachusetts**, Monday, October 10. Enjoy the day in this historical city! The bus will leave Antrim at 7:45 a.m. and will return by 6 p.m. Enjoy visiting the Peabody Essex Museum, the Salem Witch Dungeon Museum, the Salem Witch Museum and more. For more details, call the Recreation Office at 588-3121. Space is limited and reg-

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**Community Bus Trip to Capitol Center for the Arts**, Wednesday, November 9, to see the Jazz Ambassadors, the official touring big band of the United States Army. Formed in 1969, this 19-member ensemble has received great acclaim at home and abroad performing America's greatest original art form, jazz. The bus leaves Antrim at 6 p.m. and returns around 10:30 p.m.

Ongoing adult activities include **Yoga with Jeanine** on Tuesday nights, 6–7:15 at Town Hall (fee—see instructor); **CardioTone with Cathy** on Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30–7 at Antrim Town Gym (fee—see instructor); and three free programs at Antrim Town Gym: **Pickleball**, Thursday 4:30–6, **Volleyball**, Thursday 7:15–9, and **pick-up Basketball** for 18 years+, Sunday 10–12. Monthly family-friendly **roller skating nights** are held by the Monadnock Roller Derby every second Saturday at the Town Gym.

More programs are always added after *The Limrik* goes to press. Please keep up-to-date with our offerings by visiting the town website, [antrimnh.org](http://antrimnh.org), as well as the bulletin board at Town Hall and at Antrim Recreation Office. We can be reached at 588-3121. ☐

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## JOHN JORDAN AES Principal

Joan Gorga

With ConVal Superintendent Brendan Minnihan moving on, Ann Allwarden has taken on the role of Assistant Superintendent for SAU 1, leaving open the Principal positions at both Antrim Elementary School and Pierce School in Bennington. On a sultry July day, I was warmly welcomed into the very quiet Pierce School for a delightful conversation with John Jordan, who has been hired as Principal for the two elementary schools.

John comes to us from the town of Ware, Massachusetts, near the southern end of the Quabbin Reservoir. He got his start in education as a substitute teacher in central Massachusetts. He enjoyed it so much he changed his major to education and became a paraprofessional and then a first grade teacher in the Holyoke Public Schools. While teaching first grade, he won a scholarship to UMass Amherst to earn a Master's Degree in Educational Administration. He spent two years as Assistant Principal in Holyoke before he moved on to the Ware School District, where he spent nine years. He served two buildings, the K-3 Elementary School and the Grade 4-6 Middle School, as Assistant Principal before he became Principal of the Middle School.

Last winter John and his partner Ken decided it was time for a new adventure, and purchased the Greenfield Inn Bed & Breakfast. John says he had always wanted to do something like that. They chose the Greenfield B&B because it was up and running and had returning customers, which



Photo: Joan Gorga

they felt would give them a strong start. They are living at the spacious B&B and are currently heavily involved in renovations. As they find themselves booked through the leaf-peeping season, they are wondering if there will be a down time. John says with a laugh that he hopes it will coincide with a school vacation. He enjoys camping and visiting family and friends in Maine and on Cape Cod, but is thinking of selling his motor home since he anticipates being too busy to make much use of it in the near future.

As Principal, John plans to carry on many of the same initiatives that Ann Allwarden set in place and will work to build bonds with the community. He is especially pleased

that AES and Pierce School are already using differentiated instruction and assessment, which John had recently implemented at his old school. In "differentiation," data is used to drive instructional practices. For instance, a lesson might be taught to a whole group, and then the group is broken down into smaller units based on mastery of the lesson. Assessment can take different forms, from district or school-wide assessments to informal or formative assessments continually gathered from many sources.

John says so far everyone has been very friendly and helpful, and he's been impressed by the way they work as a team and seem to go above and beyond for the kids. Now, if only he can figure out the new attendance system... ☐

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## EBB AND FLOW ON PIERCE LAKE

Frank Malinoski

As nature prepares its autumn splendor, change is in the air. And yet, the past year on Pierce Lake was anything but stagnant. The lake and the community began the year with less than 20 inches of snow, some 3 to 4 times less than NH's average, with warmer temperatures that kept snowmobilers and ice fishers off the Lake. La Niña followed these peculiarities with high temperatures and little rain through July, parching lawns and reducing streams to a trickle.

Whether weather or other rhythms of nature were at work, the Lake's seasonal resident loon pair skipped their annual nesting on Loon Island and simply enjoyed their days paddling and fishing around the lake. There were more sightings of our local bald eagles (see the cover of the Franklin Pierce Lake Association calendar for photo proof, thanks to year-round resident Rick Smith) while the troop of cormorants that visited in 2015 failed to return for their own fishing.

The heat of this past summer encouraged owners, friends, guests, and visitors to take full advantage of the cool and nearly crystal clear refreshing waters. However folks enjoying the lake witnessed renovations at many a Lake house as seasonal owners seemed to prepare for spending more time here. A fire threatened a group of homes on Marina Road, thwarted by rapid response from three local fire departments. Thank you volunteer fire-fighters!

Giving a stranded pontoon boat with a drained battery a tow back to their dock, I learned that the British couple and their children on board were escaping a brutal London summer through a "Home Exchange" with a Lake family. That British family will no doubt remember their holiday on the Lake and, hopefully, pay forward the courtesy of the tow. But we will have to wait to hear what the Lake owners of that exchanged house thought of their visit to London. Of course, this is not the first time we've had overseas exchanges on the Lake. Just talk with Breezy Point residents Dick and Robin Loveland, who have thoroughly enjoyed their now-and-then exchanges that began in 2010. They have swapped with families from Ireland and Italy. Their Dublin visitors say "We enjoyed kayaking on the lake, hiking in the area and sitting in the porch having dinner soaking up the view." And to quote the visitors from Como, Italy, "we highly recommend an exchange to this home if you are looking for a modern and comfortable "hassle free" place to stay on a NH lake."

The Franklin Pierce Lake Association July 4<sup>th</sup> Lake Boat Parade's usual patriotic theme was raised to a higher level by the imaginative re-creation of the World War II raising of the flag on Iwo Jima. HOORAH! Our Pot-Luck Dinner with fund-raising auction, the Third Annual Boat-In Concert-on-the-Lake (complete with a trivia contest), and the Annual members' meeting in August were all successful at bringing owners together for fun, food, and relaxation. While three



Photo: Jan and Art Myjak

members of the Board ended their three-year term, three new recruits are ready to make their mark on the Association's efforts to promote the safe and enjoyable use of the Lake. And, once again, the Association's robust Lake Host program has helped keep the invasive species of plants from spoiling the Lake.

Yes we have had our ebbs and flows. So, don't miss out on new events on the Lake by visiting and contributing on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/fpiercelake/> and experience recent news, announcements and photos, while finding more detailed information at the Association website <http://fplake.org>. ☐



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## TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

Laurie Cass-Griggs, Kathy Chisholm, Melissa Lawless, Ann Putnam

### Programs

**Month of September** • Library Card Sign-Up Month

**Every Thursday** • Lego Club at 3:30 p.m.

**Every Friday** • Storytime at 10 a.m.

**Tues., Sept. 6** • Jon Manley presents: "Climate Change–Hurricanes and Tornadoes" 6:30 p.m.

**Sat., Sept. 17** • Home and Harvest Day Open House with refreshments 10:30–3:30

**Tues., Sept. 20** • Jon Manley presents: "Katrina" 6:30 p.m.

**Tues., Sept. 27** • Jon Manley presents: "Tornadoes and TWISTER" 6:30 p.m.

**Tues., Oct. 4** • Jon Manley presents: "Acid Seas" 6:30 p.m.

**Sat., Nov. 19** • International Games Day @ Your Library 10:30 –3:30

**Sat., Nov. 26** • Festival of Trees Open House from 10–4 with a visit from Santa at 4 p.m.!

**TBA** • Jon Manley presents: "The Isles of Shoals" 6:30 p.m.

**TBA** • Presentation: "Bobcats" by the NH Fish & Game Dept.

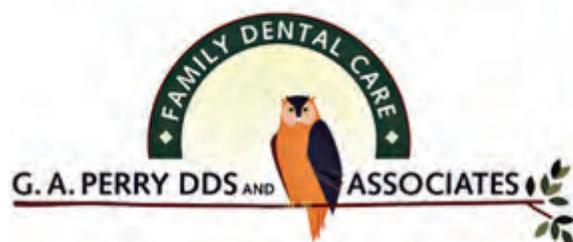
**Summer Reading Recap.** This year's Summer Reading Program, "On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!" was a huge success. Over 32 children signed up to participate in the program by reading or listening to books and by joining in on fun activities such as story times and crafts. Also popular was our weekly guessing jar. Congratulations to all the winners who guessed the closest and came in to collect their prizes!

Of course, the most exciting part of the Summer Reading Program was the performance of comedian juggler Bryson Lang in June! Bryson juggled hats, balls and even garden tools and made us all laugh! Thank you for participating in this year's Summer Reading Program.

**Pokémon Go!** Did you know that the library is also a Pokémon Gym? The newest craze, Pokémon Go! is alive and well at the library. While you're here capturing Pokémon, why not check out a few games and books?

**Harry Potter.** Have you heard about the latest Harry Potter book? Based on an original new story by J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* is a rehearsal script edition of a new play that just opened in London, which follows Harry Potter nineteen years later into the next generation.

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**Community Art Display/Fairy House Display.** This year we are pleased to have in our Community Art Display works by Russ Russell, a beloved artist and teacher (now deceased) from Antrim, and his wife Giffin Russell, a former resident of Antrim. Added to the retrospective collection of works are the talents of Barbara Shea, Dorothy Frank, and Nan Haggerty. In addition, the talents of Marilyn Hunt, Wendy Labelle, Ann Haggett, Jane Lauber, and Linda Dessaint are presented. Also included in the Children’s Room are fairy houses brought in by the local community. It’s a feast for the eyes—be sure to take a good look at their displayed artwork now and during our Open House on Home & Harvest Day. There will be plenty of food and cider available.

**September is Library Card Sign-Up Month**—a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind the masses that a library card is the key to limitless opportunities. Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. Libraries join together to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning. Snoopy, the world-famous beagle from *Peanuts*, is returning to be this year’s Honorary Chair. Snoopy tells us that the coolest card of all is a library card! If you don’t already have a library card, be sure to come to the Tuttle Library and sign up for one. It is important, however, to remember to bring some form of proof that you are an Antrim resident.

It’s time to mark your calendars for this year’s International Games Day @ Your Library! This year libraries will be celebrating games and play on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:30–3:30. For those who wonder what exactly this day is—it’s a chance to celebrate games, libraries and communities around the world. Last year was very successful with over 1,200 libraries from around the world participating. Basically, it’s just a date when a whole bunch of libraries agree to play games in a spirit of co-operation. People of all ages are encouraged to stop by the Library to play computer video games or board games. Come with friends or come on your own.

**Festival of Trees.** Don’t miss this year’s much-awaited Antrim Festival of Trees as they host their 7<sup>th</sup> year of colorful, festive trees displayed in the library. This year’s Open House is Saturday, November 26 from 10–4. At 4 p.m., Santa arrives via fire truck to visit with children and their families in the library. The festival continues through the month of December.

**New Titles at the Library**

**Books:** *Tom Clancy Duty and Honor*, Grant Blackwood; *The Girls*, Emma Cline; *Downton Abbey: a Celebration*, Jessica Fellowes; *Belgravia*, Julian Fellowes; *First Comes Love*, Emily Giffin; *Star Wars*, Claudia Gray; *Here’s to Us*, Elin Hilderbrand; *Tribe*, Sebastian Junger; *End of Watch*, Stephen King; *After You*, Jojo Moyes; *Barkskins*, Annie Proulx; *The Revenant*, Michael Punke; *My Name is Lucy Barton*, Elizabeth Strout; *I’ve Got Sand in All the Wrong Places*, Lisa Scottoline; *Magic*, Danielle Steel; *Foreign Agent*, *Brad Thor*; and more.

**Movies:** *Alvin & the Chipmunks: The Road Chip*; *American Girl: Lea to the Rescue*; *Bridge of Spies*; *Deadpool*; *Divergent: Allegiant*; *Eddie the Eagle*; *Finest Hours*; *Gods of Egypt*; *The Good Dinosaur*; *Goosebumps*; *He Named Me Malala*; *Hunger Games: Mockingjay–Part 2*; *In the Heart of the Sea*; *Joy*; *Kung Fu Panda 3*; *London Has Fallen*; *Mad Max: Fury Road*; *Me Before You*; *Norm of the North*; *Open Season: Scared Silly*; *Peanuts Movie*; *Pride & Prejudice & Zombies*; *Revenant*; *Sisters*; *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*; *Warcraft*; *Whiskey, Tango, Foxtrot*; *X-Men: Apocalypse*; *Zootopia*; as well as several PBS Series. ☐

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## WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN ANTRIM?

Kristen Vance

Whatever you'd like to see, whatever ideas you have to make our town an even better place to live, you can make it happen at the *Antrim 2020 Community Profile* October 21 and 22.

With guidance from our partners at the UNH Cooperative Extension, the community profile process provides a civil, non-political framework where all Antrim residents can take stock of where our town is today and where we want it to be in the future, and develop a plan to get there. The October event will bring residents together to discuss what makes a community a great place to live and how Antrim measures up. We will talk about issues that are most important to Antrim, and decide on three or four projects to get started.

To demonstrate the great things that can happen when Antrim residents get together—and in response to the frequently asked question “Will Antrim 2020 result in good things actually getting **done**?”—the Antrim 2020 steering committee has already planned a series of Antrim Action Project days that will be executed in the weeks following the profile event to tackle selected projects designed to immediately impact our community.

Here is a rundown of the event:

**Friday, October 21:** Antrim residents will gather at Great Brook School for a community pot luck dinner. After dinner, children will be comfortably situated in the on-site childcare. The Community Profile will begin with an introduction and explanation about what will take place that evening and part of the following day. Next, residents will be randomly assigned to one of the Ten Components of a Vital Community (see below), and meet with others assigned to the same component to determine (1) how Antrim measures up, (2) how Antrim might improve in this area, (3) what you'd like to see in the future, and (4) five key issues that need to be addressed.

**Saturday, October 22:** After a continental breakfast and settling children into childcare, each of the ten groups will report to the large group. Residents will then decide which issues are most important to Antrim. Following a break, each of us will choose which issues are most important to us as

individuals, and meet in a small group to decide how to address them. After lunch, residents will decide which projects to move forward on, and how to move forward. We'll finish up in the early afternoon.

The “Ten Components of a Vital Community” are helpful as you try to imagine what issues might come up and what projects we might develop to address them. They are:

1. Arts, Culture and Community Vibrancy
2. Economic Vitality
3. Education and Lifelong Learning
4. Healthy Living and Wellness
5. Housing
6. Leadership and Community Engagement
7. Natural Resources, Climate and Energy
8. Recreation
9. Sense of Community
10. Utilities, Facilities, Transportation and Broadband Internet

The three or four projects that result from this event will vary in nature and in scope—for instance, two projects chosen by another town were to put benches along Main Street and create an Economic Development committee.

We're aiming for about 250 residents with diverse backgrounds and experience to participate in the profile—young and old, long-time residents and new to town, those involved in community groups and those who aren't, business owners, students, parents of young or school-age children, grandparents, etc. In order to figure out what we need to do to improve life in Antrim, we need **all** residents represented at the *Antrim 2020* event this fall. We need YOU.

Antrim's children and youth are getting in on the action, too, with two creative projects to add their voices and build awareness of the event. Middle and high school students can submit photos of their Favorite Place in Antrim, along with a short explanation of why it's their favorite, on *Antrim-2020Photos@gmail.com*. This fall, AES students will create artwork representing what they would love to see in their town. The plan is to have the artwork and photos on display at the event.

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2. Talk with your neighbors about ways to improve our town.
3. Find Antrim 2020 on Facebook and share with your Antrim friends.
4. Write your great idea for Antrim on a lightbulb poster (you'll find them around town).
5. Help with the event, for example bring a potluck dish or help with childcare.
6. Plan to come to the event the evening of Friday, October 21, and the morning/early afternoon of Saturday, October 22, at Great Brook School.

**For more information**, contact co-chairs Michael Rondeau (588-6885; [mrondeau@tds.com](mailto:mrondeau@tds.com)) or Kristen Vance (588-4904; [kvance@mcttelecom.com](mailto:kvance@mcttelecom.com)), or talk with another member of the Steering Committee: Jeanne Cahoon, Amy DeLisle, Frank Gorga, Bailey Kirkpatrick, Janet McEwen, Beth Merrill, Shelley Nelkens, Kim Proctor, John Robertson, Carole Storro, Steve Ullman and Jack Vance. ☐

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## LIFE SCOUT PROJECT AT MEMORIAL PARK

Joan Gorga

Have you noticed the sturdy new picnic table nestled under the pines at Memorial Park? Liam Veverka of Boy Scout Troop 2 built it as a project to achieve the rank of Life Scout. Liam moved to Hancock with his family two years ago, and is a junior at ConVal High School, where he has been a stand-out on the cross-country team. Liam found plans for building the picnic table online, and Rick and Diane's donated the pressure-treated lumber. The boards are held together with heavy-duty bolts, and the entire table was sealed with a water-resistant green stain. It has already been well tested. ☐



Liam Veverka unloads his newly-built picnic table at Memorial Park with help from his father, Peter. *Photo: Joan Gorga*



Liam Veverka, his brother Danny, father Peter, and sister Eryn test out the new picnic table he built. *Photo: Joan Gorga*

## ANTRIM/BENNINGTON LIONS CLUB

Steve Ullman, First Vice-President

**New Members of the AB Lions.** Recently, we AB Lions added three cubs to the Antrim/Bennington “pride” (a pride consists of lions forming a social group). Mike and Shelly Connolly moved to Antrim a year ago from New Jersey, and prior to that lived in Maryland. They have three grown children, four beautiful grandchildren, and an active grandpuppy who often join them at their home on Pierce Lake. They have always enjoyed being involved as active volunteers with scouting, schools, sports teams, church groups and community organizations and look forward to doing the same here in New Hampshire. Mike is apparently training for competition as a distance walker and Shelly, because of her numerous community activities, is already contending for the AB Lions “Rookie of the Year” award previously held by King Lion Sue Conklin.

Cheryl Riley moved to Greenfield in November 2015. (Let me assure you that the AB Lions gladly welcome aliens from such exotic settings as Francestown, Hancock, and Greenfield). She previously lived in Simi Valley, California, and retired from UCLA after thirty-three varsity seasons of service. She is enjoying New Hampshire and is busy exploring New England. Cheryl has also become involved in supporting Camp Allen.

**Community Service Project—Camp Allen.** Linda and David Ward, along with Cheryl Riley, recently presented a donation to Camp Allen on behalf of the AB Lions. Camp Allen was founded in 1931 by the Boston Lions Club, in partnership with the Manchester Lions Club, as a retreat for young girls who were blind. Dr. Edward Allen, a member of the club and the Director of Perkins School for the Blind, believed that young people needed to be outside enjoying the sun and learning about their environment. By the mid-60’s the mission was changed to include individuals of all ages with developmental and physical challenges. Today more than 450 different campers attend for one, two or even more weeks of fun in the great outdoors. The staff-to-camper ratio

of 1:2 (with 1:1 available) allows those campers who may not be able to attend other camps due to age, ability, accessibility or behavioral needs to come to a camp where all are welcome. If you want to find out more about Camp Allen or make a donation, visit <http://campallennh.org/>.

**Community Service Project—Vance Family Garden.** Three of our members, Joan Gorga, Dave Ward and Bob Edwards, gave generously of their time and effort to help Tom Badgley (Grapevine Board member) build the now-flourishing Vance Family Garden at the Grapevine.

**AB Lions on Facebook.** Computer Whiz Kid Rick Wood has created an AB Lions Club Facebook page, where you can keep track of upcoming Lions events and read more about our community-oriented organization.

**Home and Harvest Barbecue.** John Robertson is much more than the venerable Chair of the Antrim Selectboard, as important a responsibility as that is. Lurking behind this august Selectman persona is a renowned master of chicken barbecue. On Friday, September 16, as part of the Home & Harvest festivities, the AB Lions will once again be offering three pieces of Chef Robertson’s chicken (up from last year’s two), hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers. All meals come with fresh Tenney Farm corn-on-the-cob, a drink, coleslaw, and chips.

**Please Consider Joining Our Club.** If you’re interested in joining our dedicated crew and, thereby, helping with our community service programs, please contact any AB Lion. Our meetings are generally held at the Antrim Presbyterian Church the first and third Tuesdays each month. ☐

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## ANTRIM BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Charlie Boucher, Pastor

### Turkey Dinner and Goods and Services Auction

The Antrim Baptist Church will be offering its famous turkey dinner on Saturday, October 29, from 5–6:30 p.m. Menu includes roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, vegetables, cranberry sauce, and homemade desserts. Adults, \$9, children 5–12, \$6, with an immediate family maximum of \$35. Take-outs available.

At 6:45, there will be a preview of the goods and services up for auction, which begins at 7:00. Items for sale include business, restaurant, and services gift certificates, handmade items, brand new items from Church members and homemade baked goods. Always something new and exciting! ☐

## WANTED

The Limrik is always looking for contributing writers and artists. Please contact Joan Gorga at [editor@limrik.org](mailto:editor@limrik.org) if you have an idea or would like to make a contribution.

## FOWL DISOBEDIENCE

### These geese didn't read the sign!

Where in Antrim? How well do you know your town? The first person to correctly identify this location by sending an email to [editor@antrimlimrik.org](mailto:editor@antrimlimrik.org) will receive a \$25 gift certificate to The Toadstool Bookshops. ☐



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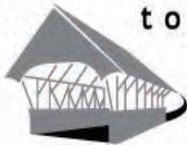
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## GREAT BROOK SCHOOL

Jim Elder, Principal

This spring Great Brook School was awarded the prestigious New England League of Middle Schools **Spotlight School** award. What a Great Feeling! This has proven to be a wonderful uplift for our entire community and has helped us be seen in a positive light by our local towns. The Great Brook success has not been easy, nor has it been the ideas or effort of a person in any particular position. In fact, our motto is “Great Brook is a great school not because of what any one of us does, but because of what every one of us does.” The transformation of Great Brook has been hard, but it has also been worth it! When Gerry Frew, Executive Director of NELMS, made his surprise visit on April 29, every staff member felt full of pride. However, the best part was that every student felt rewarded as well. Given the developmental stage of middle-school students, each one of them heard him read his award, and each student thought to themselves, “I have been noticed.” The resulting self-confidence and pride in this community has been a tremendous boost to our school! ☐

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## ANTRIM GRANGE NEWS

Beth Merrill

Many thanks are extended to the patrons and sponsors who supported our 14<sup>th</sup> annual Art Show in June. Congratulations to the Peoples' Choice winner, Walker Boyle, who received a \$50 gift certificate, sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire. The award for the favorite youth entry went to Macaillie Coates-Morlan. We are grateful to Trish Murphy for providing live piano music at the opening gala, and to all the talented exhibitors who generously share their work with us each year.

The Community Garden at Town Hall is doing well for having so little rain this summer. It has been picked a few times for the Antrim Food Bank. We're hoping to have a watering system in place by next year. Thank you to all who have worked on it to keep it going in its second year.

Our June meeting was held as a Photo Scavenger Hunt. We received a few odd looks from those who observed us driving around town and jumping out of cars to take quick photos at sites specified by our Lecturer, Renee Mercier-Geritsen. We then convened at the Grange Hall to tell of our exploits and determine winners, while enjoying refreshments.

The July meeting was a picnic/meeting, and in August we held Youth Night, presented for and by our youth members, with guests from neighboring Granges. At the Northeast Grange Youth Conference in Cobleskill, NY, Beth Merrill competed in the Sign-a-Song contest and judged the Drill Team competition.

Several Antrim Grange members raised funds in August by volunteering for shifts at the admission gates at Cheshire Fair. We picked the blueberries that Patten Hill Farm donated to the Antrim Food Pantry. Beth Merrill and Anna Murphy attended the Northeast Grange Lecturers' Conference in Bridgewater, MA, and assisted with the NH program produced by the State Grange Lecturer.

Putting on a supper at the Grange Hall is an interesting task due to the special challenges of our historic building, but with great teamwork our members pulled off the third annual Summah Suppah. Thanks to Antrim Lumber, Rick and Diane's, Trends of Fashion, Edmunds, Tyler's Small Engine, Hillsboro Family Dollar, Monadnock Paper Mill, Dunkin' Donuts, Patten Hill Farm, Frank Gorga, Kristy Boule, and Old Pound Road Sugarhouse for their donations to our third annual Penny Sale, in addition to all the folks who provided the other 175+ prizes. We are so grateful for the support of our community.

Plans are in the works for a parade float and booth at Home & Harvest in September. The following week, we'll have a carload of members going to Grange Day at the Big "E" in West Springfield, MA. Fair season is upon us, and the

Antrim Grange exhibit at Cheshire Fair, created by Dawne Hugron and Gloria Davis received a red ribbon. "Fun for the Whole Herd" will also be entered at Hopkinton, Hillsborough County, and Deerfield Fairs throughout the fall. The end of October will find our members, three of which are state officers, attending the annual State Grange session, this year in West Lebanon. In November, some will also travel to the Washington, DC, area to attend the 150<sup>th</sup> National Grange convention.

Keep abreast of our activities and programs in local papers, or on our Facebook page. ☐

### GOODELL PENCIL SHARPENER

Joan Gorga

This "Perfect Pencil Pointer" made by the Goodell Company and patented April 29, 1890 was donated to the Antrim Historical Society last summer by Frank R. Mooney of Nashua. He explained that he had found it at an antique shop up north and wanted it to come back to its place of origin if we didn't already have one. The AHS was grateful to accept it. Come see it in the Antrim Historical Society room upstairs at the James A. Tuttle Library. ☐



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## THE CIRCLE OF LIFE LESSON

Susan Ellsworth

I remember Grandma telling me about the circle of life. She said you were born needing someone to care for you. Then you grew up and had children that you cared for, and when you got old you needed someone to care for you again. She said it was just nature's way, and if we lived long enough it would happen to all of us. It was nothing to be afraid of. We were like flowers, she told me, and suggested I watch a budding flower. It took time to grow into a big enough bud, but then the bud opened into a beautiful flower, and in time the flower faded into seeds that started the next generation. Grandma was very wise. She told me I was going to be a beautiful flower someday and have wonderful seeds of my own.

I could see that as Grandma got older she started to forget things. Her dollies became harder for her to make and were not perfectly round or the patterns didn't match. She told me in a sad voice, "My brains are shrinking up! I can't remember anymore." It was hard for me to hear her say that. I told her I could not remember things sometimes, too. She just smiled at me and squeezed my hand.

When my sister and I were older, we would help Mom with a lot of the housework that Grandma used to do. We thought this was good, but it took Grandma's purpose away. She felt unneeded and it made her sad. I saw that and asked her to help me with folding the wash. I gave her the easy things to do because she was forgetting how to fold wash, too. Some mornings she would come to breakfast in the same dress she had on the day before. Mom would have to ask her to change her dress to a new one. In time, Mom would help Grandma by taking the clothing she had worn that day and putting out new ones for the next day. Grandma didn't even realize that, and things were good. Sometimes Grandma would say the same things over and over. It bothered Mom sometimes, but not me. I made believe it was the first time she said it. I knew she couldn't remember and I just played along. I didn't want to make her sad.

One day while Mom was downstairs doing the wash, Grandma took her pocketbook, walked to the bus stop and hopped on the bus to the big city all alone. When Mom came upstairs Grandma was nowhere to be found. This was not like Grandma; for years she had never gone anywhere without Mom. Mom called us all in and told us Grandma was missing. I stayed in the house in case Grandma came home. Mom drove around the neighborhood to see if Grandma had taken a walk. My sister and brother got on their bicycles and went around looking for her and telling all the neighbors. (This was before cell phones.) After having no luck finding Grandma, Mom came home and called Dad. We were all very worried.

Then the phone rang. Mom quickly answered it. It was our teenage neighbor, Doris. She said she was in the city and saw Grandma walking around looking lost and thought she might need help. She knew Grandma was not supposed to be there by herself and stayed with her. Mom was so relieved Grandma was safe with Doris that she cried. We all hugged, and Mom and I jumped into the car to bring Grandma home. "God was watching over Grandma," I told Mom. She agreed.

Grandma was happy to see us and didn't remember how she got there. She thought she was going somewhere with Doris. Doris told Mom she was happy to help and gave Grandma a hug and a kiss goodbye.

As time went on, I remember Grandma calling Mom and me by her mother's name. Sometimes, she could remember her childhood and her siblings' names, but not ours. I thought it was interesting and told Mom it was the circle of life Grandma had told me about years before. Mom said yes, it was, and that it might happen to all of us someday. She said that Grandma still had her happy memories of her childhood and family members and we just got to play the part of them now for her. ☐



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## MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY

Dawne Hugron

As I sit here contemplating what might be my favorite holiday, many come to mind, especially from my childhood, including the traditional ones, Christmas and Thanksgiving. But, as I grew up here in Antrim on the Merrill Farm, I must admit my favorite holiday happens to be summer vacation. No more classes, homework, or getting up early.

The farm was an exciting place to grow up. All my classmates loved it there. Our days were spent enjoying our time together, walking in the fields, swimming in the pond, or just sitting quietly together talking about what lazy-day stuff we kids would do in the summer.

I realize some years later that haying with my grandfather Elmer was one of the most exciting parts of summer vacation I could think of. The day would begin early, very hot, just right for haying. Grampa Elmer would have cut, or as he would say “laid down,” the hay two or three days before. He would harness two of our six horses, big and beautiful Belgians. He would hitch them up to the hay rake, and down they would go mid-morning and work in the hot sun until afternoon, raking the hay and turning it over to help it dry. I loved watching them work. He would magically use the reins, and it was like a beautiful conversation happening—“Gee!”, “Haw!”, “Whoa!”, “Backup!”, a funny sound like “Click-Click” and “Get-up there!”—and the horses understood it all. I would help remove the harnesses and give them a rub-down, while standing on a box, as they were very tall. Then we would turn them out to pasture.

One year, on the day after raking the hay, it was my turn to go down to the hay field with Grampa Elmer. I was about nine years old. As I recall, he said to me, “Are you ready to learn about tramping hay?” It was all new to me, but eager to help, I said, “Yes!” He found me a pitchfork, just the right size and not too heavy. I still have it today.

He helped me up into the big wagon, began pitching hay to me and explained how to use my feet to walk or “tramp” the hay. We made one layer, and then a second layer kind of got woven into the first layer, as he walked from front to sides and back and sides again. As time went on the layers got taller

and taller and tighter. My feet were doing their work. Grampa Elm explained as we went along that I was doing a good job.

I got to hold the reins and drive the horses up to the barn, with help, of course. The story continued once we got to the barn to unload, with another experience of hay mows and, of course, tramping hay all over again.

My special holiday remains a sweet memory. ☐

## AMERICA READS

### Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center

One hour, once a week, can improve the life of a young child! The Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center invites interested men and women, ages 55+ to consider becoming an America Reads volunteer to help children struggling with reading. Research shows that supportive and consistent interactions with adults in the early years can affect a child’s brain development and set the stage for school readiness and academic success. Under the close supervision of a teacher or center director, America Reads volunteers will engage children in grades Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in literacy activities and one-on-one reading time in order to build vocabulary, increase letter-word identification, and foster a love of reading.

We currently need people to fill volunteer positions at two new America Reads sites in Troy and Stoddard. But we will continue to expand our volunteer placements in the 15 schools and 4 Head Start/Early Learning programs where we are currently serving. The commitment is for one hour, once a week, throughout the school year. All you need is a desire to make a difference in the lives of children in your community and have a love for reading. But training and resources will be provided.

If you are interested in joining the America Reads Volunteer Program, you will be asked to attend one of two training classes for new volunteers. Prior to the training classes, volunteers will complete an interview and application process and undergo criminal background and reference checks.

**Fall trainings:** In Peterborough, Wednesday, Sept. 21, noon–4:30; in Keene, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 9–2.

A quick call or email is all it takes to get the process started. To find out more about America Reads, contact the Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center at 603-357-6893 or send an email to [rsvp@mfs.org](mailto:rsvp@mfs.org). Monadnock RSVP is a program of Monadnock Family Services, a Monadnock United Way Agency. ☐

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# THE GRAPEVINE

Melissa Gallagher

## FALL EVENTS

**Auction.** Do your holiday shopping AND support The Grapevine through our Third Annual Grapevine Online Auction November 1–30. Bid on items from antiques and art, to show tickets and handmade items, to gift certificates and services. Donating an item is a great way for local businesses, artists and other vendors to promote their goods and services. Have something you would like to donate to the auction? Give us a call at 588-2620 or email [info@grapevinenh.org](mailto:info@grapevinenh.org) with “Auction” in the subject line.

**Late Fall Ramble in McCabe Forest.** Saturday, Nov. 5, 9 to 10:30 a.m., free. Join the Harris Center’s newest naturalist, Michael Hightower, for a ramble around Antrim’s jewel of a forest, SPNHF’s McCabe Forest. On this easy rolling walk we will search for signs of animals getting ready for winter and hear stories from McCabe’s rich history. Perfect for families with children of all ages. Meet at McCabe Forest on Route 202. A collaboration of The Harris Center for Conservation Education and The Grapevine.

## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

**Parenting on the Same Page.** *For couples.* Ever wish your child’s other parent thought the same way you do? You don’t have to parent the same way, but your philosophy needs similar goals. In this group, you will gain a new perspective on your children and their behavior that will help you both see them through similar lenses. Bonnie Harris will lead this workshop where we will look at the most effective ways of communicating with your children. Thursdays, Oct. 20–Nov. 17, 6:30–8:00 p.m.; \$100 per couple. Space is limited; a non-refundable deposit of \$50 holds your place. Call to inquire about childcare.

**Working with the Challenging Child.** *For Early Childhood Educators.* Grapevine parenting educators Carol Lunan MEd and Nancy Macalaster MA will offer this workshop in November. Carol and Nancy are state-certified trainers of early childhood educators, and this workshop will provide staff development hours. Stay tuned for details. Call for more information.

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

**Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren.** If you are parenting your grandchildren, you are not alone. Grapevine and River Center parenting educators Carol Lunan and Wendy Hill co-facilitate free monthly discussions. Guest speakers are invited to lead discussions in areas of interest to participants. To join or learn more, call 588-2620 and ask for Carol. Childcare is available.

**Children’s Programs Begin September 6.** The Grapevine welcomes all children from birth to 5 years of age and their parents to our weekly children’s programs. Call 588-2620 for further information or to register.

- Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9:30–11:30: Better Beginnings playgroups and parent groups

- Wednesday, 10:30–12: Better Beginnings playgroup in Hillsborough
- Wednesday and Friday, 9–11:30: The Learning Vine preschool
- Wednesday 10–11:30 and 1–2:30: Better Beginnings for Babies

*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, tea and discussions with our parenting educators.

*Better Beginnings for Babies* offers parents 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. Parents with crawling babies and young toddlers meet from 10–11:30, and parents with younger babies and newborns meet from 1–2:30. Expectant parents are always welcome.

*Learning Vine preschool* for children 3½–5 years old. **We have space available for the 2016-17 school year!** 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. Choose the program that’s best for you and your child: Two or three mornings per week, with afternoon enrichment in the spring to prepare your child for Kindergarten.

**Getting the wood in.** The wood bank opens Nov. 1, and 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. 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 use volunteers who would like to get a good workout splitting and stacking as well. Call 588-2620 to help.

**Thank you** to the many people who supported The Grapevine in so many ways over the summer, including our Grapevine *Vance Family Garden* volunteers who donated supplies and helped to build, plant and maintain our raised vegetable garden beds including **Tom Badgley, Rick Edmunds and Edmunds Hardware, Bob Edwards, David Ward and Joan Gorga, Ian Cahoon** for building a wet/mud station in our play yard; **Joe Valley** for carpentry work in our play area; the talented children and youth who submitted their works of art to the Black Fly Community Art Show, **Beth Bradford** for bringing her creativity to design and run the beautiful community art project and **Melody Russell** for running a potato art project; the **many families and shoppers** who gave to the Learning Vine Yard Sale—raising over \$650 to support The Learning Vine preschool; parent **Julie Brown** for helping to organize our first “Vine Story Hour”; and **Reverend Eric Jackson** and the **Smith Memorial Church** in Hillsborough for offering space for our Hillsborough community meetings and playgroups.

**The People's Service Exchange.** Serving our community for over 12 years, *The People's Service Exchange* continues to thrive and offer a coordinated network of support, allowing individuals to make connections, ask for the services they need and offer their own, regardless of ability to pay. It also serves as a potential support system for all who come to The Grapevine, weaving connections across the potential barriers of ages, stages and backgrounds. 1 Hour of service = 1 Time Dollar. Find out more at [pse-nh.org](http://pse-nh.org) or call Nancy at 588-2620.

**Before and After School Clubs.** Registrations are being accepted for Before & After School Clubs for K–4 students run in partnership with Antrim Recreation at the Town Gym and Rec Office. Clubs include quiet time to read and finish homework, board games, Legos, and activities outside and in the gym. Before School Club runs from 6:45–8:20 a.m. and After School Club runs from 3:25–5:30 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Coordinator Lisa Hennessy at [basc@grapevინeh.org](mailto:basc@grapevინeh.org) or call 588-2620.

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## AVENUE A TEEN AND COMMUNITY CENTER

Jacqueline Roland, Coordinator

Hello! My name is Jacqueline Roland, and I'm the new Coordinator at Avenue A. In May, I started working at Avenue A as an intern. Over the last few months, I've been blown away by the dedicated volunteers, bright teenagers, and enthusiastic Grapevine supporters that make up this community. I've seen people of all ages find support and inspiration at Avenue A, and I feel really fortunate to be a part of it!

It's been an exciting summer at Avenue A. In July and August, 3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed Musical Mondays—evenings of music, games, and fun! Our Creative Writing Club has met since June, providing high school students with peer support, feedback, and publishing help. Friday night open hours continued to provide a safe place for teens to socialize. And our Art at the Avenue series kicked off with a fun "Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain" workshop led by Jocelynn Drew.

With Fall around the corner, we're looking forward to developing more programs that connect community members with local youth, creating opportunities for mentorship, learning, and fun! In September, we're partnering with The Monadnock Roller Derby to provide free roller skating classes for teenagers. We're also working to bring music, gaming, tutoring, and community service activities to Avenue A.

I'd like to take a moment to recognize and thank the people and businesses who have given their time and resources to Avenue A this summer, including our fabulous Avenue A volunteers who spend an occasional Friday evening chaperoning the teens, **John Anderson, Sue Conklin, Matt Ferrisi, Barbara Roland and Heidi Schultz; Tom Griggs** for maintaining Avenue A's computers and donating equipment; **The Monadnock Roller Derby** for donating the proceeds from a chuck-a-wheel contest; **Tenney Farm** for donating flowers for our front entry; **Jocelynn Drew** for teaching our first Art at the Avenue workshop; **Nancy O'Brien** for chaperoning Musical Mondays and **Grace O'Brien** for inspiring the program; **Paul Belliveau** for building our amazing new raised beds; **Elm City Bagel** for donating bagels; **Jess Gerrior** for donating a Guitar Hero set; **Garrett Kavenagh** for setting up our karaoke equipment; **Jason Avery** for helping to put up our new lights; **Cynthia West** for leading our Creative Writing Club and **Dawn Andonellis, Sebastian Lockwood, and Tina Rapp** for serving as guest writers.

If you're interested in volunteering at open hours or helping with a specific program, please let us know! For more info email [avenuea@grapevინeh.org](mailto:avenuea@grapevინeh.org) or call The Grapevine at 588-2620. ☐

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