

### Ben Pratt, Our Dear Friend

Steve Ullman

When Ben Pratt died on May 27<sup>th</sup>, Antrim lost a central figure in our town's rich history. Family and friends gathered at Town Hall to celebrate Ben's life and his contributions to our community. Ben, modest man that he was, would have been embarrassed by such a get-together. However, those of us attending could not allow such an exemplary life to end without saluting it.

Ben appeared to be the epitome of the humble, laconic Granite Stater, totally averse to ever singing his own praises. It would have been impossible for Central Casting to find an individual more illustrative of this state's renowned virtues.

Ben came along at the tail end of that generation of Antrim giants so instrumental in building this blessed town. Ben and these titans served as role models, even for summer kids like me, role models unselfishly dedicated to the well-being of their neighbors.

Ben's mother was a powerful presence. Clara Pratt was the Tuttle Library Director who guided my 1950's summer reading. Ben's father, Henry, was a partner in the formidable Antrim firm, Caughey and Pratt, which constructed the stone walls at Maplewood Cemetery and Nubanusit Park in Peterborough.

Underneath Ben's friendly, unassuming public face, however, there thrived an individual of extraordinary scientific and intellectual accomplishment, and of ceaseless devotion to the Antrim community.

In Ben's obituary, I learned for the first time that Ben "...oversaw design, manufacturing, and analytical initiatives for the aerospace, aircraft and helicopter industries."

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### Grandma Suzie Q

Joan Gorga

There are people who quietly do what they can to improve the world, with little desire to be flashy or seek wider recognition. So, when I sat down with Susan Ellsworth at a picnic table at the Gregg Lake Beach with a light rain falling, little did I know that we would still be talking more than two hours later, when the wind began blowing rain onto us under the pavilion.

You may recognize Susan as the author of several series of *Limrik* stories for small children. Seven years ago, she began writing about the many things she learned from her grandmother as they spent time together when she was young. The next series was based on her young grandson, who loved to pretend he and Susan's dog Webster were superheroes. And the latest series features three of her granddaughters

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**SEPTEMBER 17 - 18**  
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Rick Davis

We are excited that Home & Harvest is back. The schedule is in this issue of the *Limrik*. Friday night will start with Nerf & Turf up at Shea Field and Light Saber Dueling. New this year is the Cornhole Tournament. Don't forget the FREE ice cream social at Town Hall. Saturday, there will be crafters up and down Main Street. And YES, there will be a parade at 11:30, along with many other activities on Main Street. The Fun and Games are back too. Then everything shifts to Tenney Farm starting at 5 p.m. The Lions will put on a BBQ, and music will be performed by Great Groove Theory. The night will finish with a great show of fireworks by Atlas. Thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers who are making this special event happen for the 17<sup>th</sup> year.

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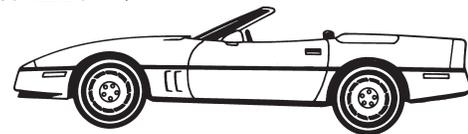
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## Antrim Baptist Blessings

Pastors Charlie and Cherryl Boucher

During these days of COVID, the good people of Antrim Baptist have been forging ahead with great faith and are so grateful for the good things happening in the midst of these difficult times we are in.

The Food Pantry continues to serve those in need, with an average of twenty families coming weekly and a total of sixty-eight Antrim–Bennington families overall. We are thankful for generous donations of food and money from so many in our area. If anyone is in need of food, please don't hesitate to come anytime between 10:00 and noon on Saturday mornings.

The kitchen is getting a total makeover, thanks to a generous gift from the estate of Donald Dunlap. There are new cupboards, flooring, stoves, sinks, freshly painted ceiling and walls, new doors and lights, all of which make for an amazing transformation. This project will be completed by the time of this publication, with a dedication happening on Sunday, September 12.

Outside the back kitchen door on the Route 31 side, the men have built a new porch and stairs, which make for a much easier and safer access to the kitchen.

The church nursery is also getting a beautiful transformation due to the gift of an anonymous donor. Freshly painted walls, new carpet, a beautifully painted mural of Jesus the Good Shepherd, new curtains, toys and pictures will all make for a welcoming and warm nursery area for the little ones on Sunday mornings.

We have had the blessing of new people worshipping with us, who have been assimilating into the life and work of the church. This

was something we thought would not happen during these times.

The Sunday School children have started to work on a "COVID Time Capsule," to be buried this fall and then unearthed in fifty years. This will contain items symbolic of the days of the pandemic, which the children are helping to come up with: gloves, masks, toilet paper and more. The children have started to work on drawings that help portray these times. There will also be short written testimonies from church folk of how their faith has helped them get through, along with favorite Bible verses, which have been meaningful to them. We trust that this will give those who come behind us a good picture of these COVID days and what helped us get through them.

Over the past year and a half, butterflies have become a symbol of hope at Antrim Baptist. At Easter time, the Narthex and Sanctuary were filled with beautiful decorative butterflies, some purchased but many handmade. In the spring, church folk, adults and children alike, painted beautiful butterflies, which were placed on the front lawn to give hope to the many who walk and/or drive by.

Now, it is in God's hope we continue to forge ahead with grateful hearts for the many blessings that surround us! ♦



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## I Meet My Friends at the James A. Tuttle Library

Shelly Connolly

The staff of the James A. Tuttle Library has always been an exceptional friend to the Antrim community, but even more so over the past year and a half as we have muddled through the socially-distanced dance of COVID-19. They have come up with creative ways to deliver us books at a time when we needed them most. They patiently explained to the umpteenth person how to access Hoopla and trace their ancestors back to George Washington.

Now it is our turn to be their friend and show them how much we all appreciated how much they did for us. The Friends of the James A. Tuttle Library group has been formed with the mission to promote the library, to act as a liaison between the library and the community, and to support the library and its trustees. It is easy to join. There are no weekly or even monthly meetings. We will meet once or twice a year, but attendance is not required. We know you

are busy. We will be working primarily in sub-committees, focusing on what we are most interested in. You are not expected to attend every event we sponsor, unless you want to. You can participate in any activity you are interested in, if you are available. We do need to raise our own money. So, there are dues to join the group, starting at just five dollars a year for an individual. We will also be selling totes, suncatchers and maybe other things. It's up to us to decide what to do.

Some of the things we are interested in sponsoring are:

**End of the Summer Reading Program**—This year the program was held on August 14. The theme was a pet show. Rosey the Reading Dog and her friend Patrick Cogan were there, the children brought their favorite stuffies and made

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name tags for them, they dug for prizes buried in a tub of rice, they had a hot dog lunch and we had a rousing parade!

**Film Series**—Yearning for those Bette Davis movies? How about the Three Stooges? Indiana Jones? There is nothing like sitting around with others who enjoy them just as much as you do. . . and a bowl of popcorn. Would you love to pick the movies and set up a time and pop the corn? We have a space for you in our group.

**Gardening**—Do you see empty or needy gardens around the library and long to bring them back to life? I know someone who would love to have your help!

**Crafternoons**—Have you been thinking about learning a new craft, but are not ready to invest a lot of money without trying it first? Let us know; we can try to find someone who is willing to share what they know, and we can get a group together so you won't be alone. Or maybe you can teach a class and we will gather your eager students.

**Hospitality**—Do you love to bake cookies, but should you not be left alone with them when they come out of the oven? We have a way for you to enjoy a few cookies and we will find a home for the rest of them at an event at the library.

**Tutoring**—What a difference one-on-one learning can make in someone's life!

**Volunteering at the library**—We all love spending time wandering through the stacks at the library! What better way to explore and discover even more treasures than to help re-stock the shelves?

**Game Night**—Mahjong anyone? Need a bridge partner?

**Outreach**—Would you be interested in bringing a few books to someone temporarily laid up with a broken ankle or homebound a bit longer? What a wonderful way to open a window to a new world for them! You are going to the library anyway, so this would only take a few extra minutes, and only when it is convenient for you.

**Support for the Festival of Trees** —We can't wait to have this community event return to the library and light up our holidays!

The possibilities are as endless as your imagination! What are you interested in doing or seeing at the library? Join us and let's be the BEST FRIENDS of the James A. Tuttle Library!

We realize that it will take some time to get these ideas organized and build up our group, but we have time. Many people are still not comfortable with group gatherings inside, and that's okay, too. That will give us time to get organized and get our feet wet. Let's get started now!

Stop by and see us on Saturday, Sept 18, at the library during the Home & Harvest Festival. Or contact Shelly Connolly at [31knapton@gmail.com](mailto:31knapton@gmail.com) or 588-2281 or stop by at the library whenever it is open. ♦

## Antrim Bennington Lions Club

Nancy Blair, President

Hello all! The Lions continue to be busy and are VERY excited that Home and Harvest will be happening this September!!!! That means the annual Chicken Barbecue will be taking place at Tenney Farm on the Saturday of Home and Harvest weekend.

We are also very excited to announce our first Cornhole Tournament on Friday night of Home and Harvest weekend at Shea Field. Check out our Lion's Facebook page for more information and a chance to sign yourself up a team. There are some nice prizes to be had!

We are in final planning stages for Lions on Mount Monadnock, our dinner-dance that will be taking place at The Shattuck Country Club in Jaffrey on August 21<sup>st</sup>. By the time that you read this, we will have enjoyed a great evening of dinner, music and dancing and a silent auction and raffle. I hope you were one of the lucky ones to enjoy that special event.

We have begun to meet in person with a wonderful induction ceremony hosted by the Ullmans on their deck for our new members and new slate of officers. We will begin meeting back at the Presbyterian Church after Labor Day and hope to resume our wonderful third Tuesday potluck dinners. It will be good to be home again!

Four new members have joined the club since my last message, and we seem to be generating lots of interest in the community. Please remember that you DO NOT have to be a resident of Antrim or Bennington. We look forward to welcoming members from all of our surrounding towns. Lions do so much for the communities they support and are a very wonderful group to be associated with. We have so much fun!

Please check out our club page and Facebook page. If you think that the Lions would be the place for you, please call Nancy Blair at 588-8015. I would be happy to talk with you. See you at Home and Harvest! ♦





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The obituary continued: "As a special projects engineer at NHBB, Pratt was instrumental in a number of unique assignments including the design and stress analyses on bearings applications for the NASA Lander as part of NASA's Mars Exploration Program ..."

Ben was so modest that I had not learned of these groundbreaking attainments until his death. He went from protecting Antrim from Nazi bombers as a World War II pre-teen plane-spotter to inventing scientific equipment subsequently rocketed to the "red planet."

At recent meetings of the Great Decisions group and the Antrim Eclectic Book Club, Ben was generally not the first to talk but when he spoke his peers listened very attentively. Whether the topic was *The Brothers Karamazov* or Chinese foreign policy, we could be certain that Ben would contribute a penetrating insight.

Listing the town government posts Ben filled, the boards he served on, and the community projects he led would require a great deal of time.

Let me cite just two examples of Ben's community service. The Antrim Historical Society's major fundraiser has been the annual Home and Harvest apple crisp sale. Every year I automatically assumed that Ben would handle all the financial arrangements. And every September he agreed to sit for seven or eight hours handling the cash while talking up our customers. Because I knew that I could always rely

on Ben, I often forgot that he really wasn't an officer of the Historical Society and that he was just the Antrim Historical Society's most cherished benefactor.

More than twenty years ago, Ben joined forces with community members to establish The Grapevine Family and Community Center. He not only helped get The Grapevine started, but he also remained on the Board and the Maintenance Committee throughout his life. And, yes, that was Ben, then well into his eighties, whom you spotted taking the Grapevine's trash to the transfer station every Friday morning.

In Shakespeare's play, Hamlet asserts that his father was the sort of person you only see once in a lifetime. Here's what Hamlet declares:

*"He was a man, take him for all in all, I shall not look upon his like again."*

These words clearly depict our dear friend, Ben Pratt. We won't look upon his like again. ♦

### Losing Ben Pratt

Joan Gorga

Ben Pratt passed away on May 27 at the age of 88. It was a telling testament to Ben that more people showed up for his memorial service at Town Hall than have come to Town Meeting for several years, all willfully ignoring Ben's humble request that there be no service for him. We're printing in this *Limrik* just one of the many wonderful and sometimes humorous tributes to Ben, but we could have filled the whole issue for someone who was, among many other things, a longtime *Limrik* Board member. May we all quietly choose to "do the right thing," as Ben did. ♦



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as flower fairies. These are stories you may enjoy reading aloud to your children or grandchildren, if you're lucky enough to have them.

Susan grew up "on the water" on Long Island in New York. She and her twin brother and older sister spent much of their youth catching crabs by the hundreds, surfcasting from the shore and snagging large tuna in fishing boats. She was the quiet middle child—her brother was the baby—and she spent a lot of time with her grandmother, whom Susan says was her best friend. Her grandmother taught her all about gardening, perennials and starting plants from seed, which is evident from the abundant flowers in her yard and the arrangement of potted plants, some of which are at least seventy years old, on her porch. Her grandmother also taught her to crochet when she was seven years old, and she still loves creating crocheted goods.

Susan moved to the Monadnock area in 1999. She lived in Peterborough for a few years, and then married and moved to Antrim in 2003. She worked at Monadnock Community Hospital and at Crotched Mountain, and more recently at the Bank of New Hampshire in Antrim, from which she retired nearly a year ago, and where she coordinated a Bank of New Hampshire donation of \$2000 to ConVal End 48 Hours of Hunger to feed local school children in need.

When Susan's son Josh was born, she wanted to stay at home to care for him, and she ended up being a stay-at-home mom for eleven years, through the birth of her second son, Scott. During those years, she had some time to develop her creative side, and began to knit and crochet fun garments, mostly for kids. For more than six years, Susan also ran a local military support group, through which school children from local towns sent holiday cards, and many care packages were shipped, to people serving in all branches of the military, including many recuperating in military hospitals in other countries. Members of the group were caring mothers, friends and partners of men and women in active service. Susan's son Scott was one of the many Marines to receive gifts.

Susan says she has always loved to write. She remembers winning a writing challenge in fourth grade, and in high school, she won an award and a \$50 savings bond from French's Mustard for a story she wrote. She also loved to write little poems when she was young. Now she says those were pretty silly, but she did have a lot of fun playing with words.

Susan's first series of stories for the *Limrik* were about her rich relationship with her grandmother. She says that as she got older, she wanted to do something for her own grandson, who always said, "Grandma, tell me a story!" The stories continued with each visit, and she began writing them down. Now she has three grandsons and five granddaughters to write for. She wanted to write something for



the girls, too, and began her flower fairies series. Now she's thinking about bringing in dragonflies. She pointed out to me that Tinkerbell was a little dragonfly, or maybe a damselfly. She sees her stories as a gift to pass on, and always includes a bit of a teaching line or lesson in each one.

Susan's sons are now grown, with families of their own, and she also has step-grandchildren. She is creating crocheted bags, socks and jewelry as Grandma Suzie Q, which she says is her granddaughters' name for her. She mostly gives her products away or donates them to fundraisers, although she says her husband would love to see her sell some to recoup the money she spends on materials. But at this point in her life, Grandma Suzie Q has to be a fun and low-key outlet, a creative endeavor that she loves to share with the younger generations. When I visited, Susan was wearing an elegant crocheted necklace and earring set she had made, and she showed me many other lovely barrettes, necklaces, decorated socks and ornaments she has stashed away, some with Halloween or other holiday themes.

Who knew we had such a creative person hiding in our midst? Grandma Suzie Q says if you have any interest in her items, you can call her at 603-588-6126. ♦

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## Select Board Report

Bob Edwards

**Roads and Bridges.** Our Highway Department has been quite busy addressing the challenges caused by excessive rain and other unusual weather events. In addition, they have initiated their road rebuilding and paving schedules for 2021 and coordinating the September 2021 replacement of our upper Pleasant Street bridge that is in substantial disrepair. In concert with the Select Board and Quantum Construction, the High Street bridge is under an engineering and study scope review to determine the most long-term beneficial replacement strategy that addresses future potential traffic demands, available and future potential state and federal funding support that will encourage the longest economic bridge life possible.

**Antrim Wind Energy (AWE) Facility.** Most residents are aware that resident complaints and concerns regarding noise and lighting issues have resulted in the appointment of a three-person SEC subcommittee to determine how best to respond to the complaints and to ensure that AWE is compliant with relevant and applicable SEC rules and conditions of AWE's Certificate of Site and Facility with conditions issued in 2017. The SEC subcommittee is presently discussing noise measurement standards in an attempt to understand what may be a reasonable noise measurement

standard that represents the SEC's original intent when they approved the certificate. Complaints surround the alleged violation resulting from excessive blinking of the Aircraft Detection Lighting System (ADLS); the SEC subcommittee will address that complaint as well. Representatives of AWE continue to represent that the ADLS is compliant with federal regulations. Our Town Administrator and Select Board representatives have attended ZOOM and in-person SEC subcommittee meetings and have provided verbal and written comment to the subcommittee during this process. We will continue to track and report key results until this matter is completed.

**CIP.** The Capital Improvement Committee has begun the process of gathering department information regarding their financial needs for Capital Expenditures for 2022–2026. It's a process of identifying larger capital expenditures in an effort to prioritize them based on urgency and how best to support the expense financially. The process may result in site visits to better understand a request and to visually observe physical conditions. Once all necessary data has been received to the committee's satisfaction, a spreadsheet will be finalized and presented to the Planning Board for comment and acceptance. Once accepted, the final presentation will be made to the Select Board. The Select Board is the deciding authority for what capital expenditure moves to our budget and town meeting warrant process and how best to fund them.

**Shea Field.** The Select Board, in concert with the Recreation Department, has been working with the school district to formulate a year-to-year operating expense sharing of maintenance expenditures. It has been a process getting to where we are, but an agreement has been finalized by the town and forwarded to the Budget and Property Committee at the school district for acceptance. The agreement regarding expenses is to be reviewed annually and adjusted where appropriate with mutual consent.

**Town Administrator Position.** In July, Donna Hanson submitted her letter of retirement to the Select Board with an effective date of 12/16/2021. The Select Board accepted her retirement letter and not only wished her and Eric the very best with their retirement but also expressed the board's sincere appreciation for her 17+ years of service to the Town of Antrim. A search is underway and several applications for the position have been received as of this writing. The position response date is no later than September 30, 2021.

**Town Highway Garage.** As a result of Article 5 passing at our 2021 Town Meeting, up to \$100,000 from unassigned funds was approved to fund physical improvements to the town highway garage. Improvements would include, but not be limited to, an office, bathroom and break room.



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The Select Board is reviewing plans for a proposed twenty-foot addition to the existing building. Once the Select Board finalizes the scope of work to be included, the project will be put out to bid. Additional funding may be required above the approved \$100,000, and if so, a request would be reviewed during this year’s budget process in anticipation of introducing a warrant article at our 2022 Town Meeting.

**Swap Shop.** The Select Board has been discussing the advantages and challenges associated with reopening our Swap Shop. In an effort to make an informed decision, the board has reviewed the town’s operational experience over the last several years. To gain insight from other swap shop operations, Donna Hanson and I have visited with other smaller operations, as well as larger ones, too. To date we have visited with Hancock, Peterborough and New Boston. Our plan is to consolidate our findings including operational risks, cost burden, general liability exposure, personnel and/or volunteer requirements and challenges, best use of the existing space and a realistic gauging of true community benefit. A final report will be prepared and discussed at a future public meeting of the Select Board.

**Antrim Police Department.** Since the June *Limrik* was published, Chief Brian Lord has announced the promotion of Officer John Blake to the position of Sergeant, and an official pinning ceremony was conducted at the Town Hall

with family and friends, fellow officers and town officials.

**Antrim Emergency Management.** Under the direction of the chief of the department, Marshall Gale, and in cooperation with the Southwest Regional Planning Commission, Antrim’s Emergency Operations Policy is being updated. This proactive initiative receives input from our Police and Highway Departments, Town Administrator, Select Board and comments from Water and Sewer. This is a comprehensive document that outlines specific responsibilities when Antrim is faced with a catastrophic occurrence. In addition, Chief Gale reports that our Hazard Mitigation Plan update will begin in the fall 2021 and will require about three to four months to complete. Grant funding is being used to support these initiatives.

We always conclude with extending an open invitation for the public to attend any and all town board meetings to offer constructive thoughts and opinions in a professional manner. The Select Board thanks its town employees and volunteers for their dedicated hard work and valuable contribution to our great community. ♦

### Antrim Community Garden

Renée Mercier-Gerritsen

The Antrim Community Garden got off to a rough start this year. With not enough seedlings to start it, my husband and I went down to Tenney’s, of course, and bought a few plants to get us started. And, of course, Crista discounted them for us. Thank you, Crista! We also planted some things from seed that had a hard time starting. A couple weeks later, a couple of our tomato plants we had purchased were ripped out of the ground and dead (not sure if this was done by animal or human). When we found out that Tenney’s had no veggie plants left, we put out the call on social media and it was answered. We had the two tomato plants replaced and an additional row of tomato plants was added by someone later in the week.

The weeding got a little out of control when my husband and I left to go see our newest grandson on Cape Cod for a week. When we came back, I did what I could to get them cleaned up and by the next time I got up there, someone had weeded almost all the rest of the beds.

I am so thankful for the people that have helped us do this for the past six years to help others. The Antrim Community Garden is for everyone. If you need food, please go and take some. If you can’t grow a garden but want to, feel free to work in ours. If you plant too many seedlings in the spring, please contact us because we can always find room for them.

Feel free to ‘like’ the Antrim Community Garden Facebook page. There are some updates on there when veggies are ready, or you can always message us if you have questions. ♦

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# Here We Go Again—COVID Cases Rise

Joan Gorga

COVID-19 cases dropped dramatically over the spring, as people lined up for hours to receive vaccination shots. Through the month of June, we all thoroughly enjoyed a respite from COVID—masks came off and restaurants and public spaces began to fully open up in New Hampshire and across the US. But vaccination rates dropped off sharply at the same time, and infection and hospitalization rates began a steep climb across the US in July. Cases began to rise in New Hampshire, too, by late July, and after several weeks without any active cases in Antrim, we’ve had five residents diagnosed so far in August. As of August 15, the total number of confirmed cases in Antrim was 144 (Table 1), and New Hampshire is ranked as the state with the lowest infection rate, but cases here are spiking, and we’re reluctantly facing a return to COVID precautions. The more infectious Delta variant of the coronavirus now predominates in New Hampshire, as in much of the rest of the world. Luckily, the vaccines available in the US appear to be quite effective against Delta, but other variants are appearing that may be resistant to the current vaccines.

Table 1. Total confirmed COVID-19 cases, COVID-related deaths and vaccination rates as of August 15, 2021\*\*

Location	Reported COVID Cases	COVID-Related Deaths	% Fully Vaccinated
Antrim	144	*	46
Greater Monadnock Region	5327	64	49
New Hampshire	103,462	1,395	54
United States	36.7 million+	621,228	50
World	207.3 million+	4.3 million+	<6% – 80%

\*Data not available at town level.

\*\*Data obtained from the NH Dept. of Health and Human Services (<https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/map>) and the New York Times COVID database (<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/covid-cases.html>).

Antrim’s confirmed infection rate rose from about 4.8% to 5.4% over the past three months, which translates to about 1 in 19 Antrim residents having had a confirmed COVID-19 case since the pandemic began. Other towns in the area experienced similar modest increases in cases, with Hancock again having the lowest cumulative infection rate at about 2.5%, and Manchester reaching 11%. (Figure 1).

Vaccination rates have picked up again slightly as public health officials have tried to reach vaccine-hesitant residents. About 54% of New Hampshire residents have now been fully vaccinated, up from 35% in mid-May. Vaccination rates have been relatively high across the New England states, compared to the rest of the country, but New Hampshire is now lagging behind the rest of New England in the “fully vaccinated” category. For the United States as a whole, 59% of residents have received at least one dose of vaccine; 66% of New Hampshire residents are at least partially vaccinated, compared to 75% in Vermont and 42% in Idaho, the highest and lowest-ranking states, respectively, as of August 15.

Vaccination rates in the Greater Monadnock Region are slightly lower than the state average, and Antrim falls slightly below the average for the Greater Monadnock Region. Vaccination rates vary considerably in area towns, with 67% of residents in Harrisville and Hancock being fully vaccinated, whereas Rindge and Deering have reached only 35% and 39%, respectively.

Unfortunately, with the Delta variant being more infectious and many people hesitating to be vaccinated, we’re likely to find ourselves wearing masks and social-distancing again soon here in New Hampshire. Hospitals in Florida, Louisiana and Texas are overflowing, and death rates are

rising once again. The question remains: Will we be able to stem the tide before a more infectious and vaccine-resistant variant appears?

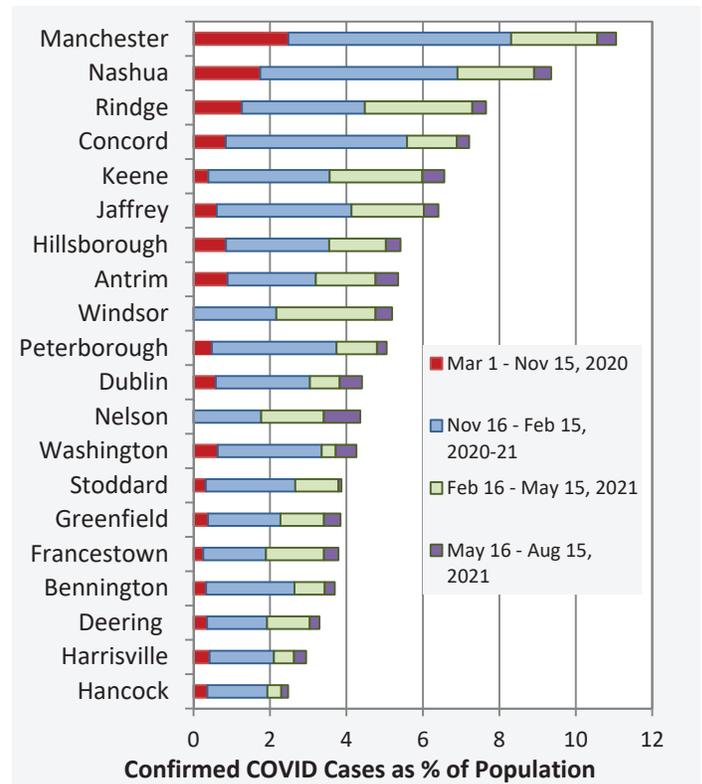


Figure 1. Total confirmed COVID-19 cases as of November 15, 2020, February 15, 2021, May 15, 2021, and August 15, 2021, as a percent of each town’s population. ♦

## GBS News

Kat Foecking, Principal

I hope this news finds you relaxed, having enjoyed some time reconnecting with your friends and family over the last couple of months. I was able to enjoy a couple weeks respite after school ended, which allowed me to push the reset button. For that, I am grateful.

Since the beginning of July, district administrators and many teachers have been working to develop our plans for the upcoming school year. While we had hoped to have COVID-19 concerns well behind us, we know there are still some health concerns for our community. So, we are making plans that consider a variety of situations that could arise over the next few months. The most accurate information about our fall reopening can be found on our district website: [www.convalsd.net](http://www.convalsd.net).

Do you know anyone who lives outside of our district, but might be interested in having their children attend one of our schools? The application process is simple and can be found on our website or by emailing Brenda Marschok at [bmarschok@conval.edu](mailto:bmarschok@conval.edu).

Please reach out with questions, comments, and concerns: [kfoecking@conval.edu](mailto:kfoecking@conval.edu) or call 603-588-6630. ♦

## Expert Learners: Showing our Antrim Eagle Values

Stephanie Syre-Hager, AES Principal

Antrim Eagles soar at Antrim Elementary School (AES)! Kindergarten through fourth grade learners participate in experiences to show our school values of kindness, honesty, respect, cooperation and grit throughout the school year. As a PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) school, we recognize these values with paper “eagle” tokens to reinforce a positive school culture. Our school also designs presentations to teach, model and practice our school values in our daily lives including opportunities to practice at home promoting a community connection.

Expert learners are purposeful, motivated, resourceful, knowledgeable, strategic and goal directed. AES expert learners will have opportunities to show our academic value of grit as they engage in a schoolwide focus on increasing grade level vocabulary this school year. Stay tuned to learn more about this goal and our school in the next edition of the *Limrik*. Until then, if you would like to know more about our school, please visit our website at <https://aes.convalsd.net/>. On behalf of the entire AES school community, we are thrilled to be returning from our summer break and diving into a new school year with exciting learning experiences! ♦

# Antrim's Home & Harvest Apple Crisp 'Social'

Takes place  
this year in  
front of the  
Maplehurst Inn  
on Main Street.

10:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Saturday  
**Sept. 18**

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local bakers  
using our crowd  
pleasing recipe!

Our  
Annual  
**Apple  
Crisp**  
Social

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servings with  
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or in pre-baked  
9 x 9" family-  
sized pans: \$20.<sup>00</sup>

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# Epic Rains Bring Epic Mushrooms to Antrim

George Caughey

As I write this, I see that July 2021 is the rainiest on record in much of New Hampshire as reflected by the number of rainy days and the volume of rainfall during those days. Informal surveys of Antrimites with rain gauges suggest that we received 19–20 inches (!), which, if accurate, is buckets more than we usually get. Gregg Lake was as high as it's ever been, the North Branch River and Great Brook raged, the Contoocook flooded (submerging crops), and there were far too few days for fishing, swimming, painting the house, ripening tomatoes and bringing in hay. And this—as we may dimly remember—was after an exceptionally parched June when the hand-wringing was about drought. The precipitation estimates for Antrim this July, exaggerated as they may seem, are in line with the month's totals in other sodden sections of southwestern NH.

## How Wet Was Southern NH?

According to WMUR-TV's KC Downey, this July in Concord was the rainiest (13.0 inches) in more than 1½ centuries based on review of rainfall records for July dating back to 1868. Not only that, but July of 2021 was also the 2<sup>nd</sup> rainiest of any month of any year, just 1.5 inches behind the rain-soaked October of 2005. Manchester received 10.6 inches, also a record. Wet as it was in NH's capital and its most populous city, southwestern NH was even wetter. For example, Jaffrey (where weather data are reported from the airfield) recorded nearly twice as much as Manchester, namely 19.2 inches. According to *USClimatedata.com*, Jaffrey receives 4.3 inches of precipitation during an average July, and 47.5 inches during an average year. Thus, Jaffrey's rainfall this July was 4½ times average for the month and 40% of the total for an average year. No wonder the Monadnock region has seemed a bit damp. Elsewhere in the area, Keene and Hopkinton received 18.0 and 17.3 inches, respectively. There is no reason to think that Antrim was drier. It certainly didn't seem that any storm clouds went out of their way to avoid Antrim, including of course the remnants of very premature Hurricane Elsa on its path to Canada (and Greenland).

## A Mushroom Bonanza

Here's the silver lining of those dark clouds scudding over Antrim skies: THE MUSHROOMS LOVED IT! From a fungal standpoint, it was a year to remember. They fruited in troops and platoons, wave after wave. When one species began to tire and dwindle it was replaced by another, and then another. There were so many mushrooms sprouting from tree trunks and pushing up from the ground that I imagined people nurturing mild dislike of mushrooms sticking to sidewalks and pavement, and full-blown mycophobes cocooning at home, afraid to venture into a town rife with fungi. But, of course, those of us who hold mushrooms close to our hearts were gladdened by July's persistent soggy. We hoped that mushrooms would respond to the rain, and

they did. What happened? For those who didn't experience it directly, I offer the following recap of the July mushroom extravaganza. Most remarkable was the sheer abundance of classic mushrooms with caps containing gills or pores, which are structures for creating and releasing spores to seed new generations of fungus. The mushrooms are produced by often-hidden networks of mycelia (feeding and proliferating in dirt or wood or other food source, even insect bodies and other fungi), a mushroom in some ways being like the apple of an apple tree. Be that as it may, this July's cornucopia of mushroom fruiting bodies means that the rain made the mycelium of many fungi very happy. Anyone who walked in the woods in later July cannot fail to have been impressed by the number of mushrooms on the forest floor—the challenge being not to find one but rather not to step on one.

## Mushroom Recap

The numbers of many fungal types were remarkable. For example, it was a big year for *Russula*, a genus with many species whose caps are offered in many colors, with red, pink, green, and yellow being especially abundant this summer. There were serial fruitings of a russula whose sticky surface looks like crème brûlée and smells of a cross between almonds and maraschino cherries. Not just coincidentally, there was a large showing of Ghost (aka Indian) Pipes (*Monotropa uniflora*). These all-white so-called mycoheterotrophs often are mistaken for fungi but are non-green plants lacking chlorophyll and incapable of photosynthesis. Native bumblebees love their flowers! Ghost pipes extract their carbs underground from mycelia of russulas, which acquire their carbs from roots of certain trees. Thus, there is a kind of “double-steal” going on, illustrating some of the complexities of plant-fungus relationships in the ecology of NH forests. It was a banner year also for other gilled red mushrooms, especially the elegant, initially ruby-red American Caesar's Mushroom (*Amanita jacksonii*), which emerges from the whitest of “eggs.” Although this striking mushroom is not poisonous, it belongs to the same genus of fungi encompassing the deadliest of our native forest mushrooms, the Eastern North American Destroying Angel (*Amanita bisporigera*), which also was in our woods this summer, although in smaller numbers than many other amanitas. Several comely amanitas, such as the Blusher (*A. amerirubescens*), the northeastern yellow version of Fly Agaric (*A. muscaria* var. *guessowii*), Yellow Patches (*A. flavoconia*), Cleft-footed Amanita (*A. brunnescens*), and Grisette (*A. vaginata*) also showed up in exceptionally large numbers. An amanita seldom encountered in New England—namely *A. atkinsoniana*—was a pleasing and unexpected find.

One particularly interesting phenomenon this July was the fairy ring, which is a circle of mushroom fruiting bodies. The most famous mushroom with this growth habit is

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*Marasmius oreades*, which (duh) is commonly called Fairy Ring Mushroom. It often appears in lawns, as it did in mine in multiple circles, creating greener grass where the mushrooms are fruiting and less vigorous-looking grass towards the center of the ring where the fungi were present in years past and temporarily depleted of nutrients. The fact that grass is greener where the mushrooms are actively fruiting may be counter-intuitive, but this may be because the underlying mycelium releases enzymes that make nutrients more digestible to themselves and to plant roots simultaneously, so grass is greener and thicker. Rings can expand outward for years in a quest for nutrients. Many consider the Fairy Ring Mushroom to be delicious. This year fairy rings were obvious not just in grass but on the forest floor, especially those formed by *Gymnopus dryophilus*, sometimes called the Russet Toughshank or Oak-loving *Gymnopus*—another example among many of a mushroom having a big year.

Within the large class of stemmed mushrooms with tubes and pores rather than gills on the undersurface of caps—the so-called boletes—were species ranging from beautiful to bizarre. These included but were not limited to the Chrome-footed Bolete (*Harrya chromapes*) with pink cap and bright yellow stem base, the baroque Ornate-stalked Bolete (*Retiboletus ornatipes*) with elaborate netting on its stem, the blue-staining, red-capped, yellow-pored Bicolor Bolete (*Baorangia bicolor*), the hoary Old Man of the Woods (*Strobilomyces strobilaceus*) looking a lot like me, the unreal Baldwin apple-red Frost’s Bolete (*Exsudoporus frostii*), the 1960’s shag-carpet look-alike Painted Suillus (*Suillus spraguei*) pushing up exuberantly under White Pine, and my personal favorite, the Russell’s Bolete (*Aureoboletus russellii*), with its tastefully dotted cap and slender recurved stem

ruffled like Black Walnut bark. And so many others. But I can’t forget to mention the unusually early appearance of the esteemed edible *Boletus edulis*, known around the world as King Bolete, Porcino, Cep, Steinpilz and other aliases.

Among miscellaneous mushrooms belonging to the odd or uncommon category, were Eastern Candy Caps (*Lactarius camphoratus*) smelling strongly of maple syrup after drying, the seersucker-capped Wrinkled Cort (*Cortinarius corrugatus*), the softball-sized, Purple-spored Puffball (*Calvatia cyathiformis*), several varieties of mushrooms with teeth (including the delectable Wood Hedgehog, *Hydnum repandum*), the seldom seen fruiting body of Green Stain (*Chlorociboria*), and the rare and possibly endangered Umbrella Polypore (*Polyporus umbellatus*, looking like a bouquet of white violets). And I cannot fail to mention the lovely yellow Flowerpot Parasol (*Leucocoprinus birnbaumii*), a tropical mushroom occasionally popping up under houseplants in New England. This one was discovered by Antrim’s redoubtable Liz Robertson in a pot she had moved to the gazebo for the summer. And if things weren’t bizarre enough, the conditions seemed ideal for several fungi that prey on other fungi. These include the edible Lobster (*Hypomyces lactifluorum*, which takes over the body of its host (usually *Russula*), rendering it unrecognizable), the Bolete Eater (*Hypomyces chrysospermus*), Amanita Mold (*Hypomyces hyalinus*, specializing in our local Blusher *A. amerirubescens*), the Piggyback (*Asterophora lycoperdoides*, which showers a powder of asexually generated spores on the blackened hulks of old *russulas*), and the unpronounceable *Syzygites megalocarpus*, which surrounds target mushrooms in a hairball.

Ah yes, so many fungi. Some would say too many, but not me, even when they get ahead of me, like this year, and I can’t catch up. ♦



Clockwise from upper left corner: Chocolate Milky, Spotted Cort, Peeling Puffball, Grisette, Bitter Tooth, Tiger’s Eye, Chicken Fat, Scaly Chanterelle

# First Presbyterian Church

Jan Howe, Pastor

Activity is returning to the church, and we are excited. We began opening the Revival Shop twice a month and next was in-person worship, which has allowed us to work out our COVID policies, even though those may change as numbers rise and fall. At this point, masks are not required if people are fully vaccinated and remaining socially distant. By remaining socially distant we have returned to singing during worship (10:30 a.m.) and have been enjoying having Ray Sweeney as our temporary musician. We are continuing to also have our worship on Zoom. Contact us for the Zoom link.

Hopefully, you have stopped at Antrim's Community Market on our front lawn on Thursdays from 4-7. This is a community group that we are hosting by sharing our front lawn. This will run through the end of September and begin again in the spring. There are a variety of vendors, and they are always looking for more people to participate on a weekly basis. There are also some young entrepreneurs who have participated. Stop by and support our local community. Contact them through their Facebook page, Antrim's Community Market.

As September begins, we are welcoming our organizations back for their meetings and/or their events. They have all received the current church policies and what is needed for them to gather again in our building.

The transformation of the north and south sides of the church is amazing. Hopefully you stopped by for a close-up view of the scraping all the paint off and starting over with painting. We thank Edmunds Hardware for the donation of the primer and paint, Tom Davison for repairing the rotten boards on the north side, Norman Mercier for his amazing work and, of course, everyone who has contributed financially to make this happen. We just learned that there are rotten boards also on the south side of the building around the stained-glass windows. We still need to raise some more funds to cover the cost of the project and to hopefully paint the back of the church next year. You may remember we did the front and steeple a few years ago, and with the painting method it still looks fresh.

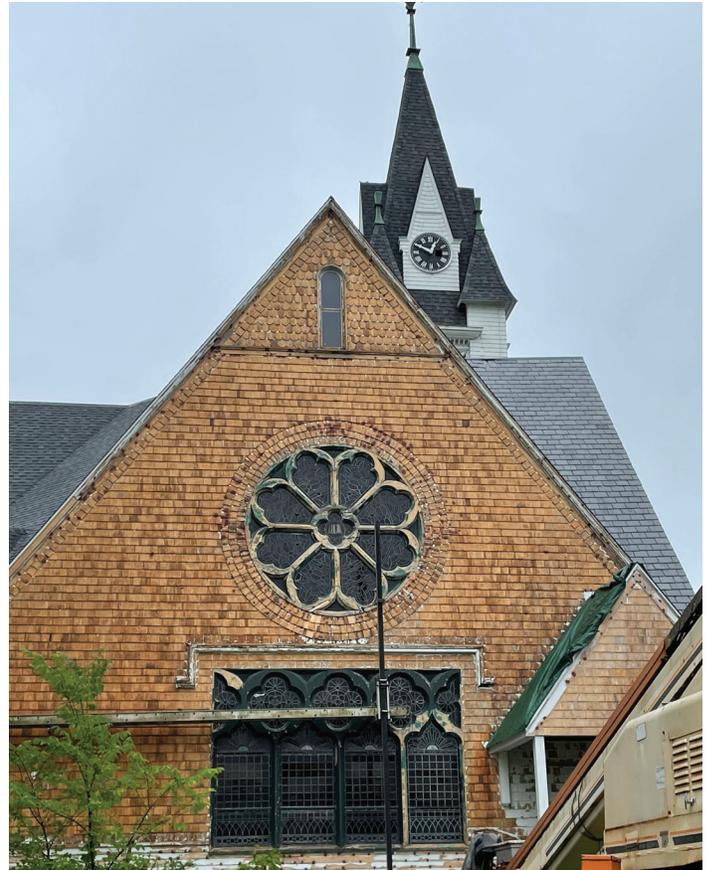


Photo by Jan Howe.

The Revival Shop continues to be open every other Saturday from 10-2. Karen has faithfully managed her volunteers in keeping the shop up to date and always supplied with new season-appropriate clothes. Many hours are spent sorting and changing over the clothes, besides the hours that the shop is open. Stop in and look for bargains and free items. Follow their Facebook page for more information and to see pictures of current displays. If you are interested in volunteering behind the scenes or when the shop is open, please call the church (588-2209) or stop by when it is open. All clothing donations are accepted when the shop is open, or to set another time call the church and leave a message.

We look forward to Home & Harvest, when our front lawn comes alive with various booths and is a perfect spot to watch the parade!

Hard to believe that before the next *Limrik* arrives we will have celebrated the first week of Advent on November 28<sup>th</sup>. This is the beginning of the Advent journey preparing ourselves for the arrival of Jesus' birth on Christmas Day. ♦

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## Antrim Police Department

Chief Brian Lord

We are currently in the process of hiring a new officer due to Chief Lester's recent retirement. At this point we are about halfway through the process and are hopeful to have a new officer hired by the fall and then be able to have that person attend the Police Academy in January of 2022.

This may seem like a very long timeframe for hiring someone, and it is. Hiring a new officer is very involved and takes a long time to complete. We began this process in mid-April, and after applications closed in late May, we began the testing phase. Next was the formal interview, which was just recently completed, and now we have moved on to the background investigation. This is in order to ensure we have the right person for the job and that this person is a good fit for the Town of Antrim, in addition to being able to meet the stringent State of New Hampshire requirements for police officers. Add in the factor of the very low number of applicants we and agencies across the state and country are facing, and you can begin to see why it takes so long.

In other news our page on the town website has been updated by Sergeant Blake. The page is much easier to navigate and has links to access forms and directions for services. An updated roster to include contact information for each officer has also been added. We will be updating officer photographs soon.

As always, we are actively patrolling in and around town to be as visible as possible; however, we can't always be everywhere at once, and some areas may, at times, see less coverage than others. Case in point, I recently received letters from a couple of citizens in town regarding speeding vehicles. I take those concerns seriously and address those concerns as soon as I know about them. One of the ways we do this is to increase our visibility with extra patrols in the area and to make stops of any vehicles observed to be speeding or committing other motor vehicle violations. We also have a speed trailer we can place in the area which alerts the drivers to the speed at which they are driving and reminds them to slow down. The speed trailer is in high demand and is in use from early spring to late fall so please call or send me an email to request placement of the trailer.

Home & Harvest is fast approaching, and we are hoping for everyone to get out and enjoy the festivities this year. We will be set up in the same location as always in front of the Police Department. This year we will have Antrim Police Association T-shirts and calendars for sale, and we will be raffling off another battery-powered police car. In 2019, the car was won by David Boulé, who gave it to his grandnephew. Hopefully another young boy or girl will be the lucky winner this year.

Lastly, all of us here at the Antrim Police Department sincerely appreciate the continued support from the citizens of Antrim. We are thankful each day to be part of this great community. Thank you. ♦

## Antrim Historical Society

Bill Nichols

It's hard to believe, but Summer 2021 is quickly turning into Autumn 2021. The good thing about autumn is it means that Antrim's Home & Harvest is on the horizon. This year, the Antrim Historical Society will be serving their hometown favorite Apple Crisp in front of the Maplehurst Inn on Saturday, September 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., or until it's gone, whichever comes first. This year, a delicious serving of apple crisp and a large dollop of Tenney's ice cream is only \$4, or you can get a family size pan (six servings) for only \$20!

After gathering your bowl of New Hampshire sweetness, head on down to the Historical Room on the second floor of the James A. Tuttle library and check out what we've been working on over the past few months.

Our Doctors of Antrim and Goodell Company displays are still available for your viewing pleasure, along with our newest displays on The Year 1921, The Schools of Antrim, The Abbott Company, The Postmasters of Antrim and the beautiful display of our most beloved benefactor, cabinet-maker Donald Dunlap. Our longtime member, researcher, past board member and current curator, Barbara Black, will be on hand to show you around and answer any questions you might have.

The Antrim Historical Society is available to help you with any historical research or genealogy requests that you might have. You can stop in at the library on most weekday afternoons or you can email your request to [antrimhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:antrimhistoricalsociety@gmail.com) and someone will get back to you.

Currently, we are looking to fill a couple of seats on our board. If you or someone you know is interested in historical or genealogical research, please get in touch with us. We meet on the third Thursday of every month on the second floor of the library. You might even meet some new people and make some new friends.

Stay safe and hopefully we'll see you at Home & Harvest!

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# James A. Tuttle Library

Cindy Jewett, Director

## Library Hours

Monday	2:00–6:00
Tuesday	2:00–8:00
Wednesday	2:00–6:00
Thursday	2:00–8:00
Friday	10:00–4:00
Saturday	10:00–4:00

**Closed:** Columbus Day, Oct. 11, Veterans Day, Nov. 11, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25 and Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

## Weekly Programs

Wednesdays	Story Time 3:00–4:00
Wednesdays	Tech Help 3:00–5:30
Fridays	3D Printer 11:00–12:00

In the past six months we have received three grants, one from the American Library Association and Association for Rural and Small Libraries, another from the American Rescue Plan Act and the Summer Learning Grant. The last two were made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the New Hampshire State Library. We are excited to share what we were able to purchase with the grant funds. For you to check out, we have hotspots (very popular), laptops, Kindles (preloaded with works in the public domain), and Playaway Launchpads (for ages 3–5). For use in the library or from home, we have access for one year to Transparent Language (over 100 languages), NewsBank (newspapers in the US), and A to Z Foods (a staff favorite). For in-library use only, we have purchased a Cricut, a cutting and crafting machine. A Cricut makes it easy to create just for fun, for friends and family, or even for a small business. Please make a reservation to try it out.

For the Summer Learning Grant, we were able to purchase materials for a Story Walk®. We would like to thank Tim Morehouse from the Antrim Parks and Recreation Commission, who constructed twenty wooden sign holders with PVC pipes to hold the book. The book we choose was *Love Tails* by Rob Sayegh, Jr., to coincide with our Summer Reading theme, Tales and Tails.

Summer reading wrap up: As a community we read approximately 1,956 books, the highest it has ever been. This year our grand prizes were an Echo Dot, a Kindle, Chipotle gift cards, Market Basket gift cards, a Dunkin Donut gift card, an Amazon gift card, and two bicycles donated by the Masons. Please join us next year for the Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Program.

In May, we surveyed the community and had a small focus group to find out how we can budget for the next five years. We found that the majority of respondents want more programs for adults, children, and for multigenerational families. This will be our first priority in the coming years. Thank you so much for all of your input and suggestions. The Next Chapter Strategic Report is published on our website under News and Announcements.

The **Friends of the James A. Tuttle Library** is an official 501(c)(3) nonprofit. We would like to thank Shelly Connolly for submitting the final paperwork to the IRS. Individual membership starts at \$5.00 a year. If you would like to join, please stop by during library operating hours to pay your dues and fill out two short forms.

A complete list of programs is on the *Limrik* Calendar on page 17. ♦

## 2021 Maple Syrup for sale



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## Antrim Recreation News

Celeste Lunetta

Antrim Recreation is celebrating progress towards bringing community members back together for social, recreational, fitness and sporting events and programs.

The summer season was kind to our facilities with plenty of rain and plenty of visitors. The Days of Summer camp had seven fun weeks; over fifty local children participated in American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim lessons; the Antrim in the Evening Concert series returned—all good signs of forward momentum after the pandemic joined us in 2020. The staff at Gregg Lake Beach are very grateful to the members of the Avenue A Teen Center woodworking club for the new lifeguard chair, and for the repairs to the railings at the guard shed. We were delighted to see the hard work of community members resulting in the opening of the Antrim Community Market and are especially grateful to residents Aimee Mullahy and Tim Morehouse for their commitment to bringing that concept to a reality.

Fall is here, and as schools open back up, we have some programs we want to be sure you know about! All programs are designed to respond to any change in community public health—we will adapt as necessary to continue to provide programming in a safe manner for our community.

### Adult Fitness Programs

**Yoga:** Tue, 6 p.m. at Town Hall; instructor Jeanine Clark Edmunds

**Zumba:** Wed, 5:30 p.m. at Town Gym; instructor Lisa Clark

**Target Archery:** October, Thursday evenings, 30-min. instructional clinic followed by open range time

### Upcoming

We continue to work on the concepts of outdoor and indoor walking opportunities, as well as working to bring an outdoor Tai Chi program to Memorial Park. We also expect that adult indoor pick-up basketball will return. We would also like to start a Sunday afternoon ultimate Frisbee group and/or adult 3v3 pick-up soccer. We will set up the field and provide equipment—we need help finding the players! Please call Celeste at 588-3121 or email [antrimreccdir@tds.net](mailto:antrimreccdir@tds.net).

net if you are interested in these programs and could help us get a group together.

### Youth Sports Programs and Leagues

**Fall Soccer.** Registration is open through September 3 for kids ages 4 through 8 (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) to join our fall soccer program. First and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders play Tue, Thu and Sat; 4–6-year-olds (Pre-K and K) play Wed at 4:30 and Sat mornings. Registration form is online at [www.antrimnh.org](http://www.antrimnh.org) or you can pick it up at Town Hall or the Recreation Office.

**TaeKwonDo** with Elizabeth Kenney will be returning to the Town Gym on Thursdays at 3:45 in September. Please watch for the flyer to come home in backpacks, pick one up at Town Hall or print offline.

**Target Archery** for kids in grades 4–8. Mondays at 4:00 starting September 20; led by certified archery instructors.

**Basketball.** An afterschool or weekend basketball clinic will start in early October for kids in grades 3–6, who will be participating, if public health conditions allow, in the Merrimack Valley Basketball League, a recreational travel league. We will have an in-house skill development program for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in January and February.

**Lacrosse.** We continue to try to build interest in youth lacrosse for girls and boys. We will present clinic opportunities in mid- and late-October and are looking for people to call Celeste at 588-3121 if they are interested in pursuing this spring sport with their children in 2<sup>nd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Other Activities

**Community Bus Trip to Shelburne Falls, MA on October 15.** We are planning a trip to historic Shelburne Falls, where we'll be able to visit glacial potholes, the Bridge of Flowers, and the Trolley Museum. The bus will leave from Town Hall at 9:30 a.m. and return around 4:30 p.m. A flyer for this excursion can be found at Town Hall, at the library and online at [antrimnh.org](http://antrimnh.org).

**Movies at Town Hall.** If public health conditions continue to improve, we will bring back movies at Town Hall. We are hoping to provide a Friday matinee series of classics, an after-school series of anime and other specialty films, and then bring back our family and community movie nights. Movies will run on selected Fridays starting in October.

For suggestions, feedback or ideas for new programs or facilities, please contact Celeste at 588-3121 or email us at [antrimreccdir@tds.net](mailto:antrimreccdir@tds.net). ♦



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# Community Calendar

## SEPTEMBER 2021

- 4 **Antrim Grange Annual Penny Sale** • at the Antrim Presbyterian Church front lawn • 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 9 **Great Decisions Group** • Global Supply Chains • Tuttle Library • 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- 16 **Eclectic Book Club** • *Loving* by Henry Green • Tuttle Library • 2 – 3 p.m.
- 16 **Great Decisions Group** • Persian Gulf Security • Tuttle Library • 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- 17-18 **Home & Harvest** • various locations downtown Antrim: Shea Field, Main Street, Tenney Farm
- 18 **GRAPE BIG Yard Sale** • 8 a.m. – 12 noon • The Grapevine front lawn
- 21 **Eclectic Book Club** • *Under the Net* by Iris Murdoch • Tuttle Library • 2 – 3 p.m.
- 23 **Great Decisions Group** • Brexit and the EU • Tuttle Library • 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- 30 **Great Decisions Group** • The Artic • Tuttle Library • 6:30 – 8 p.m.

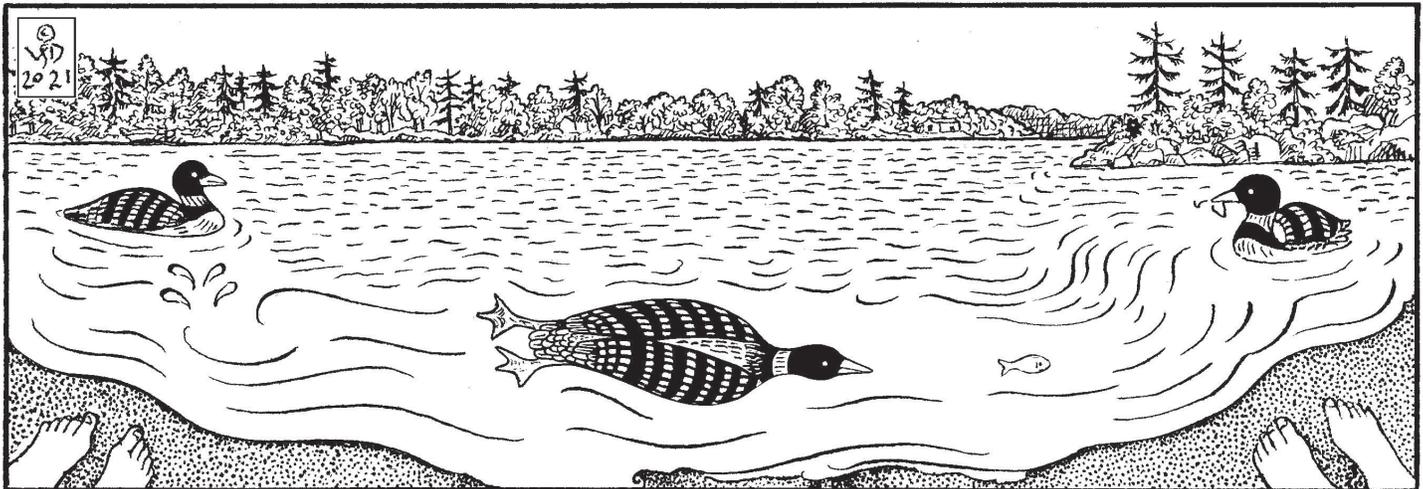


## OCTOBER 2021

- 2 **Distinguished Lecturer Series** • Tim Theberge • Tuttle Library • 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- 7 **Great Decisions Group** • China in Africa • Tuttle Library • 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- 14 **Great Decisions Group** • The Two Koreas • Tuttle Library • 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- 15 **Trip to Shelburne Falls, MA** • Antrim Recreation Department • meet at Town Hall • leaves at 9:30 a.m.
- 21 **Great Decisions Group** • Role of the WHO • Tuttle Library • 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- 28 **Great Decisions Group** • End of Globalization • Tuttle Library • 6:30 – 8 p.m.

## NOVEMBER 2021

- 1-15 **The Grapevine Online Auction** • Live Bidding • website: <https://www.32auctions.com/grapevinenh>
- 6 **Distinguished Lecturer Series** • Dick Dunning • Tuttle Library • 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- 13 **Distinguished Lecturer Series** • Matthew Raidbard • Tuttle Library • 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.





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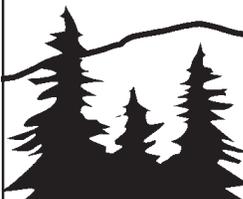
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## Where in Antrim

The June “Where in Antrim” photo evidently posed a challenge! Only two people correctly identified the location, and even they seemed somewhat tentative.

J. Alfred said, “I wish to try my hand at identifying the location the photo was taken in the latest issue of *The Limrik*. I believe that is on top of Goodhue Hill, at the viewpoint looking south. My best to the staff reporters and photographers.” George Davison said, “Could the picture possibly be on top of Goodhue Hill?” J. Alfred won the gift certificate for Tyler’s. And thanks to those whose guesses were close, but not quite there.

The names of all who correctly identify the location of this photo by September 15 will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate for Tenney Farm. Email your response to [editor@antrimlimrik.org](mailto:editor@antrimlimrik.org) or call 588-2569. Photo by Frank Gorga. ♦



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## Summertime: New Scenery!

Jacqueline Roland, Avenue A Coordinator

After a year where many teens felt cooped up, this summer we enjoyed exploring our community and beyond during our Avenue A programs! We partnered with amazing local organizations to make these adventures happen, and our incredible cadre of over fifty volunteers enthusiastically came together to put on summer activities filled with excitement, joy, and new adventures. We're looking forward to continued partnerships with these organizations in the fall!

We kicked off our summer with a hike up Mt. Skatutakee with our friends at the Harris Center for Conservation Education, complete with blueberry picking and a pinecone war at the top. With the incredible vision and leadership of Elizabeth Moore, Sean Roberts, Eve Pierce, and Cheyenne Heinselman, we launched A Community Theatre project (ACT) in July. A talented group of actors aged 12–25 met twice a week for a month, braving lots of mosquitoes to put on *The 39 Steps: A Live Radio Play* by Joe Landry, produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. They gave outdoor performances at the Grapevine Stage in Antrim and Depot Square Park in Peterborough.

We ventured to MAXT Makerspace in Peterborough for two days of awesome screen printing and visible mending workshops—teens printed their own designs, and we came up with our first ever Avenue A T-shirts. The awesome staff

and volunteers at MAXT showed us how to use the equipment and helped bring our projects to life. We can't wait to go back again!

Thanks to the generosity of the Grand Monadnock Rotary Club, we took a group of ten teens to Friends Forever International's Global Headquarters in Durham, NH, for a day of communication, improv, and team-building workshops led by their global youth leaders. Many of the teens said it was the highlight of their summer; we plan to go back in the fall for another visit.

Teens unplugged for a day during our nature, yoga, and meditation retreat at MacDowell Reservoir in early August. Later that month, our Write Out! program held a series of creative workshops at the All Saints' Church lawn in Peterborough and at MacDowell Reservoir. Participants exchanged ideas about the creative process, did neat writing prompts inspired by vintage photos, and had a writing scavenger hunt in downtown Peterborough!

An exciting new activity came to us this summer—we hosted the GBS VEX Robotics team for their summer robotics camp. The teens had an incredible time programming robots to solve challenges—it was amazing to watch!

Our August "Hike Week" took us to the Stoddard Rocks, Nelson's Kulish Ledges, and Rose Mountain in Lyndeborough. We're excited for more fall hikes (with cooler temperatures!). Of course, it wouldn't be summer at Avenue A without art! Farmsteads of New England hosted us at Rosewald Farm in Hillsborough for two lovely afternoons at their ceramics studio. Teens made bowls to take home and created bowls for Farmsteads' Beats n' Bowls fundraiser!

Amidst all our summer activities, our Lawn Chair Drill Team is preparing to bring the joy of lawn chairs to the world once again. The team is meeting weekly to practice a routine which will be performed in early September at community locations and events. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more details.

Throughout the season, we've continued to find joy in our own backyard! Our weekly Wednesday night Open Hours hum with activity as teens come to play pool, Just Dance, and foosball. On Friday evenings The Grapevine Lawn hums with activity during our Campfire Nights!

We can't wait to continue the fun with our fall programs! Our fall schedule will be out in early September. Visit our website ([avenueatc.org](http://avenueatc.org)) or [Facebook.com/AvenueATeenCenter](https://www.facebook.com/AvenueATeenCenter) for updates. ♦



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# The Final Adventure of Caleb and Webster, Superheroes

Susan Ellsworth

It had been some time since Caleb had come to visit Grandma, Grandpa and Superhero Webster. With the pandemic still going on, everyone was trying to stay safe. Webster missed Caleb very much. He missed their great adventures together saving the world. He felt his time for that would soon come to an end. He knew his own health was fading. He also knew Caleb was getting older and had to go to school. With school came all new friends to do things with. Webster was just happy to have all the great memories of their time together when they were both younger.

Caleb gave Webster the rest of the bread from the sandwich Grandma had made him for lunch. Webster was so happy to have his boy back. They were like two peas in a pod, Grandma said. Grandma told Caleb that she had found some of his dad's old toys that he might like to play with. They were in the playroom upstairs. Caleb ran up the stairs and Webster followed. Halfway up, Caleb stopped and turned around to see Webster struggling to keep up.

"What's the matter, boy? Do you need help my little old man puppy? Don't worry, boy; I'm always here for you! You are my best friend now and forever."

With that Caleb bent down and scooped up Webster and carried him up the rest of the stairs. The great new toys Grandma had promised were in the playroom on a shelf. There were rocket ships, astronauts, flying saucers and a big space station. Caleb was so excited. Webster was right at his side and licked his face when he turned his head to tell him that it looked like they were going to have a great time with these toys.

Caleb took down the toys and set them up to start their fun. The rockets were ready to have the astronauts walk over to the hatch door and prepare for takeoff.

"NASA, all systems are go. Countdown in three minutes. Spaceship Starlight now ready for countdown. Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one...liftoff! Starlight has liftoff! Heading up to outer space to planet Kepler. It's a planet like Earth, Webster. It's bigger and older. That's where we're headed."

Webster looked at his boy again with loving eyes. He just wanted to remember that face. Webster was going blind and was almost completely deaf already. He was going to be fourteen years old in people-years in a few days and was not feeling well.

Suddenly there as a bright light at the windows right next to them. Caleb and Webster jumped up to see what it was. It seemed like someone or something was looking at them. They both knew what would happen next. The superheroes opened the window and flew out to get a closer look at the ship. In a split second it landed in the backyard. Superhero Caleb had heard on TV in the past few months about UFOs and how they stopped to watch us here on Earth. He wanted to know why and if they needed any help.

There was a strange noise and then bright red and white lights started flashing. Superhero Webster jumped in front of Superhero Caleb to protect him if needed. A platform opened and there was a door in front of them. It slowly swung open, and two children walked down a ramp. They were dressed in what looked like gold foil outfits. They kind of looked like regular kids but they had yellow eyes that glowed, eyes that were much larger than Caleb's. Superhero Caleb said hello to them. The space boy held out his hand to Caleb. When Caleb reached out to shake the boy's hand, the boy just held Caleb's hand and closed his eyes. When he opened them back up, Superhero Caleb knew exactly what the boy was thinking and didn't have to speak. The same happened for Caleb. They could read each other's minds. Next the girl held out her hand to Caleb and the same thing happened. Both space people could communicate with Superhero Caleb then.

Caleb found out that they had come to Earth in search of samples to bring back to their planet. They wanted to have some of the wonderful things Earth has that they didn't. They liked our creatures that come in many colors and can fly—our birds. They also liked some of our flowers that come back every year with pretty colors—what we

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## Warriors

William Bryk

Sometimes, one finds the unexpected in the James A. Tuttle Library. A few weeks ago, I was looking over the shelves devoted to horses when I saw a book one might call an old friend. On its black spine were the words “Warrior” and “Seely.” When I first encountered the book, twenty years and a lifetime ago, I knew the author’s name while knowing next to nothing about him.

I’d spent more time in the stacks of my college library than I did studying, particularly reading about Victorian and early 20<sup>th</sup> century British politics. I’d often seen sentences such as “General Seely presided over the banquet” or “General Seely took the salute at the review.” Then I ran into *Warrior* in the stacks of the New York Society Library.

So I took the book from its Tuttle Library shelf out of gratitude. Back in 1934, J.E.B. Seely, who combined politician and cavalryman in a long and honorable career, published a best-selling biography of his charger, a Thoroughbred appropriately named Warrior. To be sure, I enjoyed the adventures of the General and his horse. But the book opened my eyes to the possibility that by working with a horse and earning his trust, a mutually rewarding relationship, rising even to friendship, might come to exist between man and beast. I began learning to ride because of Jack Seely.

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March 30, 1918 was Easter Saturday. Around 9:30 a.m., Jack Seely was in the saddle. To be formal, Brigadier-General The Right Honourable J.E.B. Seely, CB, CMG, DSO, MP, astride Warrior, stood at the head of his command, the Canadian Cavalry Brigade, about half a mile from Moreuil Wood, near Amiens, France. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Saxon Division, German infantry, had entered the forest, which overlooked the River Arve and the railway between Amiens and Paris, and dug in. Seely’s orders were to delay the enemy advance as much as possible.

John Edward Bernard Seely had been born to great wealth in 1868 and raised on the Isle of Wight. His family owned much of the island and his grandfather accurately said he could walk seven miles without stepping off his own land. Jack Seely graduated Harrow, where he began a life-long friendship with his schoolmate Winston S. Churchill, and Trinity College, Cambridge. He became a barrister and a Member of Parliament. He served most of his adult life in the Hampshire Yeomanry, a volunteer cavalry unit akin to our National Guard, and eventually rose to its command.

Seely was good-natured, generous, and kindly, the sort who makes and keeps friends for life. He was unflinchingly brave; he was also self-consciously heroic. The opening line of one of his memoirs, *Fear, and be Slain*, is “Safety first is a vile motto.” In *Adventure*, he writes, “Fear is a useless

emotion.” One senses a soldier’s life lived with an eye toward the mirror, toward the image he would present to his men and to the world.

He was also lucky: Brough Scott, his grandson, a horseman and journalist, wrote in *Galloper Jack*, his biography of Seely, that the man’s number had been up at least fourteen times before he finally died at 79.

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Captain Seely led his Yeomanry to the Boer War in 1900. In South Africa, he disobeyed a direct order in the field when his commander ordered him to direct from the rear a partial withdrawal of his squadron. Jack preferred to remain with his men on the front lines. Several hours and many bullets later, having successfully withdrawn his men under fire with few casualties, Seely was placed under arrest.

At his court-martial, Seely testified that if the same situation came up again, he would still disobey. The General presiding over the trial told him that the court had chosen “to congratulate you...upon the efficient manner in which you conducted your defense” and restored him to his command. On the same General’s recommendation, Seely received the Distinguished Service Order for his successful and valiant disobedience.

Seely survived, as did Churchill, who had gone to war as a reporter and made a fortune from his journalism. Both men became inveterate memoirists, each both a hero in his own right and the bard of his own epics. Scott observed that his grandfather “had exhibited many magnificent qualities even if modesty was not among them.” As for Churchill, he wrote *The World Crisis*, a six-volume history of the First World War of which one colleague said, “Winston has written an enormous book about himself and called it *The World Crisis*.” Former Prime Minister Arthur Balfour said he was reading Churchill’s “brilliant autobiography disguised as world history.” This was before Churchill had written *The Second World War* (also six volumes) and *A History of the English-Speaking Peoples* (four volumes).

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Both Seely and Churchill were elected to Parliament at the beginning of the new century. By 1912, in rapid succession, Churchill had become President of the Board of Trade, then Home Secretary, and then First Lord of the Admiralty. Colonel Seely became first Undersecretary of State for the Colonies, then Undersecretary of State for War, and, in 1912, His Majesty’s Secretary of State for War.

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call perennials. They asked Caleb about Superhero Webster. They told him he was old and very sick and would die soon. They told him he only had a few more days left to live. They said they could take him back with them, heal him, and he would be a healthy puppy again. They could also clone him to make other dogs for their planet for other children like them to love. They knew he was special.

Superhero Caleb sat down in the grass and looked at Superhero Webster. He hugged him and asked him if it was true. Webster just licked his face and stared back into his eyes. It was true. Caleb cried that his best buddy was suffering, and he knew this would be the best for him. Caleb told him that he was the best dog in the world and that he would always be in his heart and in his memories forever. Webster licked him and stared again back at Caleb wanting to burn his face again into his memory.

The space children needed to get Webster back to their planet soon. They said thank you and told Caleb that space people are not there to hurt Earthlings, but to observe them and help, if they know Earthlings are friendly and won't hurt them. They gave him a note and told him to read it after they were gone. The Superheroes said goodbye for the last time, and Superhero Webster was carried up into the spaceship. The ramp door closed and the bright red and white lights turned on again. The ship lifted straight up without a sound. Then it was gone in a flash.

"Caleb, Caleb, wake up!" Caleb looked confused at where he was. "You're okay; you're in Grandma's house. You just fell asleep," said Grandma.

"Webster! Webster...they took Webster," cried Caleb.

"Who took Webster?" asked Grandma.

"The space children," Caleb cried.

"Caleb, you must have dreamed it. Webster is probably downstairs in his bed sleeping. That's pretty much all he does these days. He's an old man dog now," said Grandma. Caleb and Grandma went downstairs to find Webster.

"He's got to be around here somewhere," Grandma said.

Caleb ran out the door to the backyard. There on the grass were burn marks in the shape of a large circle. The grass was still standing up inside the circle, but a few feet

out was a thick line about eight feet long.

"That's where the spaceship landed and took off. The line is where the ramp door opened, and the space children walked out," said Caleb.

Suddenly, police cars, Army trucks and black unmarked vehicles stopped all along Grandma and Grandpa's property. Men in all different uniforms got out and walked towards Caleb and Grandma.

"Hello, ma'am, we'd like to ask you a few questions. Did you see anything out of the ordinary here today?"

Grandma answered, "No. What do you mean? What's going on, sir? Why are you here?"

Then the man asked Caleb the same question. Caleb didn't know what to answer, so he asked, "Why?" The man said there was a report of a flying spaceship in the area, and they were there to explore that possibility.

Caleb asked, "What if there was? Why do you need to know and what are you going to do about it?"

The man saw the burn marks in the grass and knew the answer to his question. Then he asked Caleb to tell him what happened. Grandma said it was okay and Caleb told the whole group of men what had happened. Grandma was saddened to hear the part about her Webster. She told Caleb that he made the right decision to let Webster go with the

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## I've Never Been Out in Nature Before

Joan Gorga

The weather forecast wasn't good for the day we were scheduled to do the July water sampling on Gregg Lake. I checked with NHDES to see if I could move the testing up a day. Would the equipment we borrow from them be available? Would they be able to handle sample analysis a day early? With permission secured, I raced to get everything ready, but the person who had volunteered to help couldn't make it. My backup was my cousin Suzy, who has gamely been my partner in many endeavors.

But Suzy had some somewhat unexpected guests. They had said they might stop by in late July, but when they called on the 15<sup>th</sup> to say they were in Boston, she gave them the okay to come on up. After all, her previous guests had left almost twenty-four hours before, and she *had* managed to get their sheets and towels washed... So, Suzy's late husband's sister's daughter arrived with her husband and a tall, gangly fourteen-year-old son named Gareth. As Gareth later explained, he'd been growing so fast he didn't know where his feet were.

Gareth's mother went for a quick dip with Suzy and me that first day, as the two of us headed out on our daily swim across the lake. Gareth showed no inclination to stick a toe in the water, but he was pleasant and willing to chat with the gray-haired old woman who showed up out of the blue to swim across the lake. He told me he liked science, but he was mostly into computers and gaming. He had had a great time at the Museum of Science in Boston. He lived in the city and walked everywhere. There were two parks near where he lived, but he had never been "out in nature" as we have it.

On his second evening, Gareth thought maybe he'd try taking a kayak out by himself while we swam. He had enjoyed kayaking with his parents earlier that day. We helped him get the kayak ready, and we all headed out, with Gareth going off to explore the shoreline on his own. The next day he took the kayak out again and mentioned that he might like to try Suzy's paddleboard. We pulled it to shore for him as we finished our swim so he wouldn't have to swim out to get it at its mooring if he worked up the courage to try it.

I raced to Concord the next morning to pick up the water sampling equipment. Usually, I pick up the equipment the day before; we'd be getting a late start. Suzy would be ready whenever I got there. But on the drive back, I began to wonder if Gareth would like to join me instead. I called Suzy as soon as I got home. Did she think it would be okay to ask him? She could explain to him what would be involved. It would take me about thirty minutes to get everything ready; he had that long to decide. By the time I got to Suzy's, where the rowboat was moored, Gareth was ready and waiting.

Gareth helped ferry the equipment and pack up the boat. He said he could swim, but wasn't a good swimmer, so we got him seated before I climbed in to row. I handed him the GPS; his first job was to guide me to the flag marked "Deepest Spot" in the middle of the lake. He took me straight there, and I asked him to use the handheld sonar depth-sounder to confirm that we had found the right spot. When it said 46 feet, I suggested he hold the sounder absolutely vertical, to measure at a right angle to the bottom rather than a hypotenuse. He straightened it out, and his next reading of 37.2 feet told us we'd nailed the deep spot. We dropped two anchors and started collecting data and samples.

Gareth asked about everything we were doing and what the different samples were for. I tried to explain without lecturing; he had just finished eighth grade. He said he'd learned about watersheds and ecosystems in school, and he clearly loved relating what we were doing to what he'd learned. I explained that we had to follow strict protocols in gathering the data and collecting samples—the state depended on us to generate high quality data and would use it to determine the overall health of the lake. He was worried that he hadn't been trained; I assured him that I would make sure he did things the way they needed to be done, and he listened carefully.

To find the three water layers, we quickly graphed temperature readings taken every meter (about 3 feet) from the surface to the bottom. Graphing on paper is a novelty to a true digital native! It was a challenge to get the Kemmerer bottle used to collect samples at different depths to function correctly—Gareth had to drop the messenger, a heavy chunk of metal, down a long chain to snap the bottle closed at depths of 5, 20 and 33 feet—but he persisted until it worked, and we pulled up a good clear sample from each of the water layers. He had heard about problems with phosphorus and other pollutants in lakes and appreciated the importance of the samples that went into the brown bottles containing acid. I told him those bottles had to be filled just to the shoulder and because of the acid in them you only had one shot at filling them; he didn't want to risk messing up a sample and wanted me to fill all those bottles. He told me about his learning disability—similar to dyslexia, but with some dif-

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space children, but she was sorry he had to make the decision alone. It was a lot for a little boy. She was also sorry she and Grandpa didn't have a chance to say goodbye to Webster, but she knew there wasn't time.

After Caleb was done telling the men the story the Army man told Grandma that they would like Caleb to come to his office to answer other questions. He would send a car in the morning to pick up Caleb and Grandma at her house.

Caleb and Grandma went into the house after the men left, and Grandma gave him a big hug. She told him she loved him and that she was so proud of him today. She was sorry she couldn't be there for him earlier. She said she would be tomorrow. She asked him if he was okay with going? He said, "yes." Then he remembered the note the space boy gave him when he left. He opened it and showed Grandma. It was written in a different language that they couldn't read. It also had a picture of planets that were different than those we know. Grandma said she would call the number on the business card the Army man gave her and tell him she would be bring it tomorrow.

The next day, Grandma, Grandpa and Caleb went to the Army general's office and showed him the note the space boy gave Caleb. It was writing that the general and the others he had invited to the meeting knew how to read. What it was written on was something they had never seen. The picture was of planets not found in our solar system; it must be a picture of where the space children came from. The note gave instructions on how to stop the pandemic. The Army general was so grateful for this wonderful information and said all would know from this day forward that people from other planets were just watching to help us when needed. They requested that we be nicer to all beings all over every world. They said we have a lot to learn, and they are willing to help us WHEN WE HAVE LEARNED TO LIVE IN PEACE ON OUR OWN PLANET.

The general told Caleb that he and Webster were true superheroes and probably saved the world. He thanked Caleb and said that the rulers of all countries will want to thank him, too, very soon. Caleb said, "Thank you, but that's what superheroes do."

Unfortunately, that chapter is closed now for us without Superhero Webster, but I'm sure he's in a new world helping others!

The End

This story is written in memory of my loving dog Webster, who went to join the doggie angels on June 28, 2021. ♦



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# Reflections of a Sophomore School Board Member

Steve Ullman

## Three Good Things

**#1:** On June 11, ConVal High School celebrated 180 students' graduations in an open-air ceremony attended not only by members of the Class of 2021, but also by their families. This extraordinary class has faced unprecedented, pandemic-related challenges but nevertheless triumphed.

Class President Nathaniel Wilson eloquently lauded the graduates' accomplishments:

*"I look out towards my peers, seeing these familiar faces that I have known and enjoyed for the past four years. With all the experiences we have gone through together, I know that this class will do great things. When we face adversity, we will not shy away. We will not cower and be afraid... We will stand up to the world, and fight for our beliefs. We will be pushed over, knocked down, overseen. But I know, no matter how many times we fall, we will always get back up, and with this mentality, we can accomplish anything."*

**#2:** ConVal School Board Chair Tim Theberge reminded me that "ConVal students K-12 had the option for in-person learning for the entire school year... Unlike other districts, we had in-person learning available from Day 1. In April, however, ConVal High School welcomed back the entire student body, this time without cohorts having to alternate in-person weeks."

**#3:** The school board is live-streaming its meetings. Please check with the ConVal website for instructions.

## Science-Based Pandemic-Related Policies

Throughout the outbreak, the board has sought to establish policies based on the most recent and reliable scientific evidence. By August, our COVID-19 Monitoring Team, consisting of physicians, public health experts, public safety professionals and ConVal officials, will have started daily meetings, digesting national and local data, and providing the ConVal administration with recommendations. In the past the team's advice has wisely reflected changing, real-world conditions.

As you know, science is a process, not a set of immutable findings. As tangible circumstances have changed, so have scientists' recommendations to policymakers like ourselves.

## Boost Programs

National data suggest that students might have suffered academic setbacks as a result of pandemic-imposed restrictions. We won't fully appreciate the extent of the losses sustained until students take nationally standardized tests this fall. The school board has adopted several comprehensive programs to speed up student learning.

Throughout the summer, faculty and staff have been preparing to meet the social and emotional needs of returning students. Once their needs are fulfilled, I am convinced that they will be better able to soak up the materials teachers are presenting.

From July 6 through August 5, the district offered "recovery programs" aimed at eliminating identified shortcomings in student learning. And in order to assist high school students to accumulate credits missed due to the pandemic, ConVal High School offered "Summer Boost" classes. In the fall, the district will supplement its enhanced classes with "high intensity" tutoring. All of this is aimed at compensating for pandemic-caused learning losses.

## Taxpayer Relief

Thirteen months ago, the school board instituted a stringent budget freeze. We were determined to navigate through COVID-19 with as little burden on the taxpayer as possible. At the same time, we felt duty-bound to meet our obligations to students and staff. Our frugality worked. And ConVal finally received essential aid from the federal government. This enabled us to lower the dues the nine towns pay to ConVal by \$3.2 million.

## Contact

If you would like to contact me about a ConVal-related matter, please email me at [sullman@conval.edu](mailto:sullman@conval.edu).

Let's all hope for more trouble-free times. ♦

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ferent features—and how he tried to work with it in school, as well as in other activities. He was encouraged to find that he wasn't hampered in what we were doing.

Every once in a while, Gareth would pause, look around and say in awe, "I've never been out in nature like this before."

We had some extra excitement when a large motorboat began cruising up and down the lake, creating huge wake. I'd never encountered this before while water sampling; the waves were the biggest I'd faced in that small rowboat and were coming at us from all sides. The motorboat came closer than it should have and made no effort to reduce its wake. Knowing Gareth wasn't a strong swimmer, I stopped the data collection for a little discussion about what to do if we were flooded or flipped by the waves—don't panic; hold onto the boat, it wouldn't sink, etc. He seemed okay with that, and we continued calmly with the job at hand, with all sorts of discussion about school, video gaming, city life, growing so fast he wasn't sure of his balance, cars I'd never heard of—he was impressed that I drive a car with a manual transmission and informed me that there is a renewed interest in them (I'm hip!)—and all sorts of other topics. We were still being rocked by the big waves when I had to clamber up to the front of the boat to pull up one of the anchors. I warned Gareth that if we started to tip, I would leap out rather than let the boat flip; he was to stay low and hold on tight. Luckily, I got the anchor into the boat safely.

We headed back to shore to drive and walk to the various places where we collect tributary samples. This was Gareth's chance to bail out—Suzy had promised him she'd take over at that point if he'd had enough—but he insisted on sticking with it. We headed down Castor Lane to sample the stream flowing out of the big beaver meadows west of Gregg Lake. I decided not to mention how many times I've seen bears and moose in that area, thinking that maybe beavers were enough nature for a self-described geek, but he seemed to be having a great time and our discussions continued. We hiked down Hattie Brown Road to sample the stream draining the Willard Mountain-Tuttle Hill ridge. Again, he looked around in awe at being surrounded by nature. We dropped a

bucket off the Craig Road and Gregg Lake Road bridges to collect samples of the water just before it flows into the lake. The last stop was at the dam to sample the water flowing out of the lake. We gathered the final samples just at the 2:00 deadline and called it a successful day. Gareth thanked me numerous times for inviting him along.

As Suzy and I swam across the lake together that evening, she told me Gareth had decided he liked the paddleboard even more than the kayak. He'd also gotten hot while paddling down the lake and jumped into the water to cool off. He'd headed out on the paddleboard again that afternoon. As we reached the middle of the lake, we saw him rounding a point a half-mile away, a confident young man exploring his new world. Was his visit to Gregg Lake a life-changing experience? It's hard to say right now, but I'm betting that he won't forget what it's like to be "out in nature" and that phosphorus samples are collected in brown bottles containing acid. ♦

### Great Decisions Program

Steve Ullman, Coordinator

Starting Thursday, September 9, and for the subsequent seven weeks, the Antrim Great Decisions group will be meeting in both Zoom and in-person fashion at the James A. Tuttle Library between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m.

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

We will be using the 2021 edition of the Great Decisions manual. Participants may order the 2021 manual from the Foreign Policy Association (1-800-477-5836 or [https://www.fpa.org/great\\_decisions/](https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/)). The manual contains short articles that accompany each meeting's topic. A 2021 manual is already on reserve at the library for those who prefer a free edition.

The September and October schedule is on the *Limrik* Calendar on page 17. ♦

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Meanwhile, Seely had bred Warrior. He was a bay—red-dish brown coat, with black mane, tail, ear edges, and lower legs, and a white star on his forehead—sired by Straybit of Cinderella, an elegant black mare Seely had purchased on impulse from a passing rider for £80, serious money back then. Straybit was a fast, handsome stallion, descended from Voltigeur, winner of the Derby and the St. Leger in 1850; Eclipse, who never knew defeat: 18 starts, 18 wins, no places, no shows, who was retired to stud only because no one would challenge him; and, through Eclipse, two of the three magnificent Arabian stallions who founded the breed of Thoroughbred, the Darley Arabian and the Godolphin Arabian.

Warrior was raised and trained by professionals. They told Seely that Warrior was born to be a racehorse. Seely insisted he be trained as a charger, a cavalryman's horse, ready to stand fast in the day of battle, working calmly amidst gunfire, trumpet calls, and screaming men.

Seely first rode Warrior in 1911. He believed that with infinite patience one could master any horse. Warrior tested this belief by throwing him three times that morning. After the third toss, Jack wrote, he sat down, somewhat the worse for wear, and talked to the horse. "He looked at me, his nostrils distended, and I looked at him, trying to explain that I was a busy man, but that I loved him because I loved his mother, and would he please not buck me off anymore, and if so, we might be friends together for all our lives." Then Warrior advanced and nuzzled him. Seely remounted and was not thrown.

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Seely resigned his Cabinet post in 1914. He remained in Parliament and worked in its defense committees. Because of the planning for transport and supplies that he'd made at the War Office and on the committees, in August 1914, the British Expeditionary Force was across the Channel and ready for action within ten days of the declaration of war.

On August 11, 1914, Colonel Seely and Warrior joined them. Within the year, Churchill had persuaded Lord Kitchener, the War Secretary, to give Seely a command. Seely was promoted Brigadier-General and given the Canadian Cavalry Brigade.

The Brigade was an odd lot of adventurers: cowboys, Mounties, clerks, "Red Indians," and Americans who wanted to get into the fight. Seely believed that "daily personal contact alone" could cure the problems created by the distance between the high command in the rear and the trenches at the front. One officer, Luke Williams, wrote in his diary, "[Seely] was always poking around in the Front Line. How he was never killed or at least seriously wounded will always be a mystery."

Seely became an extraordinarily popular commander. Part of his appeal, his grandson wrote, was the horse. One did not slap the general on the back. One could pet "good old Warrior."

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From the first days of the war, Warrior too enjoyed astonishing good luck. He survived shelling, rifle and machine gun fire, and even a strafing while bogged in the mud. He went lame one morning; Seely took another horse and, as he wrote:

*A chance shell hit [that horse] and killed him. I had three ribs broken myself... but my first thought was, "What luck it was not Warrior."*

Seely led the Brigade at the Marne, Ypres, the Somme, both battles of Cambrai, and Passchendaele. He had at least four horses (not Warrior) shot from under him.

The Allies' massive frontal attacks, leading to massive casualties, were intended to break through the German lines, creating a gap so cavalry might pour into the enemy's rear. Thus, on the first day of the Somme, the British took 57,740 casualties: roughly 40 men dead or wounded each minute of the 24 hours in the day. They lost 20,000 in the first hour: roughly 333 casualties per minute, six per second. The gap never opened.

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In early 1918, Alfred Munnings, an English artist, was plucked from obscurity while working as a groom for the Army to be an official painter to the Canadian forces in France. There he painted a portrait of Seely mounted on Warrior. The result made Munnings famous. In 1919 it was shown at the Royal Academy. The critics raved about the picture. Wealthy riders, including royalty, began commissioning him.

**TO BE CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE ...**



## Troop 2 Boy Scouts

Michael Redmond

The Boy Scouts of Troop 2 have been very active in the last year, despite COVID-19. We spent much, much more time outside, which wasn't a bad thing. Hikes almost every month, camping almost every month, more canoe trips than we usually take, lots of games outside, including gaga ball.

Last summer, camp was cancelled. We instead went whitewater rafting in Maine. This summer, the troop went to Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine, for camp. They all had a great time getting back to "normal" camp. Swimming, canoeing, kayaking, rowing, basketry, welding, woodcarving, shooting, and ropes courses were just some of the activities the boys participated in. Many merit badges were earned, a birthday was celebrated, and friends made.

Two more boys made Eagle Scout in the last year as well. That makes only 24 Eagle Scouts in Troop 2's 108-year history. Number 23 is Garrick Colby, who for his project built the food donation drop box for the Antrim-Bennington Food Pantry at the Antrim Baptist Church. Number 24 is Michael Redmond, who led the construction of the new gaga ball pit

at Memorial Park for his project.

Always serving our community, the boys were able to still run their two annual Scouting for Food food drives, as well as complete quarterly cleanups of Route 202 on the Antrim-Bennington town line, despite the pandemic.

On August 4<sup>th</sup>, we spent the day at Six Flags New England in Massachusetts, and also in August, the boys began working on their Rifle Shooting Merit Badge at Deering Fish & Game.

Come fall, we have plans to camp at the base and hike Mt. Monadnock, take a bike trip, and hike and camp in the White Mountains for Columbus Day weekend.

Founded in 1913, Troop 2 is one of the oldest Boy Scout troops in New Hampshire. If you know a boy that would enjoy outdoor adventures, while learning life and leadership skills and how to serve his community, visit our website at [boyscoutstroop2nh.org](http://boyscoutstroop2nh.org). You can also follow and contact us through Facebook and MeWe. Boys are welcome to join us for any of our meetings to see what we are all about. ♦



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## Antrim Grange #98

Renee Mercier-Gerritsen, Grange Master

Antrim Grange has been very busy working on the restoration of the Grange Hall still. An application for an LCHIP grant was submitted but we will not find out until much later this year if we will be accepted. If accepted, the money will be used to replace our roof in the next year or so. We are so thankful to have the help of so many people to get through the struggles of restoring a building that is over 200 years old. Work on the foundation will hopefully be completed within the next year so we can move on to the interior and roof jobs that are already on our to do list. Any offers of time, expertise, materials and monies are always accepted.

Just before the *Limrik* is published, Antrim Grange will be holding their bi-annual election of officers. No telling how that will go, but we will post our list of elected officers on our Facebook page.

We will be holding our annual Penny Sale on Labor Day Weekend. This will be held again on the front lawn of the Antrim Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Tickets are \$2/sheet or 3 sheets for \$5. Drawings for tickets will start at 3 p.m. Those who cannot be present can pick up their winning items Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at the Grange Hall on Route 31 from 9 a.m.–noon. All proceeds from the Penny Sale will go to the Antrim Grange Hall Restoration Fund.

A huge thank you to Frank Gorga for initiating a fundraiser for the Grange Hall Restoration. He graciously offered to make matted salt paper prints in two different sizes of the Grange Hall, Stone Church and the Center Cemetery and give all of the money from sales to the Grange. In total, including a generous donation from a past Antrim resident, we made over \$800. We appreciate Frank for offering his services and Joan for giving us his time. Thank you!

This October, NH State Grange Session will be held in Keene. Most of our Antrim Grange members will be in attendance, as always. This is a time to get together with the rest of our ‘family’ from around the state and see how their granges are doing and what they’re doing. They say things can get stronger with bigger numbers. Antrim Grange may

be small in number but is mighty in community involvement. We are always looking for new members to help us do our work. Currently some of the things we are active in is the Antrim Community Garden behind Town Hall that feeds those who may need it; we deliver dictionaries to the local 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the fall; we put on the December Community Supper at the Presbyterian Church, which we are hoping will be something that we can do this year; and we support the local fairs by putting up our stellar Grange exhibits that I hope everyone takes the time to look at. If you would like info on the Grange and how to join, please contact me, Renee Mercier-Gerritsen, at 603–547–5144 or [renee\\_mercier@yahoo.com](mailto:renee_mercier@yahoo.com). For only \$35/year, you can be a part of something that is way over a century old for a reason.

I hope that everyone is having a safe and fun summer. Please continue to support your local non-profit organizations. We all need help, and that help is you. ♦

## Antrim Eclectic Book Club

Steve Ullman, Coordinator

Over the past nine years, members of the Antrim Eclectic Book Club have joyfully devoured more than sixty of The Modern Library’s “100 best novels.” Having suspended meetings during the pandemic, we will once again gather to informally discuss literature’s very best. And we warmly welcome newcomers to our cordial group.

We will convene, however, under a different format. We will start meeting at the COVID–safe Tuttle Library on Thursdays between 2 and 3 p.m. in person in the second floor Historical Society room, and also by Zoom. Why the 2 to 3 p.m. schedule? In order to use Zoom, I will need to tap the expertise of the very knowledgeable Tuttle staffer Christopher Brinkley. Why both Zoom-based and in-person discussions? There may be bibliomaniacs who are either unable to attend in person or who are reluctant to attend even small forums. So a Zoom option is in order. I will be communicating the pertinent Zoom addresses through the library website and the town list-serv.

On September 16 we will discuss Henry Green’s *Loving*. This is an account of what happens in an Irish country house, when the aristocrats are away fighting World War II and the servants are left to engage in their own domestic battles.

On October 21 we will dig into Iris Murdoch’s *Under the Net*. Her main character is one Jake Donaghue, a “shameless mooch and hack-writer...” who tries to better himself by, among other gambits, kidnapping a “movie-star canine.”

We hope you will join us. Please contact me at [stephen-hullman@gmail.com](mailto:stephen-hullman@gmail.com) for further information. ♦

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## Old Dog

Bruce McGuffin

The dog on her bed in a breeze from the fan  
Gently ruffling her fur on a hot summer day  
As she looks at me sadly, her eyes seem to say  
“Is this it then?”

She was essence of joy, a swift jumper off docks  
After balls in the lake. Hunting chipmunks and voles,  
Loudly sniffing the rocks where they hid in their holes.  
Couldn't find them.

She once wagged the powerful tail of destruction.  
That scattered loose papers, knocked cups to the floor,  
As it slapped coffee tables with canine percussion  
It was good then.

Now a brief look of panic when standing up slowly.  
Puts her nose to my knee and she prods it intently  
In time with her tail swinging back and forth gently  
“Pay attention.”

So I smooth out her fur with my hands down her back.  
A soft sigh of contentment that says, “Scratch my ears.  
We can go out and sniff if you'll help on the stairs.  
Just like back when.”



## Grapevine

Melissa Gallagher

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The Grapevine has enjoyed a fun-filled summer! Our Summer Adventures Series included two weeks of Backyard Adventures and Science Exploration. Teens enjoyed fun, outdoor based activities with staff and volunteers at our Avenue A Teen + Community Center. As we prepare for fall programs, we are mindful of COVID protocols and are committed to taking preventive measures to keep all of our children and families healthy and safe.

This past June, we launched our NH Gives online 24-hour campaign to raise funds for our Avenue A Teen Center. With your support, we exceeded our goal and raised over \$12,000 from 94 individual donors and matched donations from the Peterborough Woman's Club, All Saints Church and the Antrim Police Association! Thank you!

## Fall Events

### Home & Harvest

**GRAPE BIG Yard Sale!** Saturday, September 18 from 8 a.m. to noon on the Grapevine front lawn. Come shop for new and gently used items of all varieties. All proceeds to benefit Grapevine children's programs.

**Join us for the parade!** Due to social distancing precautions, we will not be entering a parade float this year, but we invite families to join us by walking, wheeling and pushing strollers in this year's parade. Help us hold the Grapevine banner and toss seed packets to the crowd!

### 2021 Grapevine Online Auction

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**Hillsborough Parent & Child Playgroup.** Beginning the week of September 7 in Hillsborough, a parent-child playgroup will be offered Mon, 1–2:30 p.m. and Thu, 10–noon. These groups are for children from birth to age 4 and their parents and/or caregivers. Grapevine staff Paula Combs and Michelle Heath lead these groups and provide toys, activities and snacks. Open to all.

**Learning Vine Preschool** for children ages 3 to 5. This hands-on program focuses on social interaction and problem-solving skills in a small group setting to help prepare children for school in a fun and engaging environment. Mon, Wed, Fri, 9–noon. Preschool registration for 2021–22 is currently full but please reach out if you are interested.

**One-to-One Parent and Home Visiting Support.** We offer home visiting and one-to-one supports to families of all kinds. Get support from Grapevine staff about parenting, accessing local resources and talking through life challenges. Contact The Grapevine for more information.

### Community Resources

**Community Tool Lending Shed** is open and we are lending tools. Come check it out and sign up to borrow specialized tools and light equipment! Think of the tool shed as a lending library—sign it out and bring it back. There is no charge to borrow tools, but donations are gratefully accepted. Special thanks to volunteer and builder Glenn Stan for leading the effort along with our entire Tool Shed Committee for their time and dedication to this project. We are still collecting donations of new and gently used tools and equipment. Contact [toolshed@grapevინeh.org](mailto:toolshed@grapevინeh.org) to borrow or donate tools. *This shed was made possible with the generous contribution of a family who wish to honor their late daughters. We are touched and grateful for their lasting contribution.*

**Getting the wood in.** We're always looking for volunteers to join the Community Wood Bank Team. People with chainsaws and trucks are especially encouraged, but we could really use volunteers who would like to get a good workout splitting and stacking as well. We are still in need of a splitter this year to get the yard cleaned up. If you have a splitter and/or can donate time splitting logs cut to length that would be a HUGE help! Contact us if you have a hand to lend to this important community resource. *Please note, we are accepting only seasoned split wood at this time. Please contact us before delivering wood to the yard.*

**Strong Living.** Are you 60 or older and looking for a local, affordable, friendly way to maintain and increase your strength, balance and independence? Call us about our senior exercise program. Strong Living is planning to resume this October, Tue & Fri, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

**Thank you, volunteers.** Our Grapevine/Avenue A Volunteer Celebration was held on August 12 to honor the many volunteers who have dedicated their time and love to our success. This year, we dedicated our Community Wood Bank in memory of **Ben Pratt**, who was instrumental in the formation of the Grapevine and an active wood bank volunteer. We also honored longtime tax volunteer Larry Schwartz, trash collector and Avenue A helper Ted Brown, our Grapevine Board of Directors and many others. A special shout-out to volunteers who supported The Grapevine over the summer season, including: **Ted “Trashy” Brown** for collecting our trash and recyclables every week, **The Antrim Bennington Lions Club** for their generous annual donation, **Tom Badgley and Linda Osienski** for tending to the *Vance Family Garden* and sowing a phenomenal crop of garlic, **Rick Edmunds** for all of the on-call facility help, Community Tool Shed committee members **Glenn Stan, John Conklin, Rick Edmunds and Tom Badgley** for their ongoing help and members of the Avenue A Strategic Planning Committee for helping us develop a Strategic Plan for our Teen Center: **Sean Sweeney, Janet Sweeney, Rick Wood, Mikala Mackesy, Alexandra Heatley, Dottie Bauer, and Mark Murdough.**

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**BIG Burgers**

*Garden Salads*

*Delicious Deli Subs*

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