

THE SECRET LIFE OF GREGG LAKE

Joan Gorga

Ice-in overtook Gregg Lake on December 10th this year, and the first bobhouses appeared only a week or two later to begin the winter season on the lake. I wandered down the ice one sunny, windy Saturday and stopped outside a bobhouse with six or eight lines set up outside. Who would have thought that I would find six friendly Antrimites—John Geoffrey, Kevin Cutter, and Jacob and Erika Cutter with their



Addie Cutter and her Uncle Kevin admire a bass caught under the ice on Gregg Lake. *Photo: Joan Gorga*

children Addison, 4, and Jameson, 4 months—cozy and warm inside, with a tantalizing smell of venison sausages cooking on the wood stove? They don't fish through the floor of the bobhouse because the ice might get too thin with all that heat put out by the wood stove, but they enjoy being out on the lake in the winter. John explained that they mostly catch yellow perch and bass, depending on where they drop their lines. And they held up a bass to attest to the fact that the fish are alive and still biting under the February ice.

What happens as the lake freezes over and closes in under the ice? How do the fish and other animals and plants survive?

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Janet McEwen, Planning Board

Surprised when something happens in town and you never knew it about it? Frustrated when you miss a public meeting or important topic being discussed? Well take the opportunity to use the resources available to be notified of Town Happenings. Get on the email list.

Go to www.antrimnh.org, our Town's website. On the homepage, on the left, scroll down to "Subscribe to News" and click on the link. Follow the few short steps and you will be signed up to receive regular emails on town happenings and events. You can also find the town calendar on the right side of the home page. The Antrim Town website is a wonderful resource. If you have items to submit contact Colleen Giffin at antrimplan2@tds.net.

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TOWN ELECTIONS

March 14 • 8 am–7 pm

Town Hall

TOWN MEETING

March 16 • 7 pm

Town Gym

JUMP START YOUR SMALL BUSINESS

Rick Wood and Victor Rosansky

A few months ago, Antrim launched what we called the "Antrim 2020 Initiative" (www.antrim2020.com) where over 100 citizens looked at a wide variety of town issues and came up with six projects to revitalize the Town. One project focused on economic development. We designed a program for those looking to begin or who have started a small business but need some guidance and mentorship in making their endeavor more successful. We call the program "Jump Start."

In the program, instructors will provide important concepts and a toolkit to help you build a business plan. But the real learning will be the give-and-take you have with the other participants. Everyone will be encouraged to share his or her concerns, ideas and challenges. Where possible, we will invite business people from the community to share their experiences with you. One great benefit of the program is that you will develop a network of other entrepreneurs in the area to consult with as needed—in a sense, a support group.

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On Facebook, the *Antrim NH Announcements* page is maintained by Brian Beihl. Go to the page, click like and you are now in the loop! If you have an event or happening, share it to the page or contact Brian. It is updated regularly.

Also, check out the reborn "Business Directory" tab just above "Subscribe to News." Colleen Giffin is working to bring this information up to date. Basic listings are free to Monadnock Area businesses. Links will be created to business web sites for a \$50 annual fee. If you would like your business site linked, please download and complete the Business Application and send it, along with a check for \$50 made out to the Town of Antrim, to:

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CANDIDATES FOR TOWN OFFICES AND SCHOOL BOARD

Candidates for Town offices and School Board were given the opportunity to submit short statements summarizing their motivation for running.

SELECTBOARD *Charles A. Levesque*

I am running for the Antrim Selectboard and I would appreciate your vote on March 14. I will bring business and consensus building skills, careful decision-making and common sense to the position. I want to make Antrim a better place to live and assure that property taxes are kept in check.



I moved to Antrim in 1998, and served on the Planning Board from 2011–2014, including as Vice-Chair in 2013–14. I was the Chair of the Open Space Committee from its inception in 2004 to 2006. Prior to coming to Antrim, I served as Town Moderator and Chair of the Conservation Commission in Deering.

You can trust that I will listen to people, will work hard on issues and will make informed decisions—to make sure I have the best information possible before I make a decision that affects the people of Antrim. I have always done this as a volunteer and in my work. My years of experience as a small business owner and 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.

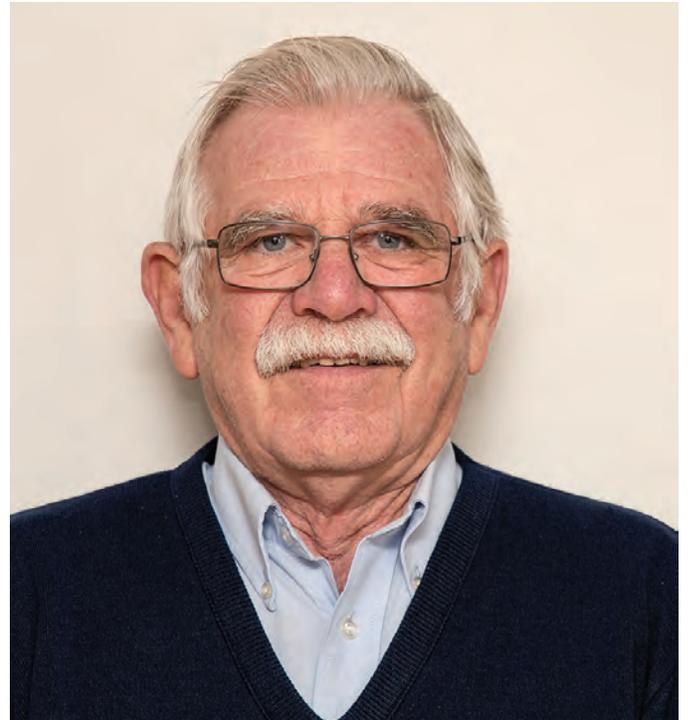
As Selectman, I will be open to all views and will make careful decisions for the benefit of the Town and her citizens. I believe I would bring a new voice and new perspective to the Town of Antrim and respectfully ask for your vote.

Thank you.

SELECTBOARD *John Robertson*

I have been part of a very important time in the history of Antrim. As Antrim evolves, I wish to contribute to that process.

Because of the efforts of the Selectboard and many Antrim citizens, our renewable energy future is making good



progress. With the approval of the Antrim Wind project and the soon to be built Solar Gardens solar array we are on the way to cleaner energy for all. I am proud to be part of these efforts.

I have been part of several major infrastructure improvements as your selectman including the new police station, the Contoocook River bridge, and the soon to be completed Highland Ave/Pleasant St. project. We have more of these challenges in front of us. My experience will help us to move forward as we face the challenges the future holds.

The position of Selectman is one that requires the support of the residents he or she represents. That person must be of good character and have the best interests of the community in mind always. We must continue to move Antrim forward in a positive manner by electing selectmen who have a desire to improve the town we live in for all.

I look forward to your support March 14.

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TROOP 2 CHANGING OF THE GUARD

After fourteen years as Scoutmaster for Troop 2, guiding the Scouts through many service projects and adventures, Brian Beihl has stepped down. He will remain active in the troop as a committee member, and will continue to serve as Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner for the Mt. Monadnock District and in other roles for the Daniel Webster Council.

New Scoutmaster Michael Redmond is a relative newcomer to Antrim. Mike was a committee member for his troop in Connecticut, and has been active in supporting Troop 2 since his arrival in New Hampshire. The Redmond family includes five Scouts—three Boy Scouts, a Webelo and a Tiger.

Jared Lewis of Bennington became the 20th Eagle Scout in Troop 2 history on January 18. Jared started in Pack 2 as a Tiger Cub Scout and continued through his 18th birthday. A student at the challenging Dublin School, Jared has balanced academics, sports and Scouting, making time to volunteer at the Crotched Mountain Foundation's CMARS adaptive outdoor program. Jared's Eagle project involved making a kayak rack, storage cubbies and changing area for that program at Crotched Mountain's lake in Greenfield. Jared hopes to pursue sports marketing in college, but has not yet chosen his school. ❁

ANTRIM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tod Bryer

Another year has concluded for the Antrim fire department that saw our call volume rise from 117 calls the previous two years to 151 calls for service this past year. These calls for service covered a wide range of incidents that included responding to fires, assisting the ambulance and providing extrication on motor vehicle accidents. It also includes response to hazardous conditions, service calls within the community, setting up landing zones for medical helicopters and even one severe weather incident. Look in the town's annual report for a more complete breakdown of our activity.

With continued concern of residual effects of last year's drought conditions and before the spring wild land fire season begins, it seems like a good time to review laws and regulations regarding outside burning and the permit process. To kindle a fire, even with snow cover, the fire department should be notified; without snow cover a written permit is necessary. There are different classifications for permits as well. A camp or cooking fire permit is for a designated area, approximately two feet in diameter defined and contained by a stone ring, etc. Brush permits are for brush only with no branches greater than five inches in diameter; piles may vary in size. Construction debris permits are for clean wood generated on site; plywood, pressure-treated wood and painted wood are not permissible materials. Both brush piles and debris piles need to be a minimum of fifty feet away from a structure. All fires shall be attended with sufficient water or means to extinguish if necessary. No kindled fire should be left unattended. These regulations have been in place since the late 1980s; they are not designed to be cumbersome, but to ensure personal and environmental safety.

As always we would like to thank the community at large for your continued support. ❁



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SELECTBOARD

John Robertson, Chair

Since the last Limrik several things have kept us very busy. The Wind Farm was approved by the Site Evaluation Committee, bids have been sought for the Highland Avenue/Pleasant Street Project, and we've been hard at work on this year's town budget.

On December 13, the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee voted 5 to 1 in favor of Antrim Wind's application to build the nine-turbine Wind Farm on the Tuttle to Willard Mountain Ridge. The Project is to be built with certain conditions to be defined in the Site Evaluation Committee's order. As of this writing, the SEC has not issued the certificate detailing all the conditions to be attached to the order. There may be requirements to amend Antrim's operating contract with Antrim Wind, LLC.

January 26 was the date of the pre-bid conference with interested parties in preparation for bidding on the water and drainage project for Highland Avenue and Pleasant Street. There were nine contractors present. Bid opening was scheduled for February 13 at 4 p.m., with the award shortly after. Construction on Highland Ave and Pleasant Street should begin in mid-April. Completion of the project is scheduled for early fall of this year.

We've been hard at work since early fall with the budget process. We met with each department as they presented their budgets. We then evaluated needs and requirements facing us in the near future. We've ended with a budget that has a very minimal increase. We hoped for a large turnout for the budget hearing February 13.

Town meeting will be held March 16 at the Town Gym. Voting for Town offices, zoning changes, etc., will be March 14 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please come out to vote and take part in Town Meeting.

Kudos to our Planning Board for the community development "Antrim 2020" program. As a result there are six groups working to make Antrim an even greater place to live, work and recreate.

Have a great spring and don't forget if you have question or concerns contact any one of us or the Town Hall. ❀

Jump Start Your Small Business continued from page 1

The Jump Start sessions will be held on six consecutive Saturday mornings, 9–10:30 a.m., and six consecutive Monday evenings, 6:30–8 p.m., starting March 25. Attendance between Saturdays and Mondays is interchangeable so that if you can't make a Saturday session you can come on Monday, or vice versa. However it is important to commit to attend the six sessions, as they will build on each other. The cost for the entire program will be \$10. The workshops will be held at Great Brook School. For more information or to sign up for the course go to <https://antrimjumpstart.eventbrite.com>. ❀

ANTRIM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Scott R. Lester

This spring we are combining efforts with the school district to train in two areas. The first is a joint effort with Emily Daniels and ConVal's Substance Abuse Task Force, presenting training for departments within our district. The training is called, "Wounded for Life? The Relationship between ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and Addiction."

This training session will cover topics including: ACEs and the development of toxic stress; how toxic stress damages the body and affects the "inner experience"; the relationship between ACEs and addiction; how ACEs, trauma, or toxic stress may manifest in children, teen and adult behavior; and the feedback relationship between others' ACEs and our own. This interactive training session will assist officers in identifying possible causes of behavior and assist in determining a positive resolution.

The second area involves the threat of violence on school grounds. Officer John Giffin is our lead firearms instructor and recently became certified as an instructor to teach civilian response to an active shooter situation. He, along with Cpl. Vaillancourt, will be developing a series of two-hour training sessions and a day-long practical exercise. These trainings and exercises will be conducted along with the attendance of our school staff members. We often attend safety meetings at the schools, but this will be our first time engaging in combined training.

We are looking forward to these trainings and building a better working relationship with our schools. ❀

AVENUE A TEEN + COMMUNITY CENTER

Jacqueline Roland

Local teens face tremendous challenges. Data from the NH Youth Behavioral Risk Assessment shows that one out of every four teens in our region was bullied in the last year, and 28 percent of local teens felt hopeless for over two weeks in a row. To make things worse, our state ranks highest in the nation for youth binge drinking and opiate abuse, according to the NH Department of Health and Human Services.

In the midst of these challenges, Avenue A has become a haven for local youth. We provide a safe, supervised, drug-free place for teens to interact and learn new skills. Our programs are prevention!

The need for this programming is evident in the overwhelming response that it's received. Between July 2016 and January 2017 **we served over 175 teens.**

Regardless of the program, we always have caring staff and volunteers available to listen to teens, and even that fills a void—44 percent of local middle schoolers say they don't have an adult they could go to if they needed help with a problem.

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BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Christopher Healy

My wife Carol and I have two children—Grace, 24 and Liam, 20. We moved to Antrim in August of 2003 after three years in New Ipswich and eight in Merrimack. I was also a Cub Scout leader and an assistant Boy Scout leader for ten years. I have felt for some time that I wanted to be more involved in our town’s governance, and I think this is as good a way as any to contribute. I’ve spoken to past members of the advisory committee and see how it can be a constructive entity. I’m looking forward to doing my part. ❀

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

Joyce Davison

Three trustees are voted “in” by the town of Antrim. This is a “no pay” situation and a three-year commitment. The duties of the trustees are many and varied and involve all four town cemeteries. However, the most important is the availability of the trustee to receive calls and/or visits from often distraught or sad families. Other calls that prove to be important are:

- choice/availability of stone that folks need to purchase
- availability of funeral/undertaker folks
- maintaining and improving memorial garden
- identifying damaged stones and other damage that may have been noted

The grass mowing and other such maintenance is performed by the Highway Department. ❀

PLANNING BOARD

Janet McEwen

This will be my third term serving on the Planning Board. My goals are for thoughtful planning decisions to maintain our small rural town quality of life, while balancing the increased and changing needs for business growth. As a real estate professional I understand the importance of addressing issues that involve the value of our homes and needs in the community. I enjoy the process, working with the board and public. I look forward to serving another 3 years. Thank you. ❀

PLANNING BOARD

Lynne Rosansky

My husband, Victor, and I own The Uplands Inn on Rt. 31. We recently participated in the Antrim 2020 event and were inspired by the vision, energy and commitment of our community. As a consequence of my Antrim 2020 participation, I was inspired to learn more about the Antrim Planning Board that had commissioned the project so I began to attend Planning Board meetings. Soon, I became an alternate Planning Board member. I realized that Antrim is due for an update to our Master Plan. I am running to be a member of the Planning Board so I can help with this update and be sure that the Master Plan for Antrim incorporates the voices and vision of Antrim 2020. I believe that we can create the community that we envision and the Planning Board can help make that a reality by developing a Master Plan that reflects this vision. ❀

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Ronald Haggett

I am running for a third term as a member of the Antrim Trustees of the Trust Funds. This is a three year obligation which is charged with the custody and management of the town’s charitable and capital reserve trusts. There are three members of the board and I have served as the chair for my last two terms and will probably continue in this capacity for the third if re-elected. The charitable trust fund is composed of 30 individual trusts which are managed as an investment pool with the advice of RBC Wealth Management as required by state law. Investment policy is keyed to protecting principle value while attempting maximum income at minimum risk. Trust principle is restricted and income is distributed annually to the beneficiaries, which include the Tuttle Library, the Conval AES and GBS schools, the Scholarship Committee, the Town Poor, Town Recreation and the Cemetery Trusts. The Capital Reserve Trusts are created and managed as a result of the decisions of the Town Meeting and are a device for accruing and appropriating tax funds for special projects. These currently nine funds are invested and managed as separate accounts in The New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool, (AKA The PDIP). Trustee actions are subject to oversight by the Town Audit and both The Charitable Trust Division of the NH Attorney General’s Office and the NH Department of Revenue Administration annually. Trustee meetings are held as required, but at least once in the year, and are public and posted according to “Right to Know” Law. If questions please contact me by phone or email: 588-6715 or ronhaggett@mcttelecom.com. ❀



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SCHOOL BOARD

Crista Salamy

I am running for my third term as Antrim’s school board representative for many reasons, but the most important one is for all the children who live not only in our town but the district. I feel I have been a firm supporter of educational opportunities for each and every student which in many cases I feel is needed. With every budget season, many worry about the monetary issues that face our district, not to say I do not, however, I believe it is our obligation to stand for children and what they need to succeed. They are our hope for the future and we owe them every opportunity. With that, I ask for vote and will work for our children for another three years! Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to serving our town again if elected. ❀

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

William Bryk

I am a 61 year-old lawyer. My wife Mimi and I live on Clinton Road near North Branch. I stand for Library Trustee in place of a retiring incumbent. Some of my happiest hours have been spent in public libraries. They are as American as Ben Franklin, who founded America’s first public library in 1731. They are the people’s universities, where we may seek the wonders of the world and where, as Franklin said, “The doors of wisdom are never shut.” Our library is a legacy, inherited from James Tuttle, whose generosity paid for the library building, and the librarians who have served Antrim since the library opened in 1908. I pledge to work industriously and patiently with the other trustees and the staff so that when our generation passes this library to the next, our successors will find it even greater and more beautiful than it was left to us. ❀

WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

Melissa Lombard

I’m running for Water and Sewer Commissioner as a way to contribute to my local community in a capacity where I have knowledge and experience. I was previously a commissioner and had to resign in 2014 due to job obligations. I am a geologist and most of my employment has centered on groundwater and drinking water quality. My work experience includes environmental consulting and project management for a water treatment assistance research group at the University of New Hampshire that focused on issues related to small municipal systems. As commissioner I will address the issues facing the Antrim District and its customers in creative and cost conscious ways. I am also a water customer. Providing safe drinking water and proper sewage disposal are human necessities. Please vote in March! ❀

WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

Jeffrey Barsanti

Off and on resident of Antrim since 1959. Background in business and engineering. AS Architectural Engineering, NHTI, 1975; BS Business Administration, UNH, 1979. Founded and ran a computer, software, etc technical staffing and contract engineering business, 1980–2003. Licensed Building Performance Institute (BPI) Energy Analyst 2010–2012. Licensed NH Real Estate Salesperson 2003–present. With the Highland Ave project happening in 2017 I feel my background can contribute to the Water Commission. ❀

WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

Karl Anthony

My name is Karl Anthony and I am running for the open Water and Sewer Commissioner seat in the upcoming town election in March. When I first moved to Antrim I fell in love with our town. The sense of community here is unmatched. I greatly enjoy being part of this community; the town and its citizens have offered me much more than a home and I wish to give back. Our town has recently taken out a bond for renovation of the town water and sewer lines. I wish to be part of the committee that sees this project to its completion as well as taking part in future action that protects this investment and our town as a whole. I hope to see you all on March 14th at the polls and thank you in advance for your support. ❀

Love It or Leave It

Shelley Nelkens

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Not of this sphere
Survival of the species
Is the guiding force
Of native creatures.
Adjusting to our niche
We accept with grace what we are given.
But not so you aliens.
You grasp whatever is in your reach
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We cannot comprehend.
Not fitting in
You destroy your niche
And ours.
Oh aliens all
If you can’t love our planet as she is
Please leave her
Alone.

Gregg Lake is classified as a warmwater fishery; our primary fish species are smallmouth and largemouth bass, redbreast sunfish, bluegill, chain pickerel, pumpkinseed (or punkinseed, if you've lived in Antrim long enough), yellow perch and horned pout. Many of our fish seek out the warmer shallows to nest and feed, although smallmouth bass do prefer slightly deeper, cooler water. Gregg Lake doesn't have the fish that prefer cold water, such as rainbow and brown trout.

As anyone who enjoys summertime swimming can tell you, a pleasantly warm layer (called the epilimnion) forms on the lake surface in the summer, but you usually don't have to dive down too far to know that it isn't so warm all the way to the bottom. The top layer is well mixed by wind and waves and absorbs a good bit of oxygen from the air. Below this layer is a transition zone (or thermocline), where the temperature rapidly drops, and at the bottom in the deepest areas is a dense cold layer (called the hypolimnion) that doesn't mix with the warmer layers above.

As the air cools in the fall, the surface water also cools. As it cools, it becomes more dense and sinks, until the whole lake has "turned over," effectively mixing the layers. Since water is most dense at about 39°F, when it is just above freezing, it sinks as it cools to that point, and the whole lake reaches the same temperature. But water has an unusual property—when it cools below 39°F it becomes less dense. (We all know ice floats; this unique feature of water has far-reaching effects.) Therefore, as the surface cools even farther after turning over, it forms a less dense very cold layer on top until it freezes and seals off the lake.

The cold temperatures and limited sunlight under the ice slow down plant growth that hasn't gone dormant for the winter. Not much photosynthesis goes on and therefore not much oxygen is produced in the water, and not much is absorbed through the air, since the lake is sealed off with ice. The fish, being cold blooded, slow down, use as little energy as possible and sometimes enter a state of torpor. The warm water species seek out the warmest water, which at this time of year is toward the lake bottom, but they are still ready to go for bait dangled in front of them by a hopeful angler up above.

Yellow perch and pickerel are often caught in winter, as they tend to be more active than some of the other fish species. Beavers spend most of the winter in their lodges, occasionally venturing out through an underwater entrance hole to retrieve sticks from the stashes they have stored under the ice outside the lodge. Most of the reptiles and amphibians—turtles, frogs and salamanders, for example—have burrowed deeply into the sediment at the lake bottom to hibernate in a protected place. Tiny zooplankton and phytoplankton overwinter in the lake sediments in a resting form. Most of the aquatic plants wait out the winter with energy stored in their root systems. By late winter, oxygen levels in the water can be dangerously low for the aquatic animals, especially if the lake has been frozen over for many months.

In spring, the turnover process repeats. When surface ice melts and warms to 39°F, the upper layer becomes denser than the underlying nearly-frozen water, and continuously sinks to the bottom until the lake is again an even 39°F (swim, anyone?). After that point the warming surface layers are less dense than the lower layers and stay on top, inviting us warm-blooded creatures back, and sunlight again penetrates the water to wake up plants and animals alike. ❁



Kevin Cutter, John Geoffrey, Jacob and Erica Cutter and children.
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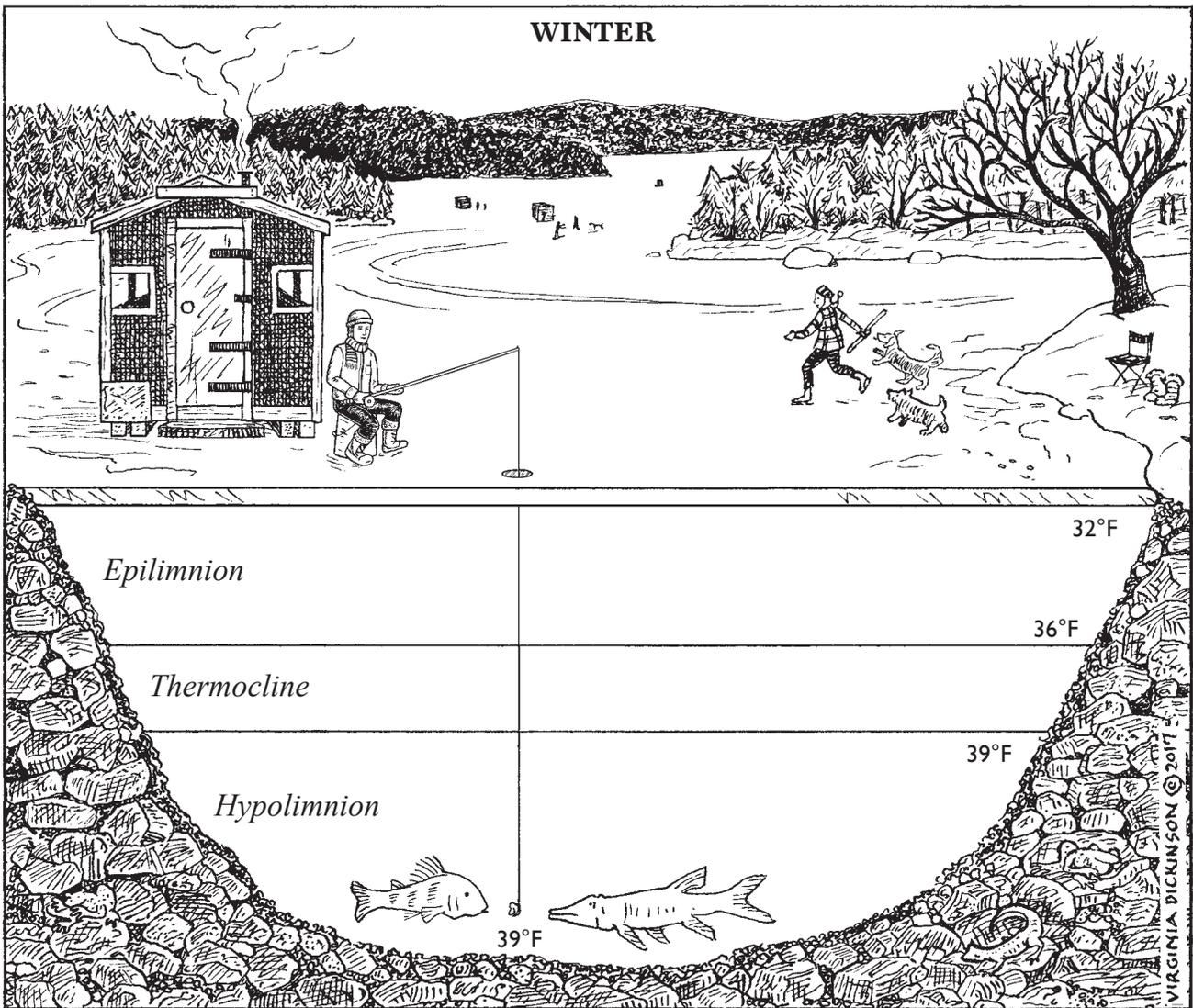
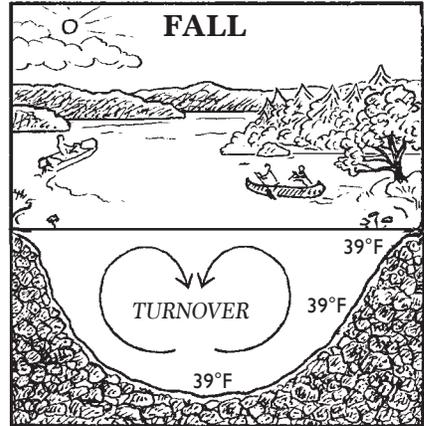
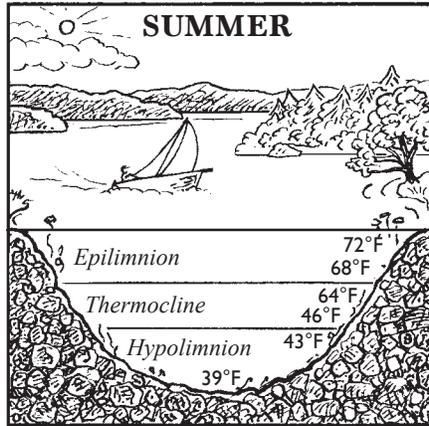
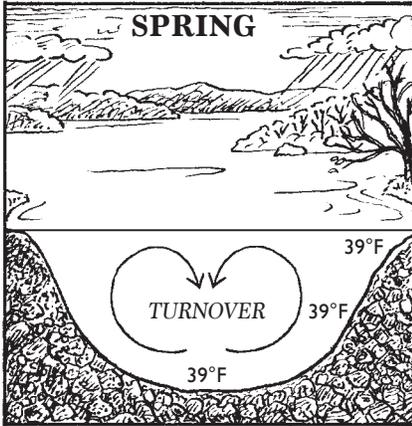
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The Secret Life of Gregg Lake



THE LOST CAT OF ANTRIM

William Bryk and Mimi Kramer-Bryk

As readers might have noticed from the flyers in numerous banks and stores during the fall of 2016, our long-haired marmalade cat Cordelia—sweet, affectionate, beautiful, and vain—went walkabout from our house on Clinton Road in early September 2016.

After searching for her around Cemetery Road and Old North Branch Road, we printed flyers and distributed them in Antrim and Hillsborough. Bill even placed them in our neighbors' mailboxes. This may be unlawful, but needs must when the devil drives.

We were touched by the pure kindness of our neighbors, who allowed us to post in their stores, banks, and offices, expressed their sympathy, asked after Cordelia time and again, and shared their stories of cats lost and returned, sometimes after months.

Cats (other pets too, of course) help their owners/caregivers/slaves get in closer touch with their own decency and loving kindness. We learn patience in dealing with them. They amuse us with their antics. They comfort us with their purring and affection. They give us something to talk about other than ourselves. And perhaps, from living with them, we learn to treat other creatures of God, two-legged and four-legged, with the respect they deserve.

Let's talk a little about Cordelia. Before we moved to Antrim, when we were living in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, New York, a friend of Mimi's from Jersey City asked whether we would adopt a kitten from a litter born in a parking garage. We chose a tiny marmalade, whom we named Cordelia after King Lear's loyal daughter (the other two ladies being disloyal). This tiny ball of golden fur grew into a beautiful long-haired marmalade, deeply affectionate, intensely feminine, flirtatious with males human and feline, sweet, vain, and jealous, and so, hopelessly spoiled.

She always climbed onto our bed to sleep with us. Bill couldn't make scrambled eggs for breakfast without setting a yolk aside for her because she would sit at his feet and stare up at him. She wasn't greedy: she liked to share with us and we enjoyed sharing with her.

As Bill wrote of Cordelia on Facebook, borrowing a phrase from Gwen Cooper's *Homer's Odyssey*, "Cordelia

is beautiful; Cordelia knows she is beautiful; and Cordelia knows that you know she is beautiful."

Another of our cats, Henry Plantagenet, a big, handsome feral marmalade tabby who adopted us some years ago and fell in love with Cordelia (Agape, not Eros, as both were neutered), clearly missed her. He adored her; she liked him. We often found them sleeping side by side, one of his paws protectively over her. While she was gone, we believe he searched for her around the property as we saw him trotting about our pond and off in the trees, where he had never gone before.

Some months before she went away, Bill had entered the Democratic primary for Hillsborough County Register of Probate, a largely ceremonial office with a \$100 annual salary. He began campaigning, which he has always enjoyed, and contacted the local politicians, who proved to be the kind of folks we both like to know.

On Election Day, voters heading for the polls at Town Hall recognized Bill as "the guy with the kitty" when they saw his name on the campaign signs. They asked him after Cordelia, which was a fast way to his heart. Thus Cordelia, who has done many things for us, was even helping Bill campaign. Of course, we would rather have had her home.

Yet the age of miracles is not past. On Tuesday night, November 22, we brought Cordelia home. In late November, Marjorie Porter, our State Representative, who had befriended Bill during his campaign, forwarded a post to us from a local Facebook page. It included a photograph of a long-haired marmalade cat that had been found in Hillsborough. We both thought it might be Cordelia. With Ms. Porter's help, we contacted the finder. After exchanging photographs of Cordelia and the found cat by email, everyone felt the cat might be her. So we gathered our hope and courage and called on the finder two days before Thanksgiving.

When we arrived at a lovely house off a rural road, the finder welcomed us into her kitchen. There, the cat rose, stretched, and sauntered over to us. It looked and moved like Cordelia. It was unafraid of us. Bill bent and offered his hand. She sniffed it and then, as Cordelia always had, bumped her head against

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TRAILS OF ANTRIM

Peter Beblowski

Six action items were identified at the Antrim 2020 community profile event that took place last October. One of the action items identified as a need or benefit to the community at this community visioning event was to know more about and to promote local area trails. At the first follow-up planning meeting in November, a group of enthusiastic citizens banded together with several veteran conservation commissioners to form **Trails of Antrim** as one of the action groups to come out of the Antrim 2020 project.

Since that initial planning meeting, several small group meetings and hikes to trails in town were conducted to prepare and plan trail rehabilitation and revitalization activities. Rehabilitation is envisioned to consist of providing new blazing, some tree and shrub cutting, and providing signage and trail information at the trail heads. The initial trail chosen to be revitalized is the Meadow Marsh Trail. This trail is north of Gregg Lake, a moderate stroll from the town beach in the riparian woodland along Craig Road and Hattie Brown (a thrown down/discontinued) Road. The trail, on town land maintained by the Conservation Commission,

is approximately 0.6 miles long. A pleasant stroll on a nice day. It is the intention of Trails of Antrim to have this trail fully rehabilitated with a grand re-opening on June 3, 2017, which also coincides with National Trails Day (<http://nationaltrailsday.americanhiking.org/>).

Trails of Antrim has started a Facebook group page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/trailsofantrim/>. It is a public group, so join and visit frequently to see what is new with the group. Another initiative of the group will be to place a number of the trails on the Trail Finder website (www.trailfinder.info) once they are fully rehabilitated with new painted blazes and signage. Trail Finder is a free interactive mapping site designed to assist people in both New Hampshire and Vermont to get outside by finding trails to hike, ski, or snowshoe. Trail Finder is overseen by a consortium of groups headed by the Upper Valley Trails Alliance. The

other outdoor groups who collaborate with Trail Finder are the UNH Cooperative Extension, the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program.

We are very excited to share our knowledge of hiking places in Antrim through Trails of Antrim. Please feel free to join us on a hike or help on a trail work day. You can find out more information at the above Facebook Group page. ❁



Griffin DeLisle enjoys a hike along the Meadow Marsh Trail.



Annabelle DeLisle explores the Lily Pond Trail.

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To the Editor:

I have signed the petition for an article to the Antrim Town Meeting to stand with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in North Dakota. The Sioux struggle to block the Dakota Access Pipeline that has already damaged sacred and historic Sioux sites and threatens their water.

The Federal courts have found that the United States has visited numerous indignities and “dishonorable dealings” upon the Standing Rock Sioux. The Fort Laramie Treaties of 1851 and 1868 between the United States and the Sioux Nation of Indians expressly bound the United States to protect the Sioux against all depredations by the people of the United States.

These treaties, under which the land to be crossed by the pipeline belong to the Standing Rock Sioux, still have the force of paramount law under Article VI of the Constitution of the United States: that “...all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.”

Surely, the word of the United States should be as sacred as that of an individual.

Moreover, the pipeline would pass under the Missouri River, the source of water for drinking and irrigation for the Standing Rock Sioux and millions living downstream. Pipelines break far more frequently than their apologists admit. The consequent pollution risks poisoning all downstream from the proposed pipeline. Such injuries cannot be healed by mere money damages.

Ethically and practically, this article makes sense. There is an old phrase, “Think globally, act locally.” This is a moment for local action. My friends and neighbors, please join me in standing with Standing Rock at the Antrim Town Meeting at Town Hall on Thursday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Very truly yours,
William Bryk

Our winter season has been full of activity! Led by Club Coordinator Arlene Soule, teens from the Avenue A Club volunteered at the November Community Supper offered by Antrim’s HOPE Initiative and Avenue A.

The Anderson Family and Ragdoll Animation generously donated an Xbox One to Avenue A in December, and the Antrim Police Association contributed funds to purchase controllers and games!

In December we began our Open Mic Nights for high schoolers. February marked the start of our middle school Creative Writing Club, and a pick-up basketball program offered in cooperation with Antrim Rec. Find us on Facebook for more event info!

This spring students from New England College are teaching art workshops for us. Looking ahead to summer, we’d love to offer additional open hours and programs, but we need more funding and volunteers to make that happen.

Our community makes Avenue A possible, filling an important need for local youth. We hope you’ll support funding for Avenue A by voting for our warrant article at Antrim’s Town Meeting. This programming matters to families and teens. It’s evident in their attendance of our programs, in the happy hum of activity at Open Hours, and in little things like the container of pretzels that a Mom sent to Avenue A—the note on the lid said “Thanks for providing a safe place for our kids.”

Please join us in thanking the folks who helped Avenue A this season, including:

Sue Conklin and **Barbara Roland** for chaperoning Open Hours. **Ted Brown** for volunteering at the Ave A Club; **John Anderson** for running VR nights; **Mark Murdough** for helping with VR; **Cassie Anderson** for donating a table (and benches!); **Peg Critser** for leading our December art workshop; and **Linda Osienski** for donating wool; **Julie Brown** for organizing our Vine Story Hours; **Amy DeLisle**, **Paula Bishop**, **Darlene Demetron**, and **Marcia Ullman** for providing soup for our February Vine. **Cynthia West** for facilitating High School Writing Club; **Sara Miller** and **Carol Lunan** for visiting the Club; **Becky Sakellariou**, **Rebecca Curtis**, and **Alexia Roberts** for facilitating Middle School Writing Club. **Jan Goolbis** and **Donna Moison** for chaperoning Open Mics; **Kizzy Bailey** for providing snacks.

If you’re interested in volunteering at Avenue A, please let us know! For more info email avenuea@grapevinenh.org or call The Grapevine at 588-2620. ❁

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HOEING OUT

Charles Butterfield

One of my after-school chores was hoeing out my father's cow tie-up. This was a more arduous task in winter when the confined cows had little to do but chew their cud, make milk and defecate.

My job was to hoe the waste from under the cows, shove it down a gutter behind where they stood, and shovel it into a scuttle cut in the stable floor. The whole mess dropped into the barn cellar where a brown mountain grew until spring. We carted the winter's accumulated manure into the fields and spread it on the still-frozen ground. Boys wielding dung forks went home richly scented.

Hoeing out has been much on my mind lately as my wife and I de-clutter our attic and basement preparatory to moving to a retirement community. While much of what we need to get rid of as we downsize is not waste, it is surplus to our needs and must go somewhere.

I have begun a pile of items I am thinking of donating to the Antrim Historical Society if it turns out no one in the family wants them. So far, there are four items in my pile.

Item one: A water-color given to me by Anna Noetzel. As a teen, I delivered milk to the Noetzels who lived on Elm Street. Occasionally I did odd jobs for unmarried Anna and her bachelor brother.

The brother, William, was a victim of circumstances. It wasn't his fault that he was born in Germany in 1876. It wasn't his fault that he carried himself with Old World austerity. It wasn't his fault that he was the only German that kids my age in wartime knew. Nevertheless, his imperial stride as he went for his mail in his white suit and fedora looked suspicious to us peering out the schoolhouse windows.

Perhaps because I didn't taunt him as some did, and wasn't hesitant to take the Noetzels' money for services rendered, Anna presented me with one of William Charles's signed paintings. It may be a view of Crotched Mountain, but I'm not sure.

Anyway, I think the painting belongs in Antrim.

Item two: A set of annual town reports from 1851 to 1970. My father (who died in 1971) took a great interest in Antrim,

not only its governance, but its long history, too. From evidence in these annual reports, I surmise that his father, grandfather and great-grandfather also studied town affairs closely. The fact that they each contributed to this collection tells me they cared about town history. No doubt the Historical Society has its own collection of town reports, but perhaps one or two are missing and may be found here.

Anyway, I think the town reports belong in Antrim.

Item three: The Parish Psalmody carried by Amos Parmenter and another carried by his son George. These signed, leather bound and well-fingered collections of Presbyterian hymns tell a lot about what seemed essential to believe about life and death in the 1800s. Amos was a founder of the first stand-alone church in Antrim, and his son's family witnessed the demise of the handsome brick building in the 1890s. No trace of the edifice remains, but the door key is preserved under glass. That key let in the Parmenters, their Parish Psalmodies under their arms.

Anyway, I think the Psalmodies belong in Antrim.

Item four: A wooden mortar and pestle. This antique necessity dates to an era when many household substances, including sugar, had to be ground down in order to be made useful. Standing fourteen inches overall, the mortar and pestle, a crack in the mortar well repaired, has known hard use, mostly by strong housewives.

My father last used George Parmenter's mortar and pestle to grind up pine rosin. This pungent material, once pulverized, was melted into a diluted glue used to remove bristles from hog hide during the fall slaughter. Now the mortar and pestle, lathed from rock maple and vital once to housekeeping, stands without purpose. Such sturdy workmanship lasts a long time. Undoubtedly the Historical Society has others like it in the museum, and this one may be as surplus to their needs as it is to mine.

Anyway, I think the Parmenters' mortar and pestle belongs in Antrim.

I didn't like it, but hoeing out was necessary. It always is. We humans have an acquisitive instinct, stronger in some than others. The stuff around us bespeaks security. "Waste not, want not," is the Yankee creed. But there comes a time, spring on the farm, when the surplus must be hauled away.

So, too, the time has come for these generations-old artifacts that I've moved from place to place in this house for more than half a century to go back to Antrim. ❀



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it. Then he picked her up and held her, and then passed her to Mimi, with whom Cordelia had closely bonded. The cat melted into her arms, closed her eyes, and began purring even before Mimi first stroked her. Now we knew it was Cordelia.

So, after seven weeks, the lost cat of Antrim was found. The next day, we took her to the Henniker Veterinary Hospital where she stayed until Friday morning. They gave her many tests (they found only that she was a little anemic), de-wormed her, and checked her for fleas and ticks.

To us, the astonishment is that so pampered a creature could have recovered the instinct and courage to survive in the wild for so long, amidst coyotes, foxes, and fishers, and to travel five miles overland to Hillsborough. Clearly, this elegant little animal has what the French call *cran*, which may be politely translated as "guts."

Cordelia is happy to be home. She still eats and sleeps a lot, which is understandable after being so long in the wild, and plays with her cat toys. She is reintroducing herself to our other cats, including the handsome and affectionate Henry Plantagenet.

We both feel we have much for which to be thankful, not only the return of a beloved pet but the warmth of our heartfelt affection for the friends and neighbors we have in our town.

And after she had returned home, we went out to pick up our fliers to leave room for the next poor pet who may have gone astray. We found that, in every store and bank, the fliers were still in place. ❀

ANTRIM HOUSE OPENS FOR BUSINESS

Joan Gorga

On January 26, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, an open house and some emotional speeches, the Sobriety Centers of New Hampshire opened Antrim House, a facility for women eighteen and over who are struggling with substance misuse, at 55 Main Street where the Antrim Girls' Shelter was once housed. It is only the second facility in the state for women that focuses first on treating substance misuse disorder. Robert Draper, President of the privately-owned Sobriety Centers of NH, said, "This disease does not discriminate. We want to get 'em right and get 'em back on track again." He explained how easily he could have given up on this dream when faced with the extensive water damage caused by burst pipes last winter. However, the beautifully renovated facility, warmly decorated by Bob's wife Julie, made a lot of us in attendance want to move right in. At the end of the presentation, Bob announced to heartfelt applause that he was donating four beds to people who don't have insurance. Although by necessity the townsfolk of Antrim may not see too much of the action that takes place at Antrim House, we wish Antrim House and the Sobriety Centers of New Hampshire great success in their endeavor. ❀



Honor and Mae Hagelberg test out the ice on the new skating rink at Shea Field. Photo: Joan Gorga

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FESTIVAL OF TREES

Kristy Boulé

Thousands of people had a little sparkle put in their holidays when they visited Antrim's Festival of Trees this winter. Community was on display in every area of the Tuttle Library with snowflakes of every variety hanging on the walls and ceilings throughout the building and more than 130 trees and displays. Community members of all ages contributed to the snowy backdrop and included groups such as the Antrim Area Senior Center, Sunday School children, the Before School Club and many individuals. Whether it was one snowflake or ten (or in one case, more than 150), the outpouring of support was appreciated. Many, many people contributed to the Festival and thanks go out to all including Dean Proctor, Joan Gorga, Margie Warner and Frank Gorga for Open House entertainment, Ray Sweeney, Santa and the Antrim Fire Department, Antrim Grange and the many bakers who kept us in cookies all season! Special thanks go out to the incredible Library Staff who field questions and offer support, and Kathy Chisholm and the Library Trustees for

allowing us to hold the Festival there. The two special after-hours events were well attended, and we plan to continue to offer those sparkling evenings in the future. Visitors particularly enjoyed listening to the Winter's Evening entertainers Andrew Cass and Isaiah Cass and the Winter Songs and Stories musician, Andrew Koutroubas.

Plans are already being made for next year's event! The committee meets regularly on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Tuttle Library. It takes many volunteers to make the Festival happen each year and help is always welcome. A special new member meeting will be held on March 28th from 6:30–8 p.m.

Community feedback is important to us. If you have comments, suggestions, ideas or recommendations, please send them to us at AntrimFOT@gmail.com or info@AntrimFestivalOfTrees.org, or better still, join us at a meeting! ❁

Festival of Trees committee members were showing their flaky side making up some of the hundreds of snowflakes hanging from the ceilings at the Tuttle Library during the Festival of Trees.



Photo: Kristy Boulé

ANTRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Charles Boucher

The Crossroads Coffee House. A Coffee House will be held at Antrim Baptist Church on Friday, March 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. This event is sponsored by The Antrim Baptist Youth Group to raise money to be given to "His Mansion Ministries" in Deering. A free-will offering will be taken. People are invited to come and sing and/or play an instrument. Please call 588-6614 or email cherbouch@gmail.com if you want to be a part of this event. Come for an inspirational and fun evening; all ages invited. Refreshments will be served.

Community Lenten Luncheons. The First Presbyterian Church and the Antrim Baptist Church are offering four Wednesday noon luncheons and message during Lent at the Baptist Church. Bring a bag lunch; dessert and beverage are provided. Speakers will be: March 15–Melissa Lawless, March 22–Rev. Charles Boucher, March 29–Rev. Madelyn Klose, April 5–Rev. Jan Howe. Gather together with new and old friends for an hour at lunch time to be inspired and encouraged for the week. ❁

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TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

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

Programs

March 6–11 • Amnesty Week—Return anything you owe and no fine will be charged!

Tuesday, March 14 • Game Night! 5–8 p.m.

March and April • Ongoing Basket Display and Pottery Display by Brian Murphy

Tuesday, April 11 • Game Night! 5–8 p.m.

April 24–28 • Drop-In Crafts during ConVal's Spring Vacation

Tuesday, May 9 • Game Night! 5–8 p.m.

Saturday, May 13 • Mom's Muffin Morning

Thursdays—Ongoing Lego Club 3:30 p.m.

Fridays—Ongoing Storytime 10 a.m.

A Tisket-a-Tasket, Show Us Your Baskets! Come view our ongoing basket display at the library! Baskets of all shapes and sizes decorate the tops of bookcases in the reference room. Do you have a basket to share? We would love to see it! Put your name on the bottom and when our display ends we will call you to pick it up. We also hope to have handmade pottery on display by local artist Brian Murphy.

Seed Saving. Calling all gardeners! The snow's getting deeper...temperatures are plummeting...so it's time to THINK SPRING. For the fourth year, the Tuttle Library will be running a seed lending program. If you missed it last spring, you want to be sure to stop in this year. We will have a fresh supply of heirloom and open-pollinated vegetable and flower seeds, as well as lots of gardening books and reference sheets. Antrim residents will be able to "check out" seeds (don't worry—no overdues), plant them, and enjoy the harvest. At the end of the season, let a few plants go to seed, harvest the seeds and return them to the library. The seeds will be stored over the winter and then "loaned" again in the spring. As these varieties continue to be planted in Antrim they will, over time, adapt to our area's growing conditions and provide varied and nutritious vegetables and herbs for the community.

There is an ever-increasing awareness of the importance of eating healthy, locally-grown, non-genetically-modified food. The Tuttle Library wants to be part of that movement, and we want to involve as many local gardeners as we can. Seeds should arrive in early March; watch for our seed display at the library.

Game Night. There is something new happening at the Library—Game Night for adults, kids, and families! Join us every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 5–8 p.m. Play one of our games or bring your own. Bring a friend and relax; get out of the house and interact with others in the community. If you have a specific game in mind, let us know and we can try to promote it.

Mom's Muffin Morning. Celebrate Mom and join us for "Mom's Muffin Morning" on Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. That day we will have complimentary coffee, muffins and juice. Spend time at the Library relaxing with Mom and enjoy a light snack.

Sneak Peek into the Summer Reading Program. Readers of all ages will enjoy this year's Summer Reading Pro-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

- 14 *Town Elections* • Antrim Town Hall • 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 14 *Game Night* for adults, kids, families • Tuttle Library • 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 15 *Lenten Luncheon* • Antrim Baptist Church • 12 noon – 1:00 p.m.
- 15 *Visiting Cuba* • Antrim Grange program at Antrim Town Hall • 7:00 p.m.
- 16 *Eclectic Book Club* • meet at the First Presbyterian Church • 11:00 a.m.
- 16 *FREE Community Supper* • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 16 *Town Meeting* • Antrim Town Gym • 7:00 p.m.
- 22 *Lenten Luncheon* • Antrim Baptist Church • 12 noon – 1:00 p.m.
- 24 *Coffee House* • Antrim Baptist Church • 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- 28 *Festival of Trees new member meeting* • Tuttle Library • 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- 29 *Lenten Luncheon* • Antrim Baptist Church • 12 noon – 1:00 p.m.
- 30 *Great Decisions Group* • Tuttle Library • 6:30 p.m.

APRIL

- 5 *Lenten Luncheon* • Antrim Baptist Church • 12 noon – 1:00 p.m.
- 6 *Great Decisions Group* • Tuttle Library • 6:30 p.m.
- 11 *Game Night* for adults, kids, families • Tuttle Library • 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 13 *Maundy Thursday Soup and Service* • Antrim Baptist Church • 5:45 p.m.
- 13 *Great Decisions Group* • Tuttle Library • 6:30 p.m.
- 16 *Easter Sunrise Service* • Antrim Baptist Church with First Presbyterian Church pastor Jan Howe • 6:30 a.m.
- 16 *Potluck Brunch* following Easter Service • Antrim Baptist Church • 10:30 a.m.
- 19 *Antique Appraisal* • Antrim Grange program • Grange Hall • 6:30 p.m.
- 20 *Eclectic Book Club* • meet at the First Presbyterian Church • 11:00 a.m.
- 20 *FREE Community Supper* • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 23 *Colonial Meetinghouses* • Antrim Historical Society program at the First Presbyterian Church • 3:00 p.m.
- 27 *Great Decisions Group* • Tuttle Library • 6:30 p.m.
- 28 *Silent Movie Night* • Antrim Grange program • Grange Hall • 7:00 p.m.

MAY

- 4 *Great Decisions Group* • Tuttle Library • 6:30 p.m.
- 9 *Game Night* for adults, kids, families • Tuttle Library • 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 11 *Great Decisions Group* • Tuttle Library • 6:30 p.m.
- 13 *Annual Spring Walk for Families* • The Grapevine • 9:30 a.m.
- 13 *Mom's Muffin Morning* • Tuttle Library • 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 15 *Antrim Grange program* • 7:00 p.m.
- 17 *Community Awards Night* • Antrim Grange program • Grange Hall • 7:00 p.m.
- 18 *Eclectic Book Club* • meet at the First Presbyterian Church • 11:00 a.m.
- 18 *FREE Community Supper* • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 20 *NH Humanities program "Global Banjar"* • Antrim Grange program • Grange Hall • 6:30 p.m.
- 21 *Dr. Alfred Chandler* • Antrim Historical Society program at the First Presbyterian Church • 3:00 p.m.
- 25 *Great Decisions Group* • Tuttle Library • 6:30 p.m.

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Greetings from the folks at First Presbyterian Church! As are most of you, we suspect, we are looking forward to the arrival of Spring! Winter has seen us busy with December events and Holiday joys. January moved the Worship service into the Fellowship Hall to save on heating bills. The Senior Center continues to meet weekday mornings in a warm place here and share coffee, lunch, puzzles, card games, and companionship. We are preparing for the long season of Lent (the other side of the Mardi Gras celebrations you may hear of or participate in—once Pancake Tuesday arrives, Ash Wednesday follows immediately to usher in the Lenten Season). Lent is typically seen as a six-week long time of preparing for the roller coaster ride of Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday, then experiencing the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, and the sadness of Good Friday—until Easter Sunday dawns! Alleluia!!

Our New Beginnings committee has been busy with community outreach, sprucing up the front of the church, participating with the Festival of Trees display, and now will be refocusing on the possibility of a community Labyrinth walk and/or Peace garden to share with all. Anyone interested in joining us on this project would be most welcome! More information to come as we go through the planning process.

The Revival Shop continues to be a great community resource for gently used and affordably priced (and sometimes new!) clothes and shoes, etc. Opportunities to consign items you no longer want, or donate them outright, as well as opportunities to volunteer, are available! Come check us out! Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., as well as on Community Supper Thursdays from 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Our worship and event schedule for the next few months: **ASH WEDNESDAY—March 1:** Worship at 7 p.m. Quiet, candlelit service with disposition of ashes. Lenten luncheons are held on four Wednesdays during Lent at the Baptist Church with guest ministers leading discussions. Meet at noon, bring a bag lunch, and the folks at the Baptist Church provide beverages and desserts. Check with either church for more specific dates and information.

PALM SUNDAY—April 9: Worship at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Palms and Hosannas!!

MAUNDY THURSDAY—April 13: Simple meal of broth and bread at 6:15 p.m. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

GOOD FRIDAY—April 14: Worship service in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. “Service of Shadows.”

EASTER SUNDAY—April 16: Sunrise outdoor service led by our Pastor Jan Howe on the lawn of the Antrim Baptist Church at 6:30 a.m. (We share this, rotating locations

and pastors each year.) Regular worship service in the Sanctuary at 10:30! Flowers and Alleluias!!

Looking ahead, we will be celebrating PENTECOST with guest Minister Tom Woodward on June 4—always a fun service, including balloons and Birthday cake and lots of candles to celebrate the special day, otherwise known as the Church’s Birthday. Wind, flames and the Holy Spirit!! As always, all are welcome!

We are a small but active congregation, committed to spreading the Gospel Message that “Life is Everlasting and Love is always the Answer.” No special requirements are needed to join us in worship, or in any of the community outreach projects we get involved with. Come check us out! ❁

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gram, “Build a Better World.” Activities may include a guest speaker, fun activities and crafts. The 2017 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, preschool through young adult, with programs, prize drawings, and storytimes.

Lego Club and Storytime. Don’t forget—every Thursday afternoon at 3:30 is Lego Club! Come into the children’s room at the library and join others as you make your own unique creation! Also—every Friday morning at 10 is Storytime! Get out of the house and relax with your children and listen to a story or two. We also have games and coloring to entertain all ages.

Closings

Monday, May 29 • Memorial Day

Suggestion Box

It has come to our attention after the initial Antrim 2020 community meetings that one area of interest was enhanced library programs and services. It is in that spirit that we have placed a suggestion box in the circulation lobby. We encourage everyone to think about what additional services would bring *you* personally into the library and then drop that suggestion off in our suggestion box or add it to our Facebook page. ❁

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ANTRIM RECREATION

Celeste Lunetta, Recreation Director

Spring 2017!

Ongoing Opportunities for Adult Fitness:

Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30–7 p.m., join Cathy Garland with Cardio-Tone at the Antrim Town Gym

Tuesdays, 6–7:15 p.m., join Jeanine Edmunds for Yoga at the Antrim Town Hall

Thursdays & Saturdays: Pickleball at Town Gym—call for details

Ongoing Activities for Youth:

Tumbling with Alison Wozmak: ages 5 and up, Sundays, 4:30–6 p.m.

Beginning Dance with Cari Gillespie: ages 4–4th grade, Thursdays, 3:30–5 p.m. (two groups)

Tae Kwon Do: Kindergarten–8th grade, Thursdays, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Ice Skating under the Lights at Shea Field (*Weather permitting*) Saturday, March 4, 4–8 p.m. The rink will be kept on the field, weather permitting, through March 13. After that, we plan to remove it to make way for spring sports.

Free Movies at Town Hall: Friday, March 17 (*Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, Loving*); Friday, April 21 (*Sing*); Friday, May 19. (Movies named are planned; there may be changes. Look online at antrimnh.org, and the Antrim Recreation Facebook and Twitter. We also post signs in the Town Hall window.)

Family Roller Skating Nights at Antrim Town Gym: Saturdays, March 11, April 8 and June 10: Join the skaters from Monadnock Roller Derby for the perpetually fun Roller Skating Night. Skate rentals are available! 6-9 p.m. at Antrim Town Gym.

American Heart Association Community First Aid and CPR/AED class: Tuesday, March 21, and Tuesday, March 28, 2:00–5:30 p.m. This is a community-level class in First Aid and CPR/AED for adults, children and infants. The cost of the class is \$25 for Antrim residents and \$55 for non-residents. Cost includes a book, a CPR mask, and upon completion, a certificate good for two years. Class size is limited. To register, email Celeste at antrimrecredir@tds.net.

Late Afternoon Hike for Near Full Moonrise: Sunday, April 9. Contact Celeste at the Recreation Department for more information. We would like to get our hiking group going. Hiking is healthy for the body, mind and spirit! This hike will be local, with a small-to-moderate elevation gain, and descent will be at dusk.

Late April Skywatch: Sunday, April 30, in the evening. Location TBA. Contact us at 588-3121 or email antrimrecredir@tds.net if you are interested!

Annual Youth Fishing Derby at Mill Pond: Youth fishers, providing their own poles and bait, are invited to cast their lines at Mill Pond at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2017. The Fishing Derby, a long and wonderful tradition, awards

prizes in many categories. The Derby runs between 8 and 10 a.m. Hope to see you there!

June Full Moon Hike: Friday, June 9: Location and time TBD: Call us at 588-3121 or email antrimrecredir@tds.net if you are interested!

Spring Sports for Kids

Baseball and Softball: Athletes in Kindergarten and ages 5 through 12 can join ConVal Cal Ripken or Monadnock Youth Softball through the Recreation Department. Registration Deadline is March 17, 2017. Preseason evaluations take place for baseball athletes ages 9–12 on March 11 & 12. Preseason pitching clinics for Fast Pitch Softball start March 4, so please register as early as possible. Registration forms are online at antrimnh.org or can be picked up at Town Hall or the Recreation Office.

Lacrosse: Antrim Lacrosse will field a 10U (3rd/4th grade) boys' team in the New Hampshire Youth Lacrosse Association. We will have developmental local lacrosse for both boys and girls at Shea Field, with two meetings per week that will include US Lacrosse athlete development-style scrimmages. Registrations are past for the 10U Boys team, but if you are interested, check to see if we have room. We will post the final schedule and registration information for our local athlete development lacrosse program online at antrimnh.org.

Sporties for Shorties: Early Saturday morning sports skills and outdoor recreation sampler. For children ages 3–5. Schedule will be posted on antrimnh.org in mid-March.

Looking ahead to summer, we are actively planning our summer event series, Antrim in the Evening, the Days of Summer Youth programs, and a series of bus trips, including a trip to Tall Ships in Boston between June 16 and 21. Registration for the Tall Ships bus trip will be in very early June.

Contact Celeste at Antrim Recreation to get involved in any of our programs or facilities. We welcome and encourage your feedback and ideas! The phone number at Antrim Recreation is 588-3121. Our email is antrimrecreation@tds.net. We hope to see you at any of our programs. ❁

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LIMRIK LIMERICK CONTEST

Several people were brave enough to sharpen their pencils and take on the challenge of the December Limerick contest. The Limrik staff voted Colin Brinkley's entry to be the winner, and he won a \$25 gift certificate to Edmunds.

In December the library's quite festive
It helps keep the natives less restive
The contest is to see
Who can trim the best tree
And we also enjoy all the rest of
Anonymous

In December the library's quite festive,
It helps keep the natives less restive,
The contest is to see
Whose hanging wreath or tree
Among all others is most impressive.
Colin Brinkley

New Limerick Challenge

In December the library's quite festive
It helps keep the natives less restive
The contest is to see
Who can win
First prize, you or me?
Wayne Nichols

A limerick is a five-line verse, in which lines 1, 2 and 5 rhyme and have the same meter, and lines 3 and 4 are shorter, rhyme with each other and have the same meter. Entries will be judged on rhyme, rhythm, meter and clever content. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Rick and Diane's Pizzeria. Submit your entry to editor@antrimlimrik.org.

In December the library's quite festive
It helps keep the natives less restive
The contest is to see
If it truly can be
That one tree can be picked as the best of
Trish Fletcher

Complete the last two lines of the verse below:

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ANTRIM GRANGE NEWS

Beth Merrill

At our January program meeting, Antrim resident and Cooperative Extension Education Center Program Coordinator Jeremy DeLisle gave an overview of the programs and services available through UNH Cooperative Extension. In February, we explored the “hows and whys” of home solar installations under the guidance of Ben Pratt with assistance from other local folks who’ve gone this route. Candidates’ Night was presented at the end of February to give interested citizens a chance to meet those who seek election to a town office. At the March 15th public program at Town Hall, a local couple from Hancock will talk about their experiences and observations on a recent trip to Cuba.

Members from our Grange attended the State Grange Winter Youth Rally in Hooksett to participate in a variety of workshops, a community service project, the Grange Knowledge test, and the Youth Association Meeting. Upcoming events we will be participating in include the State Grange Bowling Tournament, the Spring Fling workshop day, and the State Lecturer’s Variety and Talent Show and Grange Month Banquet.

To celebrate National Grange Month in our organization’s 150th year, we are sponsoring two events at the Grange Hall in April, which will be open to the public. The first will be on our regular program meeting night on April 19. John Bruno, of PBS’s “Market Warriors” show, will be our guest and will be offering appraisals on items brought in by audience members. This program will have a special start time of 6:30 p.m. and is free to the public. Attendees are welcome to bring up to three items to be reviewed at a cost of \$5 per item.

The second event is set for 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28, and the public is encouraged to come and enjoy the incredible talent of Jeff Rapsis (Did you see him in recent months on Chronicle on Channel 9?), who will provide live accompaniment to two Buster Keaton silent movies, “Sherlock Jr.” (40 min.) and following an intermission, “The Cameraman” (just over an hour). Jeff is an artist whose skills are currently being sought worldwide, so we are very fortunate to have him scheduled to play here in Antrim. We will ask for donations to help with his fee.

The annual Community Awards Night is set for May 17, and also features our Grange Baking Contest, so visitors will be able to sample the blonde brownie entries. There is a non-

member category, so anyone may bring their best blonde brownies (please note whether or not your entry contains nuts) to take a shot at bragging rights for best cook in town. Call Dawne Hugron at 588-3890 for entry information. And if you know someone in Antrim or Bennington who deserves to be honored for excellent contributions to the community as a teacher, policeman, fireman, rescue, agriculturalist, or community volunteer, please let one of our members know or contact Beth Merrill at 588-6615 by April 1 to offer your nomination. This is an annual event when we show off our Grange in its traditional format, creating a festive and welcoming environment to honor and reward those whose efforts are deserving of recognition. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

Antrim Grange is part of the jurisdiction of the Hillsborough County Pomona (district) Grange, which meets in Antrim this year on May 20. The public is invited to attend our free, NH Humanities-sponsored program that evening at 6:30 p.m., which will feature a musical history program by The Hardtacks titled “Global Banjar: Politics, Race, and Empire in Antebellum Banjo Music Worldwide.” More details about the program can be found at www.nhhumanities.org.

If anyone is interested in helping with our continuing community garden project, please give Renee Mercier-Geritsen a call at 547-5144.

When spring allows us entry back into the historic Grange Hall, look for announcements for our resuming flash sales of fabric and craft items on occasional Saturdays.

Be thinking of the 15th annual Art Show to be held at the Grange Hall June 16–18. If you are a local artist not already on our mailing list, please contact Beth, Dawne or Renee. Look for details on how to enter the new adult coloring contest we are adding this year.

Please let us know if you have questions about the Grange that we can answer for you. Folks can follow Antrim Grange activities on our Facebook page. We are just one chapter in the nation’s oldest fraternal family organization of great traditions, values, and opportunities. Many have found the Grange to be a beneficial place for the entire family to join and enjoy together. If you love history and tradition and value the ability to work with others to make our world, local and beyond, a better place, the Grange is for you! ❁



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THE REVIVAL SHOP

Joan Gorga

Have you ever ventured around to the back of the First Presbyterian Church and stopped in at the basement Revival Shop? I'm not much of a shopper, but I had a delightful time when I dropped in several times recently. The first Friday I showed up, there were just a couple of shoppers, but they were pleased to show off the treasures they'd found. The following Saturday, there were six people happily browsing the racks and shelves. Some said they never left without finding a great deal.

The Revival Shop has now been serving Antrim and its neighboring towns for twenty-five years. Jeana White and Brian Beihl started it back in 1992 with the help of many volunteers. The shop served three goals: raising money for the First Presbyterian Church, helping members of the community in need and delivering unsold items to a charity, which was originally the Mission at the Eastward in rural, inland Maine. Dedicated managers and a long list of volunteers and donors have kept it going. The current list has thirteen active volunteers, who keep the shop open on Fridays from 10–1, Saturdays from 10–2, and the third Thursday of the month from 4:30–6:30 p.m., coinciding with Community Suppers. Most of the volunteers work two hours a month; some put in multiple shifts and some long-time summer residents work during the summer months. Who coordinates all this activity these days?

Current manager Karen Weisswange moved to Antrim in 2006 from Long Island, New York, following her daughter, and perhaps more importantly (?), her grandchildren, to the area. Her son and a brother still live on Long Island, but Karen says she likes it here—not only is it cheaper to live, but there is less traffic! Karen and her husband, Al, used to admire log home models as they drove past a log home construction business on their way to visit their daughter in college at SUNY-Fredonia. When they found a lot on Old Hancock Road that used to be Smitty Harriman's land, they knew what they wanted to build, and Karen says they were warmly welcomed to Antrim.

Karen met me at the Revival Shop one afternoon to give me a tour. She was wearing a bright green Coldwater Creek sweater. Being a green fanatic myself, I was immediately jealous, even more so when she told me she had bought it at the shop. Karen started as a regular volunteer at the Re-

vival Shop in 2008, when Sheila Nichols was the manager. At that point, Karen spent a good bit of time babysitting for her granddaughters, but she felt comfortable donating a few hours a month to a good cause. Laura Akerley followed Sheila as manager, and Karen stepped up to the job in 2013. By that time, her granddaughters were older and she wasn't spending so much time babysitting. She says it's a lot of work, but she enjoys doing it and it fulfills her desire to do volunteer work. She says she's good at organizing and can manage the money, so the job's a good fit. She spends six to eight hours a week working at the shop, but that doesn't count the time she spends at home sorting through bags of donations, for instance.

The regular volunteers do most of the sales. Karen and Assistant Manager, Dorothy Peuraharju, do most of the back room work, sorting through donations, pricing and tagging items and rotating the stock. Dorothy decorates the dummies and Beverly Smith helps with the monthly changeovers, as well as working in the shop. Most clothes and accessories are kept for only one season. The Revival Shop accepts only apparel that's in very good shape, and some pieces have never been worn. Items are marked with a (very reasonable) price when they're first put out. They spend two months at full price, then a month at half price. For the fourth month they're marked down to \$1.00 and



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after that they're free. Anything not sold by the end of the fifth month is packed up and donated to charity to make room for the next season's apparel. Some clothes are also sold on consignment. They have to be in extra-good shape and are priced a little higher. They get two months at full price, but after that, they're marked down to half-price and the money goes to the church.

Karen says that since she's been working at the Revival Shop, she has heard a number of people say they couldn't survive without the shop. She sees the shop as not only helping out the church, but also helping the community. Many of the customers are pretty regular, although in the summer, she says, Gregg Lake residents often just drop in.

The next time you're passing by and see the "OPEN" sign, why not stop in and see what's there? You just might find a few items you can't resist, for a very good price, and you can say thank you to one of the volunteers. Or, as Karen reminds me, you can become one yourself—they are always looking for volunteers! ❁



Photo: Joan Gorga

MONADNOCK ROLLER DERBY

Jess Gerrior

Monadnock Roller Derby is ramping up its 2017 season with exciting developments and opportunities for skating and non-skating community members to get involved.

The league is joined this year by Sarah "Sprawkett" Wright. For those who are not yet familiar, Sprawkett is newly returned to the Monadnock Region after playing with the Texas Roller Girls, who are HUGE in the world of roller derby! She is one of Monadnock Roller Derby's original members, and in addition to her skills on the track, she has experience as an educator, is a fantastic organizer and taskmaster, and has a lot of enthusiasm for the sport and our community, all of which she is bringing back home.

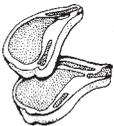
Sprawkett is offering her training talents to the community with non-skating fitness sessions on Saturdays, 10 a.m.–noon, at Hancock Elementary School, now through April 29. The intention is to provide a welcoming space for average people to practice a cross-training and self-care regimen, alongside roller derby players in their community, to improve core-strength, flexibility, and balance. The "boot camp" style sessions consist of two 45-minute segments with health/fitness discussion breaks. The classes are free for Monadnock Roller Derby league members; a \$5 donation is suggested for interested community members. Participants should bring a yoga mat or blanket, athletic shoes, water bottle, and (optional) free weights for more resistance, if desired. To RSVP, call Sprawkett at 603-748-9945 or email sprawkett@gmail.com.

Monadnock's junior roller derby team, the Mad Misfits, is very quickly gaining in terms of performance and teamwork. After holding their ground against NH Roller Derby's Sabotage Sisters last season, the Misfits are ready to take on three junior teams this year. They are a great bunch of kids who work hard and have fun! Monadnock's women's team, the Mad Knockers, is also on track to compete with several tough teams from throughout New England, with new and returning skaters. The 2017 season schedule will be out very soon.

In the meantime, community members can support local roller derby by coming to monthly community roller skating nights, spreading the word, learning the ropes of volunteering, and purchasing a 2017 Monadnock Roller Derby calendar featuring both the women's and junior teams.

Monadnock Roller Derby's mission is threefold: to challenge ourselves to get back up, as many times as it takes; challenge one another to be our best, because no one survives alone; and create a safe and supportive space for all members to learn, grow, and smash their fears.

For more information, or to volunteer, join a team, or become a sponsor, email contact@monadnockrollerderby.com or visit www.monadnockrollerderby.com. ❁



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ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Stephen Ullman, President

Upcoming Programs

Colonial Meetinghouses. On Sunday, April 23, at 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Paul Wainwright will discuss New England colonial meetinghouses. Here is what we can expect, according to the New Hampshire Humanities Council:

New England's colonial meetinghouses embody an important yet little-known chapter in American history. Built mostly with tax money, they served as both places of worship and places for town meetings, and were the centers of life in colonial New England communities. Using photographs of the few surviving "mint condition" meetinghouses as illustrations, Paul Wainwright tells the story of the society that built and used them, and the lasting impact they have had on American culture.

Dr. Alfred Chandler. On Sunday, May 21, also at 3 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, two or more of Dr. Alfred Chandler's daughters (Nancy Conrey, Carol Malcarney, Susan Ruess, and Priscilla Shook) will discuss his career. I am particularly grateful to Dr. Chandler because in 1951 he was part of a medical team that successfully brought my brother, Peter, through what turned out to be a non-paralytic form of polio. The Chandler women have gone to exceptional lengths to document their father's celebrated contributions.

Industrial Revolution in NH. Here is a description of the program on industrialization in the Granite State that the New Hampshire Historical Society will be providing on June 11.

Learn about the history of the Industrial Revolution in New Hampshire and how it dramatically changed the lives of Granite Staters by encouraging a wave of immigration that challenged traditional Yankee culture. Explore industries such as textile manufacturing, shoe making, granite quarrying, glass making, and the timber trades, and how these industries formed the bedrock of New Hampshire's 19th-century economy.

Projects

Third Grade History. The Antrim Historical Society has been working with third grade teachers Rachel Hill and Tom Morris on a project aimed at issuing a guide to the main streets of Antrim's downtown. Students will be asked to select a specific structure, research its history, and create its "story", along with a sketch of its former configuration compared with its current incarnation.

Historical Markers. Eric Tenney has proposed a project that would involve mounting signs to designate sites of historical significance within the town. As envisioned, the signs would be shaped distinctively so that visitors, as well as townspeople, could easily recognize the marked sites.

Oral History. In a recent *Villager*, Michael Pon wrote a laudatory article about our ongoing oral history project. (Many thanks, Michael.) Incidentally, if you are interested

in Eric Tenney's reflections on his lengthy, productive career in Town government, my interview with Eric is now available on Youtube – keywords "Antrim NH Historical." The Antrim Historical Society is very grateful to Connie Kirwin who has donated several audiotapes. In addition, we are deeply indebted to Lyman Gilmore, who launched Antrim's oral history project during the very early years of *The Limrik* and recently donated his recordings so that they may be made available to the public.

Online History. And thanks to the hard work of Frank Gorga and Ral Burgess, the *Antrim Reporter*, the historic local newspaper, and all back issues of *The Limrik* are available online through the AHS website. It is fascinating to read in the *Reporter*, for example, how Antrim mobilized to fight World War I.

Join Us. Let me end with an invitation to join the Antrim Historical Society, which is dedicated to the celebration of Antrim's history. You can learn of our activities through the Town's "News and Events" notices, local newspapers, and the AHS website, www.antrimhistoricalsociety.org. Dues are just \$10 a year for an individual and \$20 for an entire family. To join, please contact me at 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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DOG LICENSES

Diane Chauncey, Town Clerk

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You may register your dog in person at the Town Clerk's office or by mail. If registering by mail, also send name, address, phone number, a self-addressed stamped envelope and a check made payable to The Town of Antrim or MasterCard or Visa information to: Town of Antrim – Dog License, PO Box 517, Antrim, NH 03440.

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Each dog over four months old must be licensed by its owner or keeper prior to April 30 of each year. The license is effective May 1 to April 30 of the subsequent year. Proof of updated rabies vaccination must be presented at the time of licensing. Any person who keeps five or more dogs may apply for a group license. Verification must be furnished that each dog has been vaccinated against rabies.

Failure to license your dog is a violation of State law. In addition to the annual license fee you will be charged a late fee of \$1.00 per month, per dog for each month (or part of month) after May 1. A civil forfeiture fee will also be assessed in the amount of \$25.00, which is payable within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the notice of failure to register your dog(s). If the forfeiture fee is not paid within that time, you will receive a summons to appear in court.

Please notify the Town Clerk if your dog has passed.

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Here's an update on the book club's spring and summer activities. The meetings will be held on Thursdays at the First Presbyterian Church between 11:00 a.m. and noon.

On March 16, we will be discussing *The Moviegoer* by Walker Percy, the author's debut novel first published in 1961. "*The Moviegoer* tells the story of Binx Bolling, a young stock-broker in postwar New Orleans. The decline of tradition in the Southern United States, the problems of his family and his traumatic experiences in the Korean War have left him alienated from his own life. He daydreams constantly, has trouble engaging in lasting relationships and finds more meaning and immediacy in movies and books than in his own routine life." (Wikipedia)

On April 20, we will be examining *American Grace* by Robert Putnam. "Unique among nations, America is deeply religious, religiously diverse, and remarkably tolerant. In recent decades, however, the nation's religious landscape has undergone several seismic shocks. *American Grace* is an authoritative, fascinating examination of what precipitated these changes and the role that religion plays in contemporary American society." (Simon and Schuster)

In 1998 the Modern Library ranked *The Naked and the Dead* 51st on its list of the 100 best English-language novels of the 20th century. On May 18th, we Eclectic readers will be considering Norman Mailer's masterpiece which "...takes place on Anopopei, a fictional island somewhere in the South Pacific. American forces are faced with a campaign to drive out the Japanese so that Americans can advance into the Philippines. The novel itself focuses on the experiences of one platoon, overseen by Lieutenant Hearn and General Cummings. Although Mailer does not write about the significance or details of the campaign, it is implied that this platoon, like all platoons in the Army, is simply just obeying orders, uncertain what those orders might be." (Holt)

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ANTRIM'S GREAT DECISIONS GROUP

Steve Ullman, Coordinator

Great Decisions is a series of informal conversations about American foreign policy. No special expertise in foreign policy is needed, only an interest in our country's future abroad. Attendees may take part in the discussions or they can just listen. Either approach is fine.

Antrim's Great Decisions group plans to meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Tuttle Library on the following Thursdays to discuss the given topics.

- March 30—The Future of Europe
- April 6—Trade, Jobs and Politics
- April 13—Conflict in the South China Sea
- April 27—Saudi Arabia in Transition
- May 4—Foreign Policy and Petroleum
- May 11—Latin America's Political Pendulum
- May 25—Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan
- June 1—National Security

Participants may order the Great Decisions manual from the Foreign Policy Association for \$20 (1-800-477-5836 or sales@fpa.org). The manual contains short articles that accompany each session's topic. There will also be two Great Decisions manuals on reserve for those who prefer a free edition. For further information please call or email Steve Ullman (sullman@brockport.edu or 588-2005). ❀

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On June 15, we will chew over W. Somerset Maugham's *Of Human Bondage*. This book "... is generally agreed to be his masterpiece and to be strongly autobiographical in nature." (Simon and Schuster)

And finally, on July 20, we will be analyzing Harper Lee's sequel to her classic *To Catch a Mockingbird*, *Go Set a Watchman*. Perhaps you have heard that this book characterizes Atticus Finch in a much harsher light than in Lee's first book.

If you are looking for lively discussions of notable English language fiction, please join us. Melissa Lawless will once again be providing copies of these books at the Tuttle Library. Thank Melissa. ❀

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CHARLES LEVESQUE NH FORESTER OF THE YEAR

Joan Gorga

Congratulations go out to Charlie Levesque, who on February 10 was chosen to receive the Outstanding Forester Award from the Granite State Division of the Society of American Foresters (SAF), the national professional foresters' association. Charlie has been a member of the SAF since he was a forestry student at UNH in the late 1970s. He started his forestry career working for the Brown Company in northern New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont, and worked with the U.S. Forest Service in Montana. He was the executive director of the NH Timberland Owners Association, the Trust for NH Lands and the Northern Forest Lands Council during the 1980s and 1990s before starting his consulting firm, Innovative Natural Resource Solutions, LLC, in 1994. He was later joined by partners Eric Kingsley of Portland, Maine and Charles Niebling of Boscawen. Mike Powers, the Chair of the Granite State SAF, said, "The Outstanding Forester Award is our highest award presented annually." ❀

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H.O.P.E. INITIATIVE

Marcia Ullman, Chair

In case you've been wondering what the Health, Opportunity, Prevention and Education Initiative (formerly known as the H.O.P.E. Committee) has been up to for the past few months, here is a summary of our activities:

New Members: H.O.P.E. has been pleased to have new members Jacqueline Roland, Avenue A Director; Hope Driscoll, Coordinator of Monadnock Voices for Prevention; and Officer Juan Lluberés of Antrim's Police Department join long-time members Tom Badgley, Melissa Gallagher, Rev. Jan Howe, Kathleen Robbins, Arlene Soule, and Marcia Ullman (Chair).

Butt Stop: Nicotine, one of the most widely abused drugs, causes an addiction that is very difficult to manage. H.O.P.E. joined forces with the Cheshire Coalition for Tobacco-Free Communities to have a "Butt Stop" at Avenue A in Antrim on November 16, in preparation for the Great American Smokeout. We were prepared to give anyone who stopped by information on specific ways to quit—a smoking cessation kit that included, among other things, free nicotine patches, a free water bottle, gum and pamphlets. Unfortunately, the H.O.P.E. members who staffed the event were like the Maytag repairman of long ago—we were the loneliest people in town! For those of you who missed this opportunity, but want help with smoking cessation, you may call Kate McNally at Cheshire Medical Center at (603) 354-6513. Kate has been providing tobacco treatment for years and is a fount of information and support. For those wanting phone support and free nicotine patches, you may call 1-800-Quit Now!

Community Supper: On November 17, middle school students from the Avenue A Club joined with us to put on a very well-received Community Supper of spinach and cheese ravioli baked in tomato sauce and topped with cheese, along with garlic bread, salad and cookies and brownies for dessert. Before people entered the Fellowship Hall at the Antrim First Presbyterian Church, they passed by an information table set up by H.O.P.E. members. Once again, we had all the information on quitting smoking and our smoking cessation kits available to diners. Arlene Soule designed and printed table-top tents with general information on substance use disorders

so guests could become better informed as they ate. It was fun for us to work with so many enthusiastic and community-



From left to right: Desean Penny, Arlene Soule, Colby Sullivan and Dorm Trodella.
Photo: Jacqueline Roland

oriented students. I appreciate all who helped, especially Ted Brown, who made tons of delicious garlic bread!

Collaboration: In keeping with our goal to support other programs that address substance use disorders, Kathleen Robbins and Jacqueline Roland are also members of Monadnock Community Hospital's "Be The Change" Committee and report back to us on a regular basis. We collaborate with Be The Change whenever it is feasible, such as when we helped present the Addictions program at Antrim's Town Hall last year. Be The Change compiled an excellent resource guide that H.O.P.E. has distributed around Antrim.

Jacqueline Roland has reached out to the ConVal School District to offer H.O.P.E.'s support for any programs they have in place to educate students about substance use disorders and/or ways to prevent substance use disorders.

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Prevention: Another H.O.P.E. goal is to support prevention programs that are already in existence, such as the nationally-based “Guiding Good Choices” program offered at the Grapevine. Grapevine Executive Director Melissa Gallagher keeps us informed about Grapevine programs that address prevention either directly or indirectly. For example, because of their children’s substance use disorders, many grandparents find themselves in the position of bringing up their grandchildren. The Grapevine runs a program to support grandparents in this situation.

Several H.O.P.E. members attended the day-long “Youth Mental Health First Aid Training” that took place at Avenue A and focused on early signs and symptoms of mental health issues in youth ages 12-18. Members also attended the ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) presentation and Narcan training at Avenue A in February.

Future Activities: Arlene Soule is working on a logo for the H.O.P.E. Initiative to use on all of our literature, announcements, etc. We hope you will become familiar with it in the next few months. The committee welcomed Tom Badgely’s suggestion that we periodically post informational sheets around our towns to help raise awareness of substance use disorders. You will begin to see them in the near future.

H.O.P.E. members plan to sponsor local events related to the following upcoming national and international events related to substance use disorders:

March 15 • Kick Butts Day, a national day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up and seize control against Big Tobacco.

April (all month) • Alcohol Awareness Month, sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence to increase public awareness and understanding, reduce stigma and encourage local communities to focus on alcoholism and alcohol-related issues.

May 3 • World No Tobacco Day, sponsored by the World Health Organization to raise awareness and to take action against the tobacco epidemic.

May 14–20 • National Prevention Week, sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to increase public awareness of, and action around, mental and/or substance use disorders.

If you have an interest in raising awareness about and/or preventing substance use disorders and would like to join the H.O.P.E. Initiative, please call Marcia Ullman at 588-2005. ❁

WANTED

The *Limrik* is always looking for contributing writers and artists. Please contact Joan Gorga at editor@antrimlimrik.org if you have an idea or would like to make a contribution. ❁

ANTRIM-BENNINGTON LIONS CLUB

Steve Ullman, Vice President

New Members. We have welcomed three new members to our ranks. Anna Lithgow has lived in Antrim for the past three years and lived in Bennington for the previous two. She is originally from Peterborough and lives with her fiancé, Jeff, and their dog, Era. Anna works at RBC Wealth Management as a financial advisor. She has been with RBC for fourteen years and has twenty-eight years altogether of experience in the financial industry. Anna has three grown children, ages twenty-two, twenty-seven, and twenty-eight. She enjoys spending time with her children, kayaking, golfing, cooking, and four-wheeling.

Jeff Highter has lived in Antrim for five years but grew up in Troy. He works for Eckman construction as a superintendent and has been with the company for twenty years. He has a 25-year-old daughter and is devoted to sports, kayaking, hiking and four-wheeling.

Nancy Blair has lived in Antrim for twenty-nine years, but she admits that even after all this time she still sometimes feels like a newcomer. Nancy has taught in the state of New Hampshire for forty-two years at the preschool, middle school, and community college level—quite a testament to Nancy’s intellectual flexibility! She spent all of her fifteen middle school years at the Great Brook School, where she continues to sub. Nancy loves walking, gardening, bike rides, and pretty much anything to do with the outdoors. She is also an avid reader and loves to travel to Greer, South Carolina, to spend time with her three grandchildren.

Projects

Christmas Tree Sale. The annual Lions Club Christmas tree sale was a complete sellout. We thank all our loyal customers who contributed through us to Operation Santa, the project that makes certain that needy kids and adults in our area all receive holiday gifts.

Eye Screening. One of the missions of the Lions is sight. To that end, the A-B Lions will be conducting vision screenings at Great Brook School on Monday, March 13, and Tuesday, March 14, for approximately 200 students. We will be using the Spot vision screener, which can quickly detect up to six vision problems. The Spot does this without ever touching the student and usually takes only a few seconds. A printed report of the results is sent home to the parents. The A-B Lions have already screened more than 370 students in six local elementary schools. Our technology whiz kid, John Conklin, leads this project.

Little Free Library. By this spring, we Lions will have erected at least one “Little Free Library.” For the uninitiated, a Little Free Library is actually part of a worldwide movement to provide free books housed in small, glassed-in containers to members of the community. A Little Free Library operates entirely on the honor system and is based on the hope that the person who takes a book might at some point contribute a book. Look for a Little Free Library just south of Town Hall and perhaps this summer at the Gregg Lake public beach.

Downtown Signage. King Lion Sue Conklin and Lion Tamer Marcia Ullman are working on a plan to install a downtown electronic message sign (think of the ConVal

High School sign). The midtown sign would alert drivers and pedestrians to upcoming events in the Metro Antrim area.

Soccer Festival. The A-B Lions Club is currently working with the Antrim Recreation Department on an October youth soccer festival. As a result of the transformation of Shea Field over the years from a bedraggled, rock-ridden field to a first-class, multi-purpose recreational facility which features newly installed lights, we felt it appropriate to organize a two-day Antrim Soccer Festival that will culminate in a championship game under the lights. There will be food, games, skill competitions, and basically fun for all. More information will come in the next *Limrik*, but if there are any individuals interested in helping organize this event in late October, please contact Rick Wood at rd_wood@comcast.net.

Programs

Honor Flight New England. Joe Byron, founder and executive director of Honor Flight New England addressed the Lions in December. This nonprofit organization honors our most senior veterans (World War II and Korean War veterans) by transporting them at no cost to their memorials in Washington, DC.

SWIFT. On January 17, the club hosted Diane Johnson and Kathy Morocco, ConVal officials who are participating in the SWIFT program, which seeks improvements in the district's kindergarten through eighth grade programs. The evening was most productive in that we Lions recognized the numerous ways that we can contribute to our public schools

Finance. Select Board member and all-around good guy, Bob Edwards, has been a Lion for more than thirty years. He has also spent decades in the banking industry, and so on February 21 we asked him to reflect on his career and especially to consider what he might tell his sons, Joe and Jesse, if they were contemplating a career in finance.

St. Patrick's Day. And speaking of Selectmen, on March 21, John O'Robertson will once again be cooking up his world-famous St. Patrick's Day dinner for his fellow and sister Lions.

Come Join Us

The Antrim-Bennington Lions Club is constantly searching for new members. So if you have any interest in joining a dynamic service club, please contact any Lion or me at 588-2005 or sullman@brockport.edu. ❀



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SOAP MAKING

Sheila Nichols

Growing our own vegetables, shearing our own sheep, raising our own meat chickens and pigs, collecting eggs, milking goats and renovating an old farmhouse are all things Bill and I have done over the last decade. The expenditure of time is the factor that most people find to be biggest deterrent of DIY. I am here to argue that this concept needs to be rethought. It is not the consumption of time but the choice of how to spend the time that feeds my sense of self and contentment.

Often when I share my latest venture with my son Mark, his reply is, "Mom, some things are supposed to be purchased." Sure, a random skein of yarn is much easier to buy, but I am positive a sweater made with my own sheep's wool keeps me warmer. No matter where you buy that fresh asparagus it never tastes as sweet as those first shoots that come up in your raised bed after waiting three years for the plants to mature. Soap made with your own goats' milk is more moisturizing—fact!

I will readily admit some of my bright ideas are quickly dimmed. My attempt at spinning humbled me so that I have a lasting affinity for Sleeping Beauty's father when he ordered all spinning wheels destroyed.

One lovely summer day at a country fair I came upon a woman selling goat milk soap. The gentle breeze wafted the fragrance and drew me in. Brandy, the soap maker, was charming and willing to teach me the art of soap making.

"Mark, you will never guess what I am learning now!"

Soap making is art and science all rolled up into one process. The art of selecting fragrances, portioning bars, label making and marketing are a lot of fun. The science of pouring lye into distilled water and seeing the temp rise to 220°F in seconds is exciting. I usually make from six to eight hundred bars of soap a year, all in a week-long marathon of mess and takeout meals as the kitchen is a biohazard zone of lye and boiling oils. I make around twenty different fragrances and, due to popular demand, unscented for those with allergies.

The question I am most often asked is, "How long does it take to make soap?" The answer is hard because none of the steps are long, but from the morning you milk the goat until the morning you shower with your very own bar of soap, on average, six weeks pass.

Bill made me four soap molds, each holding thirty-two bars of soap. Designated pots and mixers cover every level surface of the kitchen. There are jars of goat milk, essential oils, ground oatmeal, palm oil, coconut oil, olive oil, jojoba oil, spun silk, distilled water and lye, all needing careful measuring and preparation. I learned how to *tare* my kitchen scale to adjust for the various containers. I learned the terms saponification and trace. Here's how the Soap Queen at www.soapqueen.com explains it:

"Soap is the result of a chemical reaction called saponification that occurs between lye and a type of molecule called a triglyceride (a fat or oil), where both substances are chem-

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THE GRAPEVINE

Melissa Gallagher

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This past fall and winter have been quite busy for the Grapevine! In November, we celebrated 20 years as a community organization. We continue to offer all of the quality children and family programs we are well known for, while responding to the needs of our community. For example, we now offer a home visiting program for those who are in need of extra support. This might be a family in the midst of crisis, such as a grandparent who has unexpectedly taken over the care of a grandchild, or a parent struggling with postpartum issues, who could benefit from one-to-one support. Our goal is to meet families where they are at—and we know this means going beyond our doors. We are also proud to be bringing more programs and resources to the town of Hillsborough, including our first parent-child playgroup held each Wednesday at the Dubben House, free tax preparation services at Fuller Public Library and at the Grapevine we now host a counselor from Riverbend Mental Health. As always, staying connected to our community is how to ensure we are providing what is wanted and needed. Please email me your thoughts and questions at melissag@grapevინeh.org.

Grapevine Program Highlights

For all programs please call 588-2620 to register and for more information.

Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren—Nationwide some 2.5 million grandparents are parenting their grandchildren and not without a host of challenges and issues that come with the job, including mixed emotions, financial burdens, health concerns and keeping pace with the children. Join Carol Lunan and Wendy Hill for a discussion on the joys and challenges grandparents face, hear from other grandparents and learn about some of the resources and supports available. This program is FREE. If child care is a need, please let us know. Group gathers one Saturday each month, dates to be announced. Please call for details.

Preschool—NEW FOR THIS COMING YEAR! EXPANDED TO THREE DAYS...The Learning Vine preschool for children 3 to 5 years old. Thinking about preschool next fall? We are now registering for the 2017-18 school year! This hands-on program focuses on social interaction and problem solving skills in a small group setting, in a fun, engaging environment. Now scheduling visits for interested families. *Family scholarships may be available – please inquire.*

Babies and Parents—Becoming the parent of a newborn/infant can be at best a daunting experience. Often new parents feel overwhelmed with responsibility, isolated in their experiences, and inundated with advice. *Better Beginnings for Babies* creates a space where parents and infants can feel safe and part of the circle of community. Babies are free to experience self-initiated exploration of their own body movements and then the environment around them. The play space is designed to meet the needs of each individual child enticing them to reach just a little bit further as they

are ready. An early childhood developmental specialist and group facilitator, Nancy Macalaster, MA, guides the group. Parents and babies newborn through one year are warmly welcomed to visit. Expectant parents are always welcome.

The group meets on Wednesdays from 12:30–2 p.m.

Free Tax Preparation—IRS-certified tax preparer Larry Schwartz is providing free tax preparation at The Grapevine on Mondays from 2–6 p.m. through April 17, 2017. All returns will be filed electronically. Call The Grapevine to make an appointment. Inquire about appointments in Hillsborough, too!

People's Service Exchange—Looking to expand your support network? *Have time to give and want to make a difference?* Join a group sharing their time and talents while saving money and making friends. *The People's Service Exchange* is based on the Time Banking model where 1 hour of service = 1 Time Dollar. Call Nancy at 588-2620 or email her at pse@grapevინeh.org to find out more!

Special Events

Eat Out for The Grapevine! We receive twenty percent of the proceeds from these fine restaurants: Rick and Diane's, all day Friday, March 10; The Common Place Eatery, Sunday Breakfast 7-11 a.m., March 12; The Hancock Inn, Sunday Dinner, March 19; Fiddlehead's Café and Catering, all day Tuesday, March 28.

Spring Walk for Families, Saturday, May 13. Tune up your strollers, lace up your walking shoes and get your pledges for The Grapevine's 12th Annual *Spring Walk for Families*. This is The Grapevine's biggest fundraiser and we count on your support, so please call 588-2620 or stop by to get your pledge sheet. Then meet us in The Grapevine parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to register and walk in support of our families and community.

Black Fly Community Art Show, Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m.–noon. Our popular annual art show features multi-media art by local children and youth, community and family art activities, and more. If you have art you would like to show, please call Carol or Amy at 588-2620.

Spring Cleaning? Learning Vine Yard Sale, June 17, 8 a.m.–noon. Grapevine parents are collecting new and gently-used items for the annual Learning Vine yard sale. All proceeds support the Learning Vine preschool and make it possible to provide financial assistance. Call Carol if you have a donation.

Summer is just around the corner...

Backyard Summer Adventures – it's not too early to think about summer activities for your child. The Grapevine staff is planning these fun and enriching programs now:

- Backyard Art Adventures for 4½ to 7 year olds, July 17–21
- Summer Backyard Adventures for 4½ to 6 year olds, July 24–28

- Backyard Science Adventures for 7 to 9 year olds, July 31–August 4

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

Sue Conklin, Tori Gelinas, Jenn Fessenden, Molly Cook and Eren Pils-Martin for all their work in planning and donations for our Super Duper Tea Party, as well as **Saxy Chef** and many parents for their donations of baked goods. **Larry Schwartz** for his ongoing tax preparation program offered here at the Grapevine as well as in Hillsborough during tax season. **Robyn Manley and Project Linus** volunteers for their donation of beautiful handmade blankets for our families. **Presbytery of Northern New England** for inviting the Grapevine to present at the regional meeting at the **Antrim First Presbyterian Church** and ongoing financial support. **Divine Mercy Church** for supporting families with Thanksgiving Baskets and their Christmas Giving Tree program. The **Keith M. Sullivan Foundation** for their \$1,000 grant to support our Parent-Child support programs. **MoonRivers Technology Group** for their sponsorship of our Annual Fall Auction website. **Ted Brown**, for volunteering with the Avenue A Club. **Edmunds Hardware** for donation of exterior lighting and door hardware. A HUGE THANK YOU to **Cutter Flooring** for donation of time and flooring for our front and rear entranceways. Everyone who participated in our Annual Online Auction, which ran during the month of November. Individuals and local businesses donated a total of over 200 items and we raised nearly \$9,000! These funds will go toward supporting our family and children's programs, including much needed scholarship funds for families. The Grapevine will never turn away a person based on inability to pay.

We continue to draw amazing support from our community for The Grapevine's annual appeal for donations. Thanks to all in the community who gave to us during the holiday season.

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization located behind the Tuttle Library and serving residents in Antrim,

Hancock, Bennington, Frankestown, Hillsborough, Deering and nearby towns. Other programs include the Before and After School Clubs, Avenue A Teen Center and Senior Wellness. For more information call 588-2620. The Grapevine exists because of charitable contributions from people like you. Tax deductible contributions are gratefully accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, or drop by the center at 4 Aiken Street. Visit us online at www.GrapevineNH.org and LIKE us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/grapevinenh.org/>. ❁

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ically transformed, creating soap and natural glycerin. Neither of the original ingredients exists anymore. All the lye is consumed in the reaction. Trace is a point in the soap making process when oils and lye water have emulsified. Once the soap has reached thin trace, it will continue to thicken over time. Mixing lye water and oils together starts the saponification process."

Now, I am ready to make soap. One batch takes about an hour. I generally make four batches a day. The soap stays in the mold for twenty-four hours to harden. Then the long loaf of soap is removed from the mold and cut into bars. The bars are placed on shelves and left to cure for at least six weeks. Brandy told me that frontier women used to put a bar of soap up to their tongue to see if it tingled, indicating the soap had not cured long enough. I prefer to just let it sit on the shelf.

Next comes my least favorite part, labeling all the bars of soap. The actual fun begins with selling the soap. I began selling my soaps at farmers' markets; since then I have acquired a customer base that now comes to the farm or orders soap online.

At one of my first farmers' markets I had people come up and look sadly at the soap having thought, from a distance, that it was fudge. A good entrepreneur listens to her demographics. I began making goat milk fudge. Now everyone was happy when they came to my stand. That is, until, the farmers' market enforcement woman with a clipboard shut down my fudge selling because I didn't have a certified kitchen. Really?! I took the fudge off my table and was carrying it to my car when another woman approached me. "Are you the woman with the fudge? I told my kids if they behaved I would come back to your table and buy them fudge." I explained that Ms. Clipboard had shut me down. Throwing caution to the wind, the mom bought fudge out of the back of my car.

I called Bill, "Honey you need to get some bail money and come and pick me up at the farmers' market."

Bill, "What did you do now?" As though he wasn't surprised I needed to be bailed out, he just didn't know for what.

Me, "I apparently made Felony Fudge."

The joke is on Ms. Clipboard because since that day I have a new venture, selling Felony Fudge. Frequently, I come home to find the message machine blinking with a voice ordering Felony Fudge!

Is it easier to buy soap rather than make it? Well, it takes less time for sure, but then again, making soap led to making Felony Fudge and who knows where that may lead. Stay tuned, Mark! ❁

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