

REFLECTIONS ON TWENTY-TWO YEARS Library Director Kathy Chisholm Retires

Joan Gorga

After twenty-two years at the helm of the James A. Tuttle Library, Director Kathryn Chisholm has retired. As Kathy reflected on her tenure, she described what motivated her for the major role she played in easing Antrim's public library from the 19th century into the 21st, while at the same time striving to create a safe and welcoming environment for all.

Kathy was the oldest of seven children, and the household, which often also included other relatives, lived on her dad's salary as a firefighter. Her dad belonged to the Book-of-the-Month Club and gave books to the children for Christmas. They read incessantly, often devouring available books aimed well above their age level. Kathy started working in libraries when she was thirteen years old. She graduated from Salem State College in Massachusetts with a degree in history and geography, and later studied to become certified as a school librarian, the equivalent of a Master's degree at the time.

Before she came to Antrim, Kathy was the librarian at the Landmark School in the Pride's Crossing neighborhood of Beverly, Massachusetts.

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EARTH DAY AT GREAT BROOK SCHOOL

Chloe Griggs

The Great Brook Bobcats put their green thumbs to work this Earth Day! On April 20th, students and teachers from GBS went outside on a warm spring day and helped weed the gardens, spread mulch for the new swing set and garden, pick up trash, move branches, clip thorn bushes, and much more.



"I'm very proud of my Great Brook Bobcats for making this a better school," said Mr. Elder before grabbing a shovel and jumping right in to help. Everyone worked their hardest and were rewarded with popsicles for their hard work. Sometimes kids don't get the chance to participate in Earth Day, so this was a great opportunity for everyone to be involved. Everyone is looking forward to helping out again next year. ☐

MY FRIEND DICK WINSLOW, NINETY-NINE

Lyman Gilmore

Born during World War I, Dick Winslow is in his one-hundredth year, and as far as I can tell, he's Antrim's oldest resident. I got to know him in 1994 when he was the Managing Editor of the Antrim *Limrik* and I just a gofer lugging copies from the printer and filling out post office paperwork. After he accepted my first article in 1995 I began visiting him regularly, several times a week. I still see him as often as I can, though my wife Cinda's and my usual geriatric symptoms limit my visits. At first he and I talked about *Limrik* business, but eventually our conversations were about whatever interested him, which was a lot. Indeed, Dick is perpetually interested in every manner of things. He is one of the very few genuine artists that I have known, and I've long been struck by a characteristic that artists seem to possess more than anybody else, a deep and abiding interest in everything, a pervasive, childlike curiosity about the world in all its particularity and peculiarity. I say "childlike," not childish," because to a young child everything in the world is new and wonderful and strange and fascinating. Often when we would come upon something really interesting—a bird, a book, an idea—he would eagerly quote his great friend and world famous composer John Cage, "Isn't that marvelous!" This isn't Dick's only quality that I prized for the past twenty-two years, but it is one that draws me to him and opens my mind to things that I might not have noticed had I not known him.

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ARE YOU PART OF THE ANTRIM BUSINESS DIRECTORY?

John Robertson

If you have a business, craft, or art studio you can have your enterprise listed in the Business Directory on the town website. Many local businesses are already there.

One of the 2020 Business Development Committee's initiatives is to make all local enterprises aware of this resource. It's a great way to promote your business, no matter how large or small. The listing is free to all who have a business in Antrim. The only charge you may incur is a fee of \$50 for a link to your website. It's easy to do. Just go to www.antrimnh.org and click on the business directory. There's an easy application to complete and email.

Already listed? Check your listing to make sure it is up to date. Let's get everyone on the business directory. Those looking for products or services look to the web. Colleen Giffin at the Town Hall can answer any questions you may have. ☐

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SELECTBOARD REPORT

Bob Edwards

We are now into Q2 of the year and with spring and summer weather promised, our Highway and Water & Sewer Departments are getting into full swing with their scheduled projects.

The Highland Avenue and Pleasant Street water and drainage project contract was signed on April 25 with Park Construction of Fitzwilliam, NH. Construction began the very first of May and is scheduled to be completed at the end of October, 2017. This of course assumes that no unanticipated challenges occur.

Also in the planning stages for 2017 are the bridge replacements for West and Grove Streets. The design will be completed for West Street in 2017, with construction to begin in 2018. Construction for Grove Street will begin this summer, although a definitive date schedule is still being worked on.

As with all projects involving road work, disruption is always a concern with those affected. The Selectboard has discussed the importance of frequent and accurate communications with our residents, school district, Police Department and others impacted who appreciate early and frequently-updated communications for planning purposes. Any questions regarding a project will be answered or forwarded to the responsible party by Town Administrator Donna Hanson at 588-6785.

Aiken Street Solar, LLC, has worked through its wetland approvals with the Department of Environmental Services and the Selectboard expects to finalize any remaining administrative fine-tuning soon so they may begin construction of their 492 KW solar array initiative on Depot Street by mid-2017.

As most residents are aware, the Site Evaluation Subcommittee issued its Decision and Order Granting an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility with Conditions. Since that decision was made, several intervenor groups filed appeals to the SEC's decision and requested a rehearing. The SEC decided, based on statute requirements, to suspend its decision during deliberations and rule on the motions for a rehearing. Antrim Wind Energy, LLC, objected to the Suspension Order during the Subcommittee's deliberations and ruling process as it alleged potential financial hardship caused by time delays. At the SEC's Subcommittee meeting held on May 5th in Concord, the Subcommittee, after much discussion, voted unanimously to deny all motions filed requesting a rehearing. Doing so allowed the Subcommittee to vote unanimously to lift their previous suspension order of the Certificate of Site and Facility approval, paving the way for AWE, LLC, to move forward with their project. All three Selectboard members were present at the hearing.

Lastly, the Selectboard discussed and agreed not to hold a public hearing to ratify the voting results from our vot-

ing session postponed due to severe weather conditions that occurred on March 14th. The Bill signed by our Governor allowed a public hearing to ratify the voting results as optional, and after reviewing possible reasons that it might have been prudent to do so, the Selectboard felt none of them were applicable to Antrim and the cost to do so didn't serve any beneficial purpose to the residents of Antrim.

As always, the Selectboard welcomes all thoughtful comments and questions from its residents. Summer weather is being promised for no later than June 21st at 12:24 a.m.! Prepare to enjoy a fun and safe summer season! ☐

CALL FOR PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATES

Colleen Giffin

When the Planning Board meets and a member is absent or can't participate in a matter due to a conflict of interest, we call upon an Alternate to temporarily take their place. The Board can appoint up to five Alternates, and currently we have only one. That's why we need you!

The Planning Board is responsible for hearing land owners' development plans and ensuring that they meet our town ordinances and regulations. The Board also maintains and updates the town's zoning ordinances, subdivisions, Master Plan and other documents.

Why should you be an Alternate? First, it's a great way to participate in local government and give back to the community without all the stress and anxiety of running for office. Second, you'll get free training, and learn a lot about land use just by being there. Finally, it's more fun than washing a cat! Okay, everything is more fun than washing a cat.

Alternates should attend as many Planning Board meetings as they can. Even if they aren't appointed to sit in place of a regular member and vote, we encourage Alternates to participate and ask questions. An informed Alternate is one who is ready to step in when needed!

We recommend that you attend a few meetings to observe and see if you are interested. The Planning Board's regularly scheduled meetings take place on the first and third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in Town Hall. See you there! ☐

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HAWTHORNE RISES AGAIN

Lyman Gilmore

Antrim's non-profit Hawthorne Academy in North Branch plans to open with more than twenty ninth-grade day and boarding students in the fall of 2017. The scheduling will be the same as local public schools, as will be the curriculum, with the addition of a strong emphasis on moral and ethical education as is the case with Chinese schooling. In addition, there will be a summer camp this July and August.

Last month I met with Ms. Qi Men representing Hawthorne Academy's owners and Board of Directors in Beijing and New York, as well as the new Headmaster Trevor W. Courtney. They explained that while they are "cognizant of the beauty and luster of the Hawthorne campus," they "do not want to overstate our achievements or objectives." I sense an enthusiastic openness in Mr. Courtney and Ms. Men that has not always been apparent with previous attempts to create a school on the Hawthorne College campus. They are actively asking for "feedback from the public and Hawthorne College alumni," and they have initiated an "open door policy" by which local residents are invited to visit them on campus every weekday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Also, they have scheduled an open house in August.

Hawthorne Academy is actively recruiting students across the US through an organization in Minnesota and a marketing company in California, and they are seeking faculty with listings at *Indeed.com* "the highest-traffic job website in the United States." Courtney says they are flooded with teacher job applications. Currently the Academy is planning for 100% American students but hopes to be open to international students in the future. The teacher-student ratio will be one teacher to every fifteen students. Tuition has not yet been set, but they want to market themselves competitively.

They are actively engaged in renovating Hawthorne College structures, including the building in which we met, the lovely 1824 "Sawyer House," re-named President's House, where Hawthorne College President William Shea and his family lived. Antrim residents should be pleased that the Academy plans to make its athletic facilities and playing fields available to the town.

Mr. Courtney received a Bachelor's degree in his native Australia and a Master's Degree in Education from UNH, and has secondary teaching and administrative experience in the US. Ms. Qi Men has a law degree from the Brooklyn, NY, Law School and has passed the NY bar examination. She has extensive experience in international recruitment for American schools. Hawthorne Academy is funded by the Overseas United Educational Foundation, www.OUEF.org.

Hawthorne College was a great boon to the Town of Antrim in terms of its spending money locally and employing many local residents as faculty, administrators, and food service and maintenance workers. Hawthorne Academy has a similar potential to benefit itself and the town, and thus I am hopeful that it succeeds. □



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ANTRIM PARKS READY FOR SUMMER!

Celeste Lunetta

Here is a quick primer about the parks facilities in Antrim. We hope you can get out and take advantage of these great local resources. To start, there are few general guidelines for you to know. All of the Antrim parks are closed at dusk or 9 p.m., whichever arrives first. In 2015, the Parks and Recreation Commission designated that all parks in Antrim be tobacco product-free. This means that the use of any tobacco product is prohibited in all parks at all times. An exception was granted for a small designated smoking area at Gregg Lake Beach. Also, while we have provided containers at the parks, we ask that groups carry in and carry out refuse from gatherings. The waste bins are intended for incidental trash only. Pets are permitted at all parks, with some restrictions. At Gregg Lake Beach, pets are permitted only in the designated Pet Beach area between the Boat Launch and the Point. In all parks, and in accordance with established town ordinances, pets must always be under leash or voice control, and you must clean up after your pet. In some cases, we may indicate that pets are not permitted at an event in a park. Please cooperate with any town official who asks for your consideration in these circumstances. All town ordinances regarding topics such as alcohol, noise, nuisance behaviors, etc., apply to all parks. If you ever have a question, give us a call at 588-3121, or email antrimreccdir@tds.net.

On to the parks, starting downtown, where we have two green spaces... Goodell Park is a small public space along Main Street, just north of Pleasant Street. This park features the fruits of local Eagle Scout projects, including a granite bench shaded by apple trees and monuments celebrating the historical mills and natural history of the Great Brook Watershed. Goodell Park is a great spot to walk to from downtown parking, with sidewalks the entire way.

Our other downtown facility is Memorial Park. Located on Jameson Avenue, Memorial Park is also easily accessed by pedestrians from behind Town Hall and Antrim Marketplace. Memorial Park features a bandstand

that hosts, among other things, a Memorial Day tribute, a Fourth of July celebration, Antrim in the Evening Summer Events (Wednesdays at 6 p.m.), and various recreation programs such as the Teddy Bear Picnic. Featured at Memorial Park are the tennis court with tennis and pickleball lines, a skate park and basketball hoops. Picnic tables built by local scouts, benches and a bucolic mill pond setting are the perfect recipe for a relaxing time spent enjoying a morning or afternoon in Antrim. Memorial Park is currently receiving some tender loving care, including new plantings around the bandstand, crack repair and resealing of the tennis court, repairs and a facelift on the skate park features, as well as improvements for fishing access around the pond.

The Antrim Parks and Recreation Commission and the Recreation Department are also stewards for two historic and precious athletic facilities—Shea Field and the Antrim Memorial Town Gym, both located on School Street. The Town Gym was built in the '50s for the use of town residents, and the Recreation Office is located in this building. The elementary school uses the gym for PE classes and other activities during school days. Antrim Recreation facilities

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WHAT'S MISSING IN MEMORIAL PARK?

The bandstand spire has been taken down for repairs. It will be back soon in much better shape.

Photo by Frank Gorga



tates before and after school, evening and weekend activities for all ages throughout the year. Activities at the Town Gym include adult basketball, exercise and pickleball, Days of Summer Recreation Camp, youth sports and more. We encourage all residents to take advantage of this great space. If you're interested in helping coordinate any fitness activity that could be held at the Town Gym, let us know!

Intended as a facility for athletic and educational activities, Shea Field hosts baseball, softball, lacrosse, soccer and Frisbee, and was recently improved by the addition of field lights. Use of the field by groups must be scheduled through the Recreation Department. During the school year, Shea Field is well used by the ConVal School District for PE and sports teams. All recreational youth sports use Shea Field for their practices and home games. Public use of the park is welcome, but we do ask that occasional users not interfere with a group using the facility. We are hoping new groups will inquire about using the facility for adult sports—ultimate, softball or soccer, for example.

The final town park facility is Gregg Lake Beach. To get to the Beach, travel north out of town on Route 31 and look for Gregg Lake Road on your left. Follow Gregg Lake Road (slowly—it's a neighborhood!) until you see the Beach and Boat Launch on your left. Parking in the main lot is restricted to passenger vehicles. Any vehicles with trailers must use the Boat Launch parking area, the second entrance to the facility. The Boat Launch has spaces for 5-7 trailers, depending on how well folks have parked. Parking is prohibited along the section of Gregg Lake road that extends along the beach. As with all parks, Gregg Lake Beach closes at 9 p.m. or dusk. Alcohol and glass bottles are prohibited at Gregg Lake. Pets are permitted only in the designated area. Gregg Lake Beach is staffed and bathrooms are open from late June to late August, this year (weather permitting), from June 24 through August 24. A permit is required to park at Gregg Lake; this permit is free to all Antrim residents, and costs \$5 per day for non-residents, who can also purchase a season parking permit for \$25. Gregg Lake features a wonderful clean swimming area, pavilions, grills, picnic tables,

swings, beach volleyball, tetherball and many blueberry bushes! The swimming beach features a shallow swimming area, as well as a floating dock. Diving is prohibited, for good reason, as the depth throughout most of the swimming area ranges between 2 and 7 feet. There is no spot in the swimming area that is safe for unskilled diving or headfirst entry. All children under the age of 12 must have a guardian supervising them closely—the guardian must be in the same area of the beach where the child is playing. We require non-swimmers to be within an arm's reach of their guardian. When lifeguards are on duty, the use of any inflatables or non-US Coast Guard-approved flotation devices is prohibited. For example, foam noodles, inflatable tubes and rafts, and mermaid tails are all prohibited from the swimming area marked by buoys and monitored by beach staff. Patrons who wish to use these types of recreational toys are invited to swim in the non-guarded area or after hours at their own risk.

We are excited to see Antrim residents out and about at the facilities we maintain through the work of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the town Recreation and Highway staff. If you have any questions about our parks facilities, please contact Celeste at Antrim Recreation, 588-3121, or antrimrecredir@tds.net. □

JUMP START UPDATE

Victor Rosansky

In case you've been wondering, Antrim entrepreneurs and aspiring entrepreneurs have been meeting Saturdays and Monday evenings to develop plans to launch or grow their business ideas. Nineteen people have signed up and the group discussions have been lively, engaging and wide ranging. Examples of business ideas include everything from yoga studios to gift wrapping to landscaping and a CSA. We have completed four sessions that covered topics such as what it takes to be an entrepreneur, how to identify your potential customers, how to think financially about the business, and how to reach customers. In our coming sessions we will develop our business plan and then build a "pitch" that we call an elevator speech. If you had a minute in an elevator, how would you sell your idea to an investor? The wrap-up session will be a presentation by the entrepreneurs to a panel of judges, including local bankers and business people. They will provide advice about how to improve the plans, and who knows, some might even invest. □

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GBS NEWS

In honor of National Poetry Month, GBS students Maggie Baribault, Sabrina Leahigh and Sarah Holdredge reported in poem form:

Great Brook School

I wake up in the morning and go to school every day
A million, billion miles away.
We kids have no uniform
To you we inform
This school is the best
Forget the rest
It is a fact
Not one of us has slacked
Great Brook is more than a school
It's like a jewel
So unique, and smart
This place has got heart

Great Brook School

Giving
Relentless
Exceptional
Appreciative
Talented

Bright
Responsible
Optimistic
Original
Kind

Mindful
Independent
Dedicated
Devoted
Learners
Excited

Safe
Capable
Healthy
Open-minded
Organized
Loving

Antrim Recreation Dept.

FREE MOVIES AT TOWN HALL

Fridays: June 16, July 21, August 18

Check town website: www.antrimnh.org for titles and times

ANTRIM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Scott Lester

The Antrim Police Department has been working closely with ConVal High School for years and has hosted several internships since 2006. We have also hosted internships for college students, Hillsboro-Deering HS students and Home Schooling students. During the 2016-2017 school year, we had three ConVal High School interns and one college intern from NH Technical Institute at Concord who had recently graduated from ConVal. All four of our interns are Antrim residents who have interest in the Law Enforcement field.

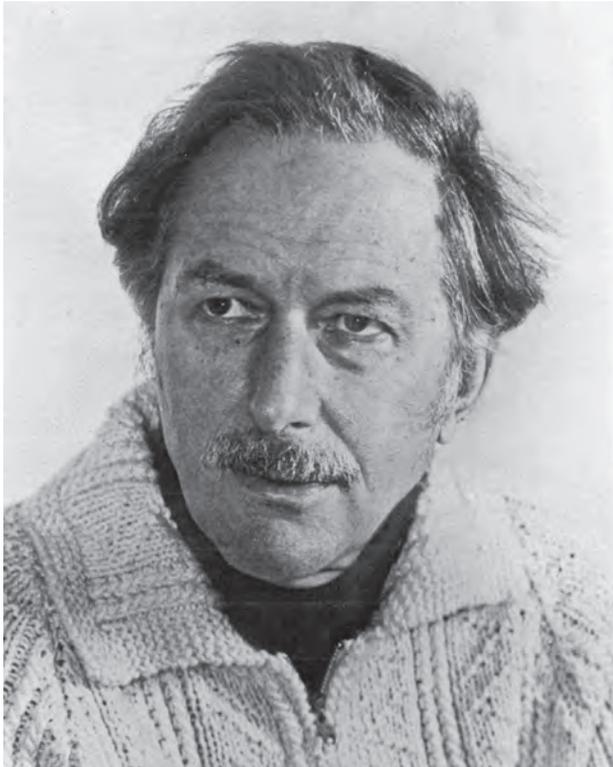
All members of the department had spent time with each of the interns but Officer Juan Lluberer was the primary advisor for our first three during this school year. Officer Lluberer had revised our prior outline and put together a great program which lays out a program syllabus, schedule, school requirements, primary Law Enforcement requirements and career planning. These students remained engaged, respectful and attentive. We have received very positive feedback from the students and school staff and hope to continue this program far into the future.

We are currently working on filling our open full-time position with the most suitable person for our department and our community. Our application period was open from March 20th through April 21st. We received over sixty resumes and invited twenty-five applicants to our testing date on Saturday, May 6. Twelve arrived to take the written and physical fitness tests, with five applicants passing both tests on that day. At the time of writing this article, seven applicants were scheduled for interviews in front of a five-person board that consisted of two Town officials, our Prosecutor and two police officers. We are looking for someone who is professional, proactive and wants to make a connection with our community, its groups, programs and our schools. We are looking forward to reaching a decision and completing the hiring process by mid-July. We have both certified and uncertified applicants. If we choose an applicant who is already certified, they will complete a modified Field Training Program to become familiar with Antrim and could be covering shifts by August. If we choose an uncertified applicant, they will need to attend the 174th Full-Time Police Academy in Concord which starts in August and ends in December. They will then start their 960 Hours of Field Training which could have them ready to cover shifts by this time next year.

Also in May, we hosted our annual Community Supper, attended the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Memorial honoring those who have died in the line of duty, including Chief Ralph "Buster" Brooks, Antrim Police 1991, and participated in Antrim's Memorial Day Parade.

We welcome back our summer residents and look forward to a safe and healthy summer season. ☐

There are other, less abstract, sides to Dick that I have come to appreciate, to enjoy. A wonderful raconteur, he loves to tell stories. One of my favorites involves his WWII experience. He graduated from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, in 1940, and then worked for a concert managing company in New York selling “bodies of musicians” around the US until Pearl Harbor when he joined the Navy. “Bored to death” by basic training, he elected to attend death-defying mine disposal school and shipped out



to the Panama Canal where the Germans were laying mines to disrupt US shipping. One of his most delicate jobs was to tow mines to shore and disarm them, and since the Germans used more than sixty types of mines, the risk of making a deadly mistake was high. One big mine he had to disarm on the beach was unfamiliar to him, so he warned his men to stand back out of harm’s way while he unscrewed a metal plate allowing access to its interior. He did not know what would happen, and as he reached inside to find the right wires to disarm it, he told me that unconsciously he found himself holding his nose! He clipped the right wire.

I began visiting Dick several times a week to sit and talk, around his kitchen table, or in the living room with a beautiful view east over Alabama Farm in the foreground, the Contoocook River beyond, and Crotched Mountain in the distance. Since we both subscribed to the *New Yorker* and the *New York Review of Books*, our conversations frequently centered on an article or book review we’d read. Although most people know Dick as a musician, he graduated from Wesleyan as an English major and he never lost his deep

interest in literature. When I was struggling to write my second biography of a poet, he read drafts of every chapter, making invaluable observations and suggestions. He brought a musician’s eye to the poetry I was trying to write about, and he taught me that my way of scanning a poem’s meter and rhythm was limited and faulty (a skill my musical ignorance still makes difficult for me).

We got to talking so much about poetry that he began writing poems of his own, usually wry, ironic, amusing verse. He is a natural at composing limericks, and once won \$250 in a limerick contest sponsored by the Harvard Square Book Sellers Association. His impressive winning entry is both amusing and erudite:

Said Melville to Beckett, “You know
you have written a contrary show!
Whilst I must be quick
to espy Moby Dick
you just sit there and wait for Godot.

From the sublime to the ridiculous, one of my favorite times with Dick was watching Red Sox and Patriots games on TV which he would do with such concentration that I didn’t dare interrupt.

Dick was *Limrik* editor from 1993 until 2005 when he passed the job on to me. Curious about why he retired to Antrim, I interviewed him for the September 2006 issue about his boyhood in Antrim. Here is the beginning of that interview, the rest of which is available online at the *Limrik* website, antrimlimrik.org.

BOYHOOD SUMMERS AT ALABAMA FARM IN THE 1920S AND 1930S: An Interview with Richard Winslow

By Lyman Gilmore

Eighty-eight year old Richard “Dick” Winslow was not born in Antrim, but he might well have been. Beginning in 1923, when he was five years old, he spent every childhood summer at the Alabama Farm which has been in his family since about 1820. When in 1983 he retired as Chairman of the Music Department at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, he returned with his wife, Betty, to live in the house up the hill from Alabama Farm.

What are some of your earliest memories of Alabama Farm?

There were two major points of the year, the end of the school in the spring when I was anticipating coming to Antrim, and the end of the summer when I had to go back to Albany. The anticipation of coming to Antrim was so intense. I fell in love with coming here. I consciously remember—I may have been twelve years old, and school was over in Albany, and we were going to go to Antrim in the next couple of days—when one day I saw some kid I didn’t know, and I

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WALDO'S FIELD

Charles Butterfield

When new leaves begin to color the hillsides, I think about that day in May when we released the cows from their winter quarters. We'd stand at the fence to watch them lumber out of the barn and into the pasture. Then it would dawn on them: Release! Young and old would break into a run, kick their heels, toss their big heads. It was a sight to watch their galumphing through green grass after months shut up in the stable. It was obvious that they were overjoyed to feel fresh air all around them, the sun on their backs, and to be able to snort hay dust out of their huge nostrils. A grand day, indeed!

That first day of frolicking in fresh fodder was short, though. It was a mistake to let cows, used to dry, stale hay, binge on nutrient-rich grass. Until their intestinal bacteria made the adjustment from hay to grass, all kinds of rear-end disasters could happen. So Bessie enjoyed the warm May sunshine for only a few hours each day while the switchover occurred.

Walking down Congreve Road, I remember hot summer days when we filled the barn with hay for Bessie to chew on all winter. Where Congreve joins Whiton, there were once two pocket-sized fields on the left-hand side. These long, narrow pieces, only a few hundred yards from our barn, their borders still clearly marked, belonged to Waldo Brown. Waldo, like several of our non-farming neighbors, hated to see his open land being taken over by woods, so he was glad to have us mow there.

None of the hay we fed to our cows came from our own land. We used every inch that wasn't forested for cow pasture. We cut our hay off other people's land. We went from one small patch to another all over Clinton, cutting, raking, and hauling away the grass and so preventing the land from giving way to brush and trees. We needed the hay; the neighbors, far and near, wanted open spaces. It was a neighborly, workable, if not particularly efficient, system we perpetuated for most of the 1940s and 50s.

I step through the gap in the stone wall, which seems to me now too narrow for a full load of hay to pass through,

into Waldo's uneven land. Standing where I pulled the bull rake after the *Jerry*-drawn hayrack, tall trees are growing. Clear signs of past lumbering tell me that mature trees have already been harvested where Waldo's orchard grass grew.

Surrounded by maple, ash and poplar trees breaking into leaf, an astounding realization comes to me—I am older than any of the trees towering above me! More than that, I am more ancient than those whose stumps I stumble over.

There are two ways to go with that realization. Let the trees and stumps around me drive home the fact that I'm out of date, that I come here as the representative of an era long past. My future is short; the forest's future is long. "Get out of the way," the vigorously growing trees say to me, "you're too old and slow."

Or—and this is the way I choose—let the growth and development, messy as it appears this spring day, inspire me. Everything taking place here is *supposed* to be happening. Nothing is out of place or time. There is nothing sad or discouraging about old fields supporting new ecosystems. It is nature's way, and I'm privileged to witness it.

When I was raking hay to feed Bessie, voles and field mice would occasionally scurry through the dried grass. Today, I suppose, bear cubs and porcupines climb these trunks; bobcats and coyotes wander through Waldo's field, stopping to drink from the little stream that flows along one side. What a sight that would be!

I don't know who now owns the land I walk over, ignoring the proliferation of posted warnings that I'm trespassing. But I hope that once in a while he or she comes here to see and know for a fact that there is no idle land.

Waldo is gone, as are most of our former neighbors. Some of the spaces they felt responsible for keeping open are making lumber now. Antrim has lots of places like Waldo's field, some of them not even owned by anyone (or so I read in a recent *Ledger-Transcript*), where wildness reigns and perpetually renews itself out of the way of human activities.

I, for one, cherish these woodlands that fed the Bessies when Antrim was a cow town.

I have one more realization as I amble along Congreve and Whiton, two of the town's most ancient pathways: I've been doing this for more than eighty years, and it doesn't get old. ☐



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thought to myself, I really feel sorry for that kid because he cannot go to Antrim. That's how strong the attachment was.

Who would come with you?

When I first started remembering, at five or six years old (1923-4), we didn't have a car, but my grandfather here in Antrim did have a big car and a man to drive it because my grandfather didn't drive. It was driven by Leo Lowell. He and his brother, Liston Lowell, were the farmers on the farm all the years I came here as a child. So he would drive my grandmother and grandfather over to Albany and spend the night, and then the next day there would be this festive trip from Albany to Antrim, always punctuated half way through by a picnic. And getting here, my brothers and I would leap out of the car and rush into the barn to see the cows and horses, and under the barn, the two pigs. I was the middle brother; my older brother was Allen, and my younger brother was Ed.

When you got to Antrim for the summer, what did your days consist of?

First off, the family was on a very regular schedule; breakfast was always at 7:30, and we understood that we would be there, polite. Leo and Liston would have started the chores at probably six o'clock, which means milking the cows and cleaning up the barn and all that kind of thing. And so getting up meant I'd rush out to see if I could be with Leo before I had to go in to breakfast. That's the way the day would start. And then after breakfast as quickly as possible I'd get back so as not to miss anything. We spent as much time as possible outside with Leo and his doings, but that would always be interrupted by our mother for a great attraction, which was to be taken to Gregg Lake to go swimming in the middle of the afternoon. My mother and father both drove, and I can remember a Model T Ford around the farm for a while. The place we swam wasn't where they swim today, but closer to the cove. The great thing about going swimming was that you would get to see kids from downtown, which of course meant we didn't get isolated. Once or twice a summer—this was thrilling—Leo would take us horn-pouting at night out in a boat on Gregg Lake. We never really learned to do it very well, but it was fun.

You can see that eighty-eight year old Dick recalled his early Antrim days in great detail, but now at ninety-nine his memory is shaky. He still has vivid memories of his childhood in Albany and likes to describe in impressive detail teachers and friends he had at Albany Academy ninety years ago, and he recalls caring for his wife Betty day and night for seventeen years after she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, an example of his kindness and generosity that I shall never forget. Dick's son Richard told me that the family was "amazed" that Dick so tenderly and thoroughly cared for Betty all that time because she had always taken care of him and they assumed he didn't know how. Betty died in 2004.

Music was central to Dick's life since childhood. Both of his parents were musicians, and as a child he played the piano, trombone and violin—"I wasn't a bad kid violinist. I actually worked hard on that." Some of my most enjoyable moments with Dick have been in his living room listening to his compositions and concerts recorded at Wesleyan. If you want a sublime example of his composing, listen to his "Variations on a Tune by Stephen Foster, for Guitar," at <http://www.classicalarchives.com/work/432846.html>. He loves to talk about Antrim Player musical productions he worked on, especially Gilbert and Sullivan's comic operetta "H.M.S. Pinafore" and his own composition, a musical version of "Alice in Wonderland."



Photo by Lyman Gilmore

I don't get to see Dick very often these days, and when I do our conversations are limited by his memory lapses and his loss of interest in reading and TV. I generally find him sitting thin and Buddha-like in his favorite living room chair swathed in sweaters and robes silently dozing. But if I think he is asleep or inattentive, I'm mistaken, for when I say something his eyes blink open sparkling and he responds with a wry grin and some amusing, ironic comment letting me know that although ninety-nine years may have tired him a tad, he ain't done yet. Foolishly when I asked him several days after his recent birthday how it feels to be ninety-nine, he opened his eyes, grinned and said, "Pretty much like ninety-eight." Isn't that marvelous! ☐

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

Peter Beblowski, Chair
Antrim Conservation Commission

The Antrim Conservation Commission, along with the Antrim 2020 Trails of Antrim group, cordially invites the public to join them on June 3 for National Trails Day. Both Antrim groups have collaborated this spring to rehabilitate the Meadow Marsh Trail for this event.

Meadow Marsh Trail is an easy scenic hike through several town-owned properties adjacent to Craig Road and the former Hattie Brown Road, north of Gregg Lake. The trail begins in mature beech-hemlock forest and proceeds north along the edge of the wet meadow/peatland between Craig Road and Holt Hill. It is a great place to bird watch. Peatlands are special environmental habitats that are very vulnerable to changes in water flow and the level of the groundwater table. To find out more about peatlands, please check out <https://extension.unh.edu/Peatlands>. Red-winged blackbirds, mallard ducks, kingfishers, phoebes and herons frequent the marsh. Signs of bear, deer, moose, raccoon,



beaver and otter can be found in the woods, along with trillium, wintergreen, partridge-berry, Indian cucumber root and starflower. White pine, birch, beech, hemlock and red oak fill the woods. High-bush blueberry, witch hazel and striped maple contribute to the understory. Large boulders and old foundations can also be found along the trail.

National Trails Day is held each year on the first Saturday of June. The American Hiking Society and the trails community invite everyone of all ages to get out into the great outdoors and find their own adventure. National Trails Day is the only nationally coordinated event that has the goal of connecting people with trails. Please join us out on the Meadow Marsh Trail on June 3. There will be a Conservation Commission or Trails of Antrim member there between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. ☐

LIL FELLA

Susan Ellsworth

One day, while on her way home from school, Liz saw city workers cutting down a tree on the street where she lived. There were tree pieces of all sizes lying on the ground. The men were taking a break so she walked over to the tree to get a closer look. Suddenly she saw something move. There, near a nest, was a baby squirrel. He was bleeding from the nose and moved very little. Liz remembered she had saved a cookie from lunch in a napkin. She quickly took it out of her pocket and ate it so she could use the napkin to pick up and wrap the injured squirrel in it. He was still bleeding from his nose and barely had his eyes open. She knew what she had to do. This was a job for Mother. Liz would bring the baby home to her. Mother would know what to do to help the little fellow. She loved all animals and would offer the best chance for the little baby. Liz walked quickly into the house.

"Mother, Mother, come quickly! I have an injured baby squirrel and he needs your help," she said. Mother came into the kitchen to find Liz, who carefully opened the napkin. There lay the helpless little furry ball with the red nose. Liz told Mother about the men cutting down the tree and how she found the baby squirrel. He barely opened his eyes to see what was going on. Mother told Liz they needed to get the old bird cage they had used for injured animals they had helped in the past.

Then the twins were coming in the door from school and telling Mother of the cut-down tree. They saw the baby squirrel and were excited to hear how Liz found the little fellow. Mother asked Donnie to get the bird cage and the family worked as a team under Mother's directions. Suzie got an old hood from her out-grown jacket for a bed, Donnie got some clean wood shavings from his hamster's supplies to put in the cage and Liz filled the water bottle attached to the side of the bird cage. Mother got some swabs to clean the squirrel's bloody nose and then offered him some clean warm water with a salt and sugar mixture in a tiny baby bottle. Mother had bought the small baby bottle to have on

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setts, where she worked with students with dyslexia and other specific learning disabilities. When she started there, the school had no library; she built one up and also worked hard to bring the students in to an environment they might find challenging. She became coach of a floor hockey team (learning from a book) and held team strategy meetings in the library to try to change the players' perception of the library. Luckily, she had several Canadian students and others whose hockey skills were better than her own, and was able to build a strong rapport with the students that helped them strengthen their academic skills as well. Kathy liked the job at Landmark and has fond memories of the students, but couldn't afford to buy a house in the area and decided to move to Antrim around 1985.

Kathy initially worked out of Antrim Middle School (now Great Brook School) as the media specialist for the whole northern unit of ConVal (also traveling to the elementary schools in Antrim, Bennington, Hancock, Frankestown and Greenfield) for eight or nine years. At that time, most of the schools didn't have libraries, and Kathy and her assistant worked out of closets and hidden corners to bring books to the students of the school district. They gradually built up libraries in each of the schools. Eventually, Antrim Middle School transitioned to Great Brook School, and Kathy settled in there when Principal Dick Dalhouse was granted his request for a full-time librarian.

Kathy says that one of the great things about Antrim is the way the town supports the public library. In 1985, the town voted to begin funding the library; before that it was managed on a shoestring budget, as many small-town public libraries are. Even so, when Kathy was first offered the job of Director, she had to turn it down because the salary was too low to live on. When she applied again in 1995, funding had increased, which meant expanded library hours, more money for books and computers, and a living wage with benefits.

Has anything changed at the James A. Tuttle Library since Kathy started in 1995? Kathy says the library has changed more in the last twenty years than in the hundred

years before that. With lots of input from the Board, staff, town and Selectboard, Kathy has guided the library from the card catalog to fully digital. Kathy says "digitalization is wonderful, but just another tool." She still keeps a shelf list, just in case...

With the card catalog, one needed to know the author or the title of a book and be able to spell it right. Now books and movies can be found with only general information and some searching know-how. The first database was entered by sending cataloging information to the state library, which already had much of the necessary information digitized. Still, about a third of the collection of around 13,000 books was missing, and each entry had to be checked for proper cataloging, spelling and other details. The information was then sent off to professionals who downloaded the data and sent it back on discs. The library staff kept adding to that database, but eventually it had to be transferred when the original database was no longer supported. Some data was lost with the transfer, and they are still correcting mistakes. These days, newly-ordered books come fully processed, with jackets and downloadable data.

The digital database is almost more work than the card catalog, but the increased searchability and ease of access makes it worth it. Kathy says, "The more trivia you know, the better librarian you are—you have to teach people how to do library searches." That's why it's important that the library staff have college degrees, although she's the only one who has a formal library degree. Kathy also does her best to ensure that books on similar subjects are shelved together. As she says, "That's what the Dewey system is all about." But this requires some interpretation of key words and familiarity with the books being filed.

Kathy says that she really enjoys helping people find things and it's something she thinks she's good at. She also loves ordering books and setting up displays—witness the always-inspiring Harry Potter room where the Young Adult collection is shelved. She most enjoys working with pre-teens and teenagers, and is happy to let other staff work with the small kids on activities like storytimes.

Kathy explained that there is a great deal of collaboration among libraries in New Hampshire. The state is divided into districts, and each district has a "co-op", ours being the Nubanusit Co-op, whose members get together once a month to discuss issues of mutual concern. There is also a

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BILL BRYK: NEW LAWYER IN TOWN

Joan Gorga

I recently had the great pleasure of sitting down with Bill Bryk to find out a little more about how he ended up putting down roots in our little New Hampshire town. Bill was born in 1955 (a good year, if I do say so myself!) in Troy, New York, and moved around upstate New York as he was growing up. He went to college in New York City and stayed there, spending most of his career working for the City as a civil servant or political appointee.

Bill attended law school at night and established a small-time practice while still working for the City. He says he worked as a disciplinary prosecutor for the Department of Correction, prosecuting employee misconduct in the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings, where his job was straightforward—negotiate a settlement if possible, otherwise go to trial. In his private practice, he specialized in consumer bankruptcy law, where he met all manner of people who'd gotten themselves into difficulty, sometimes through no fault of their own. Many of his cases were due to medical expenses. Bill figures that, over some 25 years, he represented maybe 1000-1200 people, and also took on a number of *pro bono* cases recommended to him through the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Brooklyn Bar Association. He also examined the annual accounts of guardians of incapacitated people and, in many cases, guided the guardian through completing the necessary forms. Some were "city cases," in which the city paid him to look through or prepare an account for \$200 a year.

Since he wasn't looking forward to having to take the bar exam again, Bill was pleased to say he had just received notice that the State of New Hampshire has granted his application to the NH Bar Association. He also says he thinks he's a pretty fair courtroom lawyer, and he's hoping there's a need for a lawyer in Antrim.

Bill's wife, Mimi Kramer-Bryk, is a writer who works largely from home. Bill credits Mimi with realizing that he was no longer happy to live in New York, where policies seemed to favor housing for the extremely rich and the extremely poor, while those in between have been gradually priced out over the years. Bill and Mimi had moved from Manhattan to the ethnically diverse community of Bay Ridge in Brooklyn, where a lot of different cultures mixed. They rented a nice house in Bay Ridge, but couldn't afford

to buy anything in the area. And it took at least an hour-and-a half to go anywhere that they wanted to go outside of Bay Ridge. With Bill fondly remembering childhood days in upstate New York, Mimi began searching for a place to live that allowed them a little more freedom to roam, and found the beautifully renovated 1826 North Branch farmhouse in Antrim they've called home since March 2016.

Bill ran for Hillsborough County Register of Probate last fall, and was pleased with how he did, even though he didn't win. As he said, he "did okay for a bad year," and he enjoyed meeting people all over the county. After the fall general election, he was encouraged to run in the spring to serve on the Board of Trustees for the James A. Tuttle Library. He says he felt the job was in his capacity and is enjoying being the newest member of the Library Board. More recently, Bill has joined the Grapevine Board of Directors, where again, he feels his legal expertise may be of some use.

When Bill retired from his work with New York City, he decided there were still a few things he wanted to do. He has a fascination with what he calls "obsolescent technology," which he defines as things that still work but that our society deems uneconomic. Remembering a bakery in Troy, NY, that delivered its goods in horse-drawn wagons as late as 1961, he

began taking riding lessons in January as a means of investigating horses as a means of transportation. Bill is also interested in steam locomotives and hopes to visit the Concord Steam Corporation before it closes down. Concord Steam

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traveling movie collection, which rotates through the towns. We're able to borrow books from any library in the state that participates in Inter-library Loan, and can even get books from other countries, including Canada and Australia. They pay to ship the book, and the library patron is asked to pay to ship it back. This can be costly, but in some cases, it is less expensive than buying the book. Sometimes university libraries will lend academic books, too. Or sometimes, if people only want specific pages of a book, they can be photocopied and sent off. One of the nice things about computers is that a library like James A. Tuttle can be *almost* a full-service library—some services may take a little longer, but there are many things that there was no hope of doing before that can be routinely achieved now.

As if the move to digital wasn't enough of a challenge, Kathy also had the privilege of managing the library through construction of the new addition in 2007 and renovation of the existing building in 2008 in time to be reopened for the library's 100th birthday. One of the architects consulted thought the library should be closed for a couple of years, but Kathy had other ideas and kept the old wing open during the first stage of the construction. When the new wing was completed, she hired a professional library moving company, which planned where books would go and how much space they would take, and the library was closed for only a week while everything was moved to the new wing.

The Town of Antrim approved construction of the new addition during hard times. Kathy believes that when people are struggling, they are better able to see the value of a public resource like the library, where most services are available for free. With this in mind, Kathy notes that WiFi is available twenty-four hours a day in the vicinity of the library and many services can be accessed online. Like Arthur Fiedler, longtime conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra who held free concerts because he thought everyone should have access to good music, Kathy believes everyone should have free access to good books. She says that, although some may argue with her, she thinks free public libraries are the last truly democratic institution left in the country. Calculators used to compute the value of library use show that Antrim residents use more than \$600,000 worth of library

services each year. For some items, such as movies and PBS series on video, the library is now the only game in town.

Kathy pointed out that the library takes requests and suggestions, and they do what they can to achieve what people are looking for. There are about 2000 active or semi-active card-holders. Out-of-town library cards are only \$15 a year and many local patrons are happy to have the opportunity to use our library. There is no censorship, and information about card-holders is not shared. The library staff excels at pointing people in the right direction. "We do the best we can with what we have," Kathy explains. "We pride ourselves on our individualized service. People like our collection, but they also like our welcoming environment."

Kathy believes that "the book is not dead." She says even kids tell her it is hard to curl up with an Android. She further explains that reading has always been an escape. People need comfort and often seek out romances or fantasies with happy endings, even with movies. The Harry Potter series, for example, which Kathy is sure will be around for a long time, is a struggle between good and evil, but good wins out. People like cozy mysteries, in which the violence occurs "offstage", and prefer people who are mean, rotten and ugly to be the victims. Recalling Dr. Betty Rosenberg's First Law of Reading, Kathy says

one should "never, ever apologize for your reading tastes."

Kathy stresses that the Town of Antrim is very good to the library, and the Selectboard and the Library Board of Trustees have been very supportive. This shows in the dedication of the staff and the extent of the services provided. Kathy says that one of her biggest goals is to get people in the door to see the many services offered, even if they don't read a lot. "Once they see what we have, they're likely to come back." She would love to eliminate the phrase "the library doesn't do anything for me" in Antrim. She cites the Festival of Trees as great for public relations. It brings thousands of people through the door each year, who often leave saying how impressed they are at what Antrim's library has to offer.

Kathy says she loves Antrim, and can't believe she was lucky enough to end up living here. She's proud that she's



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sharon Dowling, Music Director

Greetings from First Presbyterian Church in Antrim! The summer months are coming fast, and our small but busy congregation is working towards building community! On June 4th the Birthday of the Church (over 2000 years ago) will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday. Our congregation likes to mark this service with lots of candles and red balloons, beautiful music, and even a birthday cake! Always a special service—and all are welcome to join us! There will be an Adult Study after service on June 11th using Walter Brueggemann's *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now*.

June is a busy time for many, as school years end, and our Sunday School year will finish up on June 18th. This is also Father's Day, and the Dads will be honored during the service as well. On June 25th we will host a Community Game Night with ice cream at 6 p.m.

On July 12th we plan to have a cookout at Gregg Lake at 5 p.m., and we are planning an event for August as well—stay tuned!

For over 80 years the Antrim Baptist Church and the Presbyterians have co-hosted and led Vacation Bible School, alternating church locations each year. This year VBS will be held at the Presbyterian Church from July 17–21, beginning each night with a shared meal at 5 p.m. and continuing until 8 p.m. Adults, as well as children, are invited to participate! Contact either church for information.

Our New Beginnings Committee was thrilled to be able to help two families in our community again with Easter Dinners! Many thanks to the Guidance staff at GBS for helping coordinate this for us. We do not know the identities of those families in need, but we loved being able to share some LOVE!

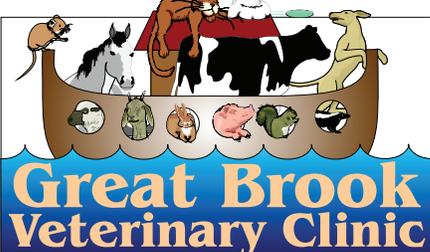
Our committee is still looking at building a labyrinth on the church grounds for all in our community to enjoy. With PEACE as the general theme, we are studying options for design, materials, and plantings. We are hoping this space can be a place for contemplation and connection, open to all faiths and beliefs. We also hope members of the community

may want to help build this space with us, and we are sure there will be plenty of opportunities to add various contributions from many. This will be a “work in progress” for quite some time, and we are most likely going to start with a temporary incarnation of the path, so we can start walking it as quickly as possible. Ideas and volunteers will be most welcome as we tackle this project!

Our church has been an important part of the Antrim Community and beyond for many generations. As society has changed so rapidly over the past twenty-five years, mainstream churches are struggling. The need to go back to the example set by Jesus Christ is more important now than ever. First Presbyterian is committed to the idea that we are to be servants to our community, caring for the people in need, worshiping together and spreading the Good News that Life is Everlasting, and LOVE is always the answer! Come join us! ☐

Springtime in Antrim—An Observation

Many folks have observed that the black flies appear at about the same time that the frost heaves are disappearing. Noting this, some have postulated that frost heaves are the larval form of black flies. I am not too sure about this. However, I have observed that just about the time the black flies disappear the summah folks appear. --- F.R. Gorga



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ICE-BREAKING BY KAYAK

Joan Gorga

April 10 was a gorgeous sunny day with temperatures in the sixties. I spent several happy therapeutic hours cleaning up the yard, but slowly, inexplicably, I began to have the urge to go for a kayak ride. Perhaps it was all that sun on my head after a long winter, I don't know, but I even entertained thoughts of beating the loons out onto the lake this year. A quick stroll through the woods to the southern end of Gregg Lake down a trail that was alternately snowy, icy and slick with mud showed me open water as far as I could see, although I thought possibly I could detect a white glaze toward the northern end.

Since I had no desire to drag my kayak through all that ice and mud, I loaded it onto the car and drove down to launch at the beach. What a difference a mile makes! The whole north end of the lake was still covered with ice, and it wasn't just a glaze. But in places the ice looked thin, and I thought I might be able to work my way through it.

Normally I'm more concerned about soaking the gear I'm carrying with me than about actually getting wet myself, but stepping into the water with my bare feet convinced me that it would be better not to flip over that day. But the sun was warm and my feet dried quickly and I headed toward the icy layer determined to plow straight through to the open water beyond. The first patch of ice I hit was about two inches deep and crackled as it broke into small pieces. My paddles pushed right through, too, and worked pretty well to propel me forward. But the ice became thicker and thicker until I was no longer able to break it up, even by running the bow up onto the ice, and I decided to back out and head around the lake closer to the edge before really getting into trouble. Imagine trying to explain the need to be rescued from a kayak stuck in the ice...

I managed to plow through closer to shore by breaking through the ice with both my paddle and the bow until I finally emerged into a narrow gap of open water running along the road. There, the going was easier for the most part, although in several places I had to slide the kayak bow up onto the ice and bounce in my seat to break through. Creaks and groans emerging from the thicker ice sheets sounded like whales singing, and the sun glowed off the rocks I left anointed with little bits of green plastic from the bottom of my kayak. Finally I emerged into open water near the mouth of the channel and paddled easily across toward the western shore, where I was greeted by a pair of loons who were clearly flaunting the fact that once again, they were there first.

By that time, with the sun beginning to sink behind Willard Mountain and the temperature falling, I decided to see if I could continue to sneak around the edge of the ice along the camp shore to get back to the beach. I paddled through another patch of ice, three to four inches deep, which broke into sunset-reflecting crystals that looked like a chandelier

in the water and emitted a beautiful tinkling music as they bobbed up and down in the waves.

Near the rocks across from the point I came to a solid stretch of ice that was at least five inches thick. Clearly, I wasn't going to be able to go through it, and it was not a place where I could get out and pull the kayak. I looked back around at all the distance I'd come, analyzed the ice ahead some more and made my plan. Tying the paddle down carefully, I worked the kayak fully up onto the ice with my hands, slid smoothly across ten feet of ice, plopped back into the water on the other side, and was home free just as the sun disappeared.

The next day, all that ice was gone and I paddled easily the full length of the lake. ☐

ANTRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

Charlie Boucher, Pastor

In support of the Antrim 2020 initiative to help support community announcements, the Antrim Baptist Church has kindly asked the community to read its policy for signs they might desire to place on the Church's lawn prior to placement at www.antrimbaptist.org.

The Antrim Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church will be offering Vacation Bible School for 3- to 99-year-olds at the Presbyterian Church on July 17-21 from 5 to 8 p.m. The theme this year is "Maker Fun Factory." The evenings will include dinner, singing, crafts, games, snacks, Bible adventures, and surprises. Sign up by calling 588-6614 and leaving your contact information.

The Antrim Baptist Church will be offering a free pancake breakfast to the community on the front lawn of the Church under the tent on Sunday, June 18, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. The menu includes plain and blueberry pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, orange juice and coffee. In addition to its being Father's Day, recognition will be given to veterans that day. ☐

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Jacqueline Roland, Coordinator

Local residents go above and beyond to support Avenue A! With the help of these volunteers, we launched new programs this spring—everything from athletics to music!

In February we began a pick-up basketball program for 7th and 8th graders. Antrim Recreation made this possible by letting us use the Town Gym. Over twenty teens participated in the program, which ran through mid-April! This summer we hope to offer more athletic programs like pick-up basketball or even flag football. Other new program ideas include a chess club and cooperative game night.

New England College students did a wonderful job organizing art workshops for us this season! With fun activities like cartooning and pottery, these programs gave over thirty teens hands-on art experiences.

Our community is filled with musical talent! We've discovered this at our Open Mics and Jam Nights. Students bring their guitars, ukuleles, and voices to practice performing in our friendly environment. Local teens are also enjoying our ongoing high school Writing Club. As part of its Write Out! project, the Club is publishing an anthology of writing in June. The Club's goal is to open a dialogue about anxiety, depression, body image, and other challenges teens face through their writing. They'll be distributing the anthology to youth centers across the state.

If you're interested in volunteering at Avenue A, or for more information, email avenuea@grapevinenh.org or call The Grapevine at 588-2620.

Teen & Community Programs:

Middle School Writing Club, grades 7–8, Tues. 2:20–4:15 p.m.

High School Writing Club, grades 9–12, Tues. 6:30–8 p.m.

Avenue A Club, grades 5–8, Wed. 2:20–4:15 p.m., led by Arlene Soule

Al-Anon, Wed. 6 p.m.

Art at the Avenue, grades 5–12, monthly on Thurs. 6–8 p.m.*

Teen Open Hours, ages 13–18, Fridays from 6:30–9 p.m.

Jam Night, grades 7–8, monthly on Sat. from 6–8:30 p.m.*

Open Mic for high schoolers, monthly on Sat. from 6–8:30 p.m.*

Alcoholics Anonymous, Sundays at 6 p.m.

*Check our Facebook page for dates!



Basketball Huddle! Photo by Jacqueline Roland

The Vine Story Hour “Animal Tales”—Thursday, August 3, 7 p.m. Join us for an evening of storytelling based on NPR's MOTH Story Hour. Admission is by donation. Proceeds benefit Avenue A.

Please join us in thanking the folks who helped Avenue A this season, including **Sue Conklin**, **Rick Wood**, **Karina Schofield**, and **Barbara Roland** for chaperoning Open Hours; **Garrett Kavenagh** for helping at Open Hours; **Barbara Wells** for bringing treats; **Jess Gerrior** for donating games; **Ted Brown** for volunteering at the Ave A Club; **Linda Osienski** for providing art supplies; **Joan and Frank Gorga** for donating compost; **Antrim Recreation** for letting us use the Town Gym; **Duncan Cahoon** for leading pick-up basketball; **Jeffrey Soule** for refereeing; **John Kazlauskas** and **Chris Ingalls** for scorekeeping; **Julie Brown** for organizing the Vine; **Amy DeLisle** and **Tabitha Momeene** for making appetizers; **Cynthia West** for facilitating High School Writing Club; **Virginia Dickinson** for visiting; **Becky Sakellariou**, **Rebecca Curtis**, and **Alexia Roberts** for facilitating Middle School Writing Club; **Kizzy** and **Tony Bailey** for chaperoning Open Mic; **Adam Bishop** and **Jade Bailey** for helping with Jam Night; New England College students **Justin Trindade**, **Marion Smith**, **Megan Polte**, **Sonja Leavitt**, **Hannah Jackson**, and **Briann Petrowicz** for leading art programs; the **Antrim-Bennington Lions Club** for inviting us to present at their April meeting. ☐

been able to bring the library into the 21st century, with a lot of support from the library staff, the Board and the town, and that the library can now do almost anything a big library can do, even if some things may take a little longer. People do recognize the library's value.

Since she's been working since she was 13, including after school, during school vacations and then as an adult, Kathy has plenty of things she'd like to do and can't imagine that she'll be bored in retirement. As she says, "I've been entertaining myself since I was a child." She plans to read, work on some genealogy, make necklaces, visit her niece's new daughter ("Great-Aunt sounds awfully old!") and would like to travel. She is also helping to care for her 95-year-old father and working on tracking down Antrim High School yearbooks to rebuild the library's collection.

We owe Kathy a debt of gratitude for her dedication in guiding the James A. Tuttle Library through twenty-two years of tremendous growth and change. Make sure you stop and give her your thanks when you see her, or better yet, go visit our wonderful public library! ☐

uses biomass fuels to generate steam which is then piped to neighborhood buildings to heat them. As the company is slated to close soon, the state and many private landlords are being forced to install new heating systems in all the buildings presently served by Concord Steam.

Bill thought he would begin his examination of obsolescent technology by learning to ride a horse. As he says, "There is nothing like actually doing something to enhance your ability to write about it." He enjoys dealing with thinking animals, and has learned a few things so far. He decided to wear riding boots for the first time at his last lesson, thinking it would be easier to get his feet into and out of the stirrups. But he found another great reason to wear those boots when Julio, the horse he rides at a stable in Stoddard, accidentally stepped on his foot.

Bill says that besides his legal work, he enjoys writing articles to inform and entertain. In 1993, he began writing for New York Press, a Manhattan alternative weekly, where he met his future wife Mimi. In 2003, he began writing for the daily newspaper The New York Sun. They discontinued his column in 2006 and folded shortly thereafter. Bill is sure it's because they discontinued his column! He continues to write articles for Splice Today, a website with an emphasis on politics and the arts. He's also currently working on a piece about a forgotten Antrim resident, Charles Rice Jameson, who was the proprietor of the Peterwaugh on Gregg Lake and, as Bill puts it, "had a contrarian streak without charm." I can't wait to read that one.

To sum it up, Bill says, "Mimi and I love it here and are very happy we came." ☐

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hand for animals that might need help. She knew the baby squirrel needed to hydrate since his mother was not there to nurse him. She had used the same mixture for other animals in the past and checked to see if it was all right to give to the squirrel, too.

Mother called the local veterinarian to see if he had any animal milk for the baby squirrel to drink. The veterinarian's office did have the formula, so Mother and Liz went to pick some up for the baby, along with another bottle or two. Before she went, Mother put the little fellow in the cage wrapped in a clean tissue. She put the cage on top of the refrigerator so he would feel safe and warm as if he were still in the nest high in the top of the tree.

When Doctor Leo heard Mother's voice, he came out to talk to her about the squirrel. He said with the squirrel's eyes just opening he was about seven weeks old. Doctor Leo gave her the formula and explained how to care for the baby squirrel. He told her the first forty-eight hours would be critical. If the squirrel lived through them, he would have a fighting chance for survival. Doctor Leo told Mother he would call her that night to see how the patient was doing.

When they returned home again, Mother filled the bottle with formula according to the directions and offered it to the little fellow. At first he didn't do anything. Then Mother put a little formula on her finger to let him smell it, and very gently touched it to his nose. He licked it and then started to drink from the bottle. He must have been hungry because he drank the entire bottleful. Mother told the children that was a very good sign.

After his meal he cleaned up by licking his paws and rubbing his face. Then Mother wrapped him again in a tissue and placed him in the cage for a nap. She said he was a baby and needed to sleep.

Mother called the Bronx Zoo for more information. The lady who answered was very helpful. Mother asked if squirrels had rabies. The lady told her there had not been a case of rabies from a squirrel in fifty years. Mother was glad to hear that. She also asked how long squirrels lived. The lady

told her it could be two to four years in the wild, but due to predators and other challenges the average was only a year and a half. She said it could be much longer in captivity, as much as twenty years. Mother asked what food squirrels could and couldn't eat and other questions that would help the family care for the baby. Mother wrote all the information down, thanked the lady and was told to call any time if she needed more help.

Here's what Mother was told squirrels can eat:

Fruits: grapes, peaches, plums, apples, nectarines, strawberries, blueberries and more...

Veggies: spinach, kale, celery, cabbage, peas, corn, tomatoes, asparagus...

Cereals: grape nuts, corn flakes, pizza crust...

Cheeses: Provolone, Swiss, cheddar...

Nuts: walnuts, chestnuts, cashews, peanuts, acorns, pine nuts and sunflower seeds...

But, NO chocolate at all.

The children couldn't wait to tell their father about the new addition to the family. While the squirrel was sleeping, the family got ready for dinner. Mother cooked, the girls set the table and Donnie fed Cesar, the family dog, and took him out. Cesar was happy to have the new addition, too. He was a very gentle and caring dog. Mother let him smell the baby squirrel before his nap. He just sniffed and licked him. Mother knew he would be a great friend to the squirrel, as he had been to all the other animals that were brought into the home in the past.

When Father came home, as expected, the children were eager to tell him about their day. Mother asked Liz to tell Father her part of the story. When she was done the twins chimed in with their part, then Mother filled in the rest. Father was happy to hear it all. He was interested in meeting the new addition and suggested they name the little fellow. "That's it," Liz said. "Can we call him Lil Fella?" "That's a wonderful name," Father said, and they all agreed, "Lil Fella" it would be. ☐

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ANTRIM GRANGE NEWS

Beth Merrill

Members and guests of Antrim Grange enjoyed a variety of interesting and informative programs this spring. We learned about Dragonflies and Damselflies from Antrim photographer Frank Gorga. Wonderful artifacts brought in by audience members were reviewed at our Antique Appraisal Night, featuring guest speaker John Bruno from PBS' Market Warriors. And as a culmination of National Grange Month, our audience was delighted with the historical and musical expertise of Jeff Rapsis as he played live accompaniment to two Buster Keaton silent movies. As Jeff pointed out, films were intended to be viewed in public with an audience, and thus the movie experience is greatly enhanced when groups such as ours provide this opportunity to the community. Five members attended the Grange Bowling Tournament in Manchester. It was lots of fun, but we hope for better luck next year for our team!

We hosted the May meeting of the Hillsborough County Pomona (district) Grange, where the program "Global Banjar: International Voices in Antebellum Banjo Music," a NH Humanities-sponsored event, was presented to members and guests.

Recipients of our 2017 Community Awards were: Antrim 2020 Committee—Community Spirit Award for organizing and successfully executing a town-wide visioning session last fall, which resulted in new, active groups focused on specific projects benefiting the town; Peter Lamb—Community Citizen Award in recognition of years of dedicated care and maintenance performed at Shea Field; Brian Beihl, retired Scoutmaster, and Kathy Chisholm, retiring Library Director—Special Service Recognition Awards; and Sydney Wilson-Smith—Trailblazer Award for her work and support during the formative years of The Grapevine.

This year we will be sponsoring the 15th annual community Art Show—our Crystal Anniversary! The show is open to community artists, professional and amateur. Some pieces may be available for purchase, but many are just for display. If you've never visited before, please consider dropping in to see for yourself the variety of work by the inspirational and creative folks who live amongst us. As a special feature for this anniversary year, we are offering a Coloring Page Contest in two age divisions. Viewers will get to vote for their favorite coloring page and artwork, as we present People's Choice Awards at the close of the show. Our beautiful, historic building is transformed into a lovely, mini-art gallery, and after the three show days it is sadly dismantled and gone forever. If our viewing hours are incompatible with your schedule, please contact Beth Merrill to arrange a private viewing opportunity. Viewing hours are Friday, June 16, 2–5 p.m., with the Evening Gala from 7–9 p.m.; Saturday, June 17, 10–3 p.m.; and Sunday, June 18, noon–4 p.m.

The Community Garden behind Town Hall will be planted with vegetables for the third year this spring. If you would like to be involved in planting, watering, weeding or harvesting from the garden, please contact Renee Mercier-Gerritsen (547-5144) for more information.

The National Grange is observing its 150th anniversary this year. A national quilt block contest is being offered to members and non-members, the winners of which will be displayed at the National Grange convention in Spokane, Washington, in November. Our annual needlework contest is also open to non-members. If you would like to learn more about how to enter these contests, please contact Dawne Hugron at 588-3890 or look for details at any Grange function.

Antrim Grange purchased the original Town Hall for its meeting space in 1894. Members and friends have been diligently working to restore and maintain this lovely hall for the last 20 years or so. Our membership is small, so we often lack funds, man-power, and expertise to properly address caring for an old building. Currently, we are looking into doing some work on the foundation. A report of the actual work that needs to be done was not available at press time, but we know that some serious fundraising is ahead of us. If you have an interest in the Grange, Grange programs/activities, and/or our Grange Hall, your willingness to assist us in continuing our good work in the community will be gratefully received in any of the following ways: financial assistance (either directly to Antrim Grange or you can make tax-deductible contributions via the NH Grange Foundation), manual labor or materials, professional services, and most especially important to the viability of our organization, you can fill out an application to become a member of Antrim Grange. We would love to have some new members join the Grange family!

For further information, please contact Beth Merrill at abmrd@mcctelecom.com or 588-6615. ☐

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LIMRIK LIMERICK CONTEST

Once again, we had several brave souls who were willing to take on the challenge of the March Limerick Contest. The *Limrik* staff voted Trish Fletcher's entry to be the winner, and she won a \$25 gift certificate to Rick & Diane's Pizzeria.

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Beth Merrill

New Limerick Challenge

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 Ginger House. Submit your entry to editor@antrimlimrik.org.

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TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

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

2017 SUMMER PROGRAMS

- Sat., June 3 Retirement Gathering for Kathy Chisholm, 1–3 p.m.
Sat., June 17 Dad's Donut Day and Father's Day craft
Mon., June 26 Summer Reading Program sign-up begins
Thurs., June 29 Letterboxing Workshop and Scavenger Hunt at 5 p.m.
Tues., July 4 **Closed for Independence Day**
Sat., July 15 Steve Blunt & Marty Kelley perform at 11 a.m.
Sat., July 22 Drop-in craft
Fri., July 28 Summer Reading Program ends
Tuesdays, Ongoing Game Night, 5–8 p.m.
Thursdays, Ongoing Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
Fridays, Ongoing Storytime, 10 a.m.
August–End of September Community Art Display

Retirement Gathering

Please join us as we say farewell to the Director of the James A. Tuttle Library, Kathryn Chisholm. Kathy has been head of the library for over twenty-two years and is retiring this summer. Join us as we honor her many years of dedication and service to the town of Antrim. Stop in to say hello and enjoy light refreshments along with the staff and Library Trustees on Saturday, June 3, from 1–3 p.m.

Dad's Donut Day

Join us on Saturday morning, June 17, for Dad's Donut Day. Bring your favorite Dad, Grandfather, or friend in to enjoy a donut at the library. There will be complimentary coffee, juice and a fun Father's Day craft for kids to do while Dad enjoys his donut.

Summer Reading Program "Building a Better World"

Readers of all ages are invited to join us this summer at the James A. Tuttle Library as we celebrate the Summer Reading Program theme, "Building a Better World." We will have all sorts of summer fun and activities, which will include a new Scavenger Hunt, crafts and much more. There

will be storytimes and drop-in activities, games, guessing jars, and prizes! The 2017 Summer Reading Program is open to all ages and reading levels, preschool through young adult. READ, BE READ TO, LISTEN TO BOOKS ON CD—whatever sparks your imagination; no rules, just fun! Registration for "Building a Better World" begins June 26th and runs through July 28th. Sign up at any time during this period; all programs are free of charge. For more information, call the library at 588-6786 or stop in; we'd love to see you at the library this summer.

Letterboxing 101

Join us on Thursday, June 29, at 5 p.m., for a fun, hands-on workshop and scavenger hunt with Letterboxing at the Library! Letterboxing combines artistic ability with "treasure-hunts" in parks, forests, and cities around the world. Learn a little history and make your own stamp in this fun, informative workshop. Tools will be provided. Each participant will carve one stamp and help in the search to find a real Letterbox stamp planted somewhere nearby.

Marty Kelley and Steve Blunt perform

As part of our Summer Reading Program, we are very excited to host the talented Steve Blunt and Marty Kelley on Saturday, July 15, at 11 a.m. What's so funny 'bout peace, love and understanding? Two veteran performers present original songs and stories for the whole family—with positive messages and lots of laughs. Steve and Marty play "Building a Better World" and other tunes on a variety of musical instruments. And Marty reads a few of his books aloud with projected illustrations! With humor and lots of audience participation, this summer reading show connects library patrons of all ages and backgrounds, as families sing, read and laugh together.

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Community Art Display

During the month of August we will be assembling art-work from our local artists, artisans and crafters. Please consider letting us display your creations for the community to enjoy. We prefer to keep this display up through Home and Harvest weekend to add some pizzazz to our Open House. Dig around in your studios, attics and barns to see if you have some treasures to share. The more the merrier!

New Books

Stop in at the library to look for some of our newest titles by your favorite authors, including: Ben Aaronovitch, Jeffrey Archer, Fredrik Backman, David Baldacci, Rhys Bowen, Michael Connelly, Deborah Crombie, Clive Cussler, Charles Finch, Lisa Gardner, John Grisham, Benedict Jacka, Darynda Jones, Debbie Macomber, G.M. Malliet, James Patterson, Jodi Picoult, Douglas Preston, Anne Rice, Anita Shreve, Nicholas Sparks, Stuart Woods and more...

New Movies

Our new movies include: *Arrival*, *The BFG*, *The Book of Life*, *Bridget Jones's Baby*, *Brooklyn*, *Call The Midwife: Season Five*, *Deepwater Horizon*, *Doctor Strange*, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, *Finding Dory*, *Flight*, *Florence Foster Jenkins*, *Free State of Jones*, *Game of Thrones: The Complete Sixth Season*, *Ghostbusters: Answer the Call*, *Hacksaw Ridge*, *Hell or High Water*, *Inferno*, *Jack Reacher: Never Go Back*, *Jason Bourne*, *The Last Detective: Complete Collection*, *The Light Between Oceans*, *The Magnificent Seven*, *A Man Called Ove*, *Manchester By the Sea*, *Masterpiece: Poldark*, *Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children*, *Moana*, *Outlander: Season Two*, *Pete's Dragon*, *The Secret Life of Pets*, *Sherlock: Season Four*, *Star Trek: Beyond*, *Trolls*, *USS Indianapolis: Men of Courage*, and many more! ☐

ANTRIM'S GREAT DECISIONS GROUP

Steve Ullman, Coordinator

Antrim's Great Decisions group has completed its fifth varsity season of informal conversations about American foreign policy. Here is how participants reacted to this year's meetings:

- Great Decisions opens up a view of other countries and people one would not ordinarily read or think about.
- Great Decisions is a wonderful way to learn something about foreign policy so you can understand what you hear about world affairs in the media.
- Great Decisions is a great opportunity to participate in important issues affecting the United States.
- Great Decisions gives me an opportunity to learn about other countries and cultures.
- Thanks for the meetings. Our discussions are wide-ranging and interesting. It is fun to be challenged by the materials.
- Great Decisions gives us some insight into the problems of other countries and how they impact the United States.

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ANTRIM RECREATION SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Celeste Lunetta

Free Movies at Town Hall. Fridays, June 16, July 21, and August 18. Movies to be shown and times of screening will be announced at least 10 days ahead. With the longer days, the summer movies will start later. Children 6th grade and younger need to be accompanied by a guardian.

Lake Host Volunteers wanted! Join us to help provide stewardship and education for the Gregg Lake watershed. Adults and young people welcome! Train locally, and volunteer for 2-hour shifts at Gregg Lake Boat Launch as a Lake Host Educator. Two local trainings will be held during the first weekend of July: Saturday, July 1 at 8 a.m. and Sunday, July 2 at 7 p.m. The training takes just under two hours. There are also trainings available with the educators from the New Hampshire Lakes Association and the Department of Environmental Services; contact Celeste at 588-3121 if you are interested in learning more.

Welcome Summer Beach Party at Gregg Lake Beach! Saturday, June 25, 1–4 p.m. Join our summer staff for a fun-filled party featuring games, races, crafts, swim tests, watermelon and more! Rain date is Sunday, June 26, same time.

Fairy Houses and Gnome Homes at Memorial Park. Monday, July 3, 10 a.m.–noon. Come build fairy houses at Memorial Park! We will start with storytelling and games in the park at 10 a.m. and will provide natural materials for you to use for your fairy house or gnome home.

Teddy Bear Picnic at Memorial Park. Wednesday, July 5, 11:30–1. Bring a picnic lunch, along with your favorite toy bear, doll, shark, etc. We will celebrate summer and childhood with games, crafts, stories and songs.

Silver Lining Circus Tour at Antrim Town Gym. As of the Limrik deadline, the date is not decided between Thursday or Friday, July 6 or 7—but if you are in town, and are interested in seeing some amazing young performers, watch for more information about when this circus will be performing!

Swim Lessons at Gregg Lake Beach. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, July 6–27 for ages 4 and older, August 1–17 for kids ages 2–6. Lessons are in the early afternoon into early evening. Details are online at antrimnh.org; flyers can be picked up at the Town Hall, Library, or Recreation Office.

Days of Summer Camp at Antrim Recreation. We host a summer day program that kids ages 5 through 12 enjoy! Register by the week for full or half day (morning or afternoon) options. Great value and great fun! Our summer camp staff is experienced, fun-loving, and dedicated to providing a safe and enriching summer camp experience for the young

uns in your family. Registration forms are online at antrimnh.org, as well as at the Town Hall, Recreation Office and Tuttle Library.

2017 Fall Youth Soccer Registrations! Soccer Registrations for players joining our Boys or Girls 3rd–6th grade soccer teams are due by Friday July 28. After July 29, we may be able to put children onto a team, depending on the numbers. Our 3rd–6th grade teams play in the Concord-area Merrimack Valley Soccer League. Practices start August 21, and games start September 5. You can find out more from our registration forms, online at antrimnh.org. Registrations for kids ages 4–2nd grade are due by Friday, September 1.

Antrim in the Evening Crafts. We hope you put the flyer detailing the Antrim in the Evening Activities in a prominent location in your home, and that you are able to make it downtown for our weekly Wednesday evening event series at Memorial Park. For the past several years, we have included activities at the park during some of the concerts, to enhance the experience for families and the young at heart. We will have craft opportunities this year as follows: July 12: Hula Hoop making; July 19: Swing Dance lessons at 5:00; July 26: Make your own Pom Pom or Comet ball; August 16: TBA.

SKYWATCH at Gregg Lake. Summer Date to be announced. We are planning a quarterly opportunity to gaze up and learn, while we view planets, nebulae and other celestial wonders. The skywatch will be preceded by an informative presentation so that you will learn in advance about the skyscape.

Teen Bus trip to Boda Borg in Malden. Tuesday, July 11. Leave Antrim at 3 p.m., return at 10 p.m. Join us for an adventure! Cost is admission to Boda Borg, plus \$10 per person for the bus. Preregistration required by Friday, July 7. Forms available online and at Antrim Town Hall.

More Bus Trips are being planned for July & August. Destinations include the Lakes Region, Seacoast, White Mountains and Boston, including Boston Harbor Islands and Boston Theater. Full information on Bus Trips will be printed in July. Please watch our page on the Town Website, antrimnh.org for program updates. Please call the Recreation Office at 588-3121 for information or suggestions about parks and programs. The office is staffed on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and some Saturdays. ☐

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Sheila Nichols

It has been nearly seven years since we moved to Liberty Farm. What is a farm without barn cats? Incomplete!

I contacted the local cat rescue and said I was looking for two cats, please. So sure I was doing the right thing in rescuing some kittens... After a long phone interview I was one question short of driving over to get them! “You agree to sign off on our policy that all of our adopted cats must be house cats and not be let outdoors, correct?” Wait, what? Hadn’t she heard me describe our farm? Six acres at the end of a dirt road with fields, a three-story barn, field mice, and sunshine—quite simply, cat heaven? Yes, she understood the setting and repeated the statement, house cats or no cats.

I could have said, “Oh yes, we’ll keep them inside,” and then just let them out, but twelve years as a child saying the Girl Scout Pledge about my honor being trusted and all wouldn’t allow that, so I said thank you and rang off.

One of my students knew I was looking for kittens and put me in touch with her friend who had free kittens. I traveled to the house and found several fluffy kittens playing in the living room. I chose a brother and sister. They told me the kittens were named Joe and Pumpkin Head. I drove them home and with my son Mark’s help gave them baths and showed them around.

We take naming our animals to heart here at Liberty Farm. The male is an orange tabby with beautiful eyes to match. He became Apollo, and his sister, striking with her black fur and orange accents became Athena. Together they would keep the barn free of mice and live happily in the fields.

Several days later my student asked me how Joe and Pumpkin Head were doing. I proudly shared their new names with her and she was upset to think we had changed the names. She turned from me and started to walk away. I quickly called her back to say, “Apollo and Athena are their new *middle names*; they still have the original first names.” So much for my Girl Scout Pledge.

They have grown to be very dedicated to their job. The once tiny kittens are now fifteen-plus pounds. They are both house and outside cats. Atticus, our five-pound Yorkie, gives

them a wide berth when passing, hoping they don’t mistake him for a rodent.

Apollo is definitely the mouser while Athena is a birder. One afternoon Apollo came in with a chipmunk in his mouth. He was being resourceful and brought it in so he could play with it. Bill saw the chipmunk and told Apollo to take it back outside, whereupon Apollo opened his mouth to protest and dropped the chipmunk. Now free, the chipmunk dashed all over—behind the desk, under the radiators, and so on.



Bill, working his hardest to catch it unharmed and return it to the great outdoors, called me in for reinforcement. We moved the desk, pulled off the radiator cover, got a butterfly net... Well, you can picture it. I suggested calling in Lincoln, our Jack Russell terrier. Lincoln has never lost a chase with any rodent, ever. He is swift, efficient and deadly. But Bill wanted to try to capture it alive. We got so close, and then down the heating pipe hole it went.

You may remember your parents telling you the story of how your missing dog or cat moved to a farm to live out its days in sunshine, wink, wink. We will just assume that the chipmunk did finally find his way out and is doing just that because we never saw him again.

One day we were sitting at the table having lunch when Athena came in, meowed to announce her arrival, and out flew a bird—a yellow bellied sapsucker! Athena was very proud. We put her out and then carefully collected the bird, checked it to see that it was ok, offered it some water and set it free. It was a relief to see it fly away. I am sure Athena felt downtrodden and unappreciated. We do not encourage her birding and have our bird feeders strung high in the trees, but she is dedicated nonetheless.

We try to take a *walkabout* every night before dinner, weather permitting. It is a chance for us to see what new

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plants are up, harvest some vegetables, collect the eggs and give the dogs some exercise after being in the house all day. Apollo and Athena always join us. I love it. Bill and I walking along with three dogs and two cats in tow is a sight. When we get to the chicken yard several chickens will tag along as well. Sometimes I think I hear the song "If I Could Talk to the Animals" from Dr. Dolittle in the background.

People often comment on how all of our animals get along. The dogs do not chase the sheep or chickens, and as much as Athena loves stalking birds she never bothers the chickens. I am not sure that we are just lucky in our pet selection. Bill and I love our animals and spend countless hours with them teaching them how to get along and respect each other.

Athena has decided that I am her person and Apollo has selected Bill. At night Athena curls up on my side of the bed and purrs for hours. She is a very cuddly cat and loves being brushed and snuggled. Apollo and Bill share time each morning over coffee. Bill takes his coffee out to the hot tub and Apollo follows along. Apollo loves the aroma of coffee and will lick the spoon from Bill's coffee. They enjoy quiet morning guy time watching the farm wake up before starting chores. Athena likes to sit on the counter in the bath-

room while I get ready for work. Not a coffee lover like her brother, she drinks water from the vanity sink.

I cannot imagine our farm without our pets. They are strong individuals and fill our lives with companionship and contentment. ☐



This year's **Home & Harvest** dates are September 15 & 16. We've made some changes for our 14th annual event. Antrim's Got Talent will be on Friday, September 15. The cook-out and fireworks will be on Saturday, September 16, with a rain date of September 23. Some new events will be an Ice Cream Social, along with local music, on Friday. We are also working on some go-cart races for Saturday. New volunteers Larry & Donna Martel are in charge of the crafter tables. Please call 588-3609 to reserve your table. Kara Penny will be heading up our Free Fun & Games. We are always working to keep Home & Harvest "*Nothing Like It.*" ☐

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ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Stephen Ullman, President

Past Programs. On April 23, Dr. Paul Wainwright shared his remarkable photographs of colonial New England meetinghouses. Beginning in the 1770s, these structures served as the heart of Granite State religious and civic life.

On May 21, several of Dr. Alfred Chandler's daughters (Nancy Conrey, Carol Malcarney, Susan Ruess, and Priscilla Shook) discussed his illustrious career.

Future programs. On June 11, the New Hampshire Historical Society will be offering a multi-media program on industrialization in New Hampshire. This presentation will be of particular interest to residents of Antrim, a town that hosted large manufacturers, such as the Goodell and Abbott companies.

And don't forget the annual Declaration of Independence celebration at Memorial Park on July 4, featuring Bill Nichols, Dean Proctor, and John Robertson's doughnuts.

AHS Sign Project. Members of the Antrim Historical Society are working on a sign project to identify and mark historical sites around Antrim. We plan to erect a permanent memorial explaining the significance of each site along with a reference back to a more detailed description likely located at the Tuttle Library or Town Hall.

Do you know a place in Antrim that should be marked as a Historical Location? Send your ideas via the Antrim Historical Society's Facebook page or email Rick Wood at rd_wood@comcast.net.

Centennial of U.S. Involvement in World War I. War was declared between the United States and Germany on April 6, 1917, and continued until November 11, 1918—Armistice Day. The Antrim Historical Society plans to create a display to honor our men and women who served their



Bob Flanders talks with Eric Tenney about his many years in Antrim.

Photo by Rick Wood

country at that time. We have been combing through our files searching for material to create an accurate reflection of Antrim's military involvement as well as efforts on the home front. If you or members of your family have artifacts and/or WWI stories to share, we would love to hear from you.

Oral History Project. Individual and family stories are a valuable piece of Antrim's story. We value the importance of your stories and want to help preserve them. Our most recent interview subjects include Anne Hennessy, Eric Tenney, Ben Pratt, Bob Flanders, Lyman Gilmore, and Dick Winslow. Many of these interviews have been posted as YouTube interviews. If you feel that **you** have an interesting story to tell, please contact 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.antrimhistorical.society.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. ☐



Eric Tenney makes a point to Steve Ullman.

Photo by Rick Wood

ANTRIM-BENNINGTON LIONS CLUB

Steve Ullman, Vice-President

A Fond Farewell to King Lion Sue Conklin and a Hearty Welcome to Incoming King Lion, Sarah Edwards. Since coming to Antrim, Sue Conklin has constituted an unstoppable force for community advancement. Whether archiving at the Historical Society, baking for the Senior Center, or chaperoning at Avenue A, she has come to be a potent instrument for good. After serving two years as President (or, more precisely, as King Lion), she is leaving the post. Here is Sue's farewell address:

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as President of the AB Lions for the past two years. (Actually everyone else took a step back and there I was—you know how that goes.) I am proud of the many service projects that our club has completed. From preparing and serving the community suppers and our annual Christmas tree sale in support of Operation Santa, to our candidates' nights forums, our service to the community is varied and strong. Projects planned include Little Free Libraries at Town Hall and the Town Beach and a soccer tournament with the Antrim Recreation Department. We are excited about these new opportunities. Thanks to an incredible group of people that make our club all that it can be.

While we will miss Sue, thankfully another dynamic individual has stepped forward to guide us. Sarah Edwards, also a multi-organization stalwart, will take the helm beginning in June. Sarah has served a previous term as King Lion so she knows what she is getting into.

Programs. And speaking of the Edwards family, Bob Edwards, a retired banker and fellow Lion, spoke about his forty-five-year career as a banker and how banking has evolved to where it is today. He discussed the recessions that have affected our economy and the local housing market, as well as the severe losses experienced by the banking industry as a whole. He noted that banking today is heavily electronic and that experts predict reduced demand for face-to-face banking relationships, with more and more transactions being conducted through personal computers and smartphones.

In April we heard from Jacqueline Roland, Avenue A Coordinator. Jacqueline has energized Avenue A—witness the huge attendance at Friday night teen gatherings, the large numbers of students enrolled in creative writing workshops and the standing-room only audiences for The Vine Story Hours. Seldom have I met a college student whose intelligence, creativity, and sensitivity to others so destines her for success.

Victor Rosansky, proprietor of the Uplands Inn, has had a decades-long career as a prominent academic and business consultant. Perhaps you are aware that Victor designed and delivered a six-week workshop for Antrim-area entrepreneurs. In May, Victor addressed the AB Lions on the most significant developments in global business.

Shea Field Celebration. Rick Wood, AB Lions Treasurer, is spearheading a fall celebration of Antrim's Shea Field. He says:

Remember when Shea Field was not the multi-purpose recreational area that it is today, but rather a rock-hard, unmanicured field with rocks the size of the Balancing Boulder and scars from the snowmobiles that used it as a shortcut? Ever drive through town on a late spring or fall day and wonder if there is a soccer or lacrosse game at Shea Field but look to the west at dusk and not see any glow from the recently-installed lights and naturally assume there must not be anything going on? Thanks to the efforts of ConVal, the Antrim Recreation Department and especially Peter Lamb, Shea Field's ground technologist, Shea Field has been transformed into one of the best facilities in the area. Often visitors speak of this previously-unknown hidden gem tucked away in Antrim. Also thanks to technology used at Shea Field, it's not likely you'll ever see an event under lights if the barometer you use is the ability to see the lights shining from Main Street.

If you don't have youngsters in one of the many sports programs that take advantage of Shea Field under the lights, maybe you wonder what it's like to visit the field when it's all lit up? Well in September, 2017, you'll get your chance. The AB Lions Club has been working with the Antrim Recreation Department to have a town-wide celebration of Shea Field UNDER THE LIGHTS, perhaps in conjunction with Home & Harvest so the entire town can celebrate our local gem. Planning is still going on, so if you have an idea for an event, please contact Rick Wood at rd_wood@comcast.net. We'll be posting updates to the event in the next Limrik.

Come Join Us. The AB Lions Club warmly welcomes new members. 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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ANTRIM ECLECTIC BOOK CLUB

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By the time you read this, the Antrim Eclectic Book Club will have dissected *The Naked and the Dead* by Norman Mailer. Ranked 51st by the Modern Library on its list of the 100 best 20th-century English-language novels, *The Naked and the Dead* is a relentlessly candid, grim account of the brutality American soldiers experienced in World War II.

On June 15, between 11:00 a.m. and noon at Antrim's First Presbyterian Church, we will discuss W. Somerset Maugham's *Of Human Bondage*. This widely acclaimed, coming-of-age narrative recounts the struggles of a medical student hungry for love and worldly experience.

And 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.

Here are some reflections by Book Club members on our activities:

- The Book Club motivates me to read books that I might not have chosen on my own. Hearing others' thoughts deepens my understanding, and considering the reading from others' points of view broadens my thinking. I am in awe of the knowledge and experience of the members, but the friendly, welcoming atmosphere puts me completely at ease. I look forward to each discussion!
- I don't make every meeting but I enjoy the ones I do attend. I try to read, or at least look at, the books that are covered, and the discussion gives me a broader outlook than I might have without the benefit of the thoughts of other folks.
- How privileged we are to have a local Book Club that stretches our minds. This we have in our monthly meetings.
- The Book Club has opened a new avenue for me. Your introduction of the best in literature has been rewarding to me. I look forward to our low-key discussions each month. Thank you!!!

If you are looking for lively discussions of some notable English-language fiction, please join us. ☐

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AT THE CROSS ANTRIM

Rick Davis

Our new church, At The Cross Antrim, opened at Town Hall on Easter Sunday with forty Christians praising God. The new church actually started in our home a few years ago; we are also owners of Rick and Diane's Pizzeria. We have been Christians for over forty years and have always enjoyed Bible-believing churches that are nondenominational. About two years ago I baptized our son Nick and his wife Katie; then our son-in-law Tim Robinson accepted Jesus. That's when we decided to start up a nondenominational church and name it "At The Cross Antrim." The first step was for Nick to get a degree at Liberty University, which he has done. This past year through home Bible studies and meeting in the restaurant we have built the church up to 25-40 people.

It has been amazing to watch God bless At The Cross. We found a great spot to have services every Sunday at Town Hall. Bible classes for kids ages five and up are taught by Angie Robinson and Katie Davis. Adult Bible study is taught by Pastor Nick and begins at 10 a.m. Worship starts at 11 a.m. and is very upbeat, using Christian music projected on a big screen, prayer and energetic preaching by Pastor Nick. We have various home Bible studies going on during the week at Rick and Diane's home. Phone Nick at 464-9682, check out our website at www.atthecrossantrim.com, or email us at atthecrossantrim@gmail.com. Come worship with us; all are welcome. ☐



WELCOME SUMMER

Recreation Dept. Beach Party
at Gregg Lake Beach

June 25 • 1:00–4:00 pm



You know you live in Antrim when you shovel six inches of snow off your pea patch in mid-April mainly so you can have ripe peas before your next-door neighbor.

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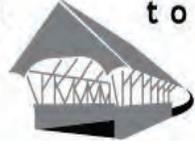


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TROOP 2

Michael Redmond, Scoutmaster

Your resident Boy Scout troop has been busy!

On February 16, the Boy Scouts served a Community Supper at the Presbyterian Church in Antrim. The supper menu was fully planned, prepared, and served by the boys, who range in age from 10 to 17. Approximately 100 hungry locals were treated to a free dinner, consisting of corn chowder, corn bread, salad, and apple crisp. Yum!

In keeping with our commitment of service to our community, we completed our annual spring Scouting for Food drive on March 11 and 18. Thanks to the efforts of the Boy Scouts and the generosity of the residents of Antrim, Bennington and Hancock, we were able to procure over 4000 food items for our local food pantry, helping to restock their quickly-emptying shelves.

The highest rank one can achieve in Boy Scouts is that of Eagle. It is not an easy thing to do. It requires an immense amount of dedication on the part of the Scout, and an equal amount of support from his troop, family, and community. On April 9, our 104-year-old Boy Scout troop celebrated only its 20th Scout to make the rank of Eagle. Jared Lewis, of Bennington, had his Eagle Court of Honor at Antrim Town Hall. It was attended by many distinguished guests, including New Hampshire State Representatives, Fire and Police Chiefs, and notably our own Governor Chris Sununu.

On May 5–7, the boys endured the never-ending rain and partook in the 2017 Mt. Monadnock District Spring Camporee at Deering Fish & Game. They put their scouting and survival skills to the test, and their perseverance earned them 2nd place overall in the competition!

As always, your local Boy Scouts will proudly march in this year's Memorial Day parades in Antrim and Bennington on May 29. We hope we will see you all on the parade route and you will join us in honoring the memories of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country and way of life. On May 24, in preparation and in honor of Memorial Day, the Scouts, in cooperation with American Legion Post #50 in Antrim, will be placing flags on the headstones of veterans at the cemeteries in Antrim.

On June 14, we are planning a Flag Retirement ceremony at Memorial Park in Antrim in honor of Flag Day. More details will be announced in the near future, but the public, and any flags that are unfit for display and need to be retired honorably, will be welcome.

We are possibly one of the oldest troops in the state of New Hampshire, and perhaps the country. Being as old and as active as we are, some of our gear is showing its age



Troop 2 Scouts in front of Legion Hall. Photo by Michael Redmond.

and starting to fail. Thanks to unparalleled support and contributions from local residents, businesses, and Boy Scout alumni, Troop 2 was able to replace most of their tired and leaky tents, some of which may be as old as the troop itself! The new tents arrived just in time for boys to break in at the Spring Monsoon, er... Camporee. It was an amazing thing... being able to stay dry while sleeping. Many Scouts looked in amazement at the small miracle before them; the ceilings and walls of the tents actually being impervious to the torrential downpours just outside. This allowed us to reflect, and reminded us of just how blessed we are to live and serve in such a generous community. Thank you to all who helped make our new tents possible! We are sure... we think... that they will keep us dry for the next 100 years!

If you or your son has any interest in the outdoors, camping, hiking, and all things Boy Scouts, and wants more information, to join, or just sit in for a meeting, please email scoutmaster@troop2nh.org. ☐

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THE GRAPEVINE

Melissa Gallagher

Spring Walk. By the time you read this, our Annual Spring Walk for Families will have come and gone. We are grateful to the people of this community who have collected pledges, participated and sponsored our walkers. We are well on our way to meeting the anonymous \$5,000 challenge grant that was generously renewed this year!

The Grapevine is grateful to our many business supporters for their continued support of our largest fundraising event. Thank you to **Bank of NH** for prize giveaways, to **Edmunds' Ace Hardware** and **W. S. Badger Company** for supplies for the Spring Garden Kits given to all children, and to **C&S Grocers** for donated food items. We also thank **Edmunds' Ace Hardware** for their donation of a gift certificate for the individual who raised the most in pledges for our Spring Walk. And we couldn't have done it without many volunteers, most notably our Parent Events Committee: **Jenn Fessenden, Molly Cook, Sue Conklin and Tori Gelinas.**

Black Fly Community Art Show. Join us on **Saturday, June 3, 10–noon**, to view works of art by children, youth and adults in our community. People of all ages are invited to participate in art-making projects during the show.

Yard Sale to benefit The Learning Vine Preschool, **Saturday, June 24, 8:30–noon** (rain date June 25) in the Grapevine parking lot. Loads of treasures and bargains! Donations of new and like-new items welcome—please call 588-2620 before you donate. We will also be holding a Learning Vine Parent Co-op Basket Raffle with baskets having themes such as family adventures, spa days and outdoor gear and necessities. Tickets are on sale at upcoming events and in our office, \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Winners will be drawn on June 25 and do not need to be present. Thanks to Chuckster's Mini Golf of Chichester for admission tickets and Shaw's of Hillsborough for basket donations.

Pay It Forward. Looking for a way to volunteer but not sure who needs what you have to offer? Need a hand with something but don't know anyone who has the skill or time to help? Summer is a great time to join the Exchange and get connected. Offer a service to an individual or group. Want to know more? Call Nancy at 588-2620 or visit pse-nh.org.

Thank you...

Rick and Diane Davis for once again hosting Eat Out for The Grapevine and donating \$500 to support programs. **Fiddlehead's Café and Catering** and **The Common Place Eatery** joined Rick and Diane's for total donations over \$1,000 and **The Hancock Inn** donated \$250 in gift certificates!

Rick Edmunds, Linda Osienski and Tom Badgley for donating time and supplies for our raised bed gardens, and **Joan Gorga** for donating vegetable plants for the Vance

Family Garden. If you're interested in helping maintain the garden over the summer, please call the Grapevine.

Glenn Stann for his time and expertise with facilities needs and new projects, **Eversource** for donating 2 cords of delivered and split wood for our Community Wood Bank, **Robyn Manley and Project Linus** for donating handmade blankets, **Ken and Linda Bundy** for donating paper goods.

Summer of Adventures

Grapevine Summer Hours: July 5–August 23, Monday–Wednesday, 9–12 or by appointment. Please ask about financial aid if your family cannot afford the full fee. Call 588-2620 for more information and to register.

Backyard Art Adventures for ages 4½ to 7 with Amy Doyle and Carol Lunan. Explorations with art materials and everyday objects: soap, spatulas, paint, small cars, straws, cups, and other things. Come and have fun while creating projects and doing some messy outdoor art. July 17–21, 9:30–11:30, \$65.

Backyard Adventures for ages 4½ to 6. Carol Lunan co-leads with Rachel Lunan-Hill. Activities include investigating flying creatures, creepy crawlers and swimming bugs; exploring mud and water; and scavenger hunts, hikes, nature stories, songs, crafts and painting. A wonderful opportunity for young children to discover the natural world—and their place in it!—with their peers under the guidance of our experienced and fun leaders. Parents are welcome to drop off their children or stay for all or part of the morning. July 24–28, 9–12:30, \$110.

Backyard Science for ages 7 to 9 with Carol Lunan. Nature exploration through the lens of science, back by popular demand! Daily challenges and science experiments will pique children's natural curiosity. Activities include camp songs and games, scavenger hunts, and science through art and play with mud, water and slimy stuff. July 31–August 4, 9–1, \$130.

An Adventure in Creativity: Big, Bold Paint Camp. A multi-generational experience for caregivers, parents, early childhood professionals. A fun interactive time to paint like a 5-year-old. Don't worry if you "don't know how to paint." Be ready to have fun! Saturday, July 22, 9–12, \$40, includes materials. Space limited, please register by June 30.

Looking Ahead to September

Register now for a space for the 2017-18 school year. Call 588-2620 for more information.

Better Beginnings parent-child program. Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays, 9:30–11:30. Children to age 5 play and explore with guidance from early childhood educators while parents "put their feet up" and talk with parenting educator and other parents about child- and family-centered topics.

Better Beginnings for Babies. Wednesdays. Parents come together with infants and young toddlers to play and talk with our early childhood educator and other parents about the joys and challenges of parenthood, including topics such as nutrition, feeding, crying, sleep, developmental expectations and more. Facilitated by Parenting Educator Nancy Macalaster, MA. Parents with young toddlers and babies who are crawling meet from 10–11:30; parents with younger babies and newborns meet from 1–2:30. Expectant parents are always welcome.

Learning Vine Preschool. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during the school year, 9–11:30. For children ages 3–5. Choose the co-op or drop-off option.

Before and After School Clubs. Register your elementary student for the coming school year. The programs provide before and after school care Monday through Friday at the Antrim Town Gym and Antrim Elementary School. Children enjoy recreational activities, outdoor time, social interactions, creative play with peers and more! Children currently enrolled will have priority until June 15.

Services Available at The Grapevine...

- Community Wood Bank—we're looking for summer donations of firewood, preferably split and ready to be stacked!
- Child and family counseling through Monadnock Family Services and Riverbend Community Mental Health
- Information and supported referral for resources to meet basic needs such as housing, home heating and food
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The Grapevine is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit family and community resource center located at 4 Aiken Street, behind the Tuttle Library. For more information call

588-2620. Tax deductible contributions are gratefully accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, or drop by the center at 4 Aiken Street (behind the library). Don't forget to visit us on www.GrapevineNH.org and "like" us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/grapevinenh.org/>. 



Abner Lee (left) and Waylon Hugron lead the way on a Learning Vine Preschool field trip to Meadow Marsh. Photo Lisa Hennessy

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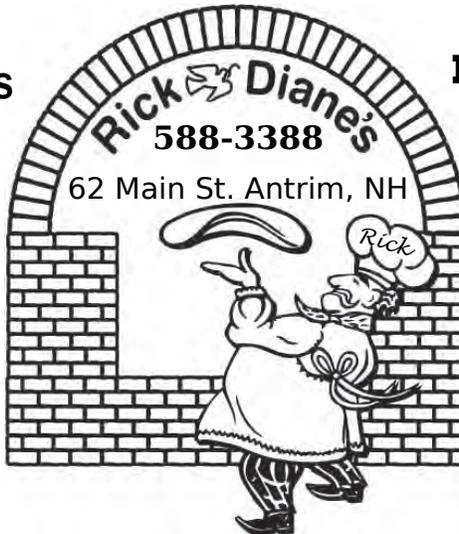
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GREAT BRICK OVEN PIZZA



Calzones • Garden Salads

FRESHEST SEAFOOD

SPICY BUFFALO WINGS

Deep Dish Pizza

OPEN

Sunday 12pm - 8pm
Tue - Thur 11am - 9pm
Friday 11am - 10pm
Saturday 11am - 9pm
Closed Monday

We now have
Beer & Wine
to enjoy with
your meal.

Come in, eat and enjoy!

BEST RECIPE • BEST PIZZA

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