

## Avenue A: Reflecting and Looking Ahead!

Jacqueline Roland, Avenue A Coordinator

This time of year is perfect for reflection—2017 is fresh in mind and 2018 is unfolding before us! At Avenue A, the past year has been full of growth. Last fiscal year (July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017), 193 Antrim residents used Avenue A. Of those, 110 were teenagers who participated in our programs. Teens from all over town continue to walk, bike, drive or carpool to the Teen Center. In the first five months of this fiscal year, our programs served 91 Antrim teens. This is a fifty percent increase over the same time last fiscal year!

At the Teen Center, we provide an average of 11–15 hours of youth programming every week. During these activities, I can't help but think that I'm meeting some of the next great scientists, inventors, teachers, parents, musicians, and world-changers...Our local teens are amazing individuals!

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Circle time at the Avenue A Club for GBS students. Photo by Jacqueline Roland.

## Antrim Schools through the Years

Eric Tenney

The Antrim Historical Society is working on identifying historical sites and marking their locations with signs as a method for you to learn about the site's history. One group of sites is the schools and how they developed over time. This article is about how the schools of Antrim changed through the years.

For twenty-six years after first settler Philip Riley returned to Antrim in 1761, there were no public schools. The Aiken family arrived in 1767, and other settlers soon followed—William Smith, Randall Alexander, and John Gordon by 1772. Children, including neighbors, were taught in the Aiken home beginning in 1770.

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## Addiction: A Personal Story

Tom Badgley

Hello, I am "Tom B."

AA says anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities...fine and dandy 25–30 years ago. As the years have gone by, a lot of us AA'ers have become more and more open with our stories. We are continuously being accepted in society as persons with a disease rather than a weakness of our character. I believe that this is a good thing!

So, let me start again: My name is Tom Badgley. I am retired from almost 20 years at Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center. I live in Bennington. I am 74 years young. I have been clean and sober for 28-plus years. Does it matter how many years? Not really. What matters is that for all of these years I have tried to live one day at a time. Each morning I ask for help from my Higher Power, as I understand him/her. And I thank my Higher Power (whom I call God) every night as I go to bed. I have not had a drink or a drug "today." So far this has worked for me.

It can work for anyone, whether it is about being a drunk, having a drug dependency (or both, as was my case) or trying to eat 1600 calories a day and not 3600 or not puffing on that cigarette TODAY. Or gambling or stealing. One Day At A Time, folks...24 hours.

Here are some other tools that have worked for me:

First Things First

One Thing at a Time

Ask For Help

Easy Does It

Let Go and Let God (as YOU understand God!)

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## Home Info Request

Kathi Wasserloos and Barbara Black

Are you a new resident of Antrim, one of the summer folk, or a life-long resident? Do you find yourself wondering about the history of your home? In fact, one of the most frequently asked questions of the Antrim Historic Society is "What can you tell me about my house?" When was it built, who lived there before me, are there any interesting stories or folklore that go with the site?

In the 1980s David Hurlin, former owner of the Goodell Company, spent his retirement seeking the answers to these questions. He endeavored to list all the homes of Antrim along with their current and previous owners. In the early 2000s there was an effort to update the information, including old and current pictures of the homes.

This year we would like to continue the updating process—but we need your help. When did *you* move into your house? Do you know who owned it before you? Is it a single-family house or multi-family? Are there any extra tidbits you can add—stories, unique features, etc. We would love to have pictures. Current ones are great, but if you have any of "olden days," those would also be appreciated.

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## Candidates for Town Offices

Town elections will be held on Tuesday, March 13, upstairs at Town Hall. Candidates for Town Offices were given the opportunity to submit short statements summarizing their motivation for running. All candidates are unopposed, and there are no candidates for Budget Advisory Committee on the ballot. Candidates Kathryn Chisholm (Cemetery Trustee) and Lauren Kirkpatrick (Trustee of the Trust Funds) did not respond.

### **SELECTBOARD (one open position)**

**Michael Genest**

I am running for reelection to the Selectboard because I really enjoy working with all the people who make this town work. Currently we have a good Board of Selectmen who all have different backgrounds but work well together to continue making Antrim a great place to live.

I have been a Selectman for the past 16 years and believe that this experience is beneficial to the Board. It looks as if the Antrim Wind project will soon begin construction, and having been involved from the beginning of this process I expect to see it start providing additional revenue to the town in the near future.

During my terms as Selectmen we have implemented a successful Bridge Capital Improvement Plan. Over the last 15 years we have replaced several bridges with 80% of the cost being funded by the State of New Hampshire. We also researched different bridge replacement options and recently completed the timber bridge on Grove Street at a substantial savings. This year we will be completing two more timber bridges, again saving the town money.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to your vote this year.

### **CEMETERY TRUSTEE (two open positions)**

**William Bryk**

I am a 62 year-old lawyer. My wife Mimi and I live on Clinton Road near Old North Branch Road. I seek election to a three-year term as one of three Cemetery Trustees at the March town elections. The Board oversees our four municipal cemeteries: Center, Meeting House Hill, North Branch, and Over East, which are maintained by the town's Highway Department. My most important duty will be receiving calls and visits from bereaved persons in times of stress who must bring their loved ones to their final resting place. Trustees also help people find local gravestone makers and identify undertakers. They ensure that memorial gardens are properly maintained and inspect the cemeteries to identify damaged gravestones, markers, and walls. I wish to help the other trustees continue our town's noble work of preserving and maintaining our cemeteries, out of respect for our honored dead and for Antrim's history.

### **MODERATOR (one open position)**

**Arthur Merrill**

I've been in the Grange for more than forty years, and became Master when I was only 19, so I learned how to run meetings. Being Moderator is something I enjoy doing, and I see it as my small way to give something back to the town.

### **LIBRARY TRUSTEE (two open positions)**

**R. Shelly Connolly**

For the past three years, my New Year's resolutions have all involved reading. I have finally found a resolution that I not only can keep, but love to keep. Hence, I have been spending more and more time at the Tuttle Library and have grown in my appreciation of the library staff, the beautiful old building itself and all the hard work and creative ideas it takes to keep the library vital and relevant in these days of the internet. When I heard that there was an opening on the Library Board of Trustees, I gave it a lot of thought before I decided to run. I attended one of their meetings to gain a better understanding of how they worked and what issues they were involved with. I believe that I have the enthusiasm and desire to support programs that draw people to the library, and the skill set to assist the other library trustees with the budgetary tasks.

**Ronald Haggett**

I am a candidate for library trustee. I am currently the treasurer of the trustees and will continue in that responsibility if re-elected this coming March. I believe that the library provides a major benefit to and critical services for the town of Antrim. My goal as a trustee is and will be to continue improving existing programs and expanding library services for our patrons. The modern library is more than buying and circulating books and other media, it is the direct access to all forms of information from the internet and the various services provided by the New Hampshire Library system and all levels of government. The library's computer system resources are expanding and are available to the people of Antrim. I thank you in advance and ask for your support and vote in the coming March election.

### **TREASURER (one open position)**

**Benjamin Pratt**

My name is Ben Pratt and I am running for reelection to the office of Antrim Town Treasurer. I have been working in that position, either officially or in an "acting" capacity, since I completed my term in office as selectman. I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve the Town of Antrim in a capacity that is necessary and useful to the efficient operation of the town's government, and I hope you will see fit to have me continue in that office.

Respectfully, Benjamin Pratt

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I'm so grateful to our community for supporting the work we do. When we help teens develop socially, express themselves through healthy outlets, and learn career and life skills, we equip them to make better choices. Your investment in our teens now has an incredible impact on their futures.

Great Antrim organizations helped us support local youth last year, including the Antrim Recreation Department, the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club, Great Brook School, First Presbyterian Church of Antrim, Antrim's HOPE Initiative, and Ragdoll Animation Studio. These community resources are priceless!

This January, we were very excited and thankful to receive a grant from 100+ Women Who Care Monadnock! Local teens helped us present to the group, and we won their grant of \$11,850 to grow our programs. What a great way to start the year!

Looking toward summer, we plan to continue our Art Workshops, Open Mics, High School Writing Club, Friday Open Hours, Pick-Up Basketball, and maybe even our Middle School Writers' Society. We're also planning special summer programs—watch for details on our Facebook page!

**ONGOING PROGRAMS**

**Tabletop Game Club**—Grades 7–12, Mondays, 5:30–8 p.m.

**Middle School Writers' Society**—Grades 7–8, Tuesdays, 2:15–4:15 p.m.

**Creative Writing Club**—Grades 9–12 (Check our Facebook for Open Write Night info)

**Avenue A Club**—Grades 5–8, Wednesdays, 2:15–4:15 p.m., led by Arlene Soule

**Art at the Avenue**—Grades 5–12, once a month on Thursdays

**Open Hours**—Ages 13–18, Fridays, 6:30–9 p.m.

**Open Mics**—Grades 8–12, once a month on Saturdays

*Al-Anon meets Wednesdays at 6 p.m.*

*AA meets Sundays at 6 p.m.*

Please join us in thanking other folks and businesses who helped Avenue A this season... **Tony and Kizzy Bailey** for helping with Open Mics; the **GBS Morning Show** for promoting our programs; **Rick Wood, Barbara Roland, Glenn Stan and Jocelynn Drew** for fearlessly chaperoning Open Hours; **Sue Conklin** for chaperoning and giving us a quesadilla maker; **Mark Murdough, John Anderson, and Steve MacDonald**, our Game Club heroes; **Marcia Ullman and Ted Brown** for helping at Ave A Club; **Julia Perry, Becky Roberts, and Cynthia West** for leading our writing programs; everyone who generously contributed to our Winter Clothing Day; the **Toadstool Bookshop** and **Remarkable Antiques** for selling our maps and anthologies; **Shaw's** in Peterborough for hosting our fundraiser; New England College art interns **Sonja, Justin, Alexandra, Joe, Lila, and Marion**; **Ragdoll Animation** for the Guitar Hero set. *And a big thanks to Officers from the Antrim Police Department for stopping in and playing pool and games with our teens!*

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## Candidates for Town Offices, continued

### PLANNING BOARD (two open positions)

#### Mary Allen

Antrim has been my hometown since 1975 and I have served on the ConVal School Board, Board of Adjustment, Supervisors of the Checklist, and as a planning board alternate.

In the 1980s, I chaired the Mill Pond Improvement Committee, which won a state grant to build the gazebo, Proctor footbridge, and make other improvements around the pond.

Currently, I serve on the Contoocook Housing Trust, Antrim Scholarship Committee and I'm very proud to have performed with the Antrim Players since 1977!

My professional career was in journalism. I've been a reporter, editor, and editorial writer for the *Monadnock Ledger*, *Keene Sentinel* and *Concord Monitor*.

My newspaper career showed me how important planning boards are in guiding a town's growth. And I know it's hard work, especially when grappling with changing, complex state land-use regulations.

I believe my background and experience will be an asset to this important town board.

#### William Bryk

One of Antrim's leading citizens wrote some time ago that among the reasons why one should run for local office is to learn how local government works and why things happen. He held that having different opinions on boards is a good thing because nobody knows everything. I agree with him. Citizens should participate in something. I have been a lawyer for nearly three decades: arguing cases, writing pleadings, and seeking justice for my clients. More importantly, the people of Antrim—my neighbors and friends—elected me a library trustee. Our Selectmen appointed me to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. If I am elected to the Planning Board, Antrim will be my client. By personality and temperament, I believe I can work with the other members of the Planning Board to keep Antrim the beautiful town in which my wife Mimi and I have chosen to make our home.

### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

#### (one open position)

#### James Creighton

I am a candidate for the position of Supervisor of the Checklist to serve our community and to ensure that our elections remain open, honest and trusted. In 2012, I retired from the Army as a Colonel after 30 years of service and decided to move to Antrim permanently. My entire life has been dedicated to serving our nation; as a citizen of the Town of Antrim I would like to continue that spirit of service.

I believe that I have unique experiences which qualify me for the Supervisor of the Checklist position. As a Brigade Commander in Afghanistan from 2009–2011, I was responsible for all aspects of the 2010 elections at 77 polling sites in two provinces. The experience of administering

elections at the local level highlighted for me that fair and impartial elections are imperative for a democracy to succeed. It would be an honor for me to serve the people of Antrim in the position of Supervisor of the Checklist.

### TOWN CLERK (one open position)

#### Diane Chauncey

My name is Diane Chauncey and I am running for Town Clerk and hope you will re-elect me. I have worked for the Town of Antrim since 2005 when I was hired part time to “do all of the things that no one else has time to do.” I gradually accumulated jobs as the years went by, and the job became a full time position when I became Secretary for the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. I was Deputy Town Clerk from 2010 to November of 2014, when I was appointed as interim Town Clerk and subsequently elected to Town Clerk in 2015.

Years ago, the Town Clerk position did not require any special training or skills—most of the training was done “on the job.” But in today's complicated and fast-paced world, many aspects of the job are complicated and can be confusing. Without a Town Clerk that has a thorough understanding of the laws, the required procedures, and command of the many different computer programs used daily, it would be impossible to run an efficient Town Clerk's office. I see my job as making your trip to the Town Clerk's office as easy and painless as possible. Please support me by voting Diane Chauncey for Town Clerk.

### WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONER

#### (one open position)

#### Samuel Harding

It has been a privilege to serve the Town of Antrim in the capacity as a Water & Sewer Commissioner. I have done so for the past 5 years. And, I would like you to consider voting for me as I would like the opportunity to serve for another 3-year term. In addition, it also affords me the opportunity to hang out at the sewer plant the first Monday evening of every month!

With a more serious eye to our future, there are many challenges ahead for our aging Water & Sewer system(s) infrastructure! This combines with constant change to State and Federal Environmental Requirements and Laws, which are almost always setting more stringent standards. With this in mind, careful planning, preparation and funding strategies will be required to meet these needs and requirements—with the understanding the upmost care must be taken not to overburden the system users and taxpayers. ❁

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AA has exactly zero ownership of these concepts/rules/tools for living a decent life. They belong to everyone. That is the wonderfully simple part—the 24 hours thing, the tools. The harder part—no one ever said it was going to be easy—is learning how to live and not drink, not drug, not smoke, not eat too much, not, not, not... And here is where the Twelve Steps of AA come in. But this is not an article about The Twelve Steps...or is it? We will see.

Where do we go from here? In the December *Limrik*, Chief Marshall Gale wrote an article on the opioid crisis as part of a series of articles being presented by the HOPE Initiative (Health, Opportunity, Prevention, Education) on Substance Misuse Disorders and Recovery. In closing, Chief Gale stated: “As frustrating as this issue can be, we must realize these people need and deserve help. Addiction is a disease and these people need treatment and counseling. Do I have an answer, definitely NOT? But certainly, until there is a solution, emergency services will continue to do what we do, save lives.”

Thank you to all the first responders who do save the lives of these folks who are experiencing addiction.

My own experience tells me that any person who is experiencing addiction is going to stay active until something happens to that person and they say, “I do not want to live like this anymore.” Maybe it is a close call with an overdose. Or maybe a family intervention happens and they wake up to the fact that they do not have to live in addiction and, “Wow, lots of people love me and want to see me get help. I think I will give it a try.” Or, “I am a mess and maybe I can do something about it.” Or, “I tried AA four years ago and it was not for me but maybe now the time is right.” Or, “I almost died, jeez, smarten up! Do something!”

Or the boss says I am going to lose my job if I do not take advantage of the employment assistance program. Whatever the case, something happens to the mindset of the individual. It is called a psychological shift and it is a miracle in a lot of cases. “Yesterday I was thinking this way, today I have hope and am willing to give this a try. I like the ‘one day at a time.’ I can go without a drug or drink for just one day. I think I will go to the meeting tonight.”

Not everyone has to hit a “bottom.” Some of the more fortunate alcoholics and drug addicts see the light before a serious bottom is reached. Usually asking for help comes into play and the individual is on their way to a clean and sober life. God bless them.

In 1981, I was driving drunk and rolled the car. Luckily, I was not injured but was given a ticket for drunk driving. I attended a number of AA meetings but was not ready. In 1985, I went (was sent) to Beach Hill in Dublin, then a 28-day residential facility for alcoholics. I did not see the light and was drinking and drugging only a few weeks after being discharged from the program. I was in deep denial and

simply was not ready to take the suggestions offered to me.

It was 1988, and I was driving home from my carpenter’s helper’s job in Wolfeboro in my beat-up \$400 yellow Hornet and the thought actually did pop up in my mind: “Maybe I do not have to live this way.” Once this new awareness was in my brain it ruined everything. For years I had rationalized that I was born to be a drunk and druggie. This allowed me to continue to drink and drug as long as I kept thinking this way. Now I either had to do something about my addictions or stumble through life with an impending wet brain or just die.

Some weeks after this new awareness, very late one night, I was drinking and drugging in my sister’s kitchen. I picked up the phone and called a friend who had about three years of sobriety under her belt. That night I heard her say, “Let the fellowship, all the years of sobriety in the rooms of AA, be your higher power.” Wow, I could do that! This freed me from using “The God Thing” as an excuse. (Many folks have used “The God Thing” as an excuse for avoiding AA. Needless to say, AA is a spiritual program, not a religious one). Wow, this was a NEW revelation and it may have saved my life. This time the timing was right. I drove to Peterborough some weeks later and attended a speaker meeting with my friend. I thought the two speakers were telling my story—the young fellow, my first years and the older man, the second part of my drinking career. The next morning my friend had gone to work. I put a record onto her stereo. (Remember records?) On the first piano note I burst into tears and cried for two hours. The floodgates had opened and I was in the initial stages of being “saved” one day at a time. I was so ready. God as the Higher Power works in mysterious ways!

I have been clean and sober since October 11, 1989. And I have had a life second to none.

So folks, HOPE is always there. My own dad was an alcoholic and sobered up at 65, much to my mother’s relief. I know youngsters who sobered up and put down drugs at 17 and 23. I think this must be the hardest.

Alcoholism and drug addiction are family diseases. It does take a village, and here in southwestern New Hampshire, as Chief Gale’s article illustrated, we are no less vulnerable than anywhere else in the country.

Solutions?? We need more money funneled into treatment programs, more counselors and therapists with training in substance abuse issues, more and more and more. And we need increased awareness and acceptance that substance abuse and alcoholism are diseases, not character issues. There is always hope. Miracles do happen and they can happen right here in our back yard.

Keep the faith. ❀



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## From Your Selectboard

Bob Edwards

As we begin 2018, your Selectboard is putting the finishing touches on the Town's annual operating budget and the formation of this year's warrant articles to be voted on at Town Meeting on March 15 at 7 p.m. at Antrim's Town Gym. Although the filing period for town offices has passed, we always encourage residents to inquire at your Town Hall to see how you might be able to participate in town affairs and give back to your community.

We encourage our residents to periodically review the Town's subdivision regulations, zoning ordinances, Building Permit Information Guide, driveway permit requirements and Current Use Classification information. Being informed is a great way to avoid a violation that could result in issues and expenses. Please call our town office at 588-6785 with any questions.

We are pleased to announce that our new Planning Assistant, Kristin Bixby, has joined us and will be available Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon. She may be contacted at 588-6785 x 246. Kristin also works in the Planning Department in Peterborough. Welcome Kristin!

The Selectboard has reached agreement with Antrim Wind Energy, LLC, regarding revisions to the Agreement that became effective on March 8, 2012, to bring it up to date with required conditions of the SEC Certificate. The Selectboard further agreed to the text in the Irrevocable Letter of Credit (ILOC) that will establish the Decommissioning Assurance Fund, which assures sufficient funds are available to the Town to decommission the wind farm in accordance with the Town's Agreement and the SEC Certificate. Construction of the wind farm is authorized to begin upon the Town's receipt and acceptance of the ILOC document by the Selectboard and a signed intent-to-cut permit. In addition, an SEC condition that AWE demonstrate they have secured funding to complete the construction phase must be approved by the SEC before construction begins. A decision by the NH Supreme Court regarding the pending appeal has not been reached as of this writing.

The School District held its Deliberative Session on

February 6 to discuss its proposed warrant and petitioned warrant articles. Substantially all public comment related to petitioned warrant article #10, which would provide the School Board with unilateral authority "to close schools in any town in the district when there are fewer than 50 students who reside in that town enrolled for two consecutive years." If passed, it would require an amendment to the District's current Articles of Agreement. It would not pose a closure threat to Antrim at this time due to our much-higher enrollment numbers. An amendment introduced from the floor was intended to limit potential legal challenges to the article's structure but was defeated by hand vote. Voters will vote on the original text of the petitioned warrant article in March. You are encouraged to contact Antrim School Board members Rich Cahoon and Crista Salamy to help you gauge how this petitioned warrant article might impact Antrim and the District if passed.

Bob Edwards is an appointed member of a sub-committee of the NH Assessing Standards Board that is charged with developing an assessment model for state-regulated public utility real estate. Assessment of public utility real estate located in multi-jurisdictional communities needs to be fair, predictable and easily understood by municipalities and public utility assessors. The different methods used by both sides have led to wide variations in real estate taxes. After years of appeals and costly litigation, HB 324 was introduced to establish a single method of assessing. HB 324, as amended, is designed to resolve this issue through the legislative process and has now been referred to the House Ways and Means Committee. A final resolution has not yet been decided. Changes in the Dept. of Revenue Administration assessing rules are also being discussed and may impact what communities pay for their county and school taxes, if they are part of a cooperative school district. If these resolutions are approved, it will be important to determine their impacts on Antrim as we form our 2019 town budget.

Finally, the Selectboard encourages all interested residents to attend Selectboard, Planning Board and other town and school district-based meetings to be better informed about up-coming important votes.

Thank you, and please vote on Tuesday, March 13, and attend Town Meeting on March 15. ❁

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Antrim's first school was built in 1787 on what is now Goodell Road next to the entrance of the highway department. Students from the East side of town attended this school, but it did not last long. Due to population growth in the area, there were soon too many students. In the late 1790s two new schools were built—one was "over East" and the other in the South Village opposite West Street. By that time schools had also been built in other parts of town—at the North Branch and High Range (in the vicinity of Reed Carr Road).

In 1805, the state allowed towns to form school districts. People living in each district paid taxes to build and maintain the school in their district, not the town as a whole. By 1820, there were nine districts in Antrim and by 1852, there were fourteen (See Map).

District 1 was located in South Antrim Village. A school that served the entire Village area was located where the T-Bird now stands. District 13 split off of District 1 in 1843, and served the southern part of the Village with a school near where the red garage is on the west side of Depot Street. The school serving the remaining District 1—the northern part of the Village—had three locations over the years. The first was opposite West Street where an apartment house now stands; the second was in the brick house at the north corner of West and Main Streets; and the last was at the north corner of North Main and Elm Streets. Eventually, the north and south Village schools were merged into a new school, which was part of the old high school on Main Street.

District 2 schools were located in Antrim Center. The first was near the Grange Hall and the second in the house just below the Stone Church.

District 3 was in North Branch. The school was originally in a wooden building, which was replaced by the brick house next to the North Branch Chapel. The school subsequently moved to the second-to-the-last house on the left before the bridge.

District 4 in East Antrim was originally in a brick house, which was taken down, and the present second house on Elm Avenue beyond the Turner Hill Road and Elm Avenue intersection became the school.

District 5, known as the High Range, had three school sites. The first site was on the old road to Stoddard. (High Range Road was part of this). If you want to walk to the site, it is under the power lines on the north slope of Tuttle Mountain between two cellar holes where two farms were located. This school was not maintained well and was replaced in 1869 near the intersection of the present Reed Carr Road and the old Concord-Keene Road (old Route 9). In 1889 the building was split in half, and one half was moved west on the old Concord-Keene Road to a site above the PB&H Equipment location on today's Route 9.

District 6 was in what was known as Hopkins Corner, and the school was located on Elm Avenue just west of its intersection with Pierce Lake Road.

District 7 was the Whittemore District, with one school located just north of where the 2<sup>nd</sup> NH Turnpike heads north-west off of Route 202.

Districts 8 and 10 were located to the west and northwest of Gregg Lake, respectively. The first District 8 school was on the Brimstone Corner Road near an unnamed old road leading to two farms further west. Because of low attendance this school was closed in 1881. At the same time, the school in District 10, on the original Brown road off of the present Craig Road, was closed, and District 10 was merged with District 8. A new school was built on the Hattie Brown Road off Craig road.

District 9, the West District, had one school off the Salm-on Brook Road. The district was closed and merged into District 5 in the 1880s.

The red house at the intersection of Pleasant Street and Old Hancock Road was originally the site of the District 11 school. In 1836, District 11, the Mountain District, was moved to the west side of Robb Mountain, and the red house was used as the District 12, or Perkins District, school until 1875. A new school was built in 1892 across the road and is the present yellow house at that intersection.

The District 14 school was located off Breezy Point Road. Students came from both Hillsboro and Antrim.

By 1882, due to closing and merging there were only nine districts left. By 1886, most students went to the original Districts 1, 2 and 3. Most of these districts only went through the elementary school level; high school level was taught in private schools. In 1886, the Town took over all the districts and established town schools. In 1933, the few students from Over East were moved to the Village school; the Center school was closed in 1940; and the North Branch school was closed in 1946.

Presently, eight of Antrim's original schoolhouses are still standing—the brick house on Main Street, which was the second school to serve South Village District 1; the house on Elm Avenue that served East Antrim District 4; the two

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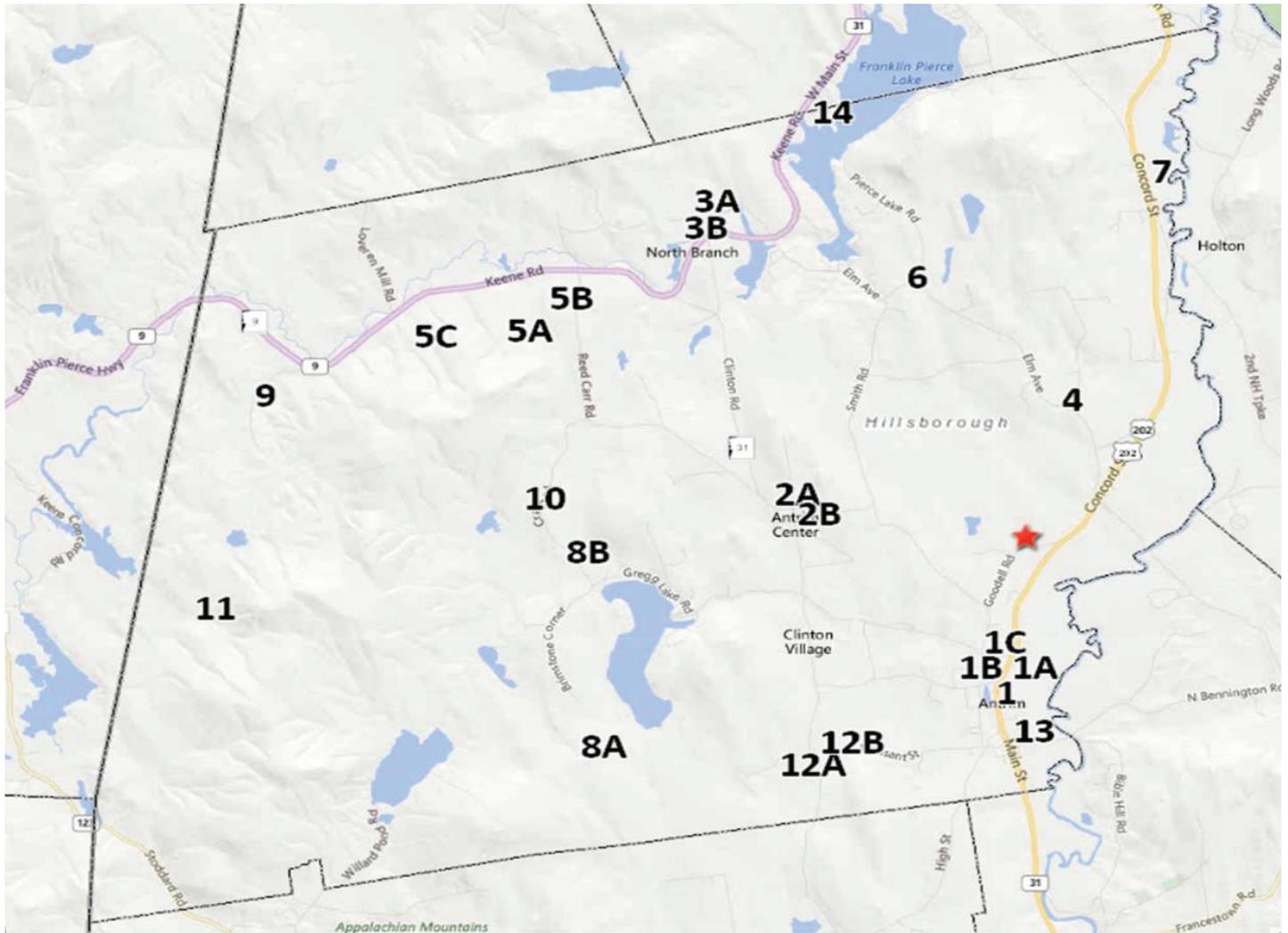
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buildings that served as North Branch District 3 schools; the two houses at the intersection of Old Hancock Road and Pleasant Street that served as Perkins District (District 11 or

12) schools; the second District 8 school, which was moved to Gregg Lake Road; and the second Antrim Center District 2 school. All are now privately owned residences. ❁



Locations of Antrim schools between 1787, when the first school (indicated by a star) was built and 1946, when the last outlying school in North Branch closed down and all students began attending town schools located in South Antrim Village. Sites are indicated by the school district number and A, B or C to indicate the first, second and third sites, respectively, in a district. Map made using NH GRANIT.

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## Antrim-Bennington Lions Club

Steve Ullman, Vice-President

### Operation Santa

In support of Operation Santa, the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club sold 100 Christmas trees this year. Through all kinds of weather over four successive weekends at Tenney Farm, we offered fresh-cut, Vermont-grown trees. The Lions Club greatly appreciates our new and return customers. In addition to the trees, numerous kids walked away with candy canes (only with parental permission, I should add for Dr. Perry's sake). The proceeds of the tree sales supported the Operation Santa program, which fashioned a much brighter holiday for seventy-four children.

A huge thanks goes to the Operation Santa Committee, who spent much time and passion ensuring that these children had a happier Christmas. We also thank all those who provided gifts and donations at the three "gifting trees" at the Bank of New Hampshire, Trends of Fashion, and the Tuttle Library.

### Community Supper

We Lions once again hosted the January Community Supper at the First Presbyterian Church. About fifty people enjoyed each other's company and feasted on a hot homemade meal of chili, soup, corn muffins and dessert.

### Eye Screening

Throughout elementary school, high school and college, I had a pronounced case of astigmatism. Only in my second year of graduate school did I get glasses, which unlocked the now hospitable world of reading. I wish that when I was in the third grade a Lion equipped with advanced SPOT screening technology had identified my problem. We Lions are dedicated to early detection of such predicaments.

Under the stalwart leadership of John Conklin, we screened hundreds of students at Antrim Elementary, Pierce School, Frankestown Elementary, Great Brook School, Greenfield Elementary, and Hancock Elementary. We even finished off at The Grapevine with preschoolers. Those Lions participating were Nancy Blair, Sue Conklin, Mike Connolly, Joan Gorga, Anna Lithgow, Cheryl Riley, Kathleen Robbins, David Ward, Linda Ward, and Rick Wood.

### About the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club

Information about the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club can be found on Facebook and the web at <http://ablions.org/>. Please contact any club member about opportunities to volunteer in your community. ❁

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## Festival of Trees

Kristy Boulé

The Festival of Trees had its most successful season to date thanks to the many, many volunteers and supporters who help to make it happen. Visitors across our region, state and beyond enjoyed the fabulous displays, voted for favorites, puzzled their way through scavenger hunts, listened to stories by Mrs. Claus, celebrated Santa's arrival and attended special events during the month-long festival. Special thanks go out to our entertainers: Ray Sweeney, The Carolesome Caugheys, Nancy Benda, Gwen Callahan, Rick Wood, Jahna Moncrief and ConVal musicians, Sarah Hale and the Village Ringers of Hancock, Paul Kachinsky of The Royalston Attic and Sharon Dowling. We are grateful to our fabulous volunteer bakers, too numerous to mention here, who provided more than 100 dozen cookies for our special programs, in addition to the Antrim Grange's longstanding tradition of providing decorated cookies for the Community Tree lighting. Thanks also to all who offered support by donating or by purchasing a raffle ticket for the Antrim Sampler quilt. Elaine Flanagan was the lucky winner! We were honored that so many quilters, craftspeople and members of the Monadnock Quilters' Guild shared their treasures with us—seventy in all. Most especially, we thank all the participants who outdid themselves with their creative and beautiful trees and displays. The Library looked more beautiful and festive than ever.

Thank you to the Trustees, Director and staff of the Tuttle Library for their support and for allowing the Festival to hold this annual event in such a perfect setting. Planning is already underway for next year's event. New volunteers and committee members are always welcome. Watch for meeting notices or sign up for our email list at [antrimFOT@gmail.com](mailto:antrimFOT@gmail.com)!

**Festival of Trees Committee 2017:** Kristy Boulé, Connie Vandervort, Laurie Cass-Griggs, Gerry McGlory, Shelly Connolly, Sue Conklin, Jacque Cottle, Linda Tenney, Kathleen Anderson, Pam Pike, Linda Bryer, Nancy Blair, and Patti Bedard. ❁



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## Lighting the Antrim Players

Edwin Roberts

Phil Baker was a tennis pro. He discovered his talent for making a living playing tennis—or teaching others to play—as a result of exhausting other areas of craftsmanship—namely, working for his father, Roy.

Roy Baker was pretty well known in the restoration world, i.e., the restoration of old buildings using old materials—in other words, tracking down hand-hewn beams in dilapidated old barns and convincing the owner to part with them, plus all the other fixtures one needs to restore, let's say, the “Wayside Inn” in Sudbury, MA, which suffered a destructive fire in December, 1955. The Wayside Inn, celebrated in the Longfellow poem “Tales of a Wayside Inn,” was three hundred years old, and finding authentic beams of a similar age to replace those destroyed was a daunting task. Roy Baker was awarded the job of overseeing the \$675,000 restoration project.

But Roy didn't deal well with stress, especially the stress of coming in on time and under budget. I was jerking sodas at the “drug store” (not a pharmacy) in Antrim in those days, and Roy was hooked on Bromo-Seltzer, a powerful antacid, a component of which was sodium bromide, a tranquilizer taken off the U.S. market in 1975 due to its toxicity. Roy would stop at the drug store on his way to Massachusetts each morning and I would give him a couple of scoops of Bromo-Seltzer in a glass of seltzer water, which he downed in one long gulp. Phil worked with him, but in time sensed the Bromo-Seltzer route was not one he wished to follow, and so became a tennis pro.

Now Phil Baker and I played tennis only once, as he soon discovered I was not a very good tennis player. But we did get along, and at some point he asked me to help him install theater lighting in the Antrim Town Hall for use by the Antrim Players, the local community theater group. Phil had attached the lights to a pipe about fifteen feet long, which he needed to secure to the ceiling of the Hall, about thirty feet above the floor. The Town Hall was the second floor of the brick building built around the turn of the twentieth century.

Underneath the Hall, where until about 1953, high school basketball games were played, were shops—the drug store, the Public Utilities Office and the Post Office. Underneath the Post Office was the jail, an unprepossessing moldy place where the odd disturber of the peace might be kept overnight until a responsible relative could be found.

Phil had two very tall stepladders erected in the Hall, which had a wrought iron grate in the ceiling to which he intended to attach the pipe contrivance, at least temporarily. This would place the lights so they pointed directly toward the stage. To raise the pipe loaded with lights to the desired height, Phil had run a nylon rope—very durable, very sturdy—through the pipe with plenty of extra rope on each end to tie up to the grate. So we were both up there on those ladders, gradually pulling this heavy fixture up, up, up...slowly, slowly. What we didn't notice was that the ends of the pipe had sharp burrs where the hardware store guy had sawed through the pipe to make it the proper length, and these burrs were wreaking havoc with the nylon rope, gradually sawing through fiber by fiber, thread by thread until—too late—the realization dawned that we were in big trouble, and we watched, helpless, as the final two or three threads severed.

Then, weightlessness, as we watched the pipe and lights slide off the nylon rope, descending silently and slowly... ever so slowly, down, down, down. Then CRASH! Glass and metal, gells, lenses and bulbs—all pulverized, totally useless. And the reverberations—in the drug store below, bottles of Lydia Pinkham's Vegetable Compound jiggled on their shelves—like a minor earthquake.

Phil Baker didn't ask me to help clean up the mess; he did it all himself. He most likely paid for the replacement fixtures out of his own pocket, and had them properly installed without my help. And so they provide sunshine or moonlight—whatever is required—for Antrim Players' productions, even today. ❀

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## Tuttle Library News

Laurie Cass-Griggs, Cindy Jewett, and Melissa Lawless

### WINTER/SPRING PROGRAMS

Mid-March	3D Printer returns to the Library!
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Library Closing Early at 6:00 p.m. for Town Meeting</b>
Mid-March	Seed Sharing
April 12	Cozy Mystery Cookbook Club First Meeting! 6 p.m., see details below
April 19	Ticks and Lyme Disease, 2 p.m.
April 19	Kathleen Murphy, Financial Literacy for Women, 6:30 p.m.
April—Date TBD	Crime Scene Investigation for Kids with the Antrim Police Squad
April 23–27	Spring Break! Drop-In crafting in the children’s room
April 28	Michelle Arnosky Sherburne, author of <i>Slavery and the Underground Railroad in NH</i> , 11 a.m.
May 1	Preston Heller, “The Mentalist” presents “Mind to Mind”, 7 p.m. Call to reserve your spot!
May 5 & 12	Mother’s Day Card Making!
Thursdays	Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
Fridays	Storytime, 10 a.m.

### GENERAL NEWS

The library now has **Museum Passes!** Now go for free to the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester and Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth. Attend the Boston Museum of Fine Arts at a discounted rate. Please contact the library in advance for more information before you plan to attend.

Please check our website at [www.jatuttlelibrary.org](http://www.jatuttlelibrary.org)— we are constantly adding new, exciting programs! **Better yet—subscribe to our newsletter!** Want to stay more informed about upcoming events at the library? Subscribe to our email newsletter on our website. Get good stuff delivered to your inbox once a month!

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**Let us know how we’re doing.** Since our website is new, we’re anticipating glitches, so please let us know if something isn’t working right or you need some help.

**Teen Hangout Zone.** The Teen Room at the library is designed to be a fun, safe place to hang out after school. Play D&D (bring your own DM), chess or another game, or just hang out with friends. We can make popcorn for you (ask us!) and we have other snacks, too. You can even do your homework—if you want.

### EXCITING EVENTS IN MARCH

**3D Printer Returns to our Library!** Due to popular demand, we have asked the State Library for more time with the amazing Ultimaker 2 Go 3D Printer. The printer will return to our Library in mid-March. Stop by and check it out in action!

**March Seed Sharing.** THINK SPRING! For the fifth year, the Tuttle Library will be running a seed lending program. We will have a fresh supply of heirloom and open-pollinated vegetable and flower seeds, as well as lots of gardening books and reference sheets. Antrim residents will be able to “check out” seeds, plant them, and enjoy the harvest. There is an ever-increasing awareness of the importance of eating healthy, locally-grown, non-genetically-modified food. The Tuttle Library wants to be part of that movement, and we want to involve as many local gardeners as we can. Seeds should arrive in early March; watch for our seed display at the library.

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## Of Elk and Trucks: Antrimites Head West, Part 2

Joan Gorga

After a truck run amok  
And a car out of luck  
Pinned underneath a tanker  
We purchased a tent  
And away we went  
Mourning our teardrop camper

*Continued from the December 2017 Limrik...*

After a final night in Montana as the lone occupants of a state park campground, Frank and I crossed into North Dakota just south of the Canadian border. We had breakfast at a friendly café in Grenora, population 244, where everyone checked out our license plates, looked us over thoroughly and strolled over to chat. Perhaps New Hampshire plates are as rare in North Dakota as North Dakota plates are in New Hampshire. We had been surprised one brisk morning in a remote corner of Yellowstone to find that all six of us—in three different cars—watching the mountain goats with binoculars and spotting scopes were from New Hampshire.

As we headed east out of Grenora, the car began to make an ominous noise. We continued as planned through a couple of even smaller towns and then passed a sign saying it was thirty miles south to Williston, an oil fracking boom town whose population skyrocketed from 14,000 in 2010 to an estimated 26,000 in 2016. With the car struggling to accelerate and sounding worse all the time, we looked at each other and said, “Maybe we’d better head for Williston...” The GPS had already informed me there were no Subaru dealers within 150 miles. We turned around and headed south, holding our breath until we limped into the first car repair shop we found. We even survived making the final left turn across two lanes of traffic coming over a hill at 65 mph. The shop owner took a quick look, escorted us into the garage to admire the broken front axle, and announced he could get one and have it installed by noon the next day, a Saturday. Compounding the kindness, one of his mechanics gave us a ride to a nearby motel where he was living due to the severe housing shortage. We were lucky they had a room for us—a number of workers had gone home for the weekend—and we’re sure that something he said convinced them to give us a very good rate.

We walked to a nearby truck stop, hoping to find something for dinner that would fit Frank’s new dietary requirements. Yellowstone had been a crunchy granola-type of place. One morning, for example, I had whole-grain pancakes made from Montana-grown grains with local wild huckleberry syrup, which I stretched out for four good meals. But as we traversed the northern plains we began to understand why truck drivers have a hard time finding lighter fare. Since everything else on the menu appeared to be deep fried, Frank ordered corn, and was shocked when the plate arrived with breaded, deep-fried corn-on-the-cob.

The next day we were ushered off on our way as promised, with the car purring quietly, and headed northeast to another series of National Wildlife Refuges along rivers



Dragonfly photographer's dilemma. A large darner perched on Frank's back. Photo by Joan Gorga.

and wetlands of the central flyway, where migrating birds stop to feed and rest. Frank’s camera Big Bertha got a good workout. There were even some dragonflies left. Frank had struggled the entire trip to get good shots of dragonflies, one of his specialties. Large, exotic-looking darners would perch just long enough for him to turn the camera, and then fly off in search of the next prey. I particularly enjoyed it when I snagged a photograph of one of them perched on his back.

After our last sighting of the day—a great horned owl in low brush at Des Lacs NWR, we pitched our tent in Kenmare among travel trailers that were clearly being used for housing and strolled over to a nearby café for a late dinner of tasty and healthful salads, followed by a rare treat—homemade ice cream. When I couldn’t decide between juneberry (known in New England as serviceberry or shadbush) and choke cherry (which didn’t really sound too appetizing, but I’d never tried any), the kind waitress offered to split my single scoop. Both were delicious, but the juneberry definitely won. We awoke once again to 39° rain, and the same waitress cheerfully served us breakfast before we headed on in an easterly direction.

In a construction zone we had a long, friendly chat with the guy holding the stop sign. Eventually he told us there was no need to stop; we could drive on through as long as we were careful. We continued on to Upper Souris NWR, where harriers and red-tailed hawks soared over the plain and flocks of ruffed and sharp-tailed grouse could disappear into the undergrowth in an instant—meaning before Frank

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**EVENTS IN APRIL**

**New Cozy Mystery Cookbook Club.** This is a new program that we are excited about. Starting in April, choose a cozy mystery from our collection, read it and then create a recipe from the back of the book to bring to the meeting. We have many cozy mysteries to choose from that have food themes. Bring your own plate, utensils, napkin and cup, and the library will provide juice and water. Food will be shared among the group. The first meeting is Thursday evening, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Please let the library know now if you are interested in this program, and we'll add your name to the signup sheet.

**Ticks and Lyme Disease.** Please join us at 2 in the afternoon, Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. A representative from the NH Health and Human Services Department will be here to discuss Lyme disease and tick-borne illnesses. She will have information on how to protect yourself when outdoors this spring and summer.

**Financial Literacy for Women.** Please join us Thursday evening at 6:30 on April 19<sup>th</sup>, as we once again host Kathleen Murphy, Financial Advisor from VALIC, as she talks about the importance of personal finance skills for women and creating wise financial habits.

**Michelle Arnosky Sherburne, author of *Slavery and the Underground Railroad in NH*,** visits the library on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 11 a.m. New Hampshire was once a hotbed of abolitionist activity. But the state had its struggles with slavery, with Portsmouth serving as a slave-trade hub for New England. Abolitionists such as William Lloyd Garrison, Nathaniel Peabody Rogers and Stephen Symonds Foster helped create a statewide antislavery movement. Abolitionists and freed slaves assisted in transporting escapees to freedom via the Underground Railroad. Author Michelle Arnosky Sherburne uncovers the truth about slavery, the Underground Railroad and the abolitionist movement in New Hampshire.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO MAY**

**Preston Heller, "The Mentalist,"** presents "Mind to Mind." "The Mentalist" visits the Library for some intriguing fun on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7 p.m.! Using psychometry, influence, telepathy and "mind reading," Preston Heller will astound and amaze, and use humor and wit to engage audience participation. Check out Mr. Heller's website at <https://www.prestonheller.com/> for more info! (100% of the fee charged to the library for this program is donated to the local food pantry.) This program is 100% family-friendly, but due to the nature of the subject matter it is recommended for ages 12 and up. Call the library at 588-6786 to reserve your spot! Attendees are encouraged to bring canned or dry goods, as well.

**Mother's Day Card Making—Saturdays, May 5 & 12.** Make a card for your favorite Mom or Grandmother! Supplies for you to use in the children's room.

Check out our **website** for more details and announcements! [www.jatuttlelibrary.org](http://www.jatuttlelibrary.org). ❁

**Antrim Eclectic Book Club**  
Sponsored by the Antrim Area Senior Center

Steve Ullman, Coordinator

Here is the schedule of upcoming book discussions at the First Presbyterian Church library, Main Street, Antrim. Meetings will take place on the Thursdays listed below between 11 a.m. and noon. Free copies of the books will be available at Antrim's Tuttle Library through the cooperation of Melissa Lawless. For further information, please contact Steve Ullman at [sullman@brockport.edu](mailto:sullman@brockport.edu) or 588-2005.

- April 19 Leo Tolstoy *Anna Karenina*
- May 17 James Baldwin *Go Tell It on the Mountain*
- June 21 William Kennedy *Ironweed*
- July 19 Virginia Woolf *To the Lighthouse* ❁

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## Conservation Corner

Peter Beblowski  
Chair, Antrim Conservation Commission

This issue of Conservation Corner introduces the problem of invasive plants in New Hampshire, in particular Invasive Upland Plant Species.

### What are invasive species?

Non-native, invasive upland plant species are an exceptionally large problem that can result in substantial impacts to both managed landscape plantings and the natural environment. Invasive species typically possess several common traits that allow them to have an advantage and to out-compete communities of native species in the natural environment. Four such traits are:

- 1) production of many viable offspring
- 2) early and rapid development to maturity
- 3) adaptability and tolerance of a large spectrum of environmental conditions
- 4) lack of natural controls to keep their rapid spread in check

### Does Antrim have a problem with Invasive Upland Plant Species?

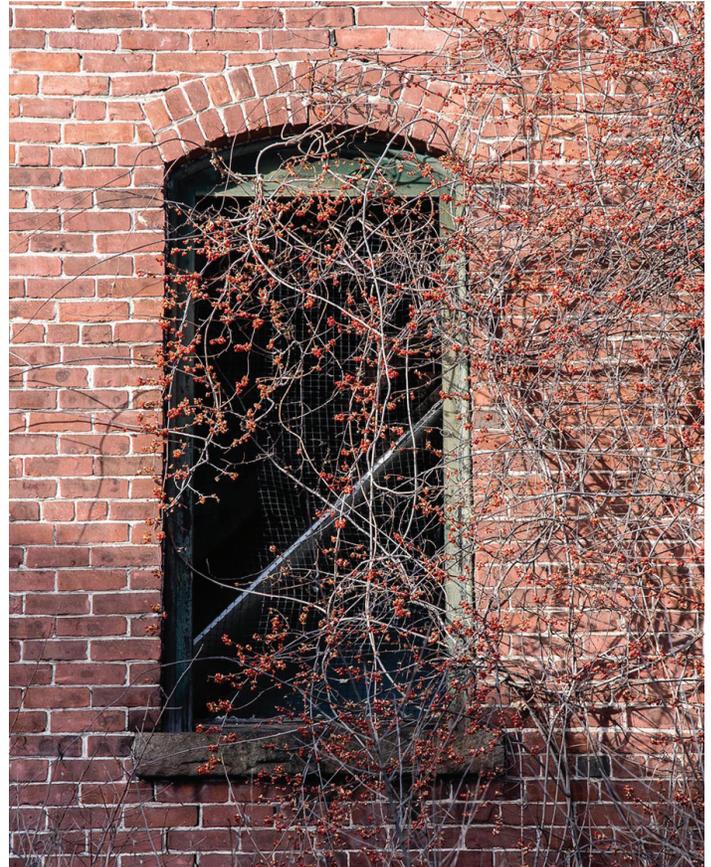
Yes, we do. I can easily point to five or six plant species that have escaped managed landscape environments and are becoming a nuisance in the natural and urban environment of Antrim. They include Japanese Barberry, Oriental Bittersweet, Autumn Olive, Japanese Knotweed, Glossy and Common Buckthorn and Burning Bush. Once you know what to look for you see just how common and widespread they are.

### How to find out more about New Hampshire's Invasive Upland Plant Species?

**Save the Date.** On **April 4, 2018**, Douglas Cygan, Invasive Species Coordinator from the NH Department of Agriculture will provide a presentation at 7 p.m. at Antrim Town Hall. His presentation will take an in-depth look at upland invasive plant species in NH. Attendees will learn about the various issues invasive species present to natural and man-

aged environments, NH rules and regulations regarding invasive species, identifying features and characteristics of invasive species and best management control measures for some of the most aggressive non-native plants in the Granite State. This presentation is co-sponsored by the Antrim Parks and Recreation Commission, the Antrim Grange and the Antrim Conservation Commission.

Douglas Cygan has been the Invasive Species Coordinator for the NH Department of Agriculture for the past 15 years, as well as being a nursery inspector and an Authorized Certification Official for the USDA. Prior to this he was a Wetlands Permitting Officer for the NH Department of Environmental Services and a Senior Environmental Manager for the NH Department of Transportation's Bureau of Environment. In 1992, he graduated from the University of Maine, Orono, with a B.S and an A.S in Plant Science and a minor in Conservation Biology and Wetland Science. ❁



Do you recognize this invasive plant and where it is growing?  
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# Community Calendar

## MARCH

- 7 *Lenten Luncheons* • local clergy to speak • Antrim Baptist Church • 12 noon–1:00 p.m.
- 9 *Eat Out for The Grapevine!* • Rick and Diane's • all day
- 13 *TOWN ELECTIONS* • Antrim Town Hall • 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
- 14 *Lenten Luncheons* • local clergy to speak • Antrim Baptist Church • 12 noon–1:00 p.m.
- 15 *Free Community Supper* • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 15 *TOWN MEETING* • Antrim Town Gym • 7:00 p.m.
- 16 *Boston Flower Show* • bus trip sponsored by Antrim Recreation • leave Antrim 8:00 a.m.–return 4:30 p.m.
- 16 *Free Movie • Wonder* • Antrim Baptist Church • 7:00 p.m.
- 18 *Free Pancake Breakfast* • Antrim Baptist Church • 8:30–10:00 a.m.
- 21 *Lenten Luncheons* • local clergy to speak • Antrim Baptist Church • 12 noon–1:00 p.m.
- 22 *Eat Out for The Grapevine!* • Fiddlehead's Cafe & Catering, Hancock • all day

## APRIL

- 4 *Upland Invasive Plant Species* • program sponsored by the Conservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Grange • Antrim Town Hall • 7:00 p.m.
- 7 *CPR and First Aid for Friends and Family* • sponsored by Antrim Recreation • 9:00–11:00 a.m.
- 12 *Cozy Mystery Cookbook Club* • Tuttle Library • 6:00 p.m.
- 13 *Free Movie • Miracle from Heaven* • Antrim Baptist Church • 7:00 p.m.
- 15 *Free Pancake Breakfast* • Antrim Baptist Church • 8:30–10:00 a.m.
- 15 *Memorial Park Clean-Up* • sponsored by Antrim Recreation • 1:00–3:00 p.m.
- 15 *History of the Antrim Fire Dept* • Antrim Historical Society program • First Presbyterian Church • 3:00 p.m.
- 15 *Game Night* • First Presbyterian Church • 6:00 p.m.
- 19 *Antrim Eclectic Book Club* • meeting and discussion at the First Presbyterian Church • 11:00 a.m.
- 19 *Ticks and Lyme Disease* • program at the Tuttle Library • 2:00 p.m.
- 19 *Free Community Supper* • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 19 *Financial Literacy for Women* • program at the Tuttle Library • 6:30 p.m.
- 25 *Free Movie • Paddington 2* • Antrim Baptist Church • 2:00 p.m.
- 28 *Slavery and the Underground Railroad in NH* • program at the Tuttle Library • 11:00 a.m.

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- 1 *"Mind to Mind"* • presented by Preston Heller, "The Mentalist" • program at the Tuttle Library • 7:00 p.m.
- 5 *Youth Fishing Derby* • Mill Pond–Memorial Park sponsored by Antrim Recreation • 8:00–10:00 a.m.
- 8 *Mystery Lunch Bus Trip* • sponsored by Antrim Recreation and Antrim Area Senior Center
- 12 *Annual Grapevine Spring Walk for Families* • The Grapevine • 9:30 a.m.
- 17 *Antrim Eclectic Book Club* • meeting and discussion at the First Presbyterian Church • 11:00 a.m.
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## Horse Opera, Part 2

William Bryk

*Continued from the December 2017 Limrik...*

Black fly season in New Hampshire, supposedly exclusive to June, extended well into August this year. Once we were in the ring, the insects flew up Julio's nostrils. He occasionally flung his head to the ground to clear them. This incidentally flung me forward from my seat. With the help of the boots and breeches, I didn't fly over Julio's head. I regained my seat, shortened the reins, and steered him back to the ring. I was fine. I feel no fear on horseback.

Sometimes Julio resumed the trot. More often, he walked. I haven't yet consistently become the alpha in our relationship. Dorothy mentioned Julio can be obstinate, sometimes difficult. At that moment, I was turning him, a rare success that day. I laughed and replied, "I don't want an easy horse. I want to learn how to ride."

Another lesson was interrupted by the weather. I had taken Julio twice around at the walk while maneuvering him around the traffic cones Dorothy had set so I might learn to drive him—she uses that term, which I find charming—when it began to hail. Dime-sized hail hit the horse in a series of little stings. Julio seemed concerned and fearful. So, as Dorothy came over to us, I dismounted, and we led him to the stable.

Ten minutes later, when the hail stopped, we returned to

the ring. I remounted and took him to the trot. After five minutes of trotting, lightning flashed, thunder roared, and rain poured down. Thunder terrifies horses. So I rode back to the stable, groomed him, cleaned up the mess, and went home. Happily, he'd relieved himself outside the stable and so I didn't have to shovel that up, not that I would have minded it. My brothers, sisters, and I were taught to pick up the toys and clean up after we had played.

Major General John K. Herr, the U.S. Army's last Chief of Cavalry, estimated a competent cavalryman needed two years' training. That was a full-time job, hours every day in the saddle followed by grooming and the other elements a soldier must learn of the profession of arms. Recruiters admitted the cavalry was physically demanding. It may explain why so many old cavalrymen lived into my lifetime. They had to be extraordinarily fit to do the job.

I do this one day a week for two hours. At this rate, I will be working with Julio and his successors for the next thirty years. I should be competent at the age of ninety-two.

Once home, I sat on the deck cleaning the mud and, shall we say, other materials, off the boots with a good fresh brush. I will not stalk into my wife's house with dirty boots. Besides, the cleaning is good for the leather.

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My father taught me how to polish my shoes over half a century ago. That discipline has proved useful with my boots. After the brushing, one takes a fresh sponge and applies leather soap. Letting the soap dry and wiping it off with a clean fresh sponge, one then goes to work applying mink oil. Afterwards, one waits twenty-four hours.

Then on with the polish—brushes, cloths, and buffers. Unlike the Royal Marines, I don't have to polish the soles for inspection by the officer on parade. And I'm uninterested in the gloss one expects on parade—merely cleanliness and a certain mild shine.

On Friday, September 1, I was trying to turn Julio when we came to a temporary parting of the ways. He wanted to go one way; I wanted to go the other. I had swiveled in the saddle, shifted focus toward my goal, shortened my reins, and turned his head. He didn't turn.

Then, while pressing my left leg to his side, I leaned over as well. I should have merely shifted my weight by a fraction of an inch. I lost my balance in less than a second. The saddle moved, I fell, and, as Brough Scott, a British horseman and prize-winning journalist wrote of his similar experiences, "The ground came up to meet me."

Julio didn't throw me. It was my fault.

"Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." I had taken pride in riding Julio because he was obstinate. If I could master this horse, I could master any horse. I should have more fully absorbed and followed Dorothy's teachings on turning a horse. Perhaps, too, I should have considered whether my slight irritation at Julio's reluctance to comply with a reasonable command, reasonably expressed, was interfering with my judgment.

I lay there for thirty seconds. If this had been a boxing match, Julio would have won the belt. Dorothy ran over, seized the horse, and secured the saddle in place. I had to remount. I apologized to Dorothy for my mistake, took Julio's reins, and led him to the mounting block. I put my left boot into the stirrup and hauled myself aboard.

For the first time, I got him around the track at the trot. Perhaps I communicated my postlapsarian emotions to him.

Thereafter, we walked and maneuvered around and about the traffic cones to develop my steering skills. Then I rode him to the stable and groomed him. After putting on his fly mask, I led him out and removed the bridle. He walked toward the pasture, snorting as if to say "What a sap!"

I was tired and achy but I cleaned the bit and the girth, put Julio's tack (saddle, bridle, reins, bit, girth, and saddle blanket) back in the tack room, and swept up. Then I went home.

Two days later, I began having spasms in my lower back whenever I moved my arms or legs. So, later that morning, my wife took me to the local emergency room.

My x-rays showed no fractures. So the physicians and nurses believed my problem a severe muscle sprain. During the examination I had several painful episodes, which embarrassed me because I was raised to think pain should be endured, not displayed.

So they gave me a shot of something that took the edge off, a prescription for a potent painkiller, and the same advice Dorothy had given me by email about stretching, staying active, and checking with my physicians if the pain hadn't gone away in a few days.

Five weeks later, after a recovery that included sessions with Wendy Labelle, a thoroughly professional and patient licensed massage therapist in Antrim, and much time strapped into the posture support I often wear to combat scoliosis, I had to climb into the saddle, which is the classic advice to any rider who has had the ground come up to meet him.

So I returned to find Julio. On impulse, I recited to him a passage from the Book of Job:

*Hast thou given the horse strength? Hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?*

*He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength: he goeth on to meet the armed men.*

*He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword.*

*He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage:*

*He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.*

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He listened intently, as I wish he would when I want him to remain at the trot.

So I mounted and, after Dorothy and I had adjusted the stirrups, squeezed my knees and thighs together. We began walking. Thus began one of my finest afternoons. Julio was Julio—obstinate. But the past five weeks' discomfort had helped me absorb Dorothy's teachings as I had not before. One can sometimes learn about life from books, particularly Sally Swift's *Centered Riding*, which was my bedside reading during my convalescence. I was more in control—better able to steer him and control my impatience in dealing with him.

The horse will obey a rider when he understands what the rider wants. If the rider, through inexperience or for whatever reason, cannot communicate through his torso, legs, and arms what he wants the horse to do, then the horse will do what he wants to do, not out of malice, but out of his own thoughts and instincts. Horses think for themselves. It follows that the rider's failure to physically communicate lies at the root of most difficulties between him and his horse.

The challenge is that I am human. I communicate through spoken language, which horses do not understand, though they grasp tone and emotion. But horse and rider must communicate physically, through the body. The shift from the intellectual to the physical, then, is how the rider translates his wishes to the horse. Horses cannot make the shift for us.

In this rider, irritability does not result in cruelty. I would never beat a horse, out of both decency and common sense. If I break his spirit, then we are undone—we are each of no further use to one another. He has to trust me; I must rely on his courage and endurance.

But impatience is a failing I inherit from my father. He strove to overcome it throughout a long life. So must I.

So, focusing on Dorothy's directions, I took Julio to the trot, and he obeyed me until he was truly out of breath and tired. There was an oddly moving moment. The day was October 4. The sun began sinking in the western sky around 4:45 p.m. We were at the trot. Suddenly the shadow of horse and rider was cast on the ground, Julio's mane and tail glori-

ously flying and the rider for once moving in rhythm with his steed. For a glance, for a moment, two sentient animals were working together as they should for their common joy. For all horses love to work in whatever way they have been trained to work, and all riders rejoice in obtaining from their mount the result that they desire.

So I've learned something about caring for and directing a horse. I know enough to know my ignorance, which is always good. Some day, I may even be a horseman.

Hilaire Belloc, who had ridden with the French horse artillery before going up to Oxford, wrote a poem, "The Winged Horse" (<https://www.poetrynook.com/poem/winged-horse>), with a stirring refrain:

"And I ride, and I ride!"

J.E.B. Seely, a British cavalry general, argued that with infinite patience one can gain control of any horse. He was able to befriend his charger Warrior, later renowned as "The Horse the Germans Couldn't Kill," even after the horse threw him three times the morning Seely first mounted him.

Perhaps we lack patience—Julio for my inexperience and I for his obstinacy. Ours may not be a marriage made in Heaven.

Yet I ride. ❁

### 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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## Teen Angle

### Far Gone (excerpt)

Mary Visingard

He was too far gone from the beginning, and she knew that. Although she knew that, all she wanted to do was save him. He wished she could save him, but he also knew he was too far gone to save. He was the person lying in a bed in a coma. For some reason they all had hope, although it was hopeless. If there was a book to tell us how to be human, useless hope would be one of the opening chapters. Desiring the impossible and striving for the impossible was essentially the most basic job description of *Homo sapiens*.

It is very ironic. However long we live, we will eventually die. However well we thrive, we are simply surviving. For every single happy moment, we get an equally sad one. Despite all the struggles, we push through and create targets to aim for and barriers to break. We set ourselves up for a victory whilst setting ourselves up for a failure. Irony has a quite ironic view of life.

But isn't the struggle of life one of the things that keeps us going? Is the hard part of life not the part of life that leads us to strive and survive for the easy part? So does that mean we have life all backwards? If the treacherous parts of life excite us and engage us then do we get bored with the happy and easy? But who wants to work so hard to eventually lose it all to death?

He does... If she had known him from the beginning he may not have vanished like a distant memory. But that was not the case. If it had been, then everything would have turned out differently. But since she didn't know him sooner, this is how it turned out.

### SPILL

Mary Visingard

Everyone has something  
Those words echo in my head  
Nobody actually says them  
It's always the elephant in the room  
Nobody goes up to you and pours out  
It just doesn't happen like that  
Out of thousands  
Upon millions  
Of choices we make  
Spilling isn't one of them  
Writers fill books  
Musicians fill air  
And we  
We fill our heads  
With pretty lies  
And ugly truths

## Antrim Recreation

Celeste Lunetta

Happy 2018! Here at Antrim Recreation, we are wrapping up winter sports and starting spring activities!

Antrim Youth Basketball had four great programs this year. An Early Development program led by J.T. Clough, with several parent volunteers, helped youngsters in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade learn the fundamentals of basketball. Two 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams, one girl's and one boy's, took the court under the careful guidance and great coaching of Lorenzo Van Horne, Jake Lyons, Kevin Proctor and Jenny Turcott Smith. Finally, a team of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls coached by Hunter Burgess played very well in our league's Division II, earning them a second seed in the season's final tournament. In addition to basketball, several youngsters joined us for after-school ski and snowboard lessons at Crotched Mountain. Many thanks to Thomas Beaumont for driving the bus and to Rosemary Nugent, Sarah Beaumont, Thomas Moritz and Bob Bethel for helping chaperone these kids. We are also very grateful to Sarah Edwards and all of our friends at Antrim Elementary School. These fine folks are always willing to help us with after-school dismissal.

This year, the Recreation Department will be focusing on increasing programs in our parks, and especially programs for active adults. Starting in the spring, we are piloting some additional pick-up sports on nights and weekends, starting with ultimate Frisbee and adult soccer. Last summer, the tennis court at Memorial Park was resurfaced and Pickleball lines were added. We continue to seek ways to enhance the parks. We want to provide healthy, anytime activities like disc golf, walking and biking. We are also working to strengthen our collaborations with the Antrim Area Senior Center and the Teen Center.

Spring youth sports offered through Antrim Recreation are Babe Ruth Softball, Cal Ripken Baseball, NHYLA Lacrosse and early development programs for kids ages 4-6 in all of these sports, as well as tennis, track and field, swimming and hiking.

We are also excited about summer! This year, we will have full-day summer camp for children ages 5-12 for five consecutive weeks, starting July 9 and going through August 10. Each week has a different theme, and each week promises an adventure! There is a great discount for early registration, which is available through April 30. Registration prices for the Back to Summer Rec Camp increase starting May 1.

Antrim Recreation is hiring seasonal summer employees! We are currently accepting applications for Beach Attendants and Lifeguards. These positions are at Gregg Lake Beach. Position descriptions and applications for the Town of Antrim are on the town website, [www.antrimnh.org](http://www.antrimnh.org).

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### Upcoming Programs and Activities

**Lacrosse:** For girls and boys in grades 1–4; Registrations were due in February—contact us to see if we were able to put together teams. We may still have spots open.

**Babe Ruth Softball:** For players ages 6–12; Registrations due March 9

**ConVal Cal Ripken Baseball:** For players ages 5–12; Registrations due March 9

**Bus Trip to Boston Flower Show:** Friday, March 16; Leave Antrim at 8 a.m., return by 4:30 (visit flower show between 10:30 and 2:00)

**Friends and Family CPR and First Aid:** Saturday, April 7, 9–11 a.m.

**Babe Ruth Softball Umpire Clinic:** Saturday, April 7, 12–3 p.m.

**Memorial Park Clean Up/Beautification Day:** Sunday, April 15, 1–3 p.m.

**Youth Fishing Derby at Mill Pond in Memorial Park:** Saturday, May 5, 8–10 a.m.

**Mystery Lunch Bus Trip:** May 8, in partnership with Antrim Area Senior Center

**Movie Matinees at Antrim Town Hall:** Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m., March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18. Movies posted online, at the Tuttle Library and at the Antrim Area Senior Center.

**Family Roller Skating Nights at Antrim Town Gym:** 6–9:30 p.m.; Saturdays, March 10, April 14 and May 12

**Movie Nights at Antrim Town Hall:** Fridays, March 16, April 20, & May 18, 5:30 and 7 p.m.

### Ongoing Activities

**Zumba:** Mondays at Antrim Town Gym, 5:30 p.m.

**Yoga:** Tuesdays at Antrim Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**Pickleball:** Saturdays at Antrim Town Gym, 3:30 p.m.

**Pick-Up Basketball for adults:** Sundays at Antrim Town Gym, 9–10:30 a.m.

**Coming Soon:** Pick-up Soccer and Pick-up Ultimate for adults, at Shea Field

Information about all of the ongoing and current programs is available on our bulletin boards at the Antrim Town Hall and Recreation Department. We are also online at [www.antrimnh.org](http://www.antrimnh.org), maintain a Facebook page and are available by appointment by calling us at 588-3121. We are in the office on most Sundays from 4–6; Mondays, 9–2; Tuesdays 5–7; Wednesdays 5:30–7:30, and most Saturdays. Our office hours vary based on the needs of the programs and parks...but please call us and leave a message if we aren't there—we will call you back! You can also email us at [antrimrecreation@tds.net](mailto:antrimrecreation@tds.net). Thanks for reading! ❁

## Antrim Historical Society

Steve Ullman, President

As I type this, the Red Sox pitchers and catchers are only a month away from reporting to spring training and Gregg Lake, previously frozen solid, has liquefied into standing pools. Spring must be on its way. And so are three Antrim Historical Society programs which will probe three essential Antrim institutions.

As usual, all of these sessions will take place on Sundays at 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. The Antrim Historical Society is enormously grateful to the Church, its congregants, its minister Jan Howe, and Sextant Paul Blackman for their hospitality.

### PROGRAMS

**Antrim Fire Department.** On Sunday, April 15, members of Antrim's volunteer Fire Department will recount their organization's history and offer insights into their individual service. We expect that Chief Marshall Gale and veteran firefighters Dick Edmunds and Tod Bryer will participate. Since the 1800s the personal safety of Antrim residents has rested on the actions of these courageous firefighters and we anticipate a large turnout.

**Retired Selectmen.** Perhaps no Town government position is more demanding than that of Selectboard member. We have corralled four of the living former Selectmen—Bob Flanders, Ben Pratt, Eric Tenney, and Gordon Webber—for a presentation on May 20. I plan to interview these officials about what prompted them to run in the first place, their most difficult decisions as Selectboard members, and the rewards of serving as prominent Town officers.

**Antrim's Churches and Ministers.** Antrim's churches have served as vital social institutions for centuries. While some have disappeared, Antrim continues to host three vibrant congregations. On June 17, I've invited pastors Charlie Boucher, Rick Davis and Jan Howe to discuss the history of their fellowships, as well as their personal histories as religious leaders. ❁



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## First Presbyterian Church of Antrim

Sharon Dowling, Music Director

After a winter filled with bitterly cold temperatures, snowstorms and ice, it is wonderful to think about mud season, spring, and the black flies that arrive in May! Ok, so not everything is wonderful in any season! Despite the challenges of running through 500 gallons of oil every two weeks for a while (including running out the same weekend so many others did!), keeping sidewalks and driveways clear of the frozen stuff, and trying to stay healthy with so many germs flying around, we have persisted! The church continues to have Sunday morning services at 10:30 a.m.—currently in the much warmer and more informal Fellowship Hall until we hit Palm Sunday. Senior Center is open five mornings a week for coffee, snacks, socializing and lunch. Gentle Yoga is still meeting Wednesday mornings, though now at 10 a.m. until things warm up. The Congregation continues to support ConVal End 68 Hours of Hunger. The Congregation plans to provide two families from GBS with Easter dinner baskets again, in cooperation with GBS staff. We continue to provide snacks for children who may not have any at AES; we are also collecting mittens, socks, etc., for students who may need to change into something dry and warm during the winter season. And the Revival Shop is still operating on Friday mornings and Saturdays as both a source of affordable used (and often new) clothing and a fundraiser for the church and other worthy community groups that we help support!

Our Church worship calendar will be filling up as the season of Lent starts on February 14 and continues for six weeks. Lenten Luncheons will be held at the Baptist church at noon on Wednesdays, starting February 28 and running through March 21. A rotation of guest speakers from local churches will be speaking each week. Bring your lunch—the Baptists will provide beverages and dessert! Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 25. That service will mark our return to worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30 with palms, songs of praise and the story of the Passion of Christ. This is always a moving service, and all are welcome, as always! During Holy Week, the Maundy Thursday Service

will be held at 7 p.m., with a simple meal of broth and bread to be served in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15 p.m. As Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper Jesus shared with His Disciples, the Eucharist will be celebrated. Good Friday service will be held the next night, also at 7 p.m. This will be a short, solemn, contemplative, and candlelit service, marking the Crucifixion of Christ.

Finally, Easter Sunday arrives after all that spiritual drama—as usual, we share the Sunrise Service with the Baptists, and this year it will be held on the lawn of the Presbyterian Church at 6:30 a.m. with Pastor Charlie Boucher leading and a continental breakfast to follow inside the Fellowship Hall, with hot coffee, juice, and goodies! Feeling adventurous? Come join us! Regular Easter service to be held at 10:30—and it is always a joyous and beautiful time together. In case you were unaware, Easter Sunday also falls on April Fool's Day—on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. Hopefully that won't mean a huge Nor'easter can be expected! We will be holding a Game Night on April 15 in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m.—snacks to be provided! A fun way to unwind after filing your taxes!

Our small congregation is constantly reaching out to the community in various ways, as we strive to be the hands, feet and voices of Christ in action to our neighbors. We truly believe that All are equal in the eyes of God, and that All are welcome. Love is always the answer. Peace! ❀

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## Where in Antrim?

Only Linda Bryer and Connie Kirwin recognized the rock loveseat in the hayfield across from the Bass Farm in the December *Limrik*. A few others were close, though. Linda won the Dear Meadow Homestead gift certificate. Thank you everyone for participating!

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Photo by Frank Gorga

### EASTER SERVICES AT LOCAL CHURCHES

**Easter Sunday Sunrise Service** • April 1 at 6:30 a.m.  
Shared service with Antrim Baptist Church on the lawn of the First Presbyterian Church

**Easter Sunday Service** • April 1  
10:30 a.m. Antrim Baptist Church  
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## The Center Church I Remember

Charles Butterfield

Walking Clinton Road last summer, construction equipment and refuse containers crowding stacks of building materials at Center Church caught my eye. Something was happening to that century-old landmark I've admired since childhood.

No one was around to explain the developments, so I got down on my hands and knees to peer through the basement windows. All evidence of the harvest suppers I had attended there eighty years ago was gone. I saw a freshly laid pea stone floor, supporting pillars built of new brick, and lots of clean space. The odor of new concrete hung in the air. The transformation was amazing. I wandered around full of curiosity.

The big front doors behind which I knew the bell rope hung were locked. I couldn't see into the main building, but I didn't need to. I knew what was inside. Rather, I knew what had been inside many years ago. I knew the layout of the rooms and I could picture the ornate metal ceilings, the long pews arranged along a center aisle, the tall straight-backed chairs in the vestry where a wood stove sat. I knew the colored light that streamed through the memorial windows.

Were the ornate Estey reed organs, one in each room, still in place? One afternoon, ages ago, my cousins and I, probably heading to Meetinghouse Hill, found the front doors of the church unlocked. We made ourselves at home. I sat at the organ in the sanctuary, my cousins clustered around with hymnbooks, and we had ourselves an impromptu hymn sing.

Rachel Caughey, who lived across the road from the church, was the regular organist. Rachel was an accomplished keyboardist. Sometimes when I delivered milk to her home I would hear her singing arias from famous operas as she accompanied herself on the piano. No easy feat. Mrs. Caughey was not of slight build and a little broad of beam. A boy seated behind her in the Center Church sanctuary could not help but marvel at her energetic pumping action at the organ and wonder if the straining bench would hold.

In the summer, when there was no Sunday school for me to attend at the Baptist Church downtown, I walked with my grandmother the half mile from our farm to her stone church. There being no permanent minister, the pastor at the Presbyterian Church came to the Center to preach. Services began at 9:30, allowing the minister filling the pulpit to return to his home congregation in the village by 11:00. Retired Rev. Harrison Packard preached on special occasions, like Boy Scout Sunday.

At least once each summer Boy Scouts from Camp Sachem at Gregg Lake hiked to Center Church. ("A Boy Scout is...thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.") The whole camp, at least the Protestants, came down from the lake via our pasture, dodging manure and making the milk cows anx-

ious. Dressed in uniforms with bright neckerchiefs, shoulder sashes emblazoned with merit badges, waving troop pennants and the American flag, twenty or thirty boys made a memorable sight marching up the hill from our farm and filing into the little church to the sound of its big bell.

Hearing a three-quarter-ton bell calling neighbors to worship is an old fashioned experience not a lot of Center residents remember. Even fewer recall the Fourth of July ritual.

*A Stroll Through Antrim, New Hampshire* tells the story: As Center Church was nearing completion in 1897, a neighbor, Eben Bass, donated the bell, stipulating that it must be rung each Fourth of July or ownership would revert to him. Older boys in the neighborhood were happy to honor that obligation. Before it got too dark, my cousins and I would ride our bikes to the church, meet other boys, usually a Caughey or a Thibideau, and wait on the front steps until midnight. Then taking turns on the thick rope we'd swing the huge bell for the twenty minutes stipulated by light-sleeping G.H. Caughey next door.

The Congregationalists were waning in numbers when I attended summer services at Center Church. Only a few families remained of the hundred or so who had erected the fieldstone edifice. There were enough members still active in the 1940s to host harvest suppers in the rustic basement (without running water!). Long tables and settees accommodated a goodly number of Antrimites, drawn, as I was, to the homemade boiled dinners, freshly baked rolls, and famous pies of every kind.

A small group of women, the Ladies' Aid, all past middle age, supported the church. When I was in my grandmother's charge, I'd go with her to the home of whoever was hosting the monthly meeting of the group. A six-year-old could always find something to do while the women crocheted bandages and talked. The December meeting at Grace Holt's large house on Gregg Lake Road was special. Ladies who had them brought their grandchildren. There was a Christmas tree, cookies galore, and everyone who came brought a present to exchange. I recently found a book of animal stories I received at one of those parties.

Eventually, the Congregationalists ran out, their beautiful building used occasionally for funerals and weddings. For years I walked by the handsome, empty shell.

No longer. The construction I wondered about last summer was making the old stone church ready for new life. Upgraded, refurbished and made sturdy, the Center Church of my childhood is home once again to a congregation, *At the Cross*. Could that mean I might stop my Center-Clinton ramble some Sunday morning and listen to Eben Bass's bell calling through the woods? ❀

## Great Decisions Program

Steve Ullman, Coordinator

The Trump administration has already put its own distinctive stamp on American foreign policy. A hallmark of the President's approach has been skepticism about: 1) international organizations and alliances; 2) multi-country, trade and environmental agreements; and 3) the State Department and its reliance on diplomacy.

If you are interested in exploring the momentous challenges that will confront President Trump for the next three, or perhaps seven, years, please join us for this spring's Great Decisions discussions.

Great Decisions is a series of informal conversations about foreign policy. Attendees can voice their views or just observe silently. No special expertise in foreign policy is needed, only an interest in our country's future abroad. Civility and mutual respect are the trademarks of our sessions.

Below is the Spring 2018 Great Decisions schedule, along with the weekly topics. We meet Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Tuttle Library.

- March 29 The Waning of Pax Americana?
- April 5 Russia's Foreign Policy
- April 12 China and America: The New Geopolitical Equation
- April 26 Media and Foreign Policy
- May 3 Turkey: A Partner in Crisis
- May 10 U.S. Global Engagement and the Military
- May 24 South Africa's Fragile Democracy
- May 31 Global Health Progress and Challenges

Participants may order the Great Decisions manual from the Foreign Policy Association for \$30 (1-800-477-5836 or [aahmed@fpa.org](mailto:aahmed@fpa.org)). The manual contains short articles that accompany each meeting's topic. There will also be two Great Decisions manuals on reserve for those who prefer a free edition. For further information, please email Steve Ullman ([sullman@brockport.edu](mailto:sullman@brockport.edu)) or call 588-2005. ❁

## Antrim Grange

Renee Mercier-Gerritsen

Antrim Grange has a few public programs coming up over the next couple of months. All you have to do is "Like" our Facebook page to be informed when one is coming up.

Cleaning up and planting the Community Garden will begin in April. We will be taking donations of vegetable plants at that time if anyone has some to share. Updates will be posted via Facebook.

Our building restoration fundraising has taken a short winter nap, but will resume in full force very soon. This will also include submitting numerous grant applications. If anyone with experience would like to help with this process it would be appreciated. Our GoFundMe page is also still active and accepting donations. If you would like to donate by check, please feel free to send it directly to: Renee Mercier-Gerritsen, 5 High Street, Antrim, NH 03440, or you can call me at 603-547-5144 to talk about donations of time, services or supplies.

Even in these cold months, work is still being done from time to time by Andras Lazar to raise and level the building so he can replace the rotted beams and footings underneath. When this phase of the project is completed, we can move on to building a new foundation for the Hall to sit on and begin the numerous building repairs that need to be completed.

As a very important building in Antrim's history, we would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to all of those who have already donated time and money to this important project. ❁

### Notes from a great small town:

When I passed a neighbor walking by Gregg Lake on a grey and blustery February afternoon, she held her head up, closed her eyes and said she was pretending she was walking along a beach.

A thank-you note sent by an old family friend with no house number and the wrong street arrived safely in our mailbox.  
— J. Gorga

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## Paying it Forward to Fireman Heroes, Part 1

Susan Ellsworth

Scott was only a little over a year old when it happened. We were home and I went to the kitchen to get him a bottle of juice. It was late afternoon—almost time to start dinner. By the time I returned he had gotten his knee stuck in the bars of the port-a-crib. I tried to pull it out but it was stuck and already starting to swell. He was crying and I didn't want to hurt him, so I tried to pick him up, thinking that might change the shape of his knee and release it. He was too tall, and the port-a-crib came with him as I lifted. Since I couldn't do it by myself, I asked his almost five-year-old brother, Joshua, to help. He tried but to no avail. By then Scott's knee was really swelling. I went to see if any of my neighbors were home from work; unfortunately, none were home yet. Scott was crying and Joshua was scared and, seeing his brother in pain, began crying, too. The only thing I could think of to do at this point was call our local fire department's main number. A fireman answered the phone and I told him our situation and asked if he could send a man in a car over to help. I said no fire truck was needed. He could hear the children crying in the background and said he would be right over.

Since we lived near the fire station, I knew it wouldn't be long. Suddenly I heard the blaring sirens of a fire truck. I said to myself, "Oh no!" I opened the front door and there, parked in the middle of the street, was a big red fire truck. Several firemen came walking over to our house. I told them they could have just come with a car instead of the truck. They laughed and asked to see my son. They assessed the situation and asked me for cooking oil or Crisco. I quickly ran to the kitchen and got both. Scott's knee was even more swollen by that time and very red. The firemen worked as a team. One poured oil on my son's knee, one picked him up and another held the port-a-crib. Joshua was afraid and asked the fireman if he was going to cut his brother's leg off. The fireman told him, "No," and that his brother was going to be just fine in a minute, and he was right. With a few quick moves they freed his knee and all was well again.

I was so grateful to them for their help. They assured me I would not have been able to do it on my own, and they waited a bit to make sure he was out of danger. I was instructed to apply ice to bring down the swelling. One of the firemen asked if the boys would like to go sit in the fire truck. My oldest was afraid, but the patient went in his hero's arms.

As we went out of the house, neighbors were gathering to see what was happening. The fireman told them it was not a fire and all was well. But perfect timing it was not! As you may guess, my husband panicked when he drove up to find a fire truck in front of our house. The firemen told him everything was fine and it wasn't a fire, just a swollen knee

stuck in a recalled port-a-crib that we had gotten as a hand-me-down from a family member. I guess they never sent in the card to register it with the manufacturer to know there was a recall. ❀

## Military Service Stories

Rick Wood

The Antrim Historical Society is interested in your Military Service Story.

Recently the Antrim Historical Society hosted Richard Rubin, author of *The Last of the Doughboys: The Forgotten Generation*, which chronicled his interviews with World War I veterans. Though the stories are fascinating to read (and available at the Tuttle Library), what is unique is that the veterans who were interviewed were all over 100 years old. Many of the stories told of heroic deeds, others about the life of a combat soldier in the trenches or some of the tedium of waiting for something to happen. But each was unique in its own way and invaluable to read even today. Most of the interviews were done after 2003, so it's no surprise that none of these WWI veterans are still with us. Finding these veterans was no easy task. In fact, the best information came from the French Embassy, which was also trying to find these veterans to award special honors. If not for Mr. Rubin's efforts, their stories might have been lost forever. We've lost any further opportunity to get first-person accounts of WWI veteran service to pass down to future generations.

You may have heard the statistics. Over 5.7 million Americans served in the Korean War, with approximately 1.7 million still alive. World War II had approximately 16 million service members, with an estimated 558,000 still living as of 2017, mostly in their late 80s or 90s. Unfortunately, hundreds are dying each day. Vietnam had over 8.7 million service members, with an estimated 7.3 million still living. Each living veteran has a story to tell that should be passed down to future generations.

If you are or know an Antrim resident who was a veteran, the Antrim Historical Society encourages you to contact us so we can chronicle your or their stories. Please contact us via email at [rd\\_wood@comcast.net](mailto:rd_wood@comcast.net) or by calling 603-345-0121. Maybe I'll even tell my story one day.

Rick Wood, Yeoman Second Class  
U.S. Coast Guard, 1984–1990  
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**TOWN MEETING • MARCH 15**  
**7 p.m. • Town Gym**

## Gregg Lake Bathymetry

Joan Gorga

Have you ever wondered what the bottom of Gregg Lake looks like and where it really is the deepest? My father always told me that the bottom dropped straight down 100 feet just off the ledges on the east side, but I was never quite sure I believed him, especially since I could see the bottom a good way out when snorkeling. Late last summer, I borrowed a GPS-enabled depth sounder from the New Hampshire Division of Environmental Services to try to gather data on the unseen contours of the bottom of Gregg Lake.

One morning when the lake looked pretty calm, I attached the sonar sensor to the bottom of my canoe and headed out to crisscross the lake, starting at the southern end and taking latitude, longitude and depth readings every 100 feet or so. I did get some strange looks while I was out there, and ended up explaining to several people what I was trying to accomplish, but all said they looked forward to seeing the results. I worked my way north through the middle of the lake, but eventually, the wind picked up and started blowing me back over spots I'd already mapped, so I had to call it quits for the day.

The next day, my cousin Suzy agreed to go out with me, and at the beginning it all went much better. We successfully crisscrossed to the northern end of the lake until we had

more than 400 data points in total, but we carefully saved the last 100 points we were allowed so we could go back over a few areas where there seemed to be underwater ridges or drop-offs that we hoped to better define. We laid out a plan to make the most of our last points and started to gather them, but the instrument began to slow down and then skip points. It got slower and slower until we had to accept that we weren't going to be able to squeeze any more data collection out of the apparently dying battery.

Fearful of losing all our data, I spent a few hours manually recording latitude, longitude and depth values for the 425 points we did collect. Since it was a beautiful afternoon, I settled in on our back deck to focus on the chore. Deeply lost in concentration, I suddenly sensed something nearby and looked up to see a black bear only a few feet away. I guess he wasn't expecting to see me there, either. As soon as I lifted my head, he scurried off.

I returned the ailing depth sounder to NHDES the next morning. In spite of my worries, they were able to extract the data and plot it, and announced that we had collected a nice data set. When we saw it plotted, Suzy and I had to agree, even if we did feel cheated out of 100 points.

So much for my father always telling me the lake dropped straight down 100 feet just off the ledges! The deepest spot we found is 35.7 feet down, and is located out in the middle of the lake toward the southern end. With contours drawn every five feet, one can easily see where the original pond must have been before several iterations of dams raised the lake level by more than ten feet. We could also see that the bottom dropped down fairly quickly not too far out from Suzy's beach. I inadvertently found that spot when I waded out for a late October swim after the boards had been removed from the dam and the lake level had gone down some sixteen inches. I had planned to go for a swim; I just hadn't planned to get in so quickly! ❀



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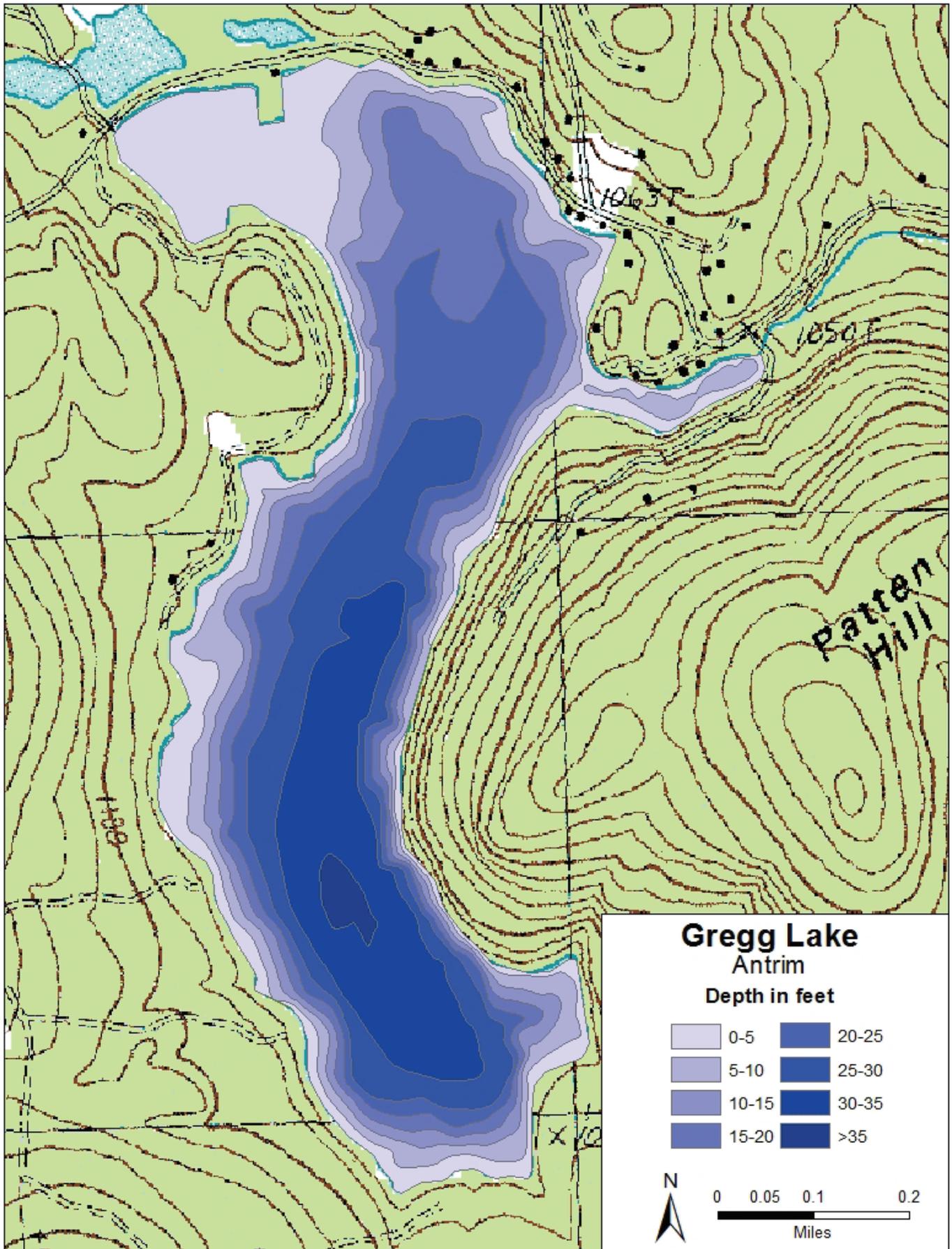
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# The Grapevine

Melissa Gallagher

We are humbled and truly grateful for the support we have received in recent months. Were it not for the commitment of local donors and volunteers, the Grapevine's programs and services would not be possible. With local participation and donations, our Annual Online Auction raised over \$7,000 for our child and family programs. Our Annual Appeal mailing in November has raised over \$15,000 to date. We have also received two major grants in 2018. The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation awarded The Grapevine \$25,000 to support our parent education and home visiting programs, with a focus on serving those in greatest need. We were selected as the January recipient of the 100+ Women Who Care Monadnock grant. Their collective dollars total \$11,850, which will support out-of-school enrichment programs at our Avenue A Teen & Community Center.

As always, we are committed to serving all regardless of ability to pay. Staying connected to our community is how to ensure we are providing what is wanted and needed. Please email me your thoughts and questions at [melissag@grapevinesh.org](mailto:melissag@grapevinesh.org). Thank you for your continued support!

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

*Please call 588-2620 to register or for more information.*

**Grapevine Community Tool Shed—tool donations!** We have completed building our community tool shed and are now requesting tool donations. Our wish list of tools is available at our website, [www.grapevinesh.org](http://www.grapevinesh.org). If you have tools or light equipment to donate, please email [toolshed@grapevinesh.org](mailto:toolshed@grapevinesh.org). Emailed pictures of your items are appreciated. Our tool shed volunteers will coordinate all tool donations—please do *not* drop off tools at the Grapevine.

**Free Tax Preparation.** IRS-certified tax preparer Larry Schwartz is providing free tax preparation at The Grapevine on Mondays from 2–6 p.m. through April 16, 2018. All returns will be filed electronically. Call The Grapevine to make an appointment. Inquire about appointments in Hillsborough, too!

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

**The Learning Vine Cooperative Preschool...** a program for ages 3 to 5 years. We are now welcoming inquiries for the 2018–19 school year! This hands-on program

focuses on social interaction and problem-solving skills in a small group setting, in a fun, engaging environment. *Family scholarships may be available—please inquire.*

**Focus on...Babies and Parents.** The *Better Beginnings for Babies* group creates a space where parents and infants can feel safe and part of the circle of community. Early childhood development specialist and group facilitator Nancy Macalaster, MA, guides the group. Parents and babies newborn through one year and expectant parents are warmly welcomed to visit. Wednesdays, 10–11:30 a.m.

**People's Service Exchange.** *Have time to give and want to make a difference?* Join a group sharing their time and talents while saving money and making friends. *The People's Service Exchange* is based on the Time Banking model where 1 hour of service = 1 Time Dollar. Call Nancy at 588-2620 or email her at [pse@grapevinesh.org](mailto:pse@grapevinesh.org) to find out more.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Guiding Good Choices.** This nationally recognized workshop introduces parents of children ages 9 to 14 to effective family management and the communication skills needed to help reduce their children's risk for using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Says one parent, "Guiding Good Choices gave our family the skills to help our son deal with peer pressure. Now that he's in high school, we're thankful we took the course when he was nine." Generously sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire. Pizza dinner is provided and childcare is available. Call Carol for more info and to register. Five Wednesday sessions from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning March 14.

**Eat Out for The Grapevine!** We will receive twenty percent of the day's proceeds from two wonderful restaurants!

- Rick and Diane's—All day Friday, March 9
- Fiddlehead's Café and Catering—All day Thursday, March 22

We also continue to receive support from The Hancock Inn through a generous donation of gift certificates to be raffled off throughout the year!

**Spring Walk for Families.** Tune up your strollers, lace up your walking shoes and get your pledges for The Grapevine's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual *Spring Walk for Families* on Saturday, May 12. This is The Grapevine's biggest fundraiser and we count on your support, so please call 588-2620 or stop by to get your pledge sheet. Then meet us in The Grapevine parking lot at 9:30 on May 12 to register and walk in support of our families and community.

**Black Fly Community Art Show.** Saturday, June 2, 10–noon. Our popular annual art show features multi-media art by local children and youth, community and family art activities, and more. If you have art you would like to show, please call Carol at 588-2620.

**Spring Cleaning? Learning Vine Yard Sale.** Saturday, June 16, 8–noon. Grapevine parents are collecting new and gently-used items. All proceeds support the Learning Vine preschool and make it possible to provide financial assistance. Call Carol if you have a donation.

**Grand Opening of the Grapevine Community Tool Shed.** Saturday, June 16, 11 a.m. Come see the big reveal of our Grapevine Community Tool Shed. A dedication ceremony will take place, followed by an introduction to our shed, information on borrowing tools and equipment and perhaps a quick tutorial “how to” in a handy home skill. Mark your calendars!

### SUMMER PLANS

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

- Summer Backyard Adventures for ages 4½ to 6, July 23–27
- Backyard Science Adventures for ages 7 to 9, July 30–August 3

### SERVICES AT THE GRAPEVINE

**Information & Referral.** Information about area resources for financial assistance, food, childcare, legal assistance, clothing, health and dental care, and other needs.

**Community Wood Bank.** For those who use wood to heat their home and can’t afford to buy it. The wood bank has also helped residents who typically can buy their own wood but find themselves in a bind due to major ice and snow storms. Call if you need wood, if you have wood to donate, or to volunteer for the 2018-19 season.

**Heating Fuel & Electric Assistance.** Call SNHS at 924-2243 or 877-757-7048 for an appointment or The Grapevine for information.

**Child & Family Counseling** by Riverbend Mental Health.

**Help Finding Shelter** for families who are homeless or face homelessness.

Thank you to the many people who supported The Grapevine in so many ways over the winter months, including **The Keith M. Sullivan Foundation** for their \$1,000 grant toward our Parent-Child support programs; the businesses and individuals who donated and participated in our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual **Online Auction**, helping raise nearly \$8,000; **Sue and John Conklin** for donation of gently used furniture for our parent room; **NH Ball Bearings**,

**Monadnock Paper Mills** and **The Gilbert Verney Foundation** for ongoing support of The Grapevine and Avenue A Teen Center; **Divine Mercy Church** for supporting families with Thanksgiving Baskets and their Christmas Giving Tree program; **MoonRivers Technology Group** for sponsorship of our Online Auction website; **Eversource** for donations of cut and split wood for our Community Wood Bank and Christmas trees, stands and lights; **Robyn Manley** and **Project Linus** volunteers for donation of beautiful handmade blankets for our families; **Larry Schwartz** for his ongoing tax preparation program during tax season; Our Grapevine Community Tool Shed committee for all their work in planning and building our shed: **Glenn Stan, Rick Edmunds, John Conklin, Tom Badgley, Cheryl Rasmussen, Nancy O’Brien and William Bryk**; GBS student **James Bardo** for volunteering at our Snow Families Play Day event, as well as the many parent donations of food and supplies.

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Francestown, Hillsborough, Deering and nearby towns. Other programs include the Before and After School Clubs, Avenue A Teen Center and Senior Wellness. The Grapevine exists because of charitable contributions from people like you. Tax deductible contributions are gratefully accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, or visit us at 4 Aiken Street. For more information call 588-2620 or visit us online at [www.GrapevineNH.org](http://www.GrapevineNH.org), Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/grapevinenh.org/> and Instagram @thegrapevinefrc. ❁



Enjoying the Grapevine’s Snow Families Play Day. Photo by Melissa Gallagher

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