

Antrim's Madelyn Curtis Klose is Recipient of Joseph D. Vaughan Award



Antrim resident Madelyn Curtis Klose has been named a 2019 recipient of the Joseph D. Vaughan Award. The award was initiated in 1962 to memorialize the Honorable Joseph D. Vaughan, a New Hampshire legislator. Representative Vaughan was an early advocate for older residents of the state and was instrumental in creating a state agency dedicated to the well-being of older people. The Joseph D. Vaughan Award is presented each year to individuals or couples over the age of sixty who have shown outstanding leadership or demonstrated meritorious achievement as volunteers on behalf of older citizens of New Hampshire. One award, for a person or couple, is made for each of New Hampshire's ten counties.

Klose, a 94-year-old resident of Antrim, was nominated for this prestigious award by the staff of the James A. Tuttle Library. A frequent visitor to the library, Klose inspires the staff, who are witness to her kindness and helpful spirit on a weekly basis. Klose received her award in the presence of the Governor, as well as the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, on May 6 at the State House in Concord.

Governor Chris Sununu congratulates 2019 Joseph D. Vaughan Award winner Madelyn Curtis Klose of Antrim. Photo by Tom Lawless ❁

Farewell, Antrim

Thank you for a great thirty-two years, Antrim, but it's time for us to move on.

As of the end of April, Jeana and I put our 17 Jameson Avenue house on the market and are looking for lake property in the Northwood/Strafford/Barrington areas, in part to be closer to our daughters who live on the Seacoast. It's sad to leave the place where we've raised our children, made so many friends, and been so involved.

One of the reasons we chose Antrim to buy a house back in 1987 was its civic pride in its history and organizations. We had been living in Peterborough when I became a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Antrim. I saw in the church members a community that rejoiced in over 200 years of serving the town, but also a town that had lots of traditions, large and small. Antrim Players. The Memorial Day parade. The Community Supper. Antrim in the Evening. And so many more.

One of those wonderful traditions is the Antrim Home & Harvest Festival. I served on the committee for eight years,

Captain Kidd's Buried Treasure in Antrim

Phil Tabakaru

I am no expert treasure hunter—my biggest claim to treasure so far is an old Boy Scout hatchet head found along the banks of the Souhegan River in Milford and a few matchbox cars in my back yard.

However, I am a pirate. I go by Captain Greystone of the Brethren of the Granite Coast, which is a small group of reenactors, entertainers and all-around pirate enthusiasts. We tell tall tales and legends of the Pirates of the Golden Age and how pirates played an important part in our American Revolution.

But this is a story that really intrigues me about the town I live in—Antrim, New Hampshire—and Captain Kidd. A tale of mystery and buried treasure...

Born in Scotland in 1645, William Kidd started out as a privateer, hired by European royals to attack foreign ships. Although he probably wasn't a pirate by choice, and some claim he was framed, he had papers of marque that gave him authority to attack foreign ships. When his crew insist-

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Second Annual Bennington Antique Car Show

Frank Woodward

An antique car show will take place on Sunday, June 9, at Sawyer Park on Route 202 in Bennington, New Hampshire (not Vermont), from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It is a benefit for the Antrim/Bennington Food Pantry. Admission for participants and spectators is by donation—a donation of cash and/or nonperishable food goods. Last year we filled the back of a 1946 GMC pickup truck with food, and we made nearly \$300. Let's see if we can do better this year.



It is not a competition car show event. If you have an antique car, or just like antique cars, join the fun and help the food pantry. The Bennington Fire Department will have a food concession there, so bring your appetite as well.

It's on a Sunday this year, so we don't have a rain date. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather. For more information, contact Frank Woodward at 603-808-0152. ❁

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Select Board Report

John Robertson

Spring came along with an excessive dose of rain and mud. Your Highway Department crew has done yeoman's duty to stay ahead of all the mud and washouts. Hopefully we are now past all this.

Of the three bridges on this year's agenda two are finished with one to be completed. The completed bridges are on Craig Road and Elm Street Extension. These are wooden laminate bridges. The third bridge is the West Street Bridge. It will be finished in early fall. West Street between Main Street and Jameson Avenue is closed while the bridge is under construction. Please be aware that school buses leaving our schools will be traveling different routes as they leave the schools. There will be increased traffic in certain areas.

Please welcome our newly elected town officials as follows: Cemetery Trustees—John Destromp, Sarah Burt and Martha Pinello; Library Trustee—Rick Wood, Steve Ullman, Margaret Warner and Nancy Blair; Selectman—Robert Edwards; Trustee of Trust Funds —Sarah Edwards, Michael Connolly was appointed to replace Ronald Haggett who has resigned; Planning Board—John Anderson, Mark Murdough and Neal Pattison; Sewer & Water Commission—Peter Beblowski; Supervisor of the Checklist—Dawne Hugron and Margaret Warner.

Several residents have raised concerns about traffic on Main Street citing speed and increased trucks due to the detour around Route 9 because of bridge construction in Sullivan. The Police Department installed two speed monitors to calm traffic on Route 202. New crosswalks have been installed. Please use them and do not attempt to cross streets thinking traffic is going to stop.

The Highway Department has several paving projects and road projects on the calendar this year. On the schedule are surface coats on Pierce Lake Road, Smith Road, and rehab on Pleasant Street.

June 15th is the date for the auction of several tax deeded properties. James St Jean will be the auctioneer. Information on these properties will be available at Town Hall and advertised in local papers.

The wind farm is still on track to achieve commercial operation by August 31st. Turbine components will begin arriving in mid-May. The Select Board will take a tour of the farm in May or June and will report back.

Have a great summer. We always welcome constructive suggestions. ❁

IN MEMORIAM 1926 – 2019

Harold "Pat" Webber

Contributing Editor and Production Manager
of the Limrik for 19 years

Conservation Corner—ATVs and OHRVs

Peter Beblowski, Chair
Antrim Conservation Commission

I have been asked to speak to the use of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles (OHRVs), as a number of complaints have come into the Antrim Conservation Commission over the past year. I will not distinguish between these two vehicle terms and will just use the NH Fish & Game Department (NHF&G) term of OHRV.

OHRVs can be valuable tools when used in forestry, on working farms and around job and construction sites. For some, OHRVs are used for recreational purposes and can be great fun when operated properly and in compliance with the law. However, this is not always the case. In New Hampshire, OHRVs in recreational situations are required by law to be driven only on trails that are clearly signed and designated for the type of vehicle being operated or on land where written landowner permission has been given.

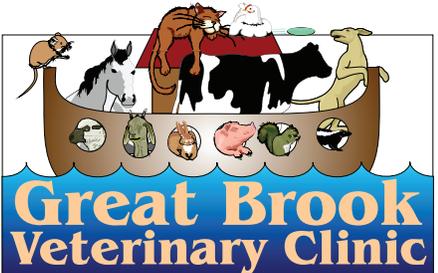
You can find maps and information about legal OHRV trails from the NH Bureau of Trails at http://www.eregulations.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/NHATV_ATV_map.pdf and at <http://www.eregulations.com/newhampshire/ohrv/where-can-i-ride/>.

NHF&G rules governing OHRVs may be found in RSA Chapter 215-A: *Off Highway Recreational Vehicles and Trails*.

The New Hampshire State Trails Plan produced by NHDOT, which includes plans for multi-use trails, may be found at <https://www.nh.gov/dot/org/aerorailtransit/railandtransit/documents/StateTrailsPlan.pdf>.

OHRV use is restricted in this fashion because these machines are fairly heavy (anywhere from 400 to over 1,000 pounds) and repeated driving on soil that does not have the proper structure to accommodate them can cause irreparable damage. Simply stated, the cumulative effect of any repeated action, no matter how insignificant it may seem, can have substantial impact when repeated many times. Soil compaction changes the physical properties of the soil by squeezing the air voids out of the soil. This dramatically changes the soil's ability to absorb and retain water. Think of the soil as a

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and with the help of the Antrim Chamber of Commerce, created the six-year run of the Antrim Can/Am Skateboard race, which became one of the five top skateboard slalom races in North America for a time. This committee, led by Rick Davis, puts on an amazing show each year, free to attend and one of the feel-good events of the year. Main Street comes alive with music, games and color during the festival. But another splash of color comes in the spring, with the daffodils planted by the Daffodil Project of the Antrim Chamber of Commerce in 2005–2009. Did you know that 12,000 daffodils were planted during that period? We’ve lost many due to road salt and construction, but thousands still shine in the spring sun due to the work of many volunteers and community donations. I was never so proud of Antrim’s Main Street as when the daffodils were at their peak and the daffodil flags were flying from the new light poles and newly paved sidewalks, results of the town’s TIF grant. Main Street never looked better, and those daffodils will long outlast me.

For a bit more than half of my time in Antrim, I’ve been involved in Scouting, first joining Cub Scout Pack 2, then as a committee member and Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 2. Jeana was involved in Girl Scouts for several years, as well. I am so proud to have played a part in the success of seven Troop 2 boys who became Eagle Scouts. And proud

of all the community service that comes with being a Scout. Thanks for the opportunity to help your young men become ethical, participating citizens in our community and nation. Troop 2 is in the good hands of my successor, Mike Redmond, and long-time Troop 2 Scouter, Ed Hebert.

I’ve mentioned a few of the many projects and organizations with which I’ve been involved, and hopefully, I’ve made a difference in our community. But I must take a moment to say a few words about what it means to be a citizen. We teach our Scouts that it’s not enough simply to live in town, pay taxes and vote. That’s being a resident. Being a citizen means taking an active role in your community. Volunteering for an organization. Serving on a town board. Cleaning up a local trail. Coaching a soccer team. Don’t know where to start? We all love Antrim Home & Harvest, yet the committee is always starved for volunteers. Consider serving your community, and have fun with this great crew. Do you love Antrim’s beauty? Antrim’s annual cleanup day doesn’t have an organizer, so consider volunteering a couple of weeks each year to motivate and facilitate your fellow citizens to do a roadside cleanup. Want to see your town run better? Join a town board or the library trustees. Do you want to see Antrim’s kids succeed? Consider helping out the Grapevine, Avenue A Teen Center, Girl Scouts or Scouts BSA, or help out a classroom at AES. So you can’t get out and do physical things? Groups can always use folks who can make phone calls. My message is: Don’t be a resident. Be a Citizen.

We’ll likely be out of the house sometime this summer. We have hundreds of friends here, so we’ll be back now and again. Thanks for letting us be a part of the life of Antrim all these years.

Your Friend,
Brian Beihl
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Antrim Recreation Department

Celeste Lunetta, Recreation Director

At Antrim Recreation we always look forward to our summer season. Summer is a time when we get to feature our parks for our residents. We have summer programs for people of all ages, including summer concerts, workshops, trips, camps, swimming lessons, tennis lessons and more. Many program details are not final before the *Limrik* deadline greets us. For details on all of our programs, please watch the weekly newspapers, the town website, our bulletin boards at the Town Hall, Town Gym and Gregg Lake, as well as our Facebook page.

We would like to talk a little bit about our parks! Some general guidelines apply to all of our parks. In all parks, use of tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, is prohibited, except for in the designated smoking area at Gregg Lake Beach. All parks are closed at 9:00 p.m. or dusk, whichever comes first. Littering is prohibited in all parks. All parks are “carry in, carry out” for garbage and recycling. Pets, leashed and under control, are permitted at parks, with the exception of the beachfront swimming area and the Point at Gregg Lake Beach. There is a designated dog beach at Gregg Lake. Details on pets in the parks are available at the beach.

Shea Field: located on School Street.

This town-owned and maintained field is a perfect location for you to get together with friends and family to play Frisbee, baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, kickball, tag and more. The field is often scheduled by groups between the hours of 8 and 4 on weekdays, and groups who have reserved use of the field take priority over drop-in use. We want you to come play! During the summer and fall, we keep the baseball field and two soccer-sized fields marked for the use of our residents. To schedule use of the field for groups, please contact us at Antrim Recreation, 588-3121.

Antrim Town Gym: located on School Street.

We can all thank the community organizers and volunteers of last century for our Memorial Gymnasium. The gymnasium is home base for the Antrim Recreation Department; this building houses our office. The Memorial Gymnasium is available for use by town residents. It is currently scheduled for use during most weekdays by either the school district or our summer camp programs, but there is availability for town residents to use the gymnasium during the evening and weekend hours. Schedule through the Recreation Department for your group to play basketball, have fitness classes or other indoor athletic endeavors. This summer the gymnasium will be closed for two weeks in August while the floor undergoes routine and preventative maintenance.

We will be hosting “**The Night Sky**,” a traveling program from the Boston Museum of Science with an indoor traveling planetarium, at the Antrim Town Gym during the

afternoon on Thursday, July 11. Details on this and all other programs at the gym, including Monday and Wednesday night exercise, Sunday night pick-up basketball and more, can be found on the town website.

Memorial Park: located on Jameson Avenue.

This downtown park is a gem in our community. Memorial Park features the Mill Pond, a swing set, a tennis court, a bandstand and a skate park. Memorial Park is a wonderful location for a day outside. It is also home to our summer concert and event series, Antrim in the Evening, as well as the honorable Fourth of July celebration, which is organized by the Antrim Historical Society. We would like to acknowledge and thank Colin Isotti and Mitch Reynolds for the years of volunteering and stewardship they have provided to the skate park at Memorial Park. This summer, Memorial Park will become home to a public GaGa Ball pit! GaGa Ball is a fast-paced, fun game that is becoming popular around the world, and we have an Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 2 who will be completing his project and providing this enduring community recreation opportunity to our Town.

Gregg Lake Beach: located on Gregg Lake Road.

Gregg Lake beach has a boat launch, a picnic area, two pavilions, a volleyball court, a swing set and a sandy beach. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day parking is allowed by permit. Permits are free to Antrim residents; for those from out of town, a day pass may be purchased for \$5 and a season pass for \$25.

Gregg Lake is a valuable town resource. The Recreation Department administers a Lake Host stewardship program at the boat launch. This program, through the NH Lakes Association, needs volunteers! Volunteers give an hour or two at the lake, greeting boaters and helping to ensure that no non-native plant or animal material enters the lake. Introduction of invasive species, such as zebra mussels and variable milfoil, can have devastating effects on the recreational and natural environment of a lake. There is an informative training for volunteers, who are then mentored by other volunteers and staff. If this piques your interest at all, please reach out to Celeste at the Rec Department to get more information. Training sessions for volunteer Lake Hosts will be held on Saturday, June 15, and Saturday, June 22. There will also be at least one weekday morning training.

Antrim is home to many wonderful outdoor and indoor recreation opportunities—there are several parks, trails and programs. Please reach out to us if you want more information, or would like to help us get some new programs started. Our phone number is 588-3121. Our email address is antrimreaddir@tds.net.

Happy summer! ❁

sponge — when it is not squeezed it can absorb lots of water. When soil is compacted, it loses its ability to retain water, runoff increases and erosion is the most likely result. Loss of soil moisture also impacts the fertility of the soil because the ability of plants to grow is based upon their ability to take up moisture and nutrients. In addition, when runoff occurs, surface soils can be eroded, washed downhill and deposited in streams and wetlands. Deposition of sediments can have negative impacts on nearby water quality and natural aquatic systems, such as fish, amphibian and invertebrate habitats.

Wetlands are important for many reasons. They provide a link between terrestrial (land-based) and aquatic organisms and habitat for tremendous biodiversity. Although not all wetlands are created or function equally, they do generally provide a series of beneficial attributes. They have the ability to clean and filter water that flows through them, provide water storage during flood (storm) events and recharge surface water and groundwater aquifers. These attributes make wetlands extremely valuable, as everyone and everything needs clean water.

Even a single pass of an OHRV on a walking trail located near wetlands can cause long-term damage to both the trail and nearby surface waters. Please be a responsible OHRV owner/user and do not drive your OHRV on town walking trails or in other areas that are not designed to handle them. It is against the law to drive them in any area where they are not specifically permitted. ❁

At The Cross

Rick Davis

Have you heard? The Old Stone Church is once again in full operation as the “At The Cross” body meets regularly for worship and study! So much has happened along the way, and since its reopening in December 2017 we have wanted to share with the world just what our God has done! So on August 17th we would love to invite you and all your friends to come join us to see that yes, a Jesus Revival is happening right here in Antrim, and celebrate our open house with music, food, games and the story of how one dream, a family’s love of God, and a whole bunch of divine intervention led to the reopening and restoration of this beautiful Antrim church that sat dormant for many years. This is a free event, and all are welcome! As more information becomes available, be sure to check out our website at www.atthecrossantrim.com or visit our Facebook page. Any questions or for further information please call Pastors Nick and Rick Davis at 588-3388. Thank you and hope to see you there! ❁



Antrim-Bennington Lions Club

Jim Creighton and Rick Wood
Correspondents

Here is a report from Lion Jim Creighton about the Lions’ recent forum with five of our State Representatives:

The Antrim-Bennington Lions Club hosted local New Hampshire State Representatives at a meeting at the First Presbyterian Church of Antrim on April 16, 2019. In attendance were Representatives Fedolfi and Porter from District 1, Representatives Balch and Bosman from District 38, and Representative Pickering from District 3. The Antrim-Bennington Lions Club provided a non-partisan forum for the representatives to discuss the details of the New Hampshire State Legislature’s proposed 2020 budget with approximately thirty local citizens. The candid conversation allowed the representatives an opportunity to express their views while fielding numerous questions from the audience. The Lions Club is proud to serve the community as a sponsor for open and respectful discourse.

And Lion Rick Wood reminds us about the AB Lions’ charitable ventures:

Did you know? You may be aware of the two local Antrim-Bennington Lions Club fund-raising events—the Antrim Home and Harvest BBQ and Christmas tree sales. The funds raised support many local and national charitable organizations, such as Operation Santa, which provided approximately ninety local children a better Holiday season in 2018. In the past five years, the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club has contributed over \$24,000 to a variety of organizations, including The Grapevine, End 68 Hours of Hunger, ConVal Dollars for Scholars, the Antrim Bennington Food Pantry, Antrim in the Evening and Antrim Girls’ Softball. Other organizations like NH Sight and Hearing Foundation and Vision 2018 have benefited from contributions you’ve made to the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club. Your contributions also support the A-B Lions’ efforts to provide eye scanning services to local preschool, elementary and middle school children. We thank you for your contributions. There isn’t a better organization in the area to support or to join. ❁



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What is Important Wildlife Habitat in Antrim?

Charlie Levesque

We all love to see deer and bear, a special songbird and other critters out the windows of our homes or when we are out and about in the yard. But does that mean you have important wildlife habitat near where you live? Probably not.

Through an exhaustive process beginning in 2003, the first Wildlife Action Plan, or WAP, was released in 2005 by the NH Fish and Game Department. As required, it was updated and released again in 2015. As part of national fish and wildlife planning to protect species under threat or in decline, the US Fish and Wildlife Service—NH Fish and Game’s sister federal agency—required each state to develop a WAP as a prerequisite to accessing federal funds for state fish and wildlife conservation activities. You can access the 2015 New Hampshire WAP at <https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/wildlife/wap.html>.

The core of the WAP is in the following sections of the plan:

- **Identifying Wildlife at Risk**—Identifying New Hampshire’s low and declining wildlife populations, and wildlife that are indicative of the diversity and health of the state’s wildlife, is step one in the plan. This section has four appendices, where all the details are: A. Species Profiles, B. Habitat Profiles, C. Habitats and Natural Communities Crosswalk, and D. Rare Plant Species and Wildlife Habitats.
- **Assessing Wildlife Habitat Condition**—This section covers the location and condition of key wildlife habitat in New Hampshire. Maps that describe these habitats are available.
- **Evaluating Threats to Species and Habitats**—Once it identifies wildlife at risk and the various wildlife habitats in the state, the WAP covers the problems that may adversely affect wildlife and their habitats, based on published scientific literature and the expert opinions of wildlife professionals. This was all developed with input from dozens of wildlife and habitat experts, in addition to those actually employed by NH Fish and Game. Threat factors—such as spatial extent, severity, immediacy, cer-

tainty, likelihood and reversibility—were given ratings, which were compared between the original 2005 WAP and the 2015 WAP so that an assessment of progress could be determined.

- **Action Plan**—The final part of the WAP lays out a series of proposed actions to address the threats to species and habitats.

The plan is very logical—identify wildlife at risk and their associated habitats and then determine the threat to those species and habitats at risk and recommend actions to address the problems.

The real reason for doing all of this is clearly articulated in the WAP:

The benefits of investing in the Wildlife Action Plan’s strategies go well beyond “saving” rare species. Wildlife-associated recreation is a significant economic engine for New Hampshire. The US Fish and Wildlife Service’s 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation determined expenditures for these activities to be nearly \$551 million in New Hampshire. Outdoor recreation brings in \$4.2 billion annually from New Hampshire residents and tourists (Trust for Public Land, 2014).

The culmination of the WAP from a visual perspective is maps on important wildlife habitat that resulted from the many assessments and rankings in the WAP. All wildlife species native to New Hampshire were eligible for identification as Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN), including game species, nongame species, fish and marine animals. Information on their populations, habitats, risks and status throughout the Northeast were considered during the process. A total of 169 species are identified as SGCN, of which twenty-seven species are listed as state-endangered and fourteen as state-threatened. The WAP also identifies twenty-seven distinct habitats that support both common species and SGCN.

Wildlife habitat condition was assessed and mapped for the twenty-seven habitat types. These maps and the underlying data are used for species recovery, land conservation, and habitat restoration efforts. Risk assessments were conducted for the twenty-seven habitats and 169 SGCN, and eleven different threat categories with thirty-seven sub-categories were ranked in terms of their potential impact on each species and habitat throughout New Hampshire.

Saltmarshes, warmwater rivers and streams, dunes, lowland spruce-fir forest, and vernal pools had the greatest number of high-ranking threats. Commercial and residential development, pollution, disease, and climate change are among the higher-ranking risk factors that impact the health of wildlife populations and habitats.

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Gregg Lake Watershed Management Plan

Joan Gorga

We continue to progress with the task of developing a Watershed Management Plan for Gregg Lake. Sediment and pollutants carried into the lake in stormwater runoff are coming up as a major concern. On June 22 at Town Hall, following **Lake Host** training by Celeste Lunetta beginning at 11 a.m., and lunch, we'll be holding a **Gravel Roads Maintenance** presentation at 1 p.m., featuring Russ Lanoie of Conway, NH. Russ has been working on the dirt roads of New Hampshire and Maine for more than forty years, and is an entertaining speaker and poet—on the back cover of his gravel roads manual *A Ditch in Time* is a poem that begins:

*I think that I shall never see,
a dirt road shaped as it should be.
Not graded flat the way some do,
or rutted like a dubble-u,
Nor rounded like a baby's rear,
but pointed like a Martian's ear...*

Please join us to find out what we as a community can do to improve the condition of and drainage from our public and private dirt roads and driveways.

On July 12, at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, we'll be holding a **Water Quality Advisory Committee** meeting, whose task it will be to assess the current Gregg Lake water quality and set goals for the future, taking into account the effects of possible future development in the watershed. The goals we set will guide the recommendations we make in our long-term Watershed Management Plan. This meeting will include representatives from the NH Department of Environmental Services and our professional consultants, FB Environmental Associates.

Later in the summer we will host a **"Soak Up the Rain"** program in conjunction with NHDES to guide residents in making landscaping decisions that protect lakes, ponds and streams from pollutants and sediment carried by stormwater runoff combined with a **Septic Maintenance Workshop** to inform those with septic systems about best practices to limit septic leaching into nearby surface waters.

The Gregg Lake Watershed Management Plan Committee (if I had known how many times I would say or type that, I would have come up with a much shorter and catchier name!) is also honored to have been asked to present at the North American Lake Management Society meeting to be held in Burlington, Vermont, in November. Our work is being used as an example of a grass-roots community effort to develop a watershed management plan on a small budget. We'll be giving a 20-minute presentation and taking part in a panel discussion.

We thank the many people who have taken the time to speak with us, give us their impressions and describe changes they have observed in Gregg Lake over the few or many years they have known the lake, as well as those who have volunteered to help with data collection and analysis on both warm, sunny days and cold, windy ones.



Funding for this project 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.



Dog Licensing

Diane Chauncey, Antrim Town Clerk

Each dog over four months old must be licensed by its owner or keeper prior to April 30 of each year. The license is effective from May 1 to April 30 of the subsequent year. Your dog(s) must have a current rabies vaccination. (Your veterinarian is supposed to send rabies updates to the Town Clerk). Failure to license your dog is a violation of state law. In addition to the annual license fee you will be charged a late fee of \$1.00 per month. A civil forfeiture fee will also be assessed in the amount of \$25.00, which is payable within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the notice of failure to register your dog (s). Civil Forfeiture Notices will be sent out June 17, 2019. If the forfeiture fee is not paid within that time, you will receive a **summons to appear in court**. Any questions, please call 588-6785 x223. ❀



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First Presbyterian Church

Sharon Dowling, Music Director

Greetings! Spring has sprung after a long and icy winter. Easter Day arrived with Alleluias to spare. The folks at First Presbyterian Church in Antrim have moved from worship in the Fellowship Hall back into our uniquely beautiful sanctuary. The season of Easter lasts fifty days, so we are keeping the Alleluias going!

Our little church happily contributed two full Easter dinners for two families at GBS; we continue to supply crackers, snacks and other food items to ConVal End 68 Hours of Hunger and made a last donation of food items, clothing and personal hygiene supplies to the cold weather homeless shelter—100 Nights—in Keene. We learned that 100 Nights had been in such demand this past winter that for several weeks they had to have two separate sleeping shifts, with one group sitting up and awake overnight in the dining area downstairs, while one group slept in the sleeping quarters upstairs. At daybreak, the two groups switched places after bedding was changed out, etc. If you have not checked out this incredible organization, you need to! Help in many ways is needed and appreciated.

After Easter's fifty days, we celebrate the Pentecost—sometimes called the Birthday of the Church. This year Pentecost falls on June 9, and we will mark the occasion with lots of red colors—symbols of the Holy Spirit, flaming candles, and possibly balloons and cake. Come join us! The music will be beautiful and the worship service will be Spirit-filled!

Other dates to note are:

JUNE 20—Thursday Community Supper will be hosted by the congregations of the Presbyterian and Baptist churches. See you all at 5:30!

JUNE 30—Sunday picnic at noon after 10:30 worship service. Bring a picnic lunch and a lawn chair and meet at Memorial Park to enjoy fellowship and the beautiful park in the heart of downtown Antrim!

JULY 14—Sunday Trivia Night at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship

Hall. Snacks will be provided. Join us for a fun evening of Trivia as we form teams and have a good time. Fun for all ages, no matter how much or how little trivia you think you know—you never know what the categories will include!

AUGUST 4—We are tentatively planning a bowling night. Further details will be forthcoming. Check our Facebook page or call the office for details as we get closer to the date.

AUGUST 12–16—Vacation Bible School! This year VBS will meet at the Presbyterian Church, with family supper starting at 5:00, followed by classes for ages 3 through adult. The theme this year is “ROAR: Life is Wild—God is Good!” Be watching for more details in the near future. High school students and adults are also needed as guides and to lead stations.

SEPTEMBER 8—Sunday BBQ and Fellowship at Gregg Lake. Bring your own meat to grill and a dish to share. At 5 p.m. until ??? A fun way to close out the summer together!

It is hard to believe we are thinking about the end of summer already! Time sure seems to fly faster each year. The importance of community and the care we give to our neighbors cannot be overlooked. We welcome all to our church family and happily share our facilities for many community events. We continue to run the Revival Shop downstairs and can always use volunteer assistance with that mission. The Senior Center, with Meals on Wheels lunches, continues to meet weekday mornings. Drop into the sanctuary weekdays from 9–12 if you want some quiet time of prayer and contemplation. Come say hello! Sunday morning services are at 10:30 a.m.—hope to see you there! ❁

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So what does this mean for Antrim? Wildlife habitats identified in Antrim include peatland, marsh and shrub wetland, northern or temperate swamp, grassland, cliff or talus slope, rocky ridge, northern hardwood-conifer, hemlock-hardwood-pine, open water, Appalachian oak-pine, floodplain forest and developed or barren land. Scoring of threat factors for Antrim’s wildlife habitats based on biological data, landscape context and impacts of human activities identified areas of Highest Ranked Habitat in the State (top 15% by area of each habitat), Highest Ranked Habitat in the Biological Region (top 30% by area in the biological region of the state) and Supporting Landscapes (remainder of the top 50% of each habitat). Most of Antrim is included in the biological region called “Hillsboro Inland Hills and Plains,” whereas far western Antrim is located in the region called the “Sunapee Uplands.”

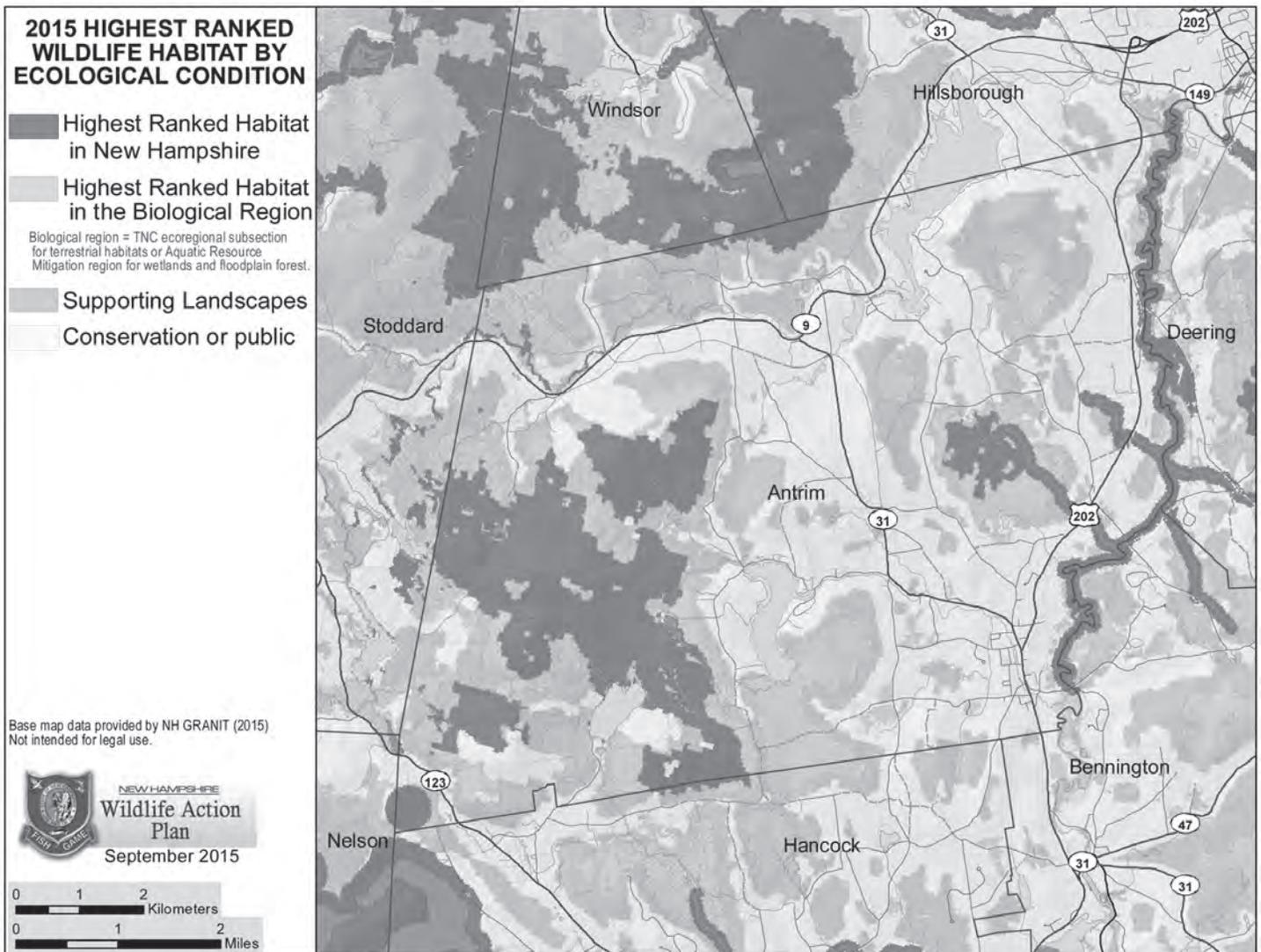
The WAP scoring map below shows the areas identified in Antrim as Highest Ranked Habitat. The most important habitat areas in Antrim are a core undeveloped area of most-

ly Appalachian oak-pine forest east of Smith Road, the area along the Contoocook River and then the large undeveloped area of mostly hemlock-hardwood pine forest and northern hardwood-conifer forest with various scattered wetlands in western Antrim. That includes, unfortunately, the Tuttle Hill to Willard Mountain ridge-top area where the wind farm is currently being built.

So when you see common wildlife like deer, bear and black-capped chickadees in your backyard, it’s not that they aren’t important to us—they are—but they are not at risk of disappearing from the landscape like other species and habitats are in New Hampshire. If you take the time to read the Wildlife Action Plan, you’ll get a better sense of the difference.

Note: Some of the narrative in this article comes directly from the NH Wildlife Action Plan.

Charlie Levesque can be reached at 603-588-3272 or levesque@inrslc.com. ❁



The Adventure of Caleb and Webster, Superheroes

Susan Ellsworth

Once upon a time there was a little boy named Caleb who had a dog named Webster. Caleb loved to sit under the apple tree in his grandmother's backyard and read books. It was cool and quiet, and there was plenty of fresh air. Webster liked it, too. He enjoyed lying on the blanket snuggled up to his favorite boy. One day while Caleb was reading his book to Webster, they both fell fast asleep under the tree.

Suddenly Caleb woke up to the sound of a little boy crying. He looked at Webster and noticed he was wearing a superhero cape, and so was Caleb. They were both dressed as superheroes! Superhero Webster ran towards the noise and Superhero Caleb followed. Before long they came to a blue house with a stone walkway leading to the front door.

Superhero Caleb knocked on the front door and a little boy answered, still crying. Superhero Caleb and Superhero Webster knew they had the correct house. Superhero Caleb asked the little boy why he was crying. He told them he had lost his favorite toy truck and couldn't find it. Superhero Caleb asked if he and Superhero Webster could come in and help him to find his truck. The little boy smiled and said, "Yes, please help me."

Superhero Caleb asked the little boy where he thought he played with the toy truck last. He said he didn't remember, so they looked around the downstairs area first. They all looked in the entranceway, but it wasn't there. They looked in the kitchen, but it wasn't there. They went to the living room, and still it wasn't there.

Then they went upstairs to the bedrooms. It wasn't in Mom and Dad's room or the big sister's room. The last room left was the little boy's room. They looked in his backpack, closet, and dresser, but still—no favorite toy truck. Then, just as they were about to give up, Superhero Webster smelled something and disappeared under the little boy's bed in a flash. To the little boy's joy, he returned with the toy truck in his mouth. The little boy's sister had vacuumed his bedroom the day before and hit it with the vacuum wand, and it rolled under the bed skirt and out of view.

The little boy was so happy to have his favorite toy truck back. He invited Superhero Caleb and Superhero Webster back downstairs to have some cookies as a thank-you for helping him find his toy truck.

Suddenly, an apple falling from the branch above Caleb and Webster woke them up. They were under the apple tree in Grandma's yard, and I guess they were waking up from a dream, or were they? ❀

Thanks go out to Marguerite Roberts and Karen Weisswange for faithfully delivering *The Limrik* to sites all over town every quarter.

First in the Nation Primary

Diane Chauncey, Antrim Town Clerk

Do you plan to vote in the Presidential Primary in either January or February? If you are a registered Democrat or Republican (Libertarians are no longer a party in NH) and you plan to vote that ballot, you are all set. If you are "Undeclared" (in other states it may be called "Independent"), you are all set and can vote on either ballot. Now if you were Undeclared and voted in a Primary and did not *Return to Undeclared*, you remain registered in the party you voted in. What if you can't remember? Very simple—call the Town Hall; we will view the current Voter Checklist for your party status. A voter can change party affiliation up until ninety days before the Primary—after that a voter is locked in. The Secretary of State's office stated that the date will most likely not be set until August. Once again, if you are unsure, call 588-6785, or email antrimatc@tds.net. ❀

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Tuttle Library News

Cindy Jewett, Laurie Cass-Griggs, Melissa Lawless

SUMMER PROGRAMS

June 1, Sat.	Summer Reading Program sign-up begins
July 4, Sat.	Closed for Independence Day
July 18, Thu, 6:30 p.m.	“Bobcats” Presented by NH Fish and Game
Aug. 31, Fri.	Summer Reading Program ends
August–End of Sept.	Community Art Display
Wednesdays • 3–5:30 p.m.	• Tech Wednesday
Thursdays • 3:30 p.m.	• Lego Club
Fridays • 10 a.m.	• Storytime

“A Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Bruins’ mascot, “Blades,” pays a visit!

We have some new, exciting things planned for the whole family for this year’s Summer Reading Program! Registration for “A Universe of Stories” begins June 1st and runs through August 31st. Sign up at any time during this period to get your book log. Start tracking your reading throughout the summer to be eligible for prizes! We’ll also have activities, games and more, including “Blades”—the mascot of the Bruins! Stay tuned throughout the summer for the announcement of his arrival. Check out our website: www.jatuttlelibrary.org.

Last year we had over 180 people participate in our Summer Reading Program—let’s see if we can eclipse that number. And it’s not just for kids—last year we had more adults than ever participate. Get rewarded for reading books! We’re going to have prizes for kids and adults who read books, as well as fun games and activities. For more information, call the library at 588–6786 or stop in; we’d love to see you at the library this summer. The library wishes to thank Tenney Farm, Halo Top Ice Cream 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 or discounted museum passes to the Currier Museum of Art, the Boston Museum of Art, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, the Montshire Museum of Science and the NH State Parks? We do! Call or stop by to reserve your dates or to check availability.

NH State Parks Pass and Backpack

New this year—the library is offering free passes to NH State Parks. The pass is good for two adults and up to four children. Imagine getting out to explore the NH wilderness and getting in for free! There are some restrictions, so if you’re interested, book your summer dates now for the best availability. We can print a pass for a certain day and reserve

it for you. We even have a nature backpack that you can check out which includes a flashlight, a compass, a magnifying glass and more!

“Bobcats” — a NH Fish and Game Presentation

Increased sightings and captures of bobcats in the past ten years or so suggest that they are becoming more abundant in New Hampshire. Come learn about the natural history, related research and management activities in New Hampshire for North America’s most common wildcat. A Fish and Wildlife Steward from NH Fish and Game will help us learn more about this important New Hampshire predator on Thursday, July 18th, at 6:30 p.m.

Tech Wednesdays

Come in on Wednesdays and meet Christopher, our new technician with mad skills. He is available from 3 to 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday to help you solve your computer, phone or tablet issues. He also knows a lot about computer gaming and will be setting up video games on our big screen television on Wednesdays. Drop by or call 588–6786 to reserve time.

Community Art Display

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

Teens—do you like to create? Why not use the library as a place to display a collection of your works. It could be a series of drawings, sculpture, paper mâché, etc. We would love to showcase your artwork!

Speaking of art—a big thank you goes out to Carole Storro, ConVal District Elementary Art Teacher, for supplying the library with beautiful and colorful artwork created by local students. Thank you!

Library Fun Facts

Sign Up for our Newsletter—delivered once a month to your inbox! www.jatuttlelibrary.org

The library now offers notary services. Getting a document notarized is free to Antrim resident library cardholders, and \$10 for out-of-town residents. The service is available Monday–Friday during library open hours. Please make sure to bring proper identification.

The Library has an Instagram account! Check it out: [@jatuttlelibrary](https://www.instagram.com/jatuttlelibrary). ❁

Libraries and Dreams

Frank Gorga

I did not have the good fortune to grow up in Antrim, but the town that I was raised in had a wonderful brick library with a fireplace...much like our own Tuttle Library.

Libraries are, in my experience, dreamy places. One can read fiction and dream of places and times that one can never experience in the “real world.” One can read non-fiction and fill up on the knowledge that fuels dreams in “real life.”

Fifty-plus years ago, I found special inspiration in two authors—Isaac Asimov and Jacques Cousteau. Dr. Asimov was a special author who wrote both science fiction and nonfiction books explaining science to youngsters. Asimov’s books both took me to worlds that will never be and helped explain to a young and curious lad how the world we live in works. Monsieur Cousteau was an explorer of the oceans, in particular the undersea domain. Through his books (containing wonderful photographs) and television shows, he opened up my eyes to things that were common but not easily visible. Both authors inspired my dreams and propelled me down the path of becoming a scientist.

Even now, having retired from a career as a working scientist, I still spend much time reading and learning about new “stuff”... people and places I will never meet in “real life” and new skills to keep life interesting.

The best advice I can offer folks, particularly young people, is head to the library, read lots and dream! ❀



Pinhole image of the James A. Tuttle Library made by Frank Gorga using a handmade camera obscura.

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A word from a satisfied Book Club participant:

“The book club introduces me to fine literature. After being a member now for several years, I know how to tell if the book is outstanding or not. This makes me so grateful! I love the adventure in reading each month.”

Please consider joining our merry band of bibliophiles for these upcoming meetings:

June 13 Edith Wharton *House of Mirth*

July 18 Ernest Hemingway *A Farewell to Arms*

We meet on Thursdays at the Antrim Presbyterian Church between 11:00 a.m. and noon.

Another reflection from a well-pleased literature lover:

“Book club provides a welcoming, relaxed time to share impressions and opinions about books from the Modern Library’s list of 100 Books to Read in a Lifetime. Our discussions are lively and enlightening.”

Please join us for fun and informal discussions. Copies of the books listed above will be available at the Tuttle Library. Contact Steve Ullman for additional information at 588-2005 or stephenullman@gmail.com. ❀

Great Decisions Program

Steve Ullman, Coordinator

By the time you read this, the Antrim Great Decisions group will have completed eight conversations on such crucial issues as global migration, US–China trade and nuclear negotiations.

Below are reactions of participants to Antrim’s 2019 Great Decisions program:

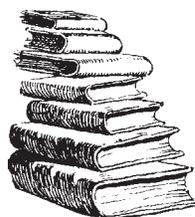
“Good talk/open minds/great results.”

“The Great Decisions program ...is a hidden gem in Antrim’s Treasure Box...”

“A little gem of open-mindedness—a forum to learn about what’s behind the headlines and consider the causes of global problems and possible solutions.”

“A group of concerned citizens who discuss current problems in the hope that they may try to find reasonable approaches that could rationally deal with some of the difficulties that confront us.”

Please consider joining us next March for our seventh varsity season. ❀



Antrim-Bennington Lions Club

Nancy Blair

Hello! My name is Nancy Blair and I have lived in Antrim for thirty-two years. For the last fifteen years of my teaching career, I taught Family and Consumer Science at Great Brook School. Most of my contacts were middle schoolers and their parents, because my life revolved around education. When I retired four years ago, one of the parents of those wonderful children suggested that I join the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club! Me, join the Lions Club? Isn't that an organization for "older" people? Sorry fellow Lions! But I went to a meeting and what did I find, but people of all ages having a wonderful time giving back to their community.

I joined the club and find that I actually look forward to our meetings. We gather twice a month, once for business and another for a pot-luck at which we have a speaker. The speaker meetings have been about a wide variety of topics. The group does lots of things in and for the community. We've painted for the Grapevine, cleaned and bought a vacuum cleaner for Avenue A, supported Operation Santa for the area children through our Christmas tree sales. And for you skeptics who say, "I'm not standing out in the cold to sell trees," I enjoy that as well. I have seen so many former students and their

families! And we always have a warm car to sit in and chit-chat between sales! I've found out many things about my fellow Lions during those warm-up sessions! We plan and run the Home and Harvest barbecue each year, participate in the parade, have a booth at The Rhubarb Festival and probably, the MOST important event of all is the Vision Screening that is done for all the elementary and middle school children in Antrim Elementary, Pierce School in Bennington, Frances-town Elementary, Greenfield Elementary, Hancock Elementary and Great Brook Middle School.

It has been a wonderful experience for me to meet a whole new group in my community. Trying something new has really made a difference in my life! As head of membership for the AB Lions Club, I encourage you to come to one of our meetings and meet the crew! The first Tuesday of the month is our business meeting and the third Tuesday is pot-luck/speaker night. We meet at the Presbyterian Church from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. If you just want more info, e-mail me at blairhouse@mcttelecom.com or call me at 588-8015.

Come and find out what the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club is all about! ❁

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Minerva

William Bryk

Minerva was a tortoiseshell cat, a furry swirl of black, brown, orange, tan, and white, with a heart-shaped face, clear, green eyes, and a direct, honest gaze. If you have seen the *fin-de-siècle* advertising posters of Théophile Steinlen, you have seen Minerva.

One day, Mimi showed me an online animal adoption site. One cat had a sweet face, beautiful eyes, and uncommon markings. I followed up. There followed a succession of telephone calls. We learned that the cat was about two years old. She had walked from the mists of history about a year before when she mewed at someone on a Manhattan street. Now being introduced, the fellow picked her up and, though unable to keep her, introduced her to what British writer James Harding called that "...freemasonry that links animal lovers." She went through several households, largely because, though sweet-natured and affectionate, she was emotionally needy with an understandable separation anxiety. In short, the would-be adopters lacked patience with her constant demands for attention.

Anyway, the cat arrived. She left the carrying case and, curious, came over to us. We picked her up and stroked her. She purred and snuggled into our laps. The foster parent who brought her to us told us the cat was named Hope. The door had barely closed behind her when I renamed the cat Minerva, after the Roman Goddess of Wisdom.

Mimi noted that, from the beginning, we often talked about little else than the cat and her behavior: that we were sounding like first-time parents, and doting parents of the sort for whom we'd felt little sympathy.

We were pleased and surprised at how gentle Minerva was and how she trusted us. She was never aggressive or menacing. Even the need for attention diminished as, we think, she realized over time that she had come to what pet lovers call a forever home.

After a few weeks, she regularly joined us in bed, strolling over the counterpane to gaze in our faces, sometimes at a distance of an inch and a half. After a few minutes' strok-

ing, she began lying on her back in an abandoned pose. I would stroke her tummy and she would close her eyes, purr very loudly, and rhythmically extend and retract her claws. I went online to find out what this meant: she was happy, she trusted us.

She was always chatty, making sure we knew she was present. Once she had come to understand life in our household, Minerva woke me every morning between 5:00 and 5:30 to remind me to refill the food bowls. She mewed softly, touched my chin with her paw, and purred once I awoke and petted her. When the weather grew warmer, she began jumping onto the table in the sun room, gazing thoughtfully at the squirrels and birds in the back yard. It's not that she'd catch them. As wisdom incarnate, Minerva understood the journey—the chase—and not the arrival matters. One April morning, as we began cleaning and replanting the garden, she slipped through the open door to recline on a sunlit bench, peacefully surveying her new realm.

Thereafter, once there was light in the sky, after she'd had breakfast, she would insist that we crack the back door so she could go out and play.

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Antrim's Home & Harvest Festival

Rick Davis

This year's Home & Harvest Festival will be held on September 13 and 14. New this year will be a pickleball tournament, open to all ages. The Nerf ball competition and light-saber dueling under the lights at Shea Field will be back. As always, we're looking for crafters to sell wares on Main Street and welcome new floats. We'll have all new fun for the kids, and games are always free. Atlas Fireworks will follow the BBQ cooked by the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club. And much more! See homeandharvest.org. We're always looking for sponsors that keep it free for all. Call Rick at 464-9915 for more information. *



Rick and Diane's to Serve Breakfast

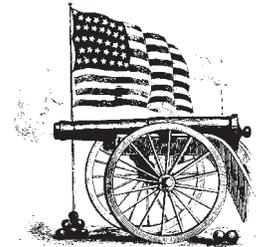
Rick Davis

Coming soon to Rick and Diane's. All you can eat breakfast/brunch, Saturday 8-12 and Sunday 8-1, starting August 3 and 4. The price will be \$11.95 for adults and \$5.95 for kids 12 and under, and it will include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, pastries, and coffee in a self-service bar set-up. We are very excited to offer this to our customers as we continue twenty-two years of serving the best food and providing the best service. *

July 4 • Bandstand at Memorial Park

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Community Calendar

JUNE

- 1 *Antrim Cleanup Day* • sponsored by Antrim Grange • meet behind Town Hall • 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- 1 *Summer Reading Program sign-up begins* • Tuttle Library
- 1 *Black Fly Community Art Show* • The Grapevine • 10:00 a.m.–12 noon
- 9 *Antique Car Show* at Sawyer Park, Route 202, Bennington • 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- 11-12 *NH Gives* • 24-hour online giving campaign to benefit The Grapevine
- 13 *Antrim Eclectic Book Club* • Antrim Area Senior Center at First Preyterian Church • 11:00 a.m.
- 13 *Friends of Willard Pond* • meeting at Tuttle Library • 6:00 p.m.
- 15 *Yard Sale* • The Grapevine parking lot • 8:30 a.m.–12 noon
- 15 *Lake Host training session* • Antrim Town Hall • 11:00 a.m.
- 16 *Free Pancake Breakfast* • Antrim Baptist Church • 8:30–10:00 a.m.
- 16 *Rebecca Rule program* • Antrim Historical Society at First Presbyterian Church • 3:00 p.m.
- 20 *Free Community Supper* • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 22 *Open House “President’s Plaque”* • Antrim Historical Society at Tuttle Library • 10:00 a.m.–12 noon
- 22 *Lake Host training session* • Antrim Town Hall • 11:00 a.m.
- 22 *Gravel Roads Maintenance presentation* • Antrim Town Hall • 1:00 p.m.
- 30 *Sunday Picnic* at Memorial Park • sponsored by First Presbyterian Church • 12 noon

JULY

- 4 *Independence Day* • Antrim Historical Society program at the Bandstand, Memorial Park • starts at 8:00 a.m.
- 10 *Wildlife Encounters Phoenix Experience* • Antrim In The Evening • Memorial Park • 6:00 p.m.
- 11 *“Our Night Sky”* Boston Museum of Science indoor planetarium • Antrim Town Gym • 4–4:40 & 4:45–5:00 p.m.
- 12 *Gregg Lake Water Quality Advisory Committee* • Antrim Town Hall • 5:30 p.m.
- 14 *Sunday Trivia Night* • First Presbyterian Church • 6:00 p.m.
- 17 *Decatur Creek* traditional/roots to Americana music • Antrim In The Evening • Memorial Park • 6:00 p.m.
- 18 *Antrim Eclectic Book Club* • Antrim Area Senior Center at First Preyterian Church • 11:00 a.m.
- 18 *Free Community Supper* • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 18 *“Bobcats”* program by NH Fish and Game • Tuttle Library • 6:30 p.m.
- 24 *Magic Fred* magic show • Antrim In The Evening • Memorial Park • 6:00 p.m.

AUGUST

- 7 *“Who Came Up With That?”* UNH Traveling Theater • Antrim In The Evening • Memorial Park • 6:00 p.m.
- 9-10 *Antrim Grange Penny Sale* • at Antrim Town Hall auditorium • details TBA
- 10 *Antrim Grange Summah Suppah* • at Antrim Town Hall auditorium • details TBA
- 12-16 *Vacation Bible School* at First Presbyterian Church with Antrim Baptist Church • 5–8:00 p.m.
- 15 *Free Community Supper* • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 17 *Jesus Revival* • At the Cross Church • details TBA
- 21 *Animals in Winter* Squam Lakes Science Center • Antrim In The Evening • Memorial Park • 6:00 p.m.
- 22 *Goodell Company Memories* • Antrim Historical Society at First Presbyterian Church • 3:00 p.m.



Photo by
Frank Gorga

ed on attacking the Quadegh Merchant, a large Armenian ship laden with treasures, on the Indian Ocean, Kidd found himself on the wrong side of the British government. He was hanged in London in 1701, as a warning to other pirates. I'm sure I'm leaving out a lot of details here, but this story isn't about Kidd's trial, or his guilt or innocence. He remains one of history's most famous and fascinating pirates.

Legends persist about Captain Kidd and the treasure some believe he buried in the Caribbean, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and, some even theorize, Oak Island, off the coast of Nova Scotia. The story of Kidd's treasure in Antrim comes from the book *History of the Town of Antrim, New Hampshire, From Its Earliest Settlement, to June 27, 1877*, written by Warren Robert Cochrane circa 1880, pages 316–317:

Akin to this was the Capt. Kidd furor which raged in this vicinity about 1823. This noted pirate was executed in London, May 24, 1701; and his plunder was seized, consisting of sixty-two pounds of gold, seventy-one pounds of silver, and various bags of diamonds and curiosities. But this was considered only a fraction of what he had, and he was said to have buried here and there immense treasures for future use. It was in 1698 that he returned to New York with his booty; and hence there had been ample time to obliterate all signs of the hiding-places of the pirate's wealth. Some way the rumor got afloat that he had borne a part of the gold into New Hampshire, and buried it on the shores of Rye Pond in Antrim! Somebody started this as a practical joke. But it was talked over, and taken up by fortune-tellers, till one and another went to hunt for the treasure. By and by they began to dig for it in various places, and for a short time there was considerable excitement, the bags of gold appearing to many willing imaginations. Hazel rods were used to detect the spot of concealment. Time and labor and money were freely spent. Rooty bog and rocky soil were dug over in vain. In this way the delusion soon wore itself out, and those who had been duped were glad to hear no more about it. It is pleasant to say that citizens of Hancock and other towns shared in these Rye-pond adventures, and that to this day the shores of Long Island Sound and the banks of the Hudson are occasionally explored in pursuit of the buried



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THE NOTORIOUS CAPTAIN WILLIAM KIDD was captured in Boston. After being shipped to England, Kidd was tried and executed for piracy. After his hanging in 1701, his corpse hung in a cage over a London port for three years as a warning to other pirates.

wealth. Yet, that Kidd should come as far as Rye pond, all alone and on foot, and as early as 1700, and carrying fifty pounds of gold, besides gun and provisions, on his back, certainly would show a very great lack of hiding-places near New York!

I haven't been able to locate the original article from 1823 reportedly found in a newspaper. Nor have I found any reason whatsoever for Kidd to travel to Antrim unless he knew someone in the vicinity. There are some reported gaps in Kidd's whereabouts between 1698 and 1700, making it not an impossibility. But for the sake of a good story, let's say it is true. Here's my analysis:

1. 1698–1700 Antrim
From 1698 to 1700, Antrim was really nothing more than rugged wilderness inhabited by natives and fur traders, with a few early settlers.

2. Facts

- a. Kidd learned of his being accused of piracy upon returning to New York from Madagascar. He began dividing his loot between friends and family, either for safekeeping or for payment.
- b. After failed attacks on Montreal in 1690 by English settlers of current-day New York and New England, followed by French and Indian raids from 1690 to 1697 against Falmouth (later Portland), Maine; Durham, New Hampshire; and Haverhill, Massachusetts, the Treaty of Ryswick brought an end to King William's War and delivered at least a temporary peace to the region in late 1697.

3. My theories

- a. Kidd took a considerable amount of gold and traveled to New Hampshire to see a friend or family member to either pay a debt or hold it for safekeeping.
- b. He may have encountered physical hardship and lacked food or water, although the region abounded with game and had plenty of streams for water.
- c. He may have made arrangements for someone to retrieve the gold at a later date, leaving clues to its location in his correspondences or in final statements at his trial.
- d. He probably would have avoided New York and Vermont along Lake Champlain. He most certainly would have avoided Boston, Haverhill, and the towns of southeastern New Hampshire. It would almost make sense to travel through Peterborough to Hillsborough, where there may have been some sort of track to follow.
- e. I do not believe he was on foot nor do I believe he was alone; he most certainly would have been on horseback, with perhaps a pack mule.
- f. He was fifty-four or fifty-five years old and could easily have made the journey, since he was in relatively good health at the time of his death at age fifty-six. However, due to his age, he wouldn't have made this journey alone. He would have had at the very least three or four good men with him, either servants or slaves, all of which he would have trusted.
- g. He probably wasn't planning on burying any treasure and wouldn't have made provision for carrying such equipment as shovels and picks.

4. What would have been his reasons for burying the treasure?

- a. He may have been distraught about the accusations against him and decided to turn back, planning to return after clearing his name in Boston.
- b. There may have been some hostile French and Native Americans. I think that the French would have been

more hostile, since as a privateer Kidd raided French ships. I'm sure his name and likeness were well known.

- c. His traveling companions could have mutinied, or escaped if they were slaves, or could have been killed by the French or Natives, or by Kidd himself. This would have left him alone and vulnerable; rather than continuing alone he buried the gold and returned to Boston.
- d. He may have made an arrangement for someone to retrieve the gold at a later date.

5. X marks the spot. Where is the gold?

- a. I do not believe he would have buried the treasure on the banks of Rye Pond, since it is rooty and bog-like—not the ideal place to bury anything.
- b. Digging in rocky, rooty soil in a swamp would not be an easy thing to do, especially since he probably wouldn't have had a shovel.
- c. I would have found a natural marker, such as some crag in a rock face that could hide a small chest or bag of gold—perhaps a boulder with a particular marking on it. I have seen several of these while hunting, although I never looked for treasure at the time. Perhaps a visit with a metal detector is in order.
- d. Perhaps he encountered the French and his men were killed, but he paid for his release with the gold.
- e. Perhaps he was robbed by his companions.
- f. If the story is true then the treasure could be anyplace, including Rye Pond.
- g. Or there wasn't any gold to begin with.

I think the story is not likely, but could be plausible, and warrants further investigation. Perhaps I can link Captain Kidd to someone in New Hampshire at the time...

Or it could all be hokum and a tall tale to tell the youngsters around a campfire.

But it is a good story nonetheless.

Happy Hunting! ❁



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Within a few weeks, she added her routines to ours, so they never seemed an extraordinary imposition. She daily joined Mimi on the chaise longue. She might climb onto Mimi's torso, gazing into her face, rubbing her face against Mimi's, and purring as she was petted. Just as often, she might settle down on the chaise, just out of reach, as if to test Mimi's affection: if you love me, you'll inconvenience yourself by sitting up so you may pet me.

As for me, at least once a day she would quietly enter my office, where I would be typing, place her forepaws on my thigh, look into my face, receive the invitation, and vault into my lap. When I was truly busy—not all that often—she would then glance down, a little disappointed, and walk away.

She showed intuition: when we were sad, she would climb into our laps to comfort us with head bumps and purrs.

So she became a quiet and essential part of our lives.

There were few dramas, though she always intuited when we meant to take her to the veterinarian and disappeared into a closet or under the bed.

And, as cats are like potato chips, we couldn't have just one. Minerva gave us three kittens. We had understood that cats preferred to go off alone to bear their young. Not our girl: when she felt the moment had come, she ran to me, demanded attention, and then headed for her basket. I called for Mimi. Once we were there, as she began trembling, we stroked her, talking to her as soothingly as we could. Animals may not understand one's words, but they appreciate the tone of one's voice and understand the speaker's emotions. Anyway, Minerva built up to a very loud yowl, and then out popped Rosalind. Two yowls later, we had Imogen and Sebastian. She then went to work, grooming her young. She was a good mother and, at least once a day, she brought them all, one at a time, onto our bed.

A week or two after they were weaned, she was neutered, which calmed her. With time, she became august and dignified. She gained weight during her pregnancy and never quite lost it, usually weighing between fourteen and sixteen pounds, and remained slightly distended on the side where she'd nursed the kittens. I became conscious of her weight

when, while trying to put her in a cat carrier for a visit to the vet, she wriggled from my grasp as I somehow tripped and fell to the floor. She came down decisively on my nose. That visit was rescheduled.

When the little ones were old enough, we had them neutered, too, and so there were no more misadventures or unexpected kittens, at least from our cats. Like their mother, they too came and went as they pleased, returning for lunch, a snooze, or as the sun settled in the West.

She never clawed or bit any human being. Yet, when a feral male cat whom we believed to be the kittens' father returned to the yard to attack them, as feral fathers will, she leapt from the back stairs at full gallop, battered him with a lightning succession of clawed cuffs, and drove him from the yard. Triumphant, she returned to the sun room table from which I'd watched all this, looked me in the eye to reassure herself that I'd seen her performance, and began pulling tufts of his grey fur from her claws.

She moved with us in early 2016 to Antrim, New Hampshire, and we were looking forward to much more time with her. Indoor-outdoor cats in rural New Hampshire face problems they didn't in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, particularly the predators: coyotes, bobcats, foxes, and fishers. But Minerva only went out for an hour or so in the morning, to sun herself on a stone wall with her children, and soon returned.

As the summer of 2016 turned to autumn, Minerva began losing weight, her face and eyes coming to dominate her appearance as they had not before. At first, this didn't concern us. She had been fat since she bore her kittens, sometimes resembling nothing so much as a furry football with long legs. Probably, part of her impact when she attacked the kittens' father had simply been inertia. Once, when a veterinarian asked me what she liked to eat, I replied, "Food." Our move to New Hampshire in early 2016 had been healthy for all of us by reducing the stress of daily life. We owned our home: solving the problems was now our responsibility and we enjoyed doing that. We thought a quieter life might be doing the same for her.

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One morning, I noticed that she was no longer slender but gaunt. I could feel her ribs and vertebrae when I stroked her. Later that day, I petted her two surviving kittens. Both are slender and active: neither felt bony along the vertebrae.

So I took Minerva to the Henniker Veterinary Hospital, some ten miles away, for a complete checkup. They examined her and, after firmly examining her abdomen, kept her overnight for further examination. Then they told me she had two inoperable tumors in her abdomen, pressing on her stomach and her liver. They recommended that we take Minerva home, watch her closely, and when it was time, return with her.

It took some time to put the car in drive as I couldn't see for the tears. I despaired, not least because I loved this cat more than I do many human beings.

She remained with us a little longer. Once home, she enjoyed all the treats and special things that she liked and some new things, such as prescription cat food and complete attention whenever she seemed to want it. She often crept out to the sun room to see Mimi, who now picked her up to the chaise longue because Minerva could no longer climb up.

When Minerva stopped going upstairs to wake me, I brought her upstairs once a day that I might stroke and groom her. She now rested while I did this, purring loudly, but without the energy to roll over so I might rub her tummy. When she wanted to leave, she found her way downstairs, taking the first few steps on her own and the remainder with some help from gravity.

The other cats deferred to her. Her son, Sebastian, the Black Prince, would nuzzle her and ensure that she had first place at the food bowls while she ate, waiting until she was done to feed himself.

Only on the night of Tuesday, January 3, when she was in a distress we could not alleviate, did we decide to take her back to Henniker. She was so weak that I felt we could carry her in a basket rather than have her endure the indignity of a cat carrier. As I walked with her to the car, she leapt down and ran, as she always had when she sensed that I wanted to take her to the vet. This time, she went only twenty feet. Then she stopped, exhausted. I picked her up as gently and carefully as I could, kissed her, and whispered, "If you have a soul, and I

believe you do, please remember that you were our first—we chose *you* first—and we have *always* loved you."

Minerva then reclined in the basket, swaddled in her blanket, and raised her head as we went down the driveway. She gazed steadily out the windows at our house, our barn, our trees, and our land, and then at the mountains of New Hampshire, where nearly every vista is beautiful, sometimes turning her head to follow some moving object. I remembered a once-famed injunction on an old English tombstone:

*The wonder of the world,
The beauty and the power,
The shapes of things,
Their colours, lights, and shades,
These I saw.
Look ye also while life lasts.*

Then we were shown to a small room, where we placed her basket on a table and, after the doctor had gently done his work, stroked her as she fell asleep and her heart stopped.

In the spring of 2017, when the ground had softened, I dug her grave in our garden. We buried her in one of Mimi's elegant hatboxes, lined with Minerva's favorite blanket. For the journey, we packed a catnip toy (she only played with them when she thought we weren't looking; she may have felt too dignified to play in public), two shiny pennies for Charon, the ferryman at the River Styx (she was, after all, named for a Roman goddess), and an egg, which is a symbol of life.

Besides, she loved egg yolk, as I had learned one morning while preparing scrambled eggs.

During early 2018, I commissioned a granite marker from Peterborough Marble and Granite Works for her. They installed it during the summer.

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I pray that Minerva will not be denied in Heaven the soul she had on earth. We hope to meet her again in that place where all of God's creatures understand one another through love, which transcends the limits of earthly language and reason. ❁

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The names of all who correctly identify the location of the photo below by June 15 will be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate for two small pizzas of your choice at Rick and Diane's. 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. ❀



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Antrim Community VBS. Join the fun this summer, as Vacation Bible School will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, August 12–16, from 5:00–8:00 each evening. The theme this year is "Roar: Life is Wild—God is Good."

Each evening begins with a free supper, followed by the whole group gathering for an opening "Sing and Roar Celebration." Then children in preschool to 6th grade break up into groups and go from station to station, including "Hungry Herd Café," "Stampede Sports," "Wild Bible Adventures," "KidVid Cinema," and "Imagination Station." There are classes for teens and adults, also. Before everyone goes home, they gather together once again, for "Safari Celebration."

This annual event, jointly run by the First Presbyterian and Antrim Baptist Churches has been going on for over eighty years. It is an amazing week of joy and fun! All those from ages 3–99 are invited to attend. We would love to have you! For more information and/or to register your child/children, please call Cheryl at 464-9113 or email her at cherbouch@gmail.com.

Free Pancake Breakfast. Enjoy a free pancake breakfast under the tent on the front lawn at the Antrim Baptist Church on Father's Day, June 16, from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. The menu includes plain and blueberry pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, orange juice and coffee. ❀

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Jim Creighton: Antrim's Scholar-Soldier

Steve Ullman and Rick Wood

When seven-year-old Jim Creighton attended his first YMCA Indian Guide meeting, his leader asked him what he intended to do for a job. Jim immediately responded that he was going to go to West Point and then serve in the U.S. Army.

Fast forward ten years later and Jim's father is insisting that Jim apply to several first-rank colleges. Though Jim had his heart set on West Point, he reluctantly agreed. Fortunately, he was admitted to the Academy early admission. More than forty years later, his devotion to his alma mater is palpable. Jim diplomatically describes his freshman, or plebe, year as "difficult." Yet, he made twenty-six lifelong friends that year in his freshman company.

Over the course of a more-than-thirty-year Army career, Jim had thirty-one jobs, each of which he loved. (We should all be so happy in our professional lives.) As a twenty-three-year-old lieutenant, he helped prepare U.S. forces for a potential Soviet invasion of Germany. Jim even had to plan how to rescue the U.S. brigade stationed in Berlin, which, as you may remember, was then situated inside the Soviet occupation zone.

Jim's final Army job was as commander of an infantry brigade fighting in Afghanistan. In that role, he supervised Afghan elections at more than seventy-seven voting sites. Many will recall this was the election where Afghan citizens had their fingers marked with purple stain signifying that they had voted. Images of women proudly displaying their attempt at democratic reform went viral and ultimately placed their lives in danger—this at a time when the Taliban's insurgency was particularly deadly. Adding to the challenge of supervising these elections was the necessity of delivering ballots by donkey to remote areas, such as the Hindu Kush. Unfortunately, the Taliban responded by executing most of the delivery donkeys, thereby nullifying the ballots.

At 8:14 a.m. on August 16, 2009, in a room just 15' x 20', Jim was conducting a staff meeting. Without warning, an 800-pound bomb exploded just outside the base perimeter, leaving a three-foot crater. While others were running away from the explosion (quite rationally), Jim ran toward the gates and began rescuing Afghans who desperately required medical care. After hours of caring for the wounded, Jim called his wife, Tamasine, herself a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel, to tell her that while there had been a "little thunder," he was all right. The next morning his staff called Jim's attention to the front page of the *New York Times*, where he was pictured attending the wounded, which nullified the "little thunder" assertion.

Jim is a scholar, as well as a soldier. While on active duty, he served as a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations,



the world's most prestigious foreign policy think tank, and he is now a member. Jim is also teaching leadership at the Tuck Graduate School of Business at Dartmouth.

After four years of semi-retirement wondering what he would do with his spare time, and a little prodding from his father-in-law (a prominent New York alderman) that it was time to give back, Jim has immersed himself in Antrim activities. Perhaps permitting himself to be led astray, Jim was persuaded to run for Supervisor of the Checklist. Only after the election did he realize that he had "won" (been sentenced to?) a six-year term. Incidentally, no one should ever underestimate Diane Chauncey's persuasive powers.

Jim also works on the ski patrol at Crotched Mountain and, along with Tamasine, is coaching tennis for Antrim Recreation. Moreover, he operates two businesses, one consulting with the Government of Kurdistan and the other guiding Wounded Warriors with PTSD through the North Woods.

So the moral is clear: the next time a seven-year-old tells you what he intends to do for work, take that person very seriously. He may have already launched himself into a brilliant career. ❀

Antrim Grange #98

Renee Mercier-Gerritsen
Grange Master

After a long, cold winter, Antrim Grange is welcoming the Spring/Summer with a lot of work.

We are continuing our renovation project on our historic **Grange Hall** on Route 31. Andras Lazar continues to work on lifting the building in hopes of replacing the main beam and rear sill beam by the end of this summer. After that is accomplished, we should be able to do our roof and insides and cosmetic outsides in that order. Also, we are hoping this means we will be able to meet in the hall during warm months again while construction continues. It has already been two years of work, and we're thinking we're on the five-year plan. We do appreciate the Town Hall letting us use their facilities during this time. There has been a committee of townspeople meeting monthly to help us through grants, grant writing and other ways to get funds for repairs. We appreciate all of their help and input.

Our annual Community Service Awards were given out on May 15. We enjoyed the show of support for the worthy people who received the awards. Award recipients were: **Community Citizen**—Frank and Joan Gorga, **Educator**—Asher MacLeod, **Youth Booster**—Jacqueline Roland, **Community Spirit**—Antrim Bennington Food Pantry, and **Community Hero**—Antrim House. We also recognized and thanked our major benefactors for the **Grange Hall**

project—Richard Verney and the Monadnock Paper Mills; Jane McClean; John Robertson, Barbara Black and Harvey Black of the Antrim Congregational Church Society; and Steve and Marcia Ullman. The Conservation Commission, represented by Chair Peter Beblowski, presented our own Rod Zwirner with the **Antrim Conservation Award**. Gloria Davis won the Brownie Baking Contest.

Friday, August 9, and Saturday, August 10, are the dates for this year's much-anticipated and well-attended annual **Penny Sale**. It will be held upstairs at Town Hall again this year due to the above-mentioned renovations. If anyone has any items (new or lightly used) that they would like to donate, please contact Renee Mercier-Gerritsen at 547-5144 (cell) and we will arrange a pick-up/drop-off place and time. This is one of our larger fundraisers, along with the accompanying **Summah Suppah** to be held on Saturday night at the Town Hall. Please watch for flyers or like "Antrim Grange" on Facebook to find specific times for Penny Sale ticket sales and the Suppah. Drawings for prizes from the Penny Sale are done on Saturday night during the Suppah, but you do not need to be present to win.

Antrim Grange #98 is now part of the **Sponsor-a-Highway** program. We have applied to be responsible for the part of Route 31 from Route 9 to the Grange Hall (approximately

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The Doorway

Diane Yeo, HOPE Initiative

How many times have we heard the adage “when one door closes another door opens”? For those who have mental illness and/or Substance Use Disorder (SUD), there is now a door held open to treatment and services. New Hampshire has segued from a mental health hub-and-spoke model into “The Doorway,” a program in which “Doorways” are mental health portals designed to be one-stop walk-in locations to access services. The aim is to have help no more than an hour away for all New Hampshire residents. There are seven Doorways located in hospitals across New Hampshire, as well as at Granite Pathways in Nashua and Manchester. The Doorways closest to Antrim can be found at Cheshire Medical Center in Keene and Concord Hospital in Concord.

The role of the Doorway is to coordinate assessment and referral to Treatment Providers for treatment and services. Doorways track clients and address the social determinants of health in order to help those in need find access to care, transportation, housing, child care, etc.—in other words, to address the areas that may hinder a person from receiving successful treatment. Doorways also distribute Narcan to communities, and some provide direct services.

Treatment Providers are scattered throughout the state, with the aim of providing treatment close to home and with community support, when possible. Antrim House on Main Street serves as a Treatment Provider and gets referrals from all of the Doorways because their specialized level of care may not be fully available at every location.

The Doorway NH is based on six supporting values and principles:

1. **Person-centered**—the person and their family is the driving force in their healthcare decisions, as well as an equal partner in planning their care; the person is respected and honored.
2. **Whole-person focus**—addressing the social determinants of health, i.e., the intersections between physical,

emotional, spiritual, and behavioral health, is the key to treating the entire person.

3. **Empowered people, families and communities**—education regarding resources available, how to navigate the system, increased reliability on the community and having their voices heard regarding health care decisions is essential.
4. **Localized services**—community-based care is prioritized; care is received in areas closest to their homes, supports and social networks, enabling better community integration.
5. **Pooled resources, infrastructure and accountability**—organizations and providers share resources to provide the most efficient care and shared accountability for service delivery and outcomes.
6. **Equity**—accountability for eliminating disparities in social determinants of health ensures equal access, and eliminates disparities in mental health outcomes for all.

Since the program’s inception in January 2019, more than 900 people have accessed The Doorway for addiction treatment. Walk-in treatment can be sought at any Doorway during open hours. If you or someone you know is in crisis or needs help with health issues, help is available 24 hours a day by calling 2-1-1, where you will not only be given immediate help and referrals, but may also receive evaluation and assessment. You can also reach out via <https://www.thedorway.nh.gov/>.

Open the door...walk through and begin a path to a healthy life.

Diane Yeo is a member of the HOPE Initiative and the Grandfamilies Advisory Council, a sitting member of the NH State Commission to Study Grandfamilies Affected by the Opioid Situation, a member of the National Ski Patrol and Crocheted Mountain Ski Patrol. ❁



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Antrim Community Garden

For those not aware, the Antrim Community Garden was built for the people, by the people and Antrim Grange members four years ago through donations of product, skills and time. The Community Garden, which consists of two raised beds, is located behind Antrim Town Hall. It is planted each year to provide food for those who want or need vegetables on their tables. This garden also feeds the patrons of the Antrim Bennington Food Pantry. Anyone who would like to weed, water or pick is more than welcome. There are a few tools in the black tool box along with a watering can. The water barrel with the spout on the bottom is hopefully always full of water if you have the time. We do have a notepad in the toolbox if you would like to write down your name and when you watered so we don't overwater anything. Thank you in advance for all of your help.

The beds were recently cleaned out to get them ready for planting. We gave away many hearty strawberry plants that overtook one of our beds. I am sure there will be more available next year also. I am hoping to plant the beds in the next couple of weeks. If anyone has any vegetable seedlings they would like to donate, I can let you know if we already have some or if we would love to have some. Please contact Renee Mercier-Gerritsen at 547-5144 (cell) or find the 'Antrim Community Garden' page on Facebook to know when we are doing things.

While Armond Gerritsen and I were cleaning out the

beds, we noticed one log that is very wet and holding water. It may need to be replaced in the next year or two. I am asking that people be cautious of this so as to not destroy it before its time. Please be respectful of our garden as it is on Town land and deserves it.

Thank you to all who support us every year!

Antrim Town-wide Clean-up

Per a request on the People of Antrim and Bennington Facebook page (if you are not on it, you should be!), I am currently trying to arrange a town-wide clean-up of Antrim's backroads. As of right now, I am shooting for Saturday, June 1. I am looking for donations of trash bags and gloves. Also, it is going to take many people to make this happen so I am hoping my hometown comes through for us like they always do. I will sign off for those who are looking for Community Service hours. The Antrim Recycling Center has said that I can drop all of the trash there at no cost no matter the color of the bags after the clean up. Thank you, Clarkie!

When I get things finalized, I will post on the People of Antrim and Bennington Facebook page, Town website, and posters around town. If you would like any info or want to help out, please call Renee Mercier-Gerritsen at 547-5144. Thank you to all of those already willing to clean up the town, to those considering the idea or for just supporting us. ❁

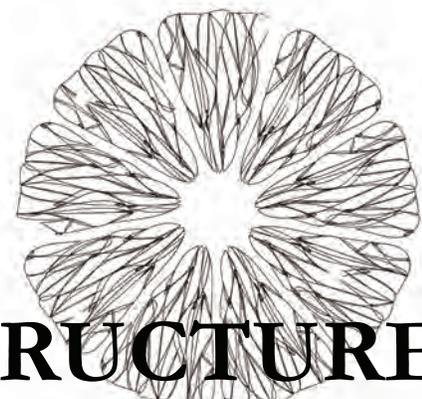
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Antrim Historical Society

Bill Nichols, President

June is here and the Antrim Historical Society has held two free programs with several more to go before winter arrives. Programs are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the Presbyterian Church, unless otherwise noted:

- June 16—author, humorist and story-teller Rebecca Rule, “This Reminds Me of a Story.” Be sure to arrive early, as it will be standing room only.
- June 22—join us for an Open House from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Tuttle Library, where we will have a special presentation of the new AHS President’s Plaque, followed by refreshments and plenty of stories.
- July 4—beginning at 8:00 a.m., enjoy homemade pastries, hot and cold drinks and some patriotic music at the Bandstand. At 9:30, the 25th annual reading of the Declaration of Independence by the Antrim Players will be followed by a special presentation of an old New England tradition, the awarding of the Boston Post Cane.
- August 22—former Goodell Company employees will share their memories and experiences of working for one of Antrim’s largest employers. If you’re a former employee and have something to share, please contact us.
- September 15—at Home and Harvest, the AHS will be teaming up with the Conservation Commission to provide a walking tour of Old Antrim Centre. The tour will cover several of the historic buildings and cemeteries, as well as information about the surrounding fields and woods.
- October 20—program to be announced.
- November 17—Dale Russell, local train historian from Greenfield, will entertain us with his extensive knowledge of trains and stations of New Hampshire from his collection of over 16,000 photographs.
- December—we’ll be supporting the Festival of Trees at the Library.

Over the past couple of years, we’ve been working on a Historical Marker project to help identify important buildings and locations throughout Antrim. We anticipate that our

first two signs will be in place in time for Home and Harvest. Please contact us if you’re interested in helping fund future markers.

Recently the AHS has been gifted with two very important pieces of Antrim history in the form of photographic glass plates. We received several boxes of plates, believed to have been taken by Fred Nay, from Susan Capizanno, whose brother, Scott Baker, found them in the walls of his Summer Street home back in the 1980s. We also received a box from Robert Wisniewski of Hebron, NH. These photos are believed to have been taken from the late 1800s through about 1915 by Eugene Woodward of Antrim. There is still a lot of identification to be done, but you’ll hear more about this project in the future.

The Historical Room at the Tuttle Library has just been revitalized with several different displays including the Doctors of Antrim, Antrim 1919, Jameson Block—Businesses Through the Years, Homes of Antrim Part 2 and Martin Nichols—World War II, US Navy, Uniform and Letters.

In 1909, the publisher of the Boston Post newspaper sent out 700 gold-headed ebony canes to 700 towns in New England. The idea behind it was that each town would award the cane to the oldest man (women were included beginning in 1930) in town, to be used by him until his death or when he moved from town. It would then be awarded to the next oldest citizen. Over the years, the tradition slowly disappeared from towns, for many different reasons. However, many towns have started the tradition again and the AHS has located our cane and would like to award Antrim’s Boston Post Cane at the Bandstand on July 4. Could you be the oldest citizen in town? Maybe you know someone who is? Antrim residents living in assisted living facilities in the Monadnock region are also eligible. Please contact the Historical Society by June 28 if you know of someone.

If you haven’t joined the AHS yet, membership is only \$10 for an individual and \$20 for a family. Membership monies help pay for our operating costs, as well as bringing you a variety of Sunday programs each year. Donations of all types, including your valuable volunteer time and Antrim artifacts, are always welcome. For more information about anything in this article you can email us at info@antrimhistoricalsociety.org, mail us at PO Box 172, Antrim, or drop us a note at the historical room at the library. ❁



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Antrim In The Evening & Other Summer Programs from Antrim Recreation

“Phoenix Experience.” Visit with seven animal ambassadors from the Wildlife Encounters Ecology Center. July 10.

“Our Night Sky.” Visit with educators from the Boston Museum of Science, who will be setting up an indoor planetarium and leading a session about our night sky. Two sessions: 4:00 to 4:30, and 4:45 to 5:15. Limited to 25 people per session. Free, July 11. Antrim Town Gym.

Decatur Creek. This band’s influences run from traditional/roots to Americana—country, singer/songwriter, folk, blues, and rock—always with the focus on the songs, lyrics, and vocals. July 17.

Magic Fred. A family-friendly magical show providing entertainment for all ages. July 24.

Little Red Wagon Theater. A traveling theater from the University of New Hampshire, this troupe will present us with “Who Came Up with That?” Follow along with the UNH Little Red Wagon Time Travelers as they travel through time to discover who was responsible for some of their favorite inventions. August 7.

“Animals in Winter,” Squam Lakes Science Center. Visit with three animals and their naturalist educator to learn about three different ways that NH Wildlife prepares for winter! August 21. ❀

Friends of Willard Pond

Anitra Sorensen

The “Friends of Willard Pond” have met twice already this spring to discuss ways to support the natural environment at Willard Pond and keep it a peaceful and restorative place. About thirty people are involved, and we would welcome new people joining.

The next meeting will be held on **June 13, 2019** at the **Tuttle Library in Antrim at 6 p.m.** As the busy time at the pond approaches, we hope to implement several projects along with NH Audubon to help increase awareness of how to preserve this gem of a pond.

Please join us at this meeting. If you would like more information about the group, please contact Anitra Sorensen (anitrasorensen@gmail.com or 603-731-9764). ❀



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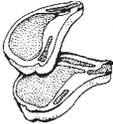
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News from Avenue A

COMMUNITY, FAMILY, AND THE DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE!

Jacqueline Roland, Avenue A Coordinator

The idea that one adult can make a difference in a teen's life can feel like a cliché. It's vague and optimistic—fodder for public service announcements. Here at Avenue A, though, I see this idea become a reality. Over seventy community members volunteer at our Center, and the difference these folks make is tangible.

At our Open Mic Night, a local musician encouraged one of our young performers to keep pushing through stage fright—she gets nervous when she performs too! Last week, a teen lit up with excitement, running to greet our Open Hours volunteer as he arrived. Some of our volunteers have been with us for three years or even more! Imagine having consistent support from a community mentor through one of the most tumultuous, ever-changing times of life (adolescence)... This is a priceless gift!

At our Volunteer Celebration this May, teens expressed heartfelt appreciation for everything from our volunteers' smarts, to their cooking skills, to the opportunities they've given them. Our Center brimmed with volunteers, parents, and teens, sharing a potluck meal, smiles, and stories. It's hard to find a word to capture the feeling in the room—the only one that comes to mind is “family.”

Here at Avenue A, we're building a community that feels

like family. And you're part of this too. I have no doubt that there's a teen somewhere in town wearing a shirt you donated to our Clothing Day. Perhaps you've joined our family by performing at our Open Mics or sharing your story at our Vine Story Hour? Or maybe you're the kind lady who stops to let our middle schoolers pet her dog while waiting at the bus stop? (The kids love it!)

Even more local folks are jumping in this summer to help with our busy schedule of programs (art, cooking, science, filmmaking, yoga, basketball, and more in the works!). On June 11–12 we're inviting everyone to join our Avenue A family by supporting us during NH Gives—a statewide day of giving. We're hoping to raise over \$3,000 to support our programs for local youth.

As a volunteer left our Celebration, I thanked her for making a difference for our teens—I repeated the cliché, but I meant it. She hugged me and whispered: “*One teen can make a difference in an adult's life too.*” I smiled; I know just how she feels.

If you'd like to get involved with our Center, please contact Jacqueline at avenuea@grapevინeh.org or by calling The Grapevine office at (603) 588-2620. ❁



As part of the Avenue A woodworking/carpentry program, teens and volunteers work on building a stage for the Bennington Rhubarb Festival. Photo by Jacqueline Roland.

The Grapevine

Melissa Gallagher, Director

GRAPEVINE SUMMER HOURS

Office will be closed June 17–July 5

Office will be open July 8–August 23, Monday–Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, or by appointment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Black Fly Community Art Show. The public is invited to join us **Saturday, June 1**, from 10 a.m. to noon at The Grapevine 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.

NH Gives 24-hour Online Campaign. Join our exciting online campaign from **6 p.m. on June 11 to 6 p.m. on June 12** to support our youth programs at Avenue A Teen + Community Center! Visit NHgives.org and find our campaign by searching for The Grapevine.

Yard Sale to benefit The Learning Vine Preschool on **Saturday, June 15**, from 8:30 to noon in the Grapevine parking lot. Loads of treasures and bargains! Donations of new and like-new items are welcome—please call 588–2620 BEFORE you donate.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Grapevine Community Tool Lending Shed. Come borrow tools and light equipment throughout the season! Tool pickup is by appointment. We are also accepting donations of your gently-used items. For borrowing or donation, please email toolshed@grapevინeh.org.

Backyard Adventures for children ages 4½ to 6 years old. July 22–26 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Carol Lunan M.Ed., our former Learning Vine teacher and Harris Center educator, co-leads with Rachel Lunan-Hill. Activities include investigating flying creatures, creepy crawlers and swimming bugs; exploring mud and water; and scavenger hunts, hikes, nature stories, songs, crafts and painting. 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. Parents are welcome to drop off their children or stay for all or part of the morning. Cost: Please call to inquire; scholarships are available.

Backyard Science for 7–9 year olds. July 29–August 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with Carol Lunan and Amy Doyle. Back by popular demand! “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. Cost: Please call to inquire; scholarships are available.

Call 588-2620 for more information and to register.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER

Fall Better Beginnings Registration. Call now for a space for the 2019–20 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 group facilitator Carol Lunan, M.Ed., and other parents about child- and family-centered topics.

Better Beginnings for Babies. Wednesdays from 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, sleep, developmental expectations and more. Facilitated by Nancy Macalaster. Expectant parents are always welcome. Call 588–2620 to register and for more information.

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

Before and After School Clubs 2019-2020 Registration. Call The Grapevine to register your Antrim or Pierce Elementary student in the Before or After School Club for the coming school year. Children currently enrolled will have priority until **June 14**. Open enrollment for open spaces begins June 17. 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 play with peers, outdoor time, creative art collaborations and more! Registration is dependent on available openings—spaces are limited. For more info email basc@grapevინeh.org.

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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 2019 Annual Spring Walk Business Sponsors: **Antrim Medical Group, Bank of NH, Belows-Nichols Insurance** and **Edmunds' Ace Hardware**.

We also thank these business partners for their donations of products and prize giveaways: **Bank of NH** for seasonal giveaways, **W. S. Badger Company** for sunscreen and bug repellent, **Edmunds' Ace Hardware** for seed packets and an awesome garden kneeler/seat! and **Chucksters Family Fun Park** for donation of (4) golf passes.

And of course, a big Thank You to our 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 \$1,000 in donations.

Thank you to: **Tom Badgley** for 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 Lending Shed; **Brenda Hennessy** for paper goods, cleaning supplies, and great soap over the school year; **Peter Moore** for his arborist touch on our now flowering plum tree; **parent volunteers** who chipped in with some cleaning around the facility, your efforts are much appreciated!; volunteers who helped with our **Community Wood Bank** over the past year, stacking, splitting, and delivering to those in need, and those who kept the rack outside full.

Want to get involved? We are always looking for help! If you are interested in helping maintain the garden over the summer, please call The Grapevine. We need help cleaning up our wood bank area and restacking what's left to get ready for next season. We also welcome summer donations of firewood—preferably split and ready to be stacked! Please contact us prior to dropping off wood donations.

Other Programs and Services Available at The Grapevine

- Home Visiting Supports
- Information and supported referral for resources to meet basic needs such as housing, home heating and food
- Community Wood Bank
- Child and family counseling through RiverBend Community Mental Health
- Tax preparation and financial planning
- 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 at 4 Aiken Street. Don't forget to visit us at www.grapevინeh.org and follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/grapevინeh.org/> and Instagram: [@grapevinefr](https://www.instagram.com/grapevinefr/).

WELCOME MACKENZIE NICHOLS

Home Visitor and Community Resources Coordinator



We are excited to announce the addition of Mackenzie Nichols to our staff team. Mackenzie joined us this spring, in partnership with The River Center in Peterborough. As leading members of the Monadnock Home Visiting Alliance (supported by Impact Monadnock and Monadnock United Way) The Grapevine and The River Center provide home visiting supports to area families. In our work together, we saw an opportunity to jointly hire a highly qualified individual; this has resulted in increased communication and collaboration in support of families in the region.

In her role at The Grapevine, Mackenzie will provide home visiting supports to families and help to grow this program by increasing our outreach efforts and sources of referrals. She will also lead our Information and Referral services to connect individuals and families with the supports they need. Mackenzie brings an impressive background in nursing, lactation expertise and patient care at Monadnock Birthing Center and Monadnock OBGYN. She was born and raised in Peterborough, is a graduate of ConVal High School and, together with her husband, is parent to two young children.

Welcome, Mackenzie! ❁

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