

What's In a Name?

Charles Butterfield

A recent editorial in Lebanon's *Valley News* reminded me of a mildly traumatic childhood experience.

The editorial points out something that should have been obvious to me, namely, that personal signatures are disappearing. Credit card companies are phasing them out. Electronic identification embedded in the credit card magnetic strip is making my legal signature superfluous.

Stores where I used to be asked to sign electronic screens have come to realize that the recorded squiggle isn't my signature. I barely recognize it. Anybody could make that hen-scratch and pass themselves off as me.

Also, I write many fewer letters by hand now than I used to. Consequently, I don't use my signature much anymore. I sign fewer checks these days, too. My signature is slowly becoming obsolete even though it has a hard-earned history.

In first grade at the old Center School, Gladys Phillips teaches me how to print letters with my fat, oversized pencil. By Christmas I am arranging letters to form my name. Easy.

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Delivering Antrim's Mail

"There are a lot of things that make a town tick."

Joan Gorga

I've done quite a few things in my life that I wish I hadn't. If only it weren't so. Although I am often fully to blame, one event that has caused me some distress for the past five years is something for which I wasn't entirely responsible. But perhaps I could have done more to prevent it.

When my father died in Montana in February, 2013, I asked my brother Byron to ship some things to Antrim that were especially dear to me. Byron was overwhelmingly busy with the whole process and ignored, or perhaps forgot, my request to hold the five heavy boxes until Frank and I could make it home. A big snowstorm hit while we were away, but we eventually arrived home to take care of the latest offering from the snow gods.

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Antrim Congregational Church Society Awards Funds

John Robertson

The Antrim Congregational Church Society Trustees have determined that in effect no organization exists. So the church is being disbanded. The funds held are being distributed to worthy causes in Antrim by the Trustees.

A sizeable donation was made to help with the restoration of the Antrim Grange Hall. The Grange Hall was the original Antrim Town Hall and was moved from Meeting House Hill to its

present location.

Donations have been sent in support of the Antrim/Bennington Food Pantry and the Antrim Area Senior Center, as well as the Grapevine. The funds to the Grapevine go to help with family and youth services. The Grapevine serves families in Antrim and several neighboring towns.

The Antrim Historical Society has been given funds to assist with historical

signage in Antrim and to help fund the writing and publishing of the history of Antrim. These are both sizeable endeavors with much work to be done.

Finally, the Antrim Congregational Church Scholarship Fund is being established. This fund will provide scholarships to needy qualified residents of Antrim who are enrolling in workforce training programs or other accredited vocational/technical schools. ♦

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Resilience Documentary

Kathleen Robbins

The documentary *RESILIENCE* will be shown on June 6, 2018, from 7–9 p.m. at the Antrim Town Hall, 66 Main Street. It is co-sponsored by the Hope Initiative, the Be the Change Committee, and Monadnock Thrives.

The film delves into Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and a new movement to prevent and treat toxic stress in children and adults. A child may not remember an incident but the body does. Extremely stressful experiences in childhood can alter brain development and do lifelong damage to health and behavior including substance misuse.

However, as experts and practitioners profiled in *RESILIENCE* are proving, what is predictable is also preventable. The documentary discusses the effects of divorce, abuse, neglect and other traumatic happenings in a child's life; how to break the cycle of adversity and disease; and how to build resilience. Resilience is like a muscle—coping well with adversity and hardship may strengthen it. Resilience can build throughout life; close, healthy relationships are key to success.

This event is free. Light refreshments will be available.



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Conservation Corner

Peter Beblowski

Invasive Upland Plant Species. On April 4, Douglas Cygan, Invasive Species Coordinator from the NH Department of Agriculture came to Town Hall and delivered a well-received in-depth presentation on upland invasive plant species in New Hampshire. He provided the eighteen-page color brochure he wrote, *Guide to Invasive Upland Plant Species in New Hampshire (2005)* to all who attended. Additional copies of the brochure are available at the James A. Tuttle Library. For those who are computer savvy, it is also available from UNH at the following website: <https://t2.unh.edu/sites/t2.unh.edu/files/documents/publications/invasive.pdf>. If you have questions about invasive plants in your yard or on your property, you can take a digital picture and send it to Doug and he will try to help you identify it. His contact information is on the back cover of the brochure.



Meadow Marsh Trail. On June 2, a representative from the Antrim Conservation Commission and Antrim 2020 Trails Group will be at the trailhead mailbox of the Meadow Marsh Trail from 10 a.m. to noon to provide a friendly face and to answer any questions about the trail. Signs identifying eight tree and shrub species will be installed at various locations along the trail. This trail outreach is being done in honor of the 50th anniversary of National Trail Day. A description of the trail and trail map may be found online at <https://www.trailfinder.info/trails/trail/meadow-marsh-trail>.



Lily Pond Trail. Something to look forward to: the Antrim Conservation Commission, in conjunction with the Antrim 2020 Trails Group, will be rehabilitating the Lily Pond Trail this summer, and we hope to have the trail rehabilita-

tion completed by the fall. It is located at the back side of the Antrim Centre Cemetery and traverses westerly along a stone wall nearly 1,000 feet to the Lily Pond. The Lily Pond is a former glacial kettle hole that has filled with water (glacial kettle-pond) and has been enlarged by a series of beaver dams. Over the years it has been well known as a productive heron rookery. It is a relatively short hike to a very beautiful, quiet place. This summer we will be working diligently to improve the trail access out the back of the cemetery. Keep an eye out in future *Limriks* for more information on this trail rehabilitation, and remember spring and early summer are great times to get out and enjoy the great outdoors in our own back yards. ♦

Planning Board News

Janet McEwen, Chair

We are happy to welcome two new members, William Bryk and Mary Allen, to the Board. Retiring members Steven MacDonald and Jeanne Cahoon will now serve as alternates. Kristin Bixby, our new Planning Board Assistant, is available at Town Hall Monday–Thursday, 8 a.m.–12 p.m. to answer questions and offer assistance, and can be reached via email at antrimplan2@tds.net, or by calling the town office at (603) 588–6785 x 246.

We encourage community members to attend our meetings and public hearings. The Board wishes to thank all who participated in the 2020 Vision weekend and those completing the community survey. If you have not had the chance to fill out our new survey, it can still be found on the Town website, or at the Town Hall! All the data collected will be used to update our Master Plan.

The Town's land use boards (Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment) are currently looking for more alternates. These boards are responsible for Antrim's land use decisions, based on our zoning ordinances & Master Plan. We review site plans, propose changes in our zoning ordinances and the zoning map, recommend amendments, review and approve land use projects, and much more! We hold public hearings as required. There are no particular requirements to join either board. If you are interested in learning more about these boards, please contact Kristin!

Janet McEwen (Chair), Chris Condon (Vice-Chair), William Bryk, Mary Allen, Bob Holmes, Lynne Rosansky, and John Robertson (ex-officio). ♦

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News from First Presbyterian Church

Sharon Dowling, Music Director

Spring has sprung and Summer is on the front porch! Our tiny Congregation welcomed the Easter Season, and celebrated Ascension Sunday and finally Pentecost with great excitement and joy! We also continued to stay plugged into the community near and far with various projects and contributions. We continue to take in and disburse crackers and nonperishables for ConVal End 68, and sent another box of food and hygiene supplies to 100 Nights Cold Weather Homeless Shelter in Keene. Volunteers at the Revival Shop work hard to sort, price and hang clothing and other items for sale—making those things available at affordable prices, or for free, to the community, and using funds earned to help with the Church and its Mission. The Senior Center and Gentle Yoga find a home here, and the Community Suppers, Historical Society meetings, and other gatherings are often held under our roof. Our congregation struggles to keep this important place of community and worship going. Our Sunday services are open to all, and All are welcome each week at 10:30 a.m.

We are constantly striving to put our Mission statement and our Vision into practice—being the ambassadors of Christ to His people. Love is always the answer!

Some summertime events are being planned—as always, please join us on any or all of these dates:

June 10th at 6 p.m. we have scheduled a Game Night in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a game to share, or just come to learn a new game, or play an old and familiar one! Light refreshments will be served.

June 26th at noon we would like to venture out for lunch—stay tuned for details! Let us know if you are interested in joining the group, so we can possibly carpool! Call the Church office for info.

July 15th at 4 p.m. we plan to gather for ice cream at Tenney's Farm Stand in Antrim!

July 23rd–27th is our annual Vacation Bible School week, which we share with our friends at the Baptist Church. This year the Baptists host VBS, and as we have done for many years now, the evening meetings begin at 5 p.m. with a family supper, and then the group breaks up into classes. This is for all ages, and everyone is welcome! The fun and camaraderie are amazing!

August 5th we are planning a BBQ up at Gregg Lake at 5 p.m. This was great fun last year—bring something to grill for yourselves and a dish to share.

It is with great joy that we thank Judy Collier of Peterborough for her gift to us of a wonderful Steinert piano for the sanctuary. The organ is in failing health, and knowing that this instrument is there and ready to support the worship service is a huge relief! Bill Faller of Temple, our piano technician, was instrumental (pun intended!) in finding this piano in need of a loving home, and we thank him also for his efforts in arranging the move.

For questions or information on any of the events listed above, or about our church family, worship services, or services we can render to the community at large, please call the church office at 588-2209. ♦

125 Years Ago In Antrim

Bill Nichols

A man was accidentally thrown from a handcar en route from Antrim to Bennington station recently and received severe injuries about the skull.

It was reported by some that a rumble of an earthquake was heard Sunday afternoon. The jar was enough to shake the windows in their casings of some houses.

The little son of G. N. Hulett, while playing near the bridge on West St., accidentally slipped, and in an instant was in the water. But for timely assistance, something more serious than a ducking might have happened.

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Selectboard Report

John Robertson

Since the last writing we've had a lot of real winter with lots of snow and wind. This means our Highway Department has been very busy. Now that spring has sprung and mud season has come and gone, we can look forward to warmer weather.

Voting day in March was again not conducive to getting out the vote. It was snowing several inches per hour at times, and cold. There were but approximately 273 brave souls who cast their ballots, yet the Secretary of State retains the authority to postpone local election days. The NH House has voted to place the authority to postpone voting day due to weather and other specific reasons with town moderators in communities that use the Official Ballot. More to follow.

Of serious concern is the financial impact of the approved Fact-Finder's report as it applies to teachers' salary increases on our future tax rate. Additional impact will come from changes in property assessments and \$1M in School District bonding voted for high school science lab physical improvements. Estimates vary. Certain Selectmen's Advisory Committee members are meeting with District administration members to find ways to minimize the effect on property taxes.

The Highway Department will be working to improve drainage on several roads, paving some streets and making repairs where necessary. The finish coat of paving will be completed this spring on Highland Avenue and to the disturbed portion of Pleasant Street where new water lines and drainage work was completed last fall.

Your Selectboard is keeping a close eye on legislation that may have a direct impact on our town. We will be attending hearings in Concord to let our legislators know our feelings. We have attended hearings on Senate Bill 438 pertaining to the regulation of voting day. There were many towns in attendance.

We look forward to hearing from you with your concerns and thoughts. It is important.

The Selectboard generally meets on alternate Monday evenings. Please feel free to attend. You can better understand and become involved if you do.

Have a great summer. ♦

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Antrim Police Department

Tom Horne, Patrolman

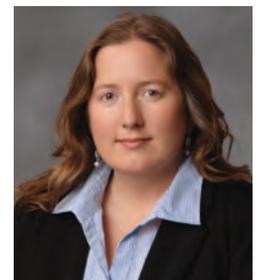
America's fascination with crime fiction spans generations. From our earliest history, we can recount the exploits of Wyatt Earp and the Lone Ranger. Dime-store booklets kept the genre alive with weekly exploits of heroes and heroines. As time has progressed, so has the genre.

Television has given rise to such characters as Perry Mason, Jim Rockford, and Leroy Jethro Gibbs. Today we enjoy crime shows like CSI and NCIS. It seems like everyone enjoys a good whodunit and for good reason. The stories are entertaining and usually involve a good plot twist. From a sociological standpoint, a good crime drama asks the audience to explore the very real drama of good vs. evil. A good story may even produce sympathy for the "villain," leaving the audience bewildered and asking if the good guy really won. But how realistic are these shows?

To answer that question, a group of elementary students joined me, Officer Tom Horne of the Antrim Police Department, on April 18 for a two-hour exercise in Crime Scene Investigation at the Tuttle Library in Antrim. The students explored proper procedures for evaluating a crime scene and quickly realized that it takes much longer than forty-five minutes to solve a crime.

Topics of conversation included securing and documenting a crime scene, collecting physical and trace evidence, interviewing potential witnesses and suspects, and then formulating theories through deductive reasoning. They learned how to lift fingerprints from objects in the room and then compared those prints to samples of known individuals. We learned that the collection of fingerprints is just one of many investigative tools used by law enforcement officials in the investigation of criminal activity.

The students were very inquisitive, and asked excellent questions about investigative techniques. Instead of answering, I asked for their opinions. Call it an object lesson in critical thinking. They responded beautifully! Many of their questions led to theories, which led to more questions! It was a real application of scientific methodology, and the best part was that they had fun while doing it! ♦



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We found a set of boot tracks leading up and over the mound of snow at the end of our driveway and heading up the hill toward the house through more than a foot of snow. They stopped and turned around at the point at which the five-foot deep pile of snow in front of the porch door became visible. There was a polite little note in our mailbox saying that an attempt had been made to deliver five boxes. I know “Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds,” is the unofficial motto of the US Postal Service, but we considered it a valiant attempt that went far beyond the call of duty. We made sure we showed up at the Post Office early the next morning to both pick up the boxes and profusely apologize.

I've often thought about this episode since then, wondering what it's like to deliver Antrim's mail day in and day out, year-round. As much as I enjoy walking and driving Antrim's back roads, what would it be like to do it every day? Our faithful letter carrier, Denise Holmes, agreed to share some of her thoughts on the subject as she prepares to retire after fifteen years on the job. Surprisingly, although she does admit she remembers the piles of snow and the five heavy boxes she had to load into her car and then unload back at the Post Office, she doesn't seem to hold them against me. I wouldn't have blamed her for throwing them in the snow at the end of the driveway.

Although postmarked in Manchester, Antrim's mail comes in from Peterborough these days, usually between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. The letter carriers then sort the mail and begin to pile it into their cars. Denise says they have a good crew—they may be doing the same thing every day, but it makes all the difference to be working with a nice group. They used to have to sort all their own letters, but automated sorting has eased that job. As Denise points out, “Technology does improve some things!”

The Postal Service carries a lot of parcels these days, especially since making an agreement with Amazon. Carriers have to be strong and fast. On routine mornings, they pile two or three cart-loads of packages into their cars. At Christmastime, they often make two or three trips back to the Post Office to reload during the day. Many of the packages are carried up to someone's porch or door, and they are repeatedly scanned so people can follow their delivery progress. (I had to admit just how much fun we have watching our packages make their way here.)

Outgoing mail leaves the Post Office around 4:40 in the afternoon. The carriers need to return with all outgoing mail before then. If they haven't finished their routes, they have to get back to the Post Office to get the outgoing mail onto that truck, and then go back to their routes. It can make for some late nights, especially at Christmastime and on winter days when it gets dark at 4:00.

There are two rural routes in Antrim. Although the numbers

are constantly in flux, there are currently about 455 addresses on Rural Route 1, 481 addresses on Rural Route 2, and 328 people with Post Office Boxes. Two rural routes also go out of Antrim to Hancock and one goes to Bennington. For efficiency's sake a few Antrim residents, for instance, those living on Willard Pond Road, are served out of the Hancock routes, and a few Hancock residents are served on Antrim routes. A few Hillsborough homes are also served by Antrim routes.

Denise drives RR-1, a 55-mile daily route that covers “all the outskirts” of Antrim, including a lot of dead ends. Don Currier drives RR-2, the 45-mile “inside” Antrim route. They drive their own cars—it's important to have a dependable car and a good mechanic. Denise says Glen and Craig Cook keep her on the road in her ten-year-old car. The Postal Service has “LLVs”, or Long-Life Vehicles, for some offices, and the Antrim office is hopeful they'll eventually get one, which would make it easier for people applying for substitute positions. Antrim doesn't have enough substitutes for every route. When subs aren't available, Denise ends up doing her eight-hour route six days a week.

Denise hasn't had too many mishaps while out on her route. She once ended up in a snowbank on Gregg Lake Road, but luckily Antrim road crews quickly came to the rescue. She also once ended up in a snowbank on Route 9 and was soon pulled out by a Hillsborough road crew. Denise says the scanners they use to track packages and registered letters are also equipped with a function that can tell them when they're being called in from their routes—for instance, when the weather seriously deteriorates—but that has only happened once in her tenure.

For fifteen years Denise has been a regular on her route. She says that although there have been occasional days, usually snowy ones, when she was reluctant to head out, mostly she has enjoyed her unique view of the Antrim back roads. She says springtime is her favorite—she loves seeing everyone's gardens and all the wildflowers coming to life. She sees a lot of birds and animals, too. One ruffed grouse landed on her windshield on Brimstone Corner Road and refused to move. (Maybe that was the infamous Brimstone Corner grouse that used to run along behind black pickup trucks and stop to chat with Scott Bethel while he was shoveling snow.) Denise watched a fox walking on the ice on Gregg Lake one day, unable to find a spot to cross an open area on the far side, and once spied a white weasel on Old North Branch Road. She says one of the special treats has been meeting all the new babies along her route.

Denise admits she's looking forward to retiring. All those packages are beginning to feel heavy—I hope I didn't contribute too much to that realization!—but she says overall it has been a good job and she's glad to have played her role in the life of the town. As she says, “There are a lot of things that make a town tick.” We'll miss her friendly smile, too. ♦

Avenue A: Summer Fun on its Way!

Jacqueline Roland, Avenue A Coordinator

With summer right around the corner, we're looking forward to a new season of programs at the Teen Center. Throughout July and August we'll be offering a selection of afternoon and evening activities for local youth.

Teen musicians are invited to practice performing with us at our Jam Session programs every other Saturday this summer. Glenn Stan, our awesome music guru, has been key to making this program a success!

Our writing programs will continue throughout the summer on Tuesdays. Middle School Writer's Society offers teens a fun, creative environment to write and share their work. High school writers will enjoy weekly writing club meetings featuring our special summer guest, Diana Feige, from Adelphi University, and the Her Story Project.

We're very excited to offer a new cooking program—Dinner Club—on Wednesday evenings starting in July. Local cooking enthusiasts will be teaching us their favorite dinner recipes and sharing a meal with us! This program will be offered at the Antrim Presbyterian Church kitchen—we're so grateful to them for letting us use the space!

Our pickup basketball program will resume over the summer at the Antrim Town Gym (thanks to the Antrim Rec Department!) on Wednesday evenings.

During our Thursday S.M.A.S.H (Science Makes Awesome Stuff Happen) programs, we'll offer hands-on STEM activities for teens including 3D printing/design with Dave DeWitt from Manufacturing Stories, mammal science with Susie Spikol-Faber from the Harris Center, a pond science program with Joan Gorga and other Antrim scientists, and more!

Young art lovers will be happy to know that our popular Art at the Avenue workshop series is continuing throughout the summer! And, we're excited to offer a week-long Expressive Art program for high schoolers led by Carol Lunan, our Family Support Director at The Grapevine.

Friday Open Hours will continue with special Lip Sync Battles, Karaoke Nights, and other fun activities planned!



April Improv Trio. Photo by Jacqueline Roland

We're so thankful for the volunteers who gave us their time this Spring for special new programs! In April we launched an Improv Acting program led by **Kathy Manfre** from the Peterborough Players; teens meet at Avenue A and build confidence through theater games and activities. **Sue and John Conklin** started a computer Coding Club for us, which launched in May! **Danis Collett** is teaching a silk painting workshop for us this month—we can't wait!

Volunteers make our programs happen! If you're interested in volunteering for one of our summer programs, please contact us at avenuea@grapevinenh.org.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

(running July 10th through August!)

- **Middle School Writers' Society**, Grades 7–8, Tues 3–5 p.m.*
- **Creative Writing Club**, Grades 9–12, Tues 6–8 p.m.
- **Dinner Club**, Grades 6 and up, Wed 4–6:30 p.m. at the Antrim Presbyterian Church*
- **Pick-Up Basketball**, Grades 8 and up, 7:30–8:30 p.m. at the Antrim Town Gym in AES
- **S.M.A.S.H.**, Grades 6 and up, Thurs 4–5:30 p.m.*
- **Art at the Avenue**, Grades 5–12, Thurs 6–7:30 p.m.*
- **Open Hours**, Ages 13–18, Fri 6:30–9 p.m.
- **Open Mics**, Grades 8–12, every other Sat 6:30–9 p.m.
- **Expressive Art Camp**, Grades 9–12, July 23–27, 2–4 p.m.

Al-Anon meets Wednesdays at 6 p.m. AA meets in our space Sundays at 6 p.m.

**Email us to register! avenuea@grapevinenh.org*

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A little harder is learning cursive in Dorothy Grube's second grade in the village. Despite my good effort my *es* look too much like *ls*; *qs* and *gs* are often interchangeable; and Miss Grube has to guess whether I'm writing an *a* or an *o*. But my second-grade mistakes are erasable.

Third grade is a different story. In addition to arithmetic, geography, hygiene and a lot more, Alice Cuddihy's job includes teaching me how to write in ink—black, unpredictable and permanent ink.

What a mess. Following the penmanship sessions, finger tips, sleeve cuffs and faces bear evidence of our struggle to master the ink pen.

Ink, readily available from the glass well set in my desk top invites experimentation. I discover that a Life Saver will dissolve in ink. Also a cough drop. But not bread crumbs from a peanut butter sandwich or pieces of apple.

The straight, wooden-handled pen piques my curiosity, too. How much of the dirt in the cracks of the oiled flooring can be plowed up with the steel nib before Miss Cuddihy notices? Will a dirt-encrusted pen point still work?

My pen comes with instructions. The book shows me how to hold the handle. The angle plays a part in the flow of the ink out of the split point. Too high an angle and all I get is faint scratches on the paper, too low and I make ink blots Rorschach would be proud of.

To write with a straight pen takes hours of practice. I learn to move the pen point not so much with my fingers as with my lower arm. The relaxed muscles in the forearm are supposed to create a pillow to support my arm on the desk, but skinny third graders don't have much of a lower-arm pillow. Miss Cuddihy tells me to roll my arm on the pillow to push the pen. I try.

Each day I practice making waves, peaks and coils in my penmanship book. It is a long time before I am proficient enough with the pen to start forming letters. Eventually, though, *Bs* and *Ts* and *Fs* line up. Pages and pages of them.

Finally, out of an afternoon's drudgery comes my full name. But not perfectly. Not even roughly, I guess. Blotched

bs, *ts* and *fs* among the ink blots don't please Miss Cuddihy. And my mother is informed.

No matter how decent my grades in arithmetic, spelling, and reading may be, a D in penmanship indicates to my mother that I am a flawed son.

After school, when I could be out with the calves and lambs, I sit at our dining room table and copy my mother's perfect letters. For several days I practice writing words and sentences, but chiefly my name. "Your signature is not just another word," she tells me, "it says something about who you are."

What's in a name? Mostly disagreeable work.

But just as with piano practice, my pen performance improves. By the time we are no longer graded on penmanship—maybe after Phyllis McCleary's (later Mrs. Ross's) fifth grade—I write in my mother's business-school hand.

I have mentioned in *The Limrik* that we are hoeing out our house these days. As I discard books and papers gathered and saved, some for more than seventy years, I can see an evolution of sorts in how I write my name. Some of the flyleaves of my oldest books look like they belonged to one of John Hancock's associates. But over the years I simplified and clarified my signature. Modernized it.

Now it seems nobody cares how I sign my name. Or whether. A microchip can represent me as well as or better than the hard-won letters I struggled to form under Alice Cuddihy's and Vera Butterfield's strict tutelage.

No matter. I earned my signature through diligence, and if it ever comes back into fashion again, I'll have it ready.

And with its contemporary and slightly shaky, old-age iteration I sign the last of these *Limrik* pieces. Revisiting in words Antrim Center and Clinton in the 1930s, '40s, and '50s has been great fun for me, but twenty-seven articles is enough. I appreciate Dick's, Lyman's and Joan's gifts to me through the years more than I can say. I'm grateful, too, for the kind comments readers have made. I'll continue walking Antrim's old roads and byways, just not writing about what I encounter. I hope to see you out there.

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Earl Morrill Master Miniature Ship Builder

Lyman Gilmore

For the March 2015 *Limrik* I interviewed and wrote about Master Miniature Shipbuilder Earl Morrill. He has just completed a commission for another 19th century Maine schooner, and I have interviewed him again.

— Lyman Gilmore

This week Earl Morrill is taking some time off from his job at Edmunds Hardware to fly to the town of Steilacoom on Washington's Pacific coast where he will present his new miniature ship the Topsail Schooner Damariscove to the Historical Museum and collect the balance of the \$8,000 for which the museum contracted.

Earl is one of the few "scratch" miniature ship builders in the US, and he makes a point of explaining that he does not build ship "models," but exact miniature replicas of authentic historical sailing ships crafted from materials the same as those that went into the original ship, as documented in at least two places. As I described in my March 2015 article, "He researches each ship for months before starting to build from scratch. He obtains original blueprints and paintings of nineteenth century sailing ships and then constructs them from the keel up—hull, deck, masts, and rigging—using authentic materials the same as in the original ships." His Topsail Schooner Damariscove is constructed on a scale of one-quarter inch to one foot of the original ship, and it has taken him eight months to build.

Again from my 2015 article: "Earl grew up in South Orlington, Maine, on the Penobscot River just south of Bangor, the lumber capital of the United States in the 1800s. Three times a year his great grandfather Joseph H. Atwood sailed lumber schooners thirty miles down to the ocean and then on to Boston and New York, returning with loads of produce. As a boy in a shipbuilding village, "I hung out with an old trapper and cemetery sexton Joe Hurd who knew everybody in town," and who taught him how to row upstream "going from eddy to eddy against the current," as well as how to trap beaver, otter, mink, marten, fisher and ermine."

The first Topsail Schooner Damariscove was built in New Castle, Maine, in 1849, and its captain George Talbot sailed it from the Damariscotta River around the Horn of South America to San Francisco from December 1849 to July

1850. In 1851, Lafayette Balch, another Maine sea captain who owned a fleet of sailing ships in San Francisco bought the Damariscove and sailed it up the coast to Puget Sound in Washington State where he founded the town of Steilacoom in 1851. The Steilacoom Historical Museum has wanted a replica of the ship that helped found the town, and they sent



inquiries to Maine nautical museums for the name of an expert craftsman who could build them such a miniature ship. They agreed that Earl was their man.

I have visited Earl's shop in North Bennington and have seen his ship-work close up, and its acute, intricate detail is extraordinary, especially when I consider that Earl fashions almost every part from the same material as in the original full size historical Schooner. Here is his description of some of these materials:

Having been raised in a small shipbuilding town on the Penobscot River in central Maine I had learned over the years what types of materials they used. Their frames were

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Antrim's Snow Roller

Bill Nichols

At Town Meeting on March 11, 1891, the Town of Antrim voted to make a significant equipment purchase, and the written record indicates that this purchase may have been made at the request of a neighboring town.

Built in Francestown and made mostly of oak, it was more than twelve feet wide, six feet in diameter and taller than the average man. It weighed in at about 3400 pounds and required a team of four, or sometimes six, horses to pull it along. In January 1892, Antrim's first snow roller arrived.

The snow roller was used to compact the snow on the roads from Bennington to Hillsboro and throughout town in order for horse-drawn sleighs to get about. In 1892, the town bought two more snow rollers, one for the Branch and one for the Centre. In February of 1894, Robert Shea narrowly escaped being crushed by his snow roller when the horses bolted and threw him from his seat atop the roller onto the pole between two of the horses. In 1914, records indicate that the town owned just two snow rollers, and at Town Meeting 1920, they voted to buy another. But in 1926, as the automobile was becoming more popular, Antrim's snow roller was used for the last time and was replaced by the snowplow; however, the snowplow had to continue to leave a few inches of snow on the roads so that sleighs could still be used.

Although Antrim's first snow roller purchase was in 1891, it appears that they may have been using a snow roller (possibly borrowed from another town) as many as twenty-five years earlier. You see, after discussing the snow roller with my uncle, Charles Butterfield, it appears he has evidence that my g-g-g-grandfather, George F. Parmenter, operated a snow roller in Antrim back in 1866. I also found that in 1842, George Parmenter was paid \$4.00 by the town for "repairing roads and bridges." In time we may find out exactly when Antrim first started using a snow roller to better the winter roads.

Antrim's last remaining snow roller was rebuilt back in 1977 by Eb Chamberlain, Sr., and was part of the Bicentennial parade. Since then, it's been hither and yon and currently resides by the side of the road at the airport in Deering. Some of us at the Historical Society have decided that it's time to rebuild this piece of history with the idea of it making an appearance at an event this fall. If you would like to take part in the restoration of this most important piece of Antrim history, please contact the Antrim Historical Society at info@antrimhistoricalsociety.org or call Bill Nichols at 588-6539. ♦

Independence Day Celebration • July 4

Memorial Park • 8:30 a.m.

Coffee and doughnuts

Sing-along with the Yankee Doodle and the Dandies

Flag ceremony - Antrim Scouts

Declaration of Independence read by Bill Nichols & Dean Proctor



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made of oak so I use well-seasoned miniature oak. Their deck planking was made of southern yellow pine because it dries very hard, so I send to the Carolinas and have someone find seasoned pine in very fine grain to make my planking. They used sycamore panels for their cabins because sycamore when it dries does not crack or shrink. Lots of old homesteads in New England had front porches with turned white painted posts. You may have noticed these old posts never have cracks because they were made of sycamore from down south and brought up in schooners carrying goods to small river towns. So when we upgraded the old porch to pressure treated lumber I saved some of that old sycamore for the panels of the cabins of my models, and I still use that old sycamore today. My rigging line is miniature wound rope from a dealer in New Jersey who has it made in Spain, and I always have my rigging line bee's wax injected to protect against dry rot. One thing I do for the pegs (trunnels) that fasten the planking is use split bamboo because it dries harder than our local hardwoods and also has very long fibers. Therefore the planking on my ships will never let go. I forge all my hardware of brass and bronze, painted.

Earl says proudly that if he could find some seamen one and a half inches tall, they could actually sail his miniature ships! ♦

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The Shell in Grammie Caughey's Attic: from Antrim back to Maui?

George Caughey

This is a tale of a prodigal shell, a conch perhaps cut and polished into a horn two centuries ago in the kingdom of Hawaii. In Hawaii, then known as the Sandwich Islands, conchs were used for ceremonial purposes, as in royal fanfares, or for practical purposes, such as communicating with offshore canoes. When played, this conch blasts a note on the sharp side of D natural, though a little embouchure adjustment or curling of fingers into its mouth yields true D. The shell had the privilege of resting in my grandmother's attic in Antrim for perhaps half of the 20th century, but had been in her family for much longer. The shell now being in my hands, I recently tried to figure out how far it has travelled and whether it needs to go home.

According to family lore and results of some internet sleuthing, the conch was brought to New England in 1837 by missionaries Ephraim and Julia Spaulding via whaling ship around Cape Horn—a trip of nearly six months—on their return from the Sandwich Islands to Ephraim's parents' farm in Ludlow, Vermont. As it happens, I am Ephraim and Julia's great-great-great-nephew. The story of the early Sandwich Island missionaries, who built little churches uncannily resembling those scattered throughout small-town New England, will be familiar to anyone who has read the Michener saga *Hawaii*. Ephraim was an early graduate of Middlebury College and of Andover Theological Seminary. Julia was one of the first pupils of Mary Lyon (the pioneer in women's



education who went on to found Mt. Holyoke) at her Seminary in Ipswich. These institutions were hotbeds of Calvinist theology, anti-slavery activism, and missionary fervor. It may help to be reminded that at the time of their departure for the Sandwich Islands, Andrew Jackson was president, and much of the North American West, including California and Texas, was part of Mexico, and so the U.S. in the first third of the 19th century had little presence or influence west of the Rockies. The Sandwich Islands, being thousands of miles from the west coast, were even more remote, but had been introduced to Yankee ways by whalers shipping out of New England ports such as New Bedford, Nantucket, and even Portsmouth.

Ephraim and Julia, married less than two weeks before boarding the three-masted whaling ship *Averick* in late 1831 for what turned into a 172-day voyage, were Congregational missionaries sponsored by the recently formed American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions. Soon after arriving, they were posted to the Maui town of Lahaina, which, in addition to being a coastal village favored by native royals, fronted a “roadstead” or anchoring spot for whaling ships across Maui's leeward shore, which is more sheltered from the trade winds than are other parts of Maui. At the time of their stay, the Sandwich Islands were an independent kingdom ruled by descendants of King Kamehameha I. When the first missionaries arrived about ten years previously, the islanders had no written language or laws, and many natives worshipped idols and practiced polygamy, but the *kapu* system and other traditions were eroding, and the Missionary Board sensed fertile ground. Indeed, although the success of missionaries judged by conversion metrics was mixed, they played a large and arguably essential role in creating written language and laws, and in usher-

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Tuttle Library News

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SUMMER PROGRAMS

June 7	Medicare Seminar with Kathleen Murphy, VALIC Financial Advisor, 6:30 p.m.
June 25	Summer Reading Program sign-up begins
June 30	Library Lawn Party with bouncy house, raffles and more fun! 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
July 4	Closed for Independence Day
July 19	Exemplary Country Estates of New Hampshire, 6:30 p.m.
Aug. 2	Cash Management Seminar with Kathleen Murphy of VALIC, 6:30 p.m.
Aug. 31	Summer Reading Program ends
Thursdays	Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
Fridays	Storytime, 10 a.m.
Aug–Sept	Community Art Display—Teens too!

“Libraries Rock!” Summer Reading Program Kickoff Lawn Party!

We have some new, exciting things planned for the whole family at this year’s Summer Reading Program! Join us for our kickoff lawn party on Saturday, June 30, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. out on the front lawn. We’ll be serving hot dogs and ice cream and there will be a bouncy house, face painting, and games. Also, throughout the summer, get rewarded for reading books! We’re going to have prizes for kids and adults who read books as well as prize raffles and coupons for ice cream at Tenney Farm.

Registration for “Libraries Rock!” begins June 25 and runs through August 31. Sign up at any time during this period; all programs are free of charge. For more information, call the library at 588-6786 or stop in—we’d love to see you at the library this summer. You don’t want to miss this!

The library wishes to thank the Schacht Family, Tenney Farm, Halo Top Ice Cream, The Badger Company, Chipotle Restaurants, the House of the Seven Gables, the Salem Witch Museum and many others for their generous donations and support!

Museum Passes

Go to a museum this summer on us! Did you know the library offers free museum passes to the Currier Museum

of Art, Strawberry Banke, and Canterbury Shaker Village? We do! Call or stop in to sign up for your day in advance or check availability.

Medicare Seminar

Do you have questions for yourself or a loved one regarding Medicare? Come to a free session at the library on Thursday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. Kathleen Murphy from VALIC Financial Advisors, will be joined by a special guest to discuss Medicare and other healthcare options. Call the library to register at 588-6786.

Exemplary Country Estates of New Hampshire

Learn about the great estates in New Hampshire as part of a “Humanities to Go” presentation on Thursday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m. In the early 20th Century, the New Hampshire Board of Agriculture launched a program to boost the rural economy and promote tourism through the sale of abandoned farms to summer residents. Using historic images and text, Christina Ashjian, will discuss well-known estates now open to the public, such as The Fells on Lake Sunapee, The Rocks in Bethlehem, and Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish.

Christina Ashjian is an art historian and an independent scholar based in Moultonborough, where she is presently the chair of the Moultonborough Heritage Commission. Her current research focuses on late 19th and early 20th century country estates. Ashjian holds an MA in the History of Art from the Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London, and a PhD in Modern Art and Architecture from Northwestern University.

Free Seeds at the library; let’s get growing!

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Counsel for the Defense

William Bryk

I may be the only active practicing lawyer in Antrim, New Hampshire, which may make me the best lawyer in a one-lawyer town.

I was writing one Saturday morning when a neighbor telephoned with a problem. Her adolescent daughter had received a speeding ticket a little after 3:00 p.m. on December 4, 2017. She'd been driving a friend to a medical appointment in Concord. She was more concerned for her passenger than the speed limit. She didn't notice the speed limit had dropped from fifty-five to fifty. She was barreling along at seventy-five, anyway. She was stopped in Henniker, on Route 202, the main road between Antrim and Concord.

The traffic stop was just bad luck. An acquaintance that lives in Antrim is a self-confessed lead foot. Antrim's constabulary has stopped him twice during the last two years. Each time he was cautioned to slow down and sent on his way without a ticket. The Henniker police apparently exercised their discretion differently.

She paid the fine. There were two things she didn't know about New Hampshire traffic law, which I too didn't know until it became my business to know.

First, paying the fine is an admission of guilt. Game over. Second, drivers under the age of twenty who plead guilty to a traffic violation risk a twenty-day suspension of their licenses.

The daughter had received a Notice of Hearing from the Department of Safety's Bureau of Hearings. Her parents sent me a PDF file of the Notice—email and PDF files images are good things—and I began reviewing the relevant statute and the Bureau's rules of procedure.

If she defaulted—didn't show up—her license would be suspended for twenty days. If she appeared, she could present evidence in mitigation of penalty. The Notice of Hearing and the legal materials agreed that a respondent may make a plea in mitigation of penalty: in her case, by presenting evidence of an otherwise spotless driving record and the effects of a suspension on her education and employment.

Her parents emailed me more documents. Their daughter's in her senior year of high school with a 3.5 GPA and an internship she's working for college credit. She's been accepted to colleges in New Hampshire and Massachusetts and has applications out to as many more outside the Granite State. She drives to school and the internship. She also drives to outstate colleges for interviews as part of the application process. All these things are important, both now and in her future.

Both parents work. Suspending her license would inconvenience the entire family.

I took the case.

Learning a new area of the law is part of the lawyer's

trade. I'd spent eight years prosecuting employee disciplinary cases before administrative law judges. I've presided over a couple of dozen proceedings as a hearing officer. I've represented hundreds of clients at bankruptcy hearings. This kind of work wasn't wholly unfamiliar. But a few years had gone by since my last trial and I'd never been counsel for the defense.

I was retained on Saturday. The hearing was on Wednesday. Time to work. Preparation is everything at a trial.

On Sunday after Mass at St. Mary's in Hillsborough, I drove through Henniker along Route 202 from border to border to see whether any of the signage was defective. It wasn't. Still, a lawyer should go to the scene of the incident to see for himself.

I had reached the final questions in my draft direct examination of my client when Mr. Boo entered the room. More formally known as Bolingbroke, our shy, gentle, and affectionate feral tabby began weaving about my ankles and mewing when he thought I wasn't paying him enough attention.

I had work to do. I walked from my office. Mr. Boo followed. Once far enough down the hall, I doubled back and closed the door. My client's parents would pay me *not* to pay attention to Mr. Boo for a few days. Their fee will keep me in whiskey and cigars, and cat food, too.

My client initially wanted to default. This concerned me because, if nothing else, I'd like to earn a fee as I'd done some work. But on learning that I'd done some work, she asked her father to bring her to my office so we might talk about it.

We talked in her father's presence. I told her that, though her parents were paying my fee, she was my client, not them. I'd execute her instructions. I'd an ethical duty to do so. I couldn't guarantee success. If she didn't want to defend the case, I'd do everything I could to expedite the suspension and return of the license.

We talked for a bit about her hopes and dreams, of majoring in art and becoming a painter and sculptor. Then we went through my draft direct examination. I explained my reasons for asking each question, elicited her answers, and suggested appropriate and truthful responses.

James Fenimore Cooper called this practice "horse-shedding the witness." The phrase stemmed from his observation of attorneys who rehearsed their witnesses in carriage sheds near the courthouse in White Plains, NY. Any resemblance to an excremental phrase was probably intentional.

To me, this is legitimate witness preparation. The best client is one empowered with understanding of the process. They become more comfortable, however stressful the situ-

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ing the Islands into a more modern world of communication and trade.

Missionary sensibilities were disturbed not just by some traditional native practices, but also by the wayward ways of visiting whalers. Thus, the focus of the Spauldings was not only on "civilizing and Christianizing the native heathen" but on accomplishing the same with carousing, intemperate seamen. One of Ephraim's specialties was preaching to seamen on board ships at anchor in the roadways, to which he was deemed especially suited as being less prone to seasickness than most of the missionaries. Julia, for example, was confined to bed for almost the entire duration of her 172-day voyage to the Islands, as were others.

But back to the shell in the Antrim attic: although Ephraim died of consumption at the age of thirty-seven only three years after his return to the U.S., perhaps the most likely scenario is that he gave the shell as a souvenir to his younger sister (my great-great-grandmother) Emily. From there it appears to have passed to Emily's only surviving child, my great-grandmother Emma Brown, who lived with her husband Byron in Waltham, Massachusetts much of her life, but relocated to Antrim in the care of her daughter (my grandmother Rachel Caughey) sometime after her husband died in 1917. Emma herself died in 1925. Emma and Byron are buried in Antrim's North Branch Cemetery, along with my Caughey grandparents, aunts, uncles and other relatives. The shell, in the meantime, landed in my grandparents' house on Antrim's Clinton Road, across from the Stone Church. Upon my grandparents' deaths in the 1960s, the shell passed to my parents, Winslow and Helen Caughey, who, in addition to residing in Antrim for several years of early married life, lived in Maryland, Florida, Arizona, Colorado and finally Montana. The shell accompanied them on their wanderings. Eventually passed on to me, it has resided on my mantelpiece in California for the past two decades, occasionally to be trotted out to be admired and tooted. It is most amazingly loud, so it is easy to see how it could send warnings and summon from afar.

In any case, after over half a century of peregrinations, it has returned to Antrim. Thus, this shell horn, which on inspection appears to have been well used at the time it was acquired by the Spauldings in the 1830s, is at least 180 years old, and likely older. And it is exceptionally well travelled, having sailed some 16,000 miles from Hawaii through the South Pacific and around the tip of South America and on to Boston—then on to a medley of New England locales, including the mountains of Vermont, the suburbs of Boston

along the Charles, and the hills of Southern New Hampshire—and later by car, truck and airplane to nearly all states in the Middle Atlantic, South, desert Southwest, and Rocky Mountains, as well as to Northern California, which is as close as it has come so far to a return to its place of origin.

Now that the conch is back in Antrim, I'm pondering its fate. One option is to return it to its presumed source. Based on observations made on a recent visit to Maui, I believe that this is a realistic possibility. Lahaina now has a historical site, the Baldwin Home and Museum, billed as Maui's

oldest intact house. Ephraim erected the original part of the house, as well as the adjacent Masters' Reading Room (once a kind of Officer's Club for ship Captains and the like). The structures still stand because they were built of stone—including hand-hewn coral harvested from nearby reefs, which also were the raw material for locally produced lime for mortar—and also because they have been restored by preservationists. Part of Rev. Spaulding's motivation for building in stone was that previous dwellings, including his own, consisting of a traditional framework of twine-wrapped poles covered in pili

grass and pandanus leaf thatch, had succumbed to storms. The house is called the Baldwin Home because Dr. Baldwin, who is credited with saving Maui and nearby islands from smallpox via an early vaccination program, moved in and enlarged it after Rev. Spaulding and his family left because of the ill health of Ephraim and Julia (who also lost an infant child in Lahaina), shipping back to New England. Could the shell find rest and new purpose in the Baldwin Museum? I am thinking yes. ♦



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Boy Scout Troop 2

Michael Redmond, Scoutmaster

Boy Scout Troop 2 does not hibernate when it comes to winter, and they are starting their 105th year strong!

The boys spent November and December selling Christmas wreaths in an effort to fundraise for summer camp at Camp Yawgoog in Rhode Island this year. In addition, some of the funds raised will help to send them on our end-to-end Pennsylvania tour this summer, where we plan on whitewater rafting, spelunking, taking a trip into a coal mine, ziplining, seeing Gettysburg and the 9/11 Memorial, several Philadelphia historical stops, and a day at Hershey Park! And still on deck for 2019, our two-week, cross-country trip to Yellowstone! THANK YOU to everyone who bought a Boy Scout Troop 2 Wreath!

In January, the Scouts braved twenty degree below zero weather to camp at the Boy Scout's hidden gem, Hoge Base in Walpole, NH. They were joined by the younger Webelos Cub Scouts, and had a great time sledding, building forts, throwing snowballs, playing games until late (and chopping wood to stay warm, of course).

In February, the Force was with us! We partook in a Star Wars-themed Klondike Derby in Jaffrey, where our Scout skills were tested, taking down ATAT's with our knots, communicating with distant scouts with our signaling skills, and finding our way with our orienteering/compass skills. The

Raccoon Patrol, lead by Patrol Leader Hunter, won 2nd place at the orienteering activity. So if you are going to get lost in the woods, do it with the Raccoon Patrol! After the Klondike, did we go home? No! We went and camped (in the rain) at Mt. Monadnock!

Also in February, the boys decided to do a troop ski night at Crotched Mountain. New skiers were made, and fun was had by all, until 3AM! We went on one of their Midnight Madness nights, and enjoyed a free ski lesson and skiing under the lights all night... a great time!

In March, the Boy Scouts honored their Oath and Promise, and provided service to our community, as we do throughout the year. We held our annual spring Scouting for Food campaign, and collected over 1600 food items for the Antrim-Bennington Food Pantry. This will greatly help our less fortunate neighbors in the area. A SCOUT IS HELPFUL.

Also in March, we went as a troop to a Manchester Monarchs hockey game, where the Scouts were on the ice holding the Big Flag for the team during their flag ceremony.

April was BUSY for our local Boy Scout Troop! We all participated in the Hike-A-Thon in Nelson, starting the morning with a nice five-mile hike. Then we went to the Scouting Museum in Manchester for a tour and some education as to our roots as Boy Scouts (while also working on the Scouting Heritage Merit Badge), and then spent the ENTIRE overnight rock climbing at Vertical Dreams in Nashua. Whew!

On Earth Day, when the snow finally melted, we cleaned our two-mile stretch of adopted roadway on Rt. 202 at the Bennington/Antrim line, and collected ninety bags of trash, and some other very strange items. It is really amazing (and sad) to see how much trash the Boy Scouts find on that stretch of road.

May has not disappointed. The boys just got back from the NH Jamboree (NHXperience) at the NH Motor Speedway in Loudon. After spending a night fighting Mother Nature and her sixty-mph winds (still missing a tent, must have blown over to the seacoast), the Scouts spent the day doing TONS of activities. Robots, space exploration, zip lines, surf boarding, two concerts, fireworks, driving eighteen-wheelers, operating full-size backhoes, sitting in a Black Hawk helicopter, and on and on and on. It was an incredible (and eye-opening event). RIP to Mr. Hebert's tarp of forty years, which had seen almost every scouting event since the '70s. You put up a good fight in those winds!

In a few weeks, the Boy Scouts will be placing flags at the local cemeteries with the American Legion to honor our vets. Come see us march at the Memorial Day parade on May 28th, and bring your old, tattered American flags that need to be retired to our flag retirement on Flag Day, June 14th, in Memorial Park.

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Community Calendar

JUNE

- 2 **Black Fly Art Show** • The Grapevine • 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon
- 6 **Resilience** • Documentary showing at Antrim Town Hall • 7:00 p.m.
- 7 **Medicare Seminar** • Tuttle Library • 6:30 p.m.
- 10 **Game Night** • Fellowship Hall at the First Presbyterian Church • 6:00 p.m.
- 16 **Learning Vine Yard Sale** • The Grapevine parking lot • 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon
- 16 **Antique Car Show** • Sawyer Park, Rt 202, Bennington • 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- 16 **Grand Opening** • Community Tool Shed • The Grapevine • 11:00 a.m.
- 17 **Free Pancake Breakfast** • Antrim Baptist Church • 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
- 17 **Antrim's Churches and Ministers** • Antrim Historical Society program • First Presbyterian Church • 3:00 p.m.
- 21 **Antrim Eclectic Book Club** • First Presbyterian Church • 11:00 a.m.
- 21 **Free Community Supper** • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 24 **Free Movie** • "I Can Only Imagine" • Antrim Baptist Church • 6:30 p.m.
- 26 **Lunch Venture or Adventure** • Sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church • TBA
- 30 **Libraries Rock!** • Summer Reading Program Lawn Party • Tuttle Library • 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

JULY

- 4 **Independence Day Celebration** • Memorial Park • 8:30 a.m.
Coffee and doughnuts • Sing-along with the Yankee Doodle and the Dandies
Flag ceremony: Antrim Scouts • Declaration of Independence reading by Bill Nichols and Dean Proctor
- 5 **Gregg Lake Watershed Management Plan Kick-off** • time and place TBD
- 11 **Wildlife Encounters: "Phoenix Encounter"** • Antrim in the Evening • Memorial Park • 6:00 p.m.
- 15 **Ice Cream at Tenney's Farm Stand** • Sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church • 4:00 p.m.
- 18 **Sugarbush Road (and Hula Hoop Making!)** • Antrim in the Evening • Memorial Park • 6:00 p.m.
- 19 **Antrim Eclectic Book Club** • First Presbyterian Church • 11:00 a.m.
- 19 **Teddy Bear Picnic** • Antrim Recreation at Memorial Park • 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- 19 **Free Community Supper** • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 19 **Exemplary Country Estates of NH** • Program at the Tuttle Library • 6:30 a.m.
- 23–27 **Vacation Bible School** • At Antrim Baptist Church with the First Presbyterian Church • 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 25 **Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik Showe** • Antrim in the Evening • Memorial Park • 6:00 p.m.

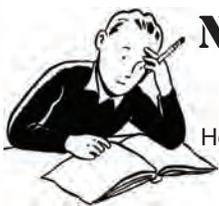


AUGUST

- 1 **Off the Cuff** • Antrim in the Evening • Memorial Park • 6:00 p.m.
- 2 **Cash Management Seminar** • Tuttle Library • 6:30 p.m.
- 5 **BBQ at Gregg Lake** • Sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church • 5:00 p.m.
- 8 **Squam Lakes Science Center Animal Education** • Antrim in the Evening • Memorial Park • 6:00 p.m.
- 15 **The Kingsnakes** • Antrim in the Evening • Memorial Park • 6:00 p.m.
- 16 **Free Community Supper** • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 14-15 **Home & Harvest Festival** • Various locations in Antrim
- 15 **Antrim High School Reunion** • All class reunion at Paul Hardwick's Yard • 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.



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Antrim Historical Society

Barbara Black and Kathi Wasserloos

Beginning in May, our docents will resume their Saturday schedule, and one of our board members will be at the museum space in the library from 10 a.m. until noon. We invite you to stop in to ask questions, to view the displays, and/or to donate your Antrim keepsakes.

Be sure to admire the “flower box” made by cabinet maker Roger Dunlap before his untimely death and recently donated to the Antrim Historical Society by his uncle, Don Dunlap.

We have been doing some “spring cleaning” prior to creating updated displays. Among our summer displays will be: Life in 1918 (including the Armistice and the end of World War I), Early Antrim years, Fire Department memorabilia; and Antrim Homes. We have also unearthed some art work and portraits that had been stored away. So come in and check us out.

We want to send a shout-out to the library trustees who generously arranged to install new LED rope lighting in our display cabinets. The displays look much brighter! We send an additional shout-out to the Antrim Center Congregational Church. We were honored to be the re-

ipients of a disbursement of \$25,000—earmarked for two future projects, our sign project and an update of the town history. We appreciate their generosity. ♦



Photo legend: Antrim Historical Society Board members Barbara Black and Kathi Wasserloos enjoy a sunny moment with life-time Historical Society member Don Dunlap.

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ation, once they understand how best to testify truthfully before they take the stand.

We knew she'd already pled guilty to speeding by paying the ticket. Her arguments in mitigation of penalty were strong: great grades, a job, and acceptances to good colleges.

At the end of our conversation, I asked her to talk things over with her father, left the room, gave them five minutes, and returned to find she'd changed her mind—she wanted to fight, though understanding she might lose. Until then, I hadn't expressed my opinion to her on whether to fight—that had to be her decision without pressure from me. Now I told her that she'd made the correct decision. Better to fight than roll over. I quoted Pascal: "God does not require us to succeed. He requires us to try."

On Wednesday morning, I drove to my client's house. Her parents drove us to the Bureau of Hearings in Concord. We went over the questions again. She admitted nervousness, but felt less nervous than before. We were second on the calendar.

The hearing examiner was a pleasant, good-looking man of about thirty-five. He was warm and friendly without being familiar. He started on time at 9:00 a.m. and explained the process in clear, simple terms. He conducted the first hearing. Then he called my client's case. We went up to counsel's table.

I began my direct examination. She explained why she was driving to Concord—taking a friend to a doctor. I introduced a copy of the traffic summons into evidence and moved to dismiss the state's case because of a flaw on the ticket's face. The examiner was interested by my argument but denied the motion. I then brought in my client's transcript and asked about her extracurriculars. Her answers made clear that a suspension would interfere with her education and extracurriculars and affect her parents, who then would have to transport her to and from school.

We're in rural New Hampshire. Our regional high school is about fifteen miles away by car. There is no public transportation, unless one counts a shabby school bus with some rowdy, unpleasant student riders.

I was about to bring in the evidence of her internship (no money, but college credit) when the examiner smiled. He waved his hand, warmly saying, "I've heard enough. Don't keep talking when you've won." I shut my mouth. Over-preparing is better.

The hearing examiner didn't suspend the license or levy another fine. He gave her a year's probation, which will automatically expire on January 17, 2019 without another hearing. The client and her parents are happy. Now I sent them the bill. Clients from Antrim are billed \$100/hour because they are my neighbors. Clients from other parts of New Hampshire pay me \$200/hour.

My client's parents are working people. They paid me by installments as I'd invited them to do. I've paid folks by installment myself. I've always seen myself as a working class guy with a law license and no pretensions.

I once knew a lawyer who'd begun his career in a small town in Mississippi. There were two major lawyers in town who served the white folks. My friend represented everybody else. The farmers whom he helped often could only pay him in kind: carrots, potatoes, lettuce, other vegetables, and the occasional side of hog.

After we'd enjoyed a few laughs over a glass or two, I asked him why he'd come up north. He replied, "Mississippi Power and Light don't take potatoes."

As for me, I'm just a working class guy with a law license: fellow workers can pay me in any way that wouldn't inconvenience them. Eversource doesn't take potatoes, either. ♦

Boy Scout Troop 2 continued from page 15

Do you see a pattern here? Boy Scout Troop 2 is a VERY active group of boys, led by the boys, focusing on service to our community, leadership and character development, and LOTS of adventure and fun!

If your son has any interest in the outdoors, camping, hiking, and all things Boy Scouts, and wants to develop leadership skills and make memories that will last a lifetime, email scoutmaster@troop2nh.org or visit us at troop2nh.org. ♦



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Gregg Lake Watershed Management Plan

“WHAT WAS I THINKING?”

Joan Gorga, Project Manager

To quote singer-songwriter Christine Lavin, “What was I thinking?” Christine is known for her deep and serious analysis of the problems of everyday life, and the title of her song has become the new theme of my life.

Somewhere around ten years ago, acknowledging my fond attachment to Gregg Lake, I decided to show up for a Lake Host training session at the Town Beach (*What was I thinking?*). Lake Hosting has never really been my thing—I’m too shy and quiet (don’t laugh!)—although nearly everyone I’ve met putting in a boat or kayak at the boat launch has been very receptive and thanked us for making the effort to protect the lake. We need Lake Host volunteers whose time provides a match for the Lake Host grants Antrim Recreation Director Celeste Lunetta has been applying for every year since Marlene and Jerry Schultz submitted the first application sometime around 2005. If we don’t get volunteers, we won’t be able to keep up the program.

Lake Hosting led to my showing up at a Weed Watcher training Celeste arranged. Now that’s my kind of thing! I’ve spent many happy hours drifting around in my kayak examining the aquatic plants of Gregg Lake and communing with the loons. *Potamogeton spirillus?* Cool! So far, we have no known aquatic invasives in Gregg Lake, although, with cooperation from Camp Chenoa and Harbor Camps, we have been beating back a small patch of purple loosestrife that has tried to establish itself on the shore. With our small but dedicated group of Weed Watchers and the keen eyes of fishers and paddlers watching for lake changes, we should be able to spot the arrival of an invasive before it becomes impossible to eradicate. What a great excuse—“Sorry, no can do...I have to go out and do a little Weed Watching

now.” I use it often.

When I made the mistake of informing Celeste that we had bought a house (with indoor plumbing and electricity!) and were becoming full-time Antrim residents, she invited me to join the Antrim Parks and Recreation Commission to represent the area around Gregg Lake. I showed up at the next meeting, and before long found myself Chair (and Celeste’s boss) because no-one else wanted to do it, *and* they all promised me there was nothing to it. (*What was I thinking?*)



Ben Pratt and Joan Gorga head up the channel on April 18, before ice out, to do the first round of water quality sampling on Gregg Lake for the year. Photo, Frank Gorga

A few years ago, several Antrim residents, both full- and part-timers, mentioned concerns about recent algal blooms, as well as observed changes in fish populations. Investigating the algal blooms for a December 2015 *Limrik* story introduced me to the state’s Volunteer Lake Assessment Program, and somehow I was drawn into spearhead-

ing the VLAP testing for Gregg Lake, which Bob Southall had led for the Gregg Lake Association since 1997. When a notice came out through the VLAP office about funding being available to develop an EPA-approved watershed-based management plan, I thought it sounded like a great idea, as it seemed like a good time to assess both where Gregg Lake stands and what we might do to restore and protect its water quality. (*What Was I Thinking?*)

When I put out a few feelers (hopefully more like the lovely pitcher plant sending up its striking purple flower to entice visitors than the ubiquitous, and also carnivorous, bladderwort entangling one’s feet, but others may feel differently) to see if anyone else was interested, a number of Gregg Lakers jumped on board. We quickly assembled a Core Group and a larger Gregg Lake Watershed Management Plan Committee, submitted a pre-proposal, inter-

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viewed with members of the state Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), and submitted our full proposal for grant funding in January 2017. It took some time for everything to work through the system, but on December 6, the Governor and Council finally approved our grant agreement, which includes \$25,000 in funding to develop a Watershed Management Plan for Gregg Lake. The advantage of having an EPA-approved Watershed Management Plan is that funding then becomes available for more costly projects that will protect or enhance the water quality.

In February, with support from NHDES, we published a “Request for Qualifications” to hire a consultant to guide us through the process of developing a Watershed Management Plan, and on May 10, we were thrilled to sign a contract with Forrest Bell Environmental Associates. That’s five tasks now completed out of the forty-four listed in our grant agreement. (*What Was I Thinking?*)

Next up: a Kick-Off meeting to present the process of developing a Gregg Lake Watershed Management Plan to the stakeholders—the Town of Antrim, the Gregg Lake Association, the White Birch Point Association, NH Audubon, the Harris Center, Harbor Camps, other watershed landowners, fishers, boaters, and anyone with an interest in the future of Gregg Lake. We have a great and hard-working Core Group,

currently made up of Peter Beblowski, Diane Chauncey, Melissa Lombard, Helen Perivier, Ben Pratt, Cathy Speden, David Ward and myself. A number of other people and groups have agreed to work with us as we proceed with developing the Watershed Management Plan with the guidance of our consultant and NHDES, and anyone who’d like to participate is welcome. We’re learning the process as we go. The Kick-Off is tentatively scheduled for July 5; location to be announced. Please join us!

We need people who use the lake to share their thoughts and concerns. Have you been fishing on Gregg Lake for ten—or fifty—years? Have you noticed any changes in the fish you catch? Do you kayak on the lake? Have you noticed changes in the aquatic plants? Is there anything else you’ve observed that we should consider as we develop a long-term plan for protecting the water quality of Gregg Lake? Please come to one or more of our upcoming meetings, fill out our surveys and/or contact one of the Committee members.

The Committee has also been hard at work preparing additional documents, summaries and materials in accordance (mostly...we’re trying!) with NHDES regulations, and we’ve begun to post some basic information about Gregg Lake and the processes we’re going through on a website at gregglake.org. More will be posted as it’s developed and approved by NHDES.

So...if you see me stumbling around town or, more likely, floating around Gregg Lake, with eyes glazed and unable to focus, strumming my guitar and humming Christine Lavin tunes, it may simply be the result of countless hours spent staring at a computer screen. (Strum...Strum...*WHAT WAS I THINKING? It’s a good thing they can’t read my mind...*)

Funding for this project, but probably not for this article, was provided in part by a Watershed Assistance Grant from



the NH Department of Environmental Services with Clean Water Act Section 319 funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. ♦

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Grampa’s Farm Words

Dawne Hugron

I remember learning some farm words from Grampa Elmer Merrill while helping with barn chores. See if you can figure out what these farm terms mean:

- Scuttle**
- Gee**
- Haw**
- Stanchions**
- Blue Vitriol**

Answers can be found on page 28. ♦

Antrim Recreation

Celeste Lunetta, Director

Antrim is home to wonderful public parks! We want everyone to enjoy these gems. Shea Field is our athletic facility, with a baseball diamond and soccer fields, and is adjacent to the elementary school playground. Gregg Lake has a boat launch, a picnic area, swings and a wonderful swimming beach. A separate area is available for bringing your well-behaved dog to swim. Memorial Park, on Jameson Avenue, has a small tennis/pickleball court, swings, a fishing pond, a bandstand, a picnic area and a skatepark. At Gregg Lake, an area has (reluctantly) been designated for tobacco users; it is indicated with a sign and a cigarette butt disposal urn. Use of any tobacco product, including vape products, is prohibited at Memorial Park, Shea Field, the Swimming Beach, Boat Launch and Picnic Point at Gregg Lake. We ask people to carry in/carry out your own trash from picnics and gatherings. The trash cans in the parks are intended for incidental small items. Also, please, pick up any waste your pets leave in the parks.

ONGOING RECREATION PROGRAMS

Zumba on Mondays and Wednesdays at Antrim Town Gym, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Yoga on Tuesdays at Town Hall, 6:00–7:15 p.m.

Pickleball: Every Saturday at 3:30 p.m., a group of enthusiastic people get together at the Antrim Town Gym for Pickleball, a racquet sport played in doubles on a court smaller than a tennis court. We encourage you to check it out! There are also Pickleball lines now painted on the court at Memorial Park on Jameson Avenue.

Adult archery: Come join us in this exciting and relaxing sport, to learn how to pull back a string and let go of stress, relax and meet new friends. We will shoot at different items such as a string, make our own targets, learn how to score and perhaps have the satisfaction of popping a balloon. Coach Lucy is a Level 4 NTS Archery Coach, who also offers performance coaching, teaching the soft skills of archery into life-sustaining healthy lasting routines. She sank her teeth into flying airplanes as a teenager, has worked

in the big city corporate world and is a Coast Guard Veteran. Lucy is the podcast host of The Flying Archer and you can learn more about her at www.nearchery.com. All equipment is provided in her archery classes and safety is emphasized. Cost for the four-week class is \$60. Class will be held at Antrim Town Gym; 2:00-3:00 p.m., Fridays, July 11, 20, 27 and August 3. Class is for adults only. Registration form is available at Town Hall or online at the town website.

SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAMS

Antrim in the Evening, our summer evening event series at Memorial Park, is designed to bring you together with family, friends and community. It will be held every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., starting July 11. In case of rain, programs will be held indoors at the Antrim Town Hall. For more details, please refer to our poster.

5th annual Teddy Bear Picnic: Memorial Park, Thursday, July 19, 11:00–12:30. Bring your picnic lunch and your teddy bear, or other cuddly friends. We will play games and have marvelous treats.

Days of Summer Camp: While some sessions are full, there is also still some room in our wonderful summer camp. Our camp is best for kids in grades 1 through 7. Camp runs Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:00 between July 9 and August 10.

Ketchum's Kickers Soccer Camp: Join Coach K for this local summer tradition—half-day soccer camp for kids in Kindergarten through 4th grade. The camp runs 9 a.m. to noon from July 23 through July 27. Cost is \$60 per camper; registration forms are online.

Swim Lessons at Gregg Lake will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting July 10 and ending August 2. Lessons run between 3:30 and 7 p.m. The last day to register is Saturday, July 7. A flyer for registration is available on the town website, as well as up at Gregg Lake Beach.

Soccer Registrations: Calling all kids! Soccer signups are due in July, especially for any players in 3rd through 6th

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A Gateway to Freedom

Edwin Roberts

Things started to get interesting for me on my ninth birthday in 1947. One growth hormone was a bicycle—that great gateway to freedom that only coasting down a steep hill with the wind in your face can initiate.

My Dad and I took the bus to Concord, walked to Sears and investigated the bicycles they had in stock. We settled on a streamlined affair, balloon tires, and a tank midway down the frame which housed a battery powered horn. \$39.95. I don't remember how we got it home, probably not on the bus; perhaps they delivered it. At any rate, once assembled, I was a free man—freed from the drudgery of walking everywhere (we didn't get a car until 1950), freed to explore my universe.

My friends and I explored abandoned railroad rights-of-way; we explored back roads to villages we had never seen before; we found summer homes, hunters' cabins, even old hotels, no longer in use but stoically unblemished by the absence of commerce. My friend Nathaniel had a monumental collection of skeleton keys, so we had little trouble inviting ourselves into buildings we maybe should have stayed out of. We didn't steal things, except on one or two occasions a little whiskey and ginger ale from a hunter's stash.

Greystone Lodge was a hilltop hotel, active from the late 19th century until 1925—a place where people came for a week or a month at a time. They arrived by train and were driven up to the lodge, which was famous for its view, its nine-hole golf course and its use of white birch in the décor. The mammoth fireplace in the common area, for instance, was framed with huge white birch logs—very rustic. The guest rooms were spare and minimally civilized, with shared bathroom facilities, iron twin beds and very few other amenities. The story is told about a honeymooning couple who demanded a double bed to replace the single beds; everyone knew about the uproar, and the new bed was carried through the dining hall at lunch time causing much tongue clicking and raising of eyebrows in this Marienbad-like situation. The internal combustion engine finally put the place out of business, but it didn't burn down until the 1960s.

Nowadays, abandoned railroad rights-of-way have been

turned into hiking trails—no steep hills, a big plus for the hiker and the biker. But in the late '40s, those rights-of-way were either overgrown with brush or turned into unimproved roadways suitable for “all-terrain” vehicles, including bicycles.

Elmwood Junction—in the 1950s, a lazy summer meadow, home to dragonflies and sheep—held an unbridled fascination for us. It was once a busy transportation hub, with one line coming up from Massachusetts—probably Lowell—following the Souhegan River up through Wilton, then to Greenfield, crossing the Contoocook near Bennington's Powder Mill Pond into the Junction in southern Hancock township, and proceeding through Hancock Village to Harrisville along the south side of Lake Skatutakee to Chesham and Marlborough, and eventually terminating in Keene. The roadbed from Elmwood Junction to Keene did not follow a stream and involved a long trestle over a deep gorge west of Hancock Village. The abutments were still there in the 1950s; the trestle was left to the imagination, though pictures do exist. There were also deep cuts in stubborn granite in the elevated approach to Harrisville, both 19th-century engineering feats.

The second line, which makes Elmwood a “Junction,” ran from Worcester, MA, through Rindge and Jaffrey to Peterborough along the Contoocook to the Junction, then through Bennington to the “Antrim” Depot, which was not in Antrim, but in North Bennington, and to Hillsborough, Henniker—boasting the slogan the “only Henniker on earth”—and on to Concord.

In my youth, the Junction was only a memory, though you could trace the outlines of roadbeds, usually distinguished by rotting ties and the odd iron spike used to fasten rails to ties, the rails themselves having been rescued for service in some distant commercial enterprise. The roadbed from the Junction to Peterborough was a good one for biking, as it had been commandeered by all-terrain vehicles for recreational purposes.

In the 1950s, freight service still existed on the remaining rails between Lowell, MA, and Hillsborough, but there

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grade. We are members of the Merrimack Valley Soccer League, and we have to commit for 3rd through 6th grade teams by the beginning of August. We have girls' and boys' teams. The coed Kindergarten through 2nd grade program registrations are due in August; these programs start after Labor Day. Registration forms are online. Players in 3rd through 6th grade must be registered by Saturday, July 28.

COMING SOON! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Under the Lights 3v3 Soccer Festival: October 19 & 20. We will once again host a 3v3 soccer tournament for ages 9 through adult! This event is meant to bring soccer players of all ages and ability out for 3v3 soccer fun. Planning for this event will take place over the summer, please contact Celeste at the Rec Department if you want to help.

Children's Theater: Children's Stage Adventures returns to Antrim for a production November 12–16.

Halloween Window Painting Contest: Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27

To stay up-to-date on Antrim Recreation Programs, please watch our bulletin boards at the Town Hall and the Town Gym, as well as our Facebook Page and the town website, www.antrimnh.org. Or call Antrim Recreation at 588-3121.

Happy Summer! ♦

Great Decisions Program

Steve Ullman, Coordinator

"Great Decisions in Antrim is great. Mixed participants, remarkable agreement on the confusion in US decision making with respect to the volatile situation in which we and the world find ourselves these days. Excellent participation in discussions. And at the end we are all still speaking to each other." (2018 Participant)

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was no hint of a junction at the Junction. Trains on this line were still powered by steam, and Hillsborough, the northern terminus, was home to a manually operated turntable. This thing could be operated by two or three men—it must have been well-greased—and each day the locomotive was turned around to head back to Massachusetts the next morning. Jerry Sweet, the milkman, was employed to stoke the fire in the locomotive, since he was already up at 5 a.m.

The telegraph was still in use in those days, and Nat Johnson and I would visit the Antrim depot where the taciturn Station Master would translate the "dits" and "dahs" he received via Morse code. "Train's just in Greenfield." Why not a telephone? Probably too expensive—a call to Wilton or Milford was long distance.

The covered railroad bridge crossing the Contoocook by the Monadnock Paper Mill in Bennington, built in 1877, burned one summer day in 1965. Ironically, a diesel locomotive was stranded on the Antrim side of the bridge. The Boston & Maine wanted their prized possession back, otherwise it might have become a museum, and so the bridge was rebuilt—uncovered, of course.

My mother and I would go by train from Peterborough to Hartford, Connecticut, to visit my grandparents and other relatives. At age six, I tended to get very excited with the thought of a train ride, so Mother would try to keep our trips a secret until the last minute, but sometimes I got wind of what was about to happen and she had no choice but to admit, "Yes, we are going on the train on Monday."

We took the Whitney bus to Peterborough. The equipment Whitney used during WWII resembled a modern-day stretch limo with five or six doors on the left side opening to a seat that stretched across the width of the vehicle—no aisle. On one occasion, the bus was full and a mother with a small boy and suitcase flagged it down just outside of Hancock. The driver explained that he could not take on any more passengers—safety regulations—and the boy and his mother, after begging and cajoling failed, were left standing at the side of the road. "What if he was going to see his grandfather on a

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farm?” I wondered, “What if that had been me?”

The train from Peterborough to Worcester involved one or two passenger cars and a baggage car—that was it. But from Worcester to Springfield, a distance of fifty-four miles with no stops, we were on a Chicago-bound overnight Boston & Albany train. This train was probably forty cars in length—mostly Pullmans—with the coaches at the rear, so when thundering along the Worcester station platform, it would still be going thirty or forty miles per hour. The locomotive had huge driving wheels higher than I was tall—a great clanging, hissing and totally awesome machine. Very impressive to a five- or six-year-old.

The train would be crowded with sailors heading for Great Lakes Naval Training Base, and usually there was no place to sit, though sometimes someone would offer my mother a seat. At one point there was a curve in the roadbed that allowed those of us in the rear cars to see the locomotive, the engine that clearly “could,” chugging away around the bend. Also impressive.

Incidentally, the Boston & Albany train went through the Hoosic Tunnel in western Massachusetts—four miles of drilled rock, which required a change of locomotive from steam to electric—no smoke or cinders allowed in the open-windowed coaches, please.

By comparison, the train from Springfield to Hartford was a much more modest affair—unremarkable. Northbound connections to Peterborough were impossible, so returning involved a train from Hartford to East Northfield, Massachusetts, and then a self-propelled gasoline job which was dubbed the “Toonerville Trolley” to Keene. Unique, this, with seats three people wide on one side and two people wide on the other—one’s sense of balance was challenged.

The other romantic attraction for young cyclists, also its original purpose outgrown, was the 2nd New Hampshire Turnpike, which ran almost fifty miles southeasterly from Claremont to Amherst. Built between 1799 and 1801, it was criticized for being “too straight”, but carried freight and other commerce from Vermont connecting with “Post” roads to Boston. The “2nd” collected tolls for thirty years.

Yes, romantic, because many of the homes along the way between Amherst, Mont Vernon and Frankestown were 150 years old; some were inns, serving as toll “plazas,” also providing a change of horses for a stage coach on its way from Vermont to Boston. And there was Rose Tobacco, an 18th century condiment we elevated to exotic, great quantities of which we imagined were stashed away in secret cranies behind enormous kitchen fireplaces. (Rose tobacco: alternating layers of rose hips and maple sugar in crockery pots fermenting slightly before being consumed. See B.A. Botkins’ *Treasury of New England Folklore*—the James A. Tuttle Library may still have a copy).

And romantic because the section between Frankestown and West Deering was still a dirt road with cellar holes where once farmers tried to scratch a living out of the rocky soil now overgrown with new generations of trees and brush. A careful investigation of a cellar hole could produce artifacts—a dish, a tobacco tin—hints of a frugal lifestyle interrupted by fire or lack of ambition.

And romantic because at a given intersection up on the shoulder of Crotched Mountain some wag had installed a makeshift wooden signpost—one sign pointing to “42nd Street” and a second to “Times Square.”

The 2nd New Hampshire Turnpike crossed the Contocook from West Deering into Antrim on Cork Plain following what is now Rte. 202 for half a mile and then veering off to Hillsboro Upper Village, Washington, Unity and Claremont. As far as I know, no tolls were collected in Antrim. A section of the Turnpike in Washington, now Rte. 31, was the famous “cotton road.” As part of the New Deal, the U.S. Government experimented with installing a layer of cotton beneath the asphalt of a highway—supposed to provide a smoother ride!

Then there’s the story of the minister officiating at a wedding, admonishing the young couple to “live in Hope, Love and Unity the rest of your lives,” whereupon the groom allows that “I don’t mind living in Hope and Love, but I’ll be dadgummed if I will live in Unity—there ain’t no good fahmin’ land thayah.”

Nevertheless the 2nd New Hampshire Turnpike was a commercial success in its day, and, in the 1950s, a tantalizing adventure for teenage cyclists. ♦

Upcoming Antrim Historical Society Programs

Steve Ullman, President

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, Pastors Charlie Boucher, Rick Davis, and Jan Howe will discuss the history of their fellowships as well as their personal histories as religious leaders. We will begin at 3 p.m. at Antrim’s First Presbyterian Church.

July 4th Celebration (Starting at 8:30 a.m. at Memorial Park). This annual event is guaranteed to remind you how blessed you are to be living as an American citizen in Antrim. People who have attended in the past know that they will enjoy doughnuts and coffee, a patriotic sing-along led by Yankee Doodle and the Dandies, and a flag ceremony presided over by Antrim’s Scouts and Cubs. As a finale, Bill Nichols and Dean Proctor will once again voice this country’s founding document. Please plan to attend and bring family and visitors. This is how an old New England Town celebrates the birth of our charmed country. ♦

Making A Difference With TerraCycle

Dee Ann Dubois

I think I have always had an interest in recycling. As a child, I collected bottles from the neighbors, cashing them in for spending money. As a teenager growing up in Salem, NH, I was thrilled to bring my discards to the nearby Coca Cola bottling plant, not for money, but to know that I was making a difference.

Several years ago when I discovered TerraCycle, I was drawn in not only for the recycling, but also for the fact that I could earn money for my choice of a non-profit, which happens to be the Grapevine!

I started out collecting used shoes and boots, which I have to admit grew old after a while. The boxes were quite heavy and the return didn't seem worth the effort. TerraCycle has since discontinued that campaign.

One of my more successful ventures is the beauty packaging campaign. I collect discarded packaging from the First Presbyterian Church, the Grapevine and others. This includes bottles and containers that would otherwise end up at the dump. When I have accumulated several pounds, TerraCycle emails me a free UPS label and I leave the box off at Edmunds for pickup. Upon receipt of the package, I receive credit. To date I have redeemed \$131.48, which has been mailed to the Grapevine.

In honor of Earth Day, I collected a huge box of empty vitamin and supplement bottles for one of the newer campaigns, which is a joint effort with Twinlab. There are several others that I am working on, which include dental products as well as energy bar wrappers.

When I consider all of the packaging that would have ended up in the landfill I feel good, but I know that with more hands in the game a bigger difference can be made. I invite the readers to check out TerraCycle. Consider collecting items to send in for recycling. While my passion is to help the Grapevine, you may have a charity that you would like to help.

We can all work together to make Antrim Earth Day—every day! ♦

Antrim Baptist Church

Charlie Boucher, Pastor
Cherryl Boucher

COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is coming to Antrim July 23-27, from 5:00-8:00 each evening at the Antrim Baptist Church. The theme for the week is "Shipwrecked; Rescued by Jesus." This yearly event is run jointly by the Antrim Baptist and the First Presbyterian Churches, a tradition that's been happening for over 90 years.

Each evening begins with a free dinner for participants and their families. Following dinner, everyone meets for an opening time, *Castaway Sing and Play*, with singing, drama and other fun. The children will then divide into groups to go to the different stations: *Bible Discovery*, *Imagination Station*, *KidVid Cinema*, *Tropical Treats* and *Ship Rec Games*. We will then gather back together for a fun final group time, *Sail Away Sendoff*. There are also classes for Teens and Adults.

All those ages 3–99 are invited to be a part of this great week! Please email Cherryl at cherbouch@gmail.com or call her at 464-9113 for more information and/or to register your child/children. ♦

Festival of Trees

Kristy Boulé

A big shout out to the members of the GBS Chorus and Director Patrick Cogan for taking time out of their busy day to lead us all in song while awaiting Santa's arrival at the Community Tree Lighting this past season. Somehow the mention wasn't included in the thanks in our last article.

The Festival Committee has been busy planning our next season and has lots of special projects in the works. If you'd like to help us "Put a little sparkle in the holidays" and have a ton of fun while doing so, join us for one of our regular meetings which are held the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Library or contact us by phone at 603-831-1802 or email at AntrimFOT@gmail.com. ♦

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Monadnock Roller Derby

Jess Gerrior

A Newcomer's Perspective: *For well over a decade, the fast-paced sport of roller derby has intrigued me. I had fleeting thoughts (dreams really) of being a roller girl over the years, but never was able to muster the courage to reach out to a team. Who was I kidding? I wasn't an athlete, and definitely was not cut out to be playing roller derby. I settled on focusing on attending local derby bouts (being an amateur photographer) to build up my photography portfolio, but that never materialized. However, I did keep all of the roller derby leagues throughout New Hampshire on my radar.*

Back in the fall of 2017, I noticed that Monadnock Roller Derby was recruiting new players. Being a resident of Antrim, I was pleasantly surprised that they are based out of the same town! It all seemed so perfect. I was at a point in my life where I was looking for something new and challenging to shake things up, and the roller derby league was just minutes away from me! I HAD to be a part of this amazing sport that I had admired from afar for so long.

It has been seven months since I attended my first Monadnock Roller Derby practice, and I am glad that I took the plunge! I have tackled obstacles that first seemed impossible (having not been on roller skates since I was a young teenager), gained strength and endurance, learned new skills and developed a new confidence in myself. I have worked hard to get where I am—a member of the rostered Mad Knockers bouting team—and I attribute my success to my fellow team members, who have not only become familiar faces, but friends who support each other, as well as push each other to be their best.

— Felicia Martin (Polish Hammer #00)

Monadnock Roller Derby is a registered NH nonprofit. We are a league of skaters and community members dedicated to the sport and spirit of roller derby. Our members come in all shapes, sizes, colors and flavors. We have multiple jobs, roles, challenges, and gifts, but above all, we are tribe.

Our mission is threefold: Challenge ourselves to get back up, as many times as it takes. Challenge one another to be our best, because no one survives alone. Create a safe and supportive space for all members to learn, grow, and destroy their fears.

2018 Schedule:

June 9: at New England College, Henniker, NH. **June 23:** in South Windsor, CT. **June 30:** in Auburn, MA. **July 14:** at Memorial Park, Brattleboro, VT. **July 21:** at New England College, Henniker, NH. **August 11:** at Everett Arena, Concord, NH. **August 25:** at Dover Arena, Dover, NH. **September 22:** at Great Brook School

For tickets, visit www.MonadnockRollerDerby.com or follow at [Facebook.com/MonadnockRollerDerby](https://www.facebook.com/MonadnockRollerDerby). To volunteer or become a member, email contact@monadnockrollerderby.com. ♦

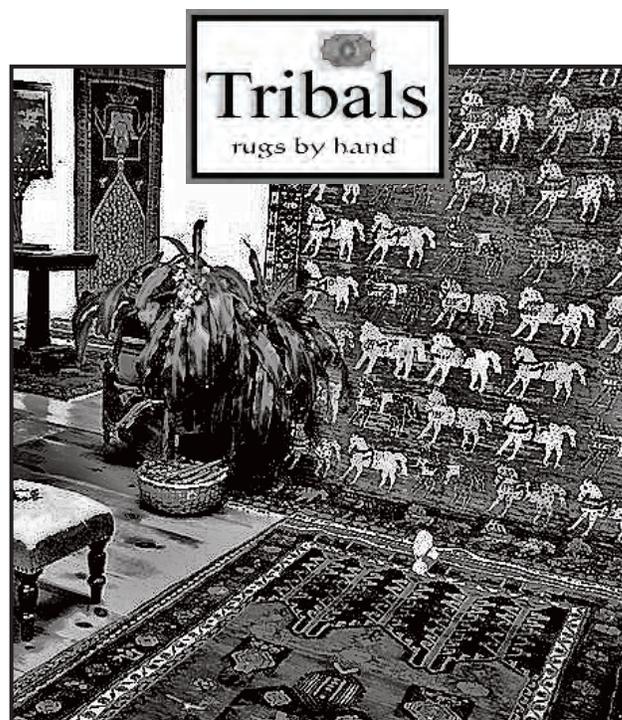
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Steve Ullman, Coordinator

“...[T]he book club makes me read in a more attentive and thoughtful manner, so that I gain more from the experience. Hearing the insights of others during our discussions enriches my understanding and perspective of the book. The book club leads me to read titles that I might otherwise overlook.” (Antrim reader)

Upcoming book discussions will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Thursdays at 11 a.m.

June 21, William Kennedy, *Ironweed*

July 19, Virginia Woolf, *To the Lighthouse*

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 or 588-2005.

“I joined the book club because of the chosen books. I’m a big fiction fan and always seek out novels that are considered literary. The Antrim Book Club fulfills that need. Also, I live in Peterborough and enjoy coming to Antrim. The members are very opinionated and intelligent. I love that!” (Peterborough reader) ♦



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Grampa’s Farm Words—Answers

Dawne Hugron

Scuttle: A very large, long heavy plank placed behind the cows while being milked in the barn. A hoe was used to lift the plank to remove the waste to the bottom of the barn, to be used later for fertilizer, of course.

Gee: While driving horses on the farm, I learned that “Gee” meant turn to the right.

Haw: I learned this term the same way while helping at the farm—“Haw” meant turn to the left.

Stanchions: Where cows and/or oxen stand while in the barn, to hold them in place while being milked. I remember that, when going into the barn, all of our cows knew where to go to “their” stanchions. On the left side of the stanchions were iron water troughs for the animals to drink out of.

Blue Vitriol: This was a medicine that was “blue” in color and all I remember was when one of our animals got a bruise or cut, I was asked to go and retrieve it from the cupboard where it was stored in the barn. It was a blue liquid that was poured on the injured area. ♦

First Annual Bennington Antique Car Show

Frank Woodward

An antique car show will take place on June 16th at Sawyer Park, Rt. 202, Bennington, NH, (not VT!), from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It is intended to be a benefit for the Bennington/Antrim Food Pantry. Suggested admission for participants and spectators: a monetary (\$) donation and/or some non-perishable food goods (canned tuna or chicken, other general canned goods, pasta, rice, peanut butter, cereal, etc.). Can we fill the back of a Model A pickup with food?

This is not a competition or show car event and it is not brand or model specific. If you have an antique car, or just like antique cars, come to have a good time.

If you’re there at lunch time, or are just plain hungry, the Bennington Fire Department will be there with a hot dog concession. It is happening on Father’s Day weekend, so take Dad to the Antique Car Show.

For more information, contact Frank Woodward at 603-808-0152. ♦

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Antrim-Bennington Lions Club

Steve Ullman, 2nd Vice-President

Eye Screening. In 1925, Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs to serve as “[k]nights of the blind and the crusade against darkness.” Antrim-Bennington Lions steadily address this mission with state-of-the-art diagnostic technology. John Conklin coordinates these activities and, therefore, qualifies as my personal choice as “MVL” (Most Valuable Lion over the past several years). During the last two weeks of May, AB Lions will be assessing the eyesight of elementary school students in Antrim, Bennington, Greenfield, Hancock and Frankestown, and that of middle schoolers at Great Brook, and of preschoolers at the Grapevine. Last fall, we screened 574 students. We did miss a few because of absences, and we will be including them in May. In addition, there are some new students who never have had the opportunity to be screened.

Home and Harvest. Though spring has just begun, planning has already started for this year’s Home and Harvest celebration in September. As you might know, the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club sponsors the Saturday night barbeque held prior to the fireworks at Tenney’s Farm. This BBQ is one of two primary fundraisers the Lions hold each year aimed at supporting campaigns such as Operation Santa. We also contribute to The Grapevine and Avenue A Teen Center, the New Hampshire Association for the Blind, and the Antrim Softball League. Finally, those financially unable to afford eye examinations and eyeglasses receive Lions assistance.

It’s not too early for planning Home and Harvest, so if you have any suggestions for this year’s Lions BBQ, please contact Rick Wood by email at rd_wood@comcast.net.

Speakers. On February 20, Dr. Clemente Trempe, MD, formerly of the Harvard Medical School faculty, sketched out his pioneering research on using eye examinations to diagnose various illnesses such as Alzheimer’s, clinical depression, and even imminent heart attacks. Dr. Trempe has published a provocative book entitled *The End of Alzheimer’s*.

On April 17, Cynthia Jewett, Director of the Tuttle Library, described the new programs she and her energetic staff are introducing. Antrim is fortunate to have Cynthia as Library skipper.

New Officers. For the 2018–2019 year, AB Lions have elected Cheryl Riley of Greenfield as President. (Cheryl is such a dynamic Lion that we dropped the normal residency requirement and selected this gifted “alien” for the top post.) Acting as Co-President, although carrying the title of First Vice-President, will be Linda Tenney. Your correspondent will serve as Second Vice-President. Outgoing President Sarah Edwards will perform the Secretary’s duties and computer whiz kid Rick Wood will continue as Treasurer.

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. ♦

Where in Antrim?

Quite a few people recognized the North Branch Chapel in our “Where in Antrim” photo in the March *Limrik*. Dawne Hugron was the winner of the Alberto’s gift certificate. Correct answers were also received from Trevor Courtney, Gary Wood, Cyndi Thompson, Tod Bryer, George Davison, Lois Johnson, Sarah Devlin and an unidentified person who used only an email address. Thank you everyone for your responses. Dawne also correctly identified the invasive Oriental Bittersweet growing on the old mill building near High Street.

The first person to correctly identify the site of this photo will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the Common Place Eatery. Send your response by email to editor@antrimlimrik.org or call 588-2569.

Submissions for “Where in Antrim” photos are welcome. Please send to editor@antrimlimrik.org. ♦



Antrim Home & Harvest Festival

Rick Davis

Antrim’s 15th annual Home and Harvest Festival will be held September 14 and 15. New events are in the works, as well as a chance for you to sell your wares or get into the parade. This is Antrim’s biggest event of the year. Any questions, we’re on Facebook; we have a website too. Antrim’s Home and Harvest — “Nothing Like It.” ♦

The Grapevine

Melissa Gallagher

GRAPEVINE SUMMER HOURS

July 9–August 24. Monday–Wednesday from 9 a.m.–12 p.m., or by appointment

UPCOMING EVENTS

Black Fly Community Art Show.

The public is invited to join us **Saturday, June 2**, from 10 a.m.–noon to view works of art by children, youth and adults in our community. People of all ages are invited to participate in community art-making projects during the show.

Yard Sale to benefit The Learning Vine Preschool on **Saturday, June 16**, from 8:30 a.m.–noon. **Where:** Grapevine parking lot. **What:** Loads of treasures and bargains! Donations of new and like-new items are welcome—please call 588-2620 BEFORE you donate. This year we will also be holding a Learning Vine Parent Co-op Raffle! Pick from themed baskets such as family adventures, spa days and outdoor gear and necessities. Tickets are on sale at upcoming events and in our office through June 16: \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Winners will be drawn on June 16. You do not need to be present to win. Thanks to Shaw's of Hillsborough for basket donations.

Grand Opening of the Grapevine Community Tool Shed, Saturday, June 16, at 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 a family friendly “make a box” project. Mark your calendars!

SUMMER OF ADVENTURES

Backyard Adventures for children ages 4½ to 6 years.

Carol Lunan, M.Ed., our Learning Vine teacher and former Harris Center educator, co-leads the programs with Rachel Lunan-Hill. Activities include investigating flying creatures, creepy crawlers and swimming bugs; exploring mud and water; and scavenger hunts, hikes, nature stories, songs, crafts and painting. This is a wonderful opportunity for young children to discover the natural world—and their place in it!—with their peers under the guidance of our experienced and fun leaders. **Session runs July 23–27 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$110 for the week.** Parents are welcome to drop off their children or stay for all or part of the morning.

Backyard Science for 7-9 year olds with Carol Lunan, back by popular demand!

For older children, “Backyard Science” offers nature exploration through the lens of science. Daily challenges and science experiments will pique the children’s natural curiosity. Activities include camp songs and games, scavenger hunts, and science through art and play with mud, water and slimy stuff. **Session runs July 30–August 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$130 for the week.**

Please ask about financial aid if your family cannot af-

ford the full fee. Call 588-2620 for more information and to register.

See Avenue A Teen & Community Center article for information about teen programming.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER

Fall Better Beginnings Registration: Call now for a space for the 2018–19 school year.

Better Beginnings parent-child program: Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.—Young children (to age 5) play and explore with guidance from our early childhood educators while parents “put their feet up” and talk with parenting educator, Carol Lunan, M.Ed., or Nancy Macalaster, M.A., and other parents about child- and family-centered topics.

Better Beginnings for Babies: Wednesdays 10 to 11:30 a.m.—Parents come together with their infants and young toddlers to play and talk with our early childhood educator and other parents about the joys and challenges of parenthood, including topics such as nutrition, feeding, crying, and sleep, developmental expectations and more. Facilitated by Parenting Educator Nancy Macalaster. Expectant parents are always welcome. Call 588-2620 to register and for more information.

Learning Vine Preschool: Runs Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 11:30 a.m. during the school year, for children ages 3–5. Families can choose the co-op or drop-off option. For more information please email familysupportdirector@grapevinenh.org.

Before and After School Clubs 2018-2019 Registration: Call The Grapevine to register your elementary student in the Before or After School Club for the coming school year. Children currently enrolled will have priority until June 15. The programs provide before and after school care Monday through Friday at the Antrim Memorial Gymnasium and Antrim Elementary School campus. Children enjoy active play, social interactions and creative play with peers, outdoor time, creative art collaborations and more! We are looking for additional staff for our afternoon hours—if interested, please contact Lisa. For more information about our programs email basc@grapevinenh.org.

PAY IT FORWARD

Heartfelt Thanks...

By the time you read this, our 14th Annual Spring Walk for Families will have come and gone. We are grateful to the people of this community who have collected pledges, participated and sponsored our walkers. We are well on our way to meeting our pledge goal of \$10,000 this year! The Grapevine is grateful to our many business supporters for their continued support of this major fundraising event.

We thank the following 2018 Annual Spring Walk Finan-

cial Sponsors: **Bellows-Nichols Insurance, Antrim Medical Group, Sylvania Community Engagement Committee.**

We also thank these business partners for their donations of products and prize giveaways: **Bank of NH** for flying airplanes and water bottles, **W. S. Badger Company** for sunscreen and bug repellent, **Edmunds' Ace Hardware** for seed packets as well as fun, purple-themed items

And of course, a big Thank You to our parent volunteers for the event help, baked goods and loaned items, as well as our Avenue A Teen Center youth volunteers who helped at this event!

Rick and Diane Davis once again kicked off our *Eat Out for The Grapevine* fundraiser this spring at Rick & Diane's Brick Oven Pizzeria to support programs for children and families. Fiddlehead's Café and Catering joined them, together raising donations over \$900. The Hancock Inn also donated \$100 in gift certificates. Thank you to **Tom Badgley** for the donation of time and supplies for our raised bed gardens at the Grapevine; **Glenn Stan** for his time and expertise with Grapevine facilities' needs, new projects and ongoing dedication to the Grapevine Community Tool Shed. Our thanks also to the Grapevine Community Tool Shed Committee for their commitment to this project: **Glenn Stan, Rick Edmunds, John Conklin, Tom Badgley and Cheryl Rasmussin; Eversource** for their donation of play yard chips; **Brenda Hennessy** for paper goods, cleaning supplies, and great soap over the school year; **G.A. Perry Family Dental Care** for a kick start to our school supply and backpack program, donating toothbrushes, floss, and paste. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who chipped in with some cleaning around the facility—your efforts are much appreciated! Thank you to all who helped with the **community woodbank** over the past year, stacking, splitting, delivering to those in need, and those who kept the rack outside full.

Want to help and get involved? If you are interested in helping maintain the garden over the summer, please call the Grapevine. We will also be looking for volunteers to help clean up our wood bank area and restack what's left (there is not much) to get ready for next season, and we're accepting summer donations of firewood—preferably split and ready to be stacked!

A Very Special Thank You and Announcement

The Antrim Congregational Church Society has made a \$15,000 contribution to The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center. Leaders of the former church sought to donate their remaining proceeds to non-profit organizations serving the Antrim area. A donation of this scale was a wonderful surprise to us, and we are truly grateful for the trust and faith that these church members have placed with our organization. These funds will go a long way toward serving the children and families of Antrim and surrounding communities. John Robertson, a former church member, described The

Grapevine as a “shining success story” in Antrim and said, “We know that The Grapevine will put these funds to good use.” Robertson, along with church member Barbara Black, delivered the check to The Grapevine and shared stories of the church's membership and history in the community.

OTHER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE GRAPEVINE...

- Community Wood Bank
- Child and family counseling through RiverBend Community Mental Health
- Information and supported referral for resources to meet basic needs such as housing, home heating and food
- Tax preparation and financial planning
- Home Visiting support
- Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren Support Group

The Grapevine is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit family and community resource center located at 4 Aiken Street, behind the Tuttle Library. For more information call 588-2620. Tax-deductible contributions are gratefully accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, or drop by the center. Don't forget to visit us at www.GrapevineNH.org and “like” us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/grapevინeh.org/>. ♦

Words From a CVTC Driver

CVTC's Volunteer Drivers provide “no fee” transportation for people who do not have access to transportation because of age, ability, economic situation or other circumstances. In the words of CVTC Volunteer Driver Terry:

“About two years ago our small town newsletter ran an ad looking for Volunteer Drivers. Since then, my husband and I have been active participants in the CVTC program. Being retired and having the freedom to “go and do” on our own schedules, we were initially hesitant to sign up, fearful of getting locked into a schedule of some kind.



We did our “due diligence,” learning that the selection of days and times were at our discretion. The fear of commitment evaporated. This program not only helps our riders in getting to appointments but it has enhanced our retirement existentially. We feel needed, appreciated, and there's a reason for being here. Our riders have been diverse, fascinating and most appreciative of CVTC's services. We cheerfully look forward to continuing assisting those we've met to date and anticipate meeting new riders as our schedules allow.”

Thank you Terry, and all CVTC Drivers, for donating your time and driving your neighbors where they need to go. Talk with us if you have questions or would like to take part! Call us at 877-428-2882, ext. 5. CVTC is a Monadnock Way Partner Agency. ♦

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