

Quilts of Antrim

Victor Rosansky and Helene Newbold

We are writing to you with some very exciting news. Last year we published a Barns of Antrim calendar because we realized that there is so much exciting history here in Antrim in our buildings, present and past, that we needed to preserve. But the full story about what makes Antrim special goes beyond brick and mortar. It is about the talented people who over the years have contributed their artistic talent and creativity to our community. Besides musicians, painters, dancers, theatre troupers and photographers, we discovered that the town is rich with quilts made over the years by generations of residents. They continue to be created and passed on by generations of Antrim families. Quilts are special in that they can capture the “fabric” of life and culture of the communities in which they are made. So, this year we decided to create a calendar highlighting quilts. We invited local Antrim quilters (and recipients of family quilts) to submit quilts that we will—with great difficulty—select for the different months in our calendar. If only there were more than twelve months in the year, our job would be made much easier.

As we’ve looked at the submitted quilts, we have been struck by the colors, artistry, designs, patterns and craftsmanship that have gone into them. There is such rich information contained in quilts that we scheduled a quilt program on May 21, with a nationally recognized expert on quilts, Pamela Weeks. The New Hampshire Humanities Council, with federal funds acquired by our DC representatives through the National Endowment for the Humanities, was impressed and very supportive of our program and helped to subsidize it. Besides bringing examples of unusual quilts, Pamela Weeks also took a look at quilts brought by program participants.

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Cheesy Thoughts About a Small Town

Will Mair

As I tuck the baggy black pants in, I take a slow, deep breath. Yet another evening at work. I pull the costume over me, feeding my arms through the holes. Finally, I don the floppy red gloves and smile. I’m ready. By the time I walk through the door, I’ve ceased to be the skinny sixteen-year-old I was a couple of minutes ago. Now, I’m a town-wide celebrity.

I know it doesn’t show through the suit, but I’m grinning ear to ear. As I wave to the passing cars, I can feel the heat building up inside the costume, but I don’t care. Whenever my muscles begin to tire, a friendly beep sends a new burst of energy through my veins.

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Jim Burnham, quilter-exhibitor for May-June at the Tuttle Library.

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People who presented their quilts for consideration for our calendar wrote some background information that we found quite interesting. Some quilts were designed and given as wedding presents. Mothers made them for children; many were hand-appliquéd and hand-embroidered. Various fabrics were used: cotton, linen, and even silk. One couple split the work between one spouse who did the quilt and the other who did the hand-embroidery (and the marriage was held together, as did the quilt). One quilter enjoyed the process so much she gave one to her son and liked it so much she made one for herself.

Over the years Antrim has enjoyed quilters "groups," and we were fortunate to get an example dating from 1980. To demonstrate the creativity and variation that has gone into Antrim quilts, we learned one design was taken from an inlaid marble floor in a church in Italy. Another pattern and kit came from Jackson Hole, Wyoming, on a trip to Yellowstone National Park in 2006. Another quilt was made to commemorate the two hundred years of ministry of a local church and used sanctuary curtains for material. One quilt from the 1800s was designed for a double bed. Some quilts were baby-sized, and some were over six feet in length, requiring some custom-built hangers to enable us to capture the beautiful full-color and detailed workmanship in calendar photographs.

Don't miss this opportunity. We are offering you the chance to pre-order a calendar (our Barns of Antrim calendars sold out last year). Pre-orders will be available at different locations to be announced; however, we will provide order forms in the Historical Society office in the library, usually after 2 p.m. Stay tuned for more information, especially on the AHS website. ❀

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Brian Lord, Chief, Antrim Police Department

After a long and dark winter, we are now seeing some nice weather and with it, outside activities. There are people out walking and running. Spring sports are in full swing, and the thoughts of enjoying the warm summer days are in our minds.

This is also the time of proms and graduations. These events are filled with joyful expectations of magical nights and bright futures for teens and young adults, and their parents. These milestones are usually celebrated with parties both small and large, but whatever the size of the party, the sentiment is the same. Happiness and joy for the teens and young adults. For the parents it is a mix of happiness and anxiety—they want them to have fun, but more importantly want them to be safe and make good choices.

Regarding prom night, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), offers the following tips for driving to and from the prom. These tips can also be applied to teens driving from graduation events and parties. The goal is for everyone to make it home safe.

Pay Attention: Distracted driving, especially texting or using social media while driving, is common among younger drivers. Passengers can also be a distraction in the car. Of the 3,166 people killed in distraction-related crashes in 2017, 229 were teens 15 to 19 years old. #JustDrive, save the selfies for prom.

Slow Down: Speeding was a factor in about one-third of all fatal crashes involving a teen driver. Faster speeds rob drivers of the extra reaction time they may need to avoid a crash, and inexperience behind the wheel makes speeding especially dangerous for young drivers.

Stay Alert: Prom usually ends around midnight, and after-parties can end much later. Make sure you get home before exhaustion hits or work out a plan with friends to stay the night in a safe place, so you won't be driving drowsy.

Buckle Up: Roughly half of young drivers who died in motor vehicle crashes in 2017 weren't wearing seat belts. Remember to buckle up, every trip, every time, and ask your passengers to do the same.

Drive Sober: It is illegal for people under the age of 21 to consume alcohol, and it is illegal to drink and drive. Under no circumstances should high-school prom-goers drink alcohol. But if you have consumed alcohol, hand your keys to a sober driver so you can get home safely.

Driving while impaired is illegal and extremely dangerous to you and others. The legal blood alcohol content for DWI under the age of 21 is 0.02, which can show up on a breathalyzer after just one drink. Consuming alcohol and/or drugs and then driving has severe consequences. Not only do you run the risk of getting pulled over and arrested for DWI, but you also run the risk of having an accident which may result in serious bodily injury or even death to you or someone else.

The penalties for underage DWI include court fines of \$620; lawyer's fees, which could cost you anywhere from \$8,000 to \$15,000, or more, depending on the circumstances; not to mention the increase in the cost of car insurance.

In addition to the financial cost are the legal consequences. If you are convicted of a first-offense underage DWI, you will face a loss of license for one year. You will be required to submit to alcohol and drug abuse screening in an impaired driving care management program within 14 days of your conviction. You will also be required to submit to a full substance abuse disorder evaluation within 30 days of conviction and participate in a treatment and recovery program. The court could also require you to install an ignition interlock device in the vehicle you will be driving when your license is re-instated after meeting all the requirements and paying the fees.

If you are involved in an accident while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs and there is serious bodily injury or death, the consequences become even more severe. Instead of a misdemeanor charge of DWI you will be facing a felony level charge which will result in higher fines and a longer loss of license of up to two years, plus incarceration in the County House of Corrections.

Parents should talk to their teens about safe driving and what is expected of them when they are driving. Parents should also talk about the consequences of making bad decisions while driving and while at the prom and/or party. Parents should encourage their teens to call them if they are in a situation where they have consumed alcohol to call home and so they can be picked up. You should never drive when you have been drinking alcohol. Parents and teens should have a plan in place for when their teen makes that call. Again, we all just want everyone to make it home safely.

Attending prom and graduation are major events in a teen's life and should be celebrated joyfully. The main goal is for your teens to have fun at the most important social events in their young lives while also being safe. Parents who communicate their expectations with their teen as well as discussing the risks and possible consequences may not completely lessen their anxiety while waiting for their teen to come home, but it should help and just might save a life.

Be safe and have fun! ❁

Antrim In The Evening
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Antrim Elementary School News

Stephanie Syre-Hager, Principal

This has been such a great year for AES. Some highlights of this year include the following achievements: We have met the criteria to exit Comprehensive School Improvement status with all of the hard work we have done over the past five years. Antrim Elementary School has been featured in the Canopy Project, a collective research project that enables educators and ecosystem leaders to better understand how schools are innovating across the United States. AES has been highlighted as part of 251 innovative school designs across the country. AES was nominated for the project by The Center for Learner Equity for its use of the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework, which works to improve and optimize teaching and learning for all people based on scientific insights into how humans learn. The school was described as a safe and inclusive environment where students are challenged to take academic risks, and where teachers are dedicated to helping students develop self-discipline and a sense of community and responsibility.

We were also pleased to collaborate with the Tuttle Library on the CLIF grant to provide literary enrichment to our students. AES welcomed author Marty Kelly in the fall and storyteller Simon Brooks this spring as part of the CLIF grant award. As we wrap up the school year on June 16th, some of our students will join us for summer learning opportunities to help keep their skills sharp.

It is with mixed emotions that I announce my departure from the principalship at AES at the end of this school year. While I am excited to embrace new adventures, I will miss the many students, community members, and families of Antrim who have touched my life in such positive ways. I am optimistic that the school will carry on offering such a caring and welcoming learning community to the children of Antrim. I wish you all a fond farewell and best wishes. ❀

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2023 Antrim Historical Society Sunday Afternoon Programs

Bill Nichols, President

The Antrim Historical Society is happy to announce that we are resuming our Sunday afternoon programs, 3:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. These programs are a great way to get to know our town and our state. We have had two very interesting and informative programs this spring. We honored Earth Day in April with a program on *New Hampshire's Wild History: 350 Years of NH Wildlife*. In May we heard Pamela Weeks, Curator of the NE Quilt Museum talk about *New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell*. Attendees were invited to bring one quilt for information and story sharing.

We have a special **Father's Day** event planned for June 18 — "The History of Logging in New Hampshire," presented by AJ Dupuis, Urban Forester for the NH Division of Forests and Lands. We would like to invite our local loggers to come and bring their own pictures and histories to share. Please join us on Father's Day in celebrating our local and our state logging legacy. Bring your Dad!

Other topics for the rest of the year include:

July 4—Reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Bandstand

August 20—Summers on Gregg Lake

September 16 (Home and Harvest)—Native American Connections to Antrim

October 18—Getting to know some of our ancestors through a cemetery walk

November 19—Uncovering Antrim's Stone Walls with Lidar

We hope to see you there! ❀

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It doesn't take long for the kids to show up. A couple at a time pass by, looking up at me with smiles as wide as mine. Sometimes they stop and ask me, "Are you a real slice of pizza?" I play along, spinning a tale of wonder about a wizard who cast a spell on a pizza slice. I don't know if they believe me. I pause to greet the family who just parked nearby. "Welcome to Rick and Diane's!" They smile, and their toddler giggles. Then, I turn to wave as a semi-truck blares its horn.

Before I know it, the church bell chimes six, and my shift is over. I walk back inside and take off the suit, resuming the identity of my own face. As I leave, I whisper a wish to the air—that I managed to make someone's day better.

I love my job. I get to be ridiculous for two hours, and everyone loves it. The face of Ricky the Pizza Guy is well-loved by everyone in Antrim, and I enjoy nothing more than seeing the smiles he puts on people's faces. I get paid too, so that definitely helps.

On your feet, everyone!

—Ricky the Pizza Guy

Antrim Select Board

Bob Edwards

It is so great to have the 2022–2023 winter season behind us and welcome the daffodils, turkeys and black flies! A few updates from the Select Board as Town Meeting is now behind us.

We will be refocusing on some matters that were delayed and need our attention in Q2 and Q3 of 2023. They include, but are not limited to, our contractual agreement with Bennington and Frankestown for our portion of the gravel at the Tri-Town Pit in North Bennington. A deep dive will begin into the Stewardship Study for the town properties outlined in the study submitted to the Board in the fall of 2022. This will include how we address future planning for our Transfer Station, too. There are many other initiatives and undertakings that will be discussed by the Select Board as we plan out the remainder of 2023. Bridges and roads are active subjects as we plan for the High Street Bridge, Slaughter Barn culvert replacement, and the Liberty Farm Bridge a little in the future. The new addition to our town garage is nearing completion and that's great news.

We are currently updating our IT systems to provide greater protection against cyber attacks and the IT challenges facing all towns in today's world. We are discussing a pathway to updating or creating written operating policies and procedures to ensure that we're embracing 21st century best practices and procedures.

At Town Meeting 2023, Warrant Article #3 passed, allowing the Water & Sewer Department to restructure its borrowing agreement and secure \$600,000 in additional funding for the water improvement project. Antrim was notified on May 3rd that the Governor and Council approved our funding and debt restructuring request. This will allow the Town to move forward with accepting a construction bid and with getting the construction phase of the project underway.

As most residents realize, Antrim Wind, LLC, commenced operation in December 2019. Since construction began and the inception of the PILOT payment method, the Town has received approximately \$721,000 to benefit the Town's General Fund. The remainder of each gross PILOT payment goes to the county and school district. Resident complaints continue as to turbine noise and lighting violation concerns and the SEC subcommittee conducted a public meeting on May 15th to take public comment and address complaints. The results are not known as of this writing.

The Select Board wants to remind all residents and property owners that improvements and modifications to Class 6 roads may only be done with the consent of the Road Agent or the Select Board. Before undertaking any work, whatsoever, please check with the Road Agent or town office at 603–588–6785.

The Select Board has also been made aware that residents and/or property owners may be posting private road signage on Class 6 roads. Class 6 roads are town roads and may not be restricted without municipal authority. Also, we're aware that some have placed restricted use signage on town roads such as "not a through street." This may not be done, either, and the illegal signs are subject to removal and placement at the Antrim Town Garage for pickup. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lastly, we are always seeking volunteers to serve on town boards or as volunteers for community events. Please contact the Town Hall at 603–588–6785 to discuss what opportunities may be available. A special thanks to all town employees and volunteers for all you do to make Antrim the great community it is. Enjoy a safe and fun 2023. ❁



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Antrim Community Board

Gordon Allen

The Antrim Community Board has been busy working on the Welcome Team Project (including putting together thirty new Welcome Bags), the Swap Shop, supporting the Antrim Newcomers Club and the Antrim Players, coordinating and working with The Grapevine and the Planning Board, and working to put on the Antrim Community Fair to be held on Saturday, June 3, at Town Hall. The fair is where all our community-serving groups will be together and be able to share all the good things they do for our town and the opportunities they provide.

The Antrim Newcomers Club is a newly-formed Community Board group for people who have recently moved to Antrim—but everyone is welcome at the meetups. Every month they explore something in the area that even longtime residents might not know about. The events give everyone a chance to meet other newcomers and make connections.

Their first meeting was at the James A. Tuttle Library and the Historical Society, where newcomers were able sign up for library cards and get a tour of the Historical Society's Museum. Bill Nichols gave a brief but very interesting presentation on the glass photography plates of Antrim's past. The second meeting was at the Antrim Fire Station where kids (and adults) could get right up in the fire engines, learn about our fire department, and meet some of our volunteer fire fighters. The April meeting was at Peterborough's Makerspace to see their members' Gallery, tour the different workspaces and have random item repairs done for free. The May Newcomers meeting was a gentle hike around McCabe Forest. The June meeting will be at the Antrim Community Fair on June 3 at Town Hall. Future meetings will include a trip to Gregg Lake, a tour of Antrim churches and (hopefully) a tour of the paper mill.

If you're interested in tagging along and making new friends, or have suggestions of some place you'd like to explore, please contact Jenine W. Rubin at JWR@innolution.com or Jennifer A. Adams at jaanthud@gmail.com and let them know. ❀

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First Presbyterian Church

Jan Howe, Pastor

Hopefully, you have seen our latest banner on the front of the church. "Don't worry! Pray! Be thankful! Enjoy peace!" This is our theme for the summer, based on Philippians 4:6-7.

The Presbyterian Church continues to work on the physical structure of the church to preserve our historical building. If all goes as planned by the end of the summer, we will have completed three major projects. The first being the painting of the back side of the church, which will mean that the whole church painting project will finally be complete. The second will be replacing the handicap ramp in memory of long-time member Elisabeth "Betsy" White. Along with that, as the last project we'll be redoing the walkway to the ramp, as well as the walkway into the Revival Shop. All three projects will enhance our appearance and make it easier to access the church building.

Our next focus is on our ministry and the wider community. As many are aware the Senior Center closed during COVID but there has been renewed interest in having gatherings again. Steve and Marcia Ullman have been organizing a monthly meal out somewhere and the church has been working with Hillsborough County Meals on Wheels to have a monthly congregant lunch at the church. The first one was in April and was well attended, so they will offer meals monthly. Watch for details to come.

As the weather continues to improve, we will restart our outdoor gatherings of kayaking and hiking. Anyone is welcome to join us, and we often have extra kayaks, so just let us know you would like to attend. We call them hikes but they are local easy walks around the area. Due to these events being dependent on weather we schedule them weekly.

If you want to be on the contact list for kayaking, hiking or senior meals please send your email to pastorantrimfpc@gmail.com and we will keep you informed.

Some of us will once again participate in the Grapevine's Annual Spring Walk in May.

On September 5th at the 10:30 a.m. service we will have special guest speakers from Adult and Teen Challenge NH, located in Manchester. This is a Christian-based residential program for men to recover from substance misuse. These men will explain their program and share their stories and their faith journeys. It promises to be an insightful worship service. This is also a great opportunity to support the men as they continue their recovery.

Our weekly Sunday summer Bible Study led by Andi Spear will begin on Sunday, June 5, following worship. The first week we will discuss the Introduction and Chapter 1 of *Just Like Jesus*, written by Max Lucado.

Our weekly worship services are at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays in person or via Zoom. Please join us! ❀

Antrim Recreation Department

Celeste Lunetta, Recreation Director

Summertime! This is a wonderful time of year to enjoy the parks and many protected natural areas we have access to in our beautiful rural community. In addition to Gregg Lake Beach Park and Memorial Park with the courts, swings and Bandstand, Antrim is lucky to be home to McCabe Forest, Willard Pond and Bald Mountain, and several protected areas such as the Lily Pond Marsh and more. We have created an easy-access sheet with scan codes to help you explore these local gems, as well as information on Geocaching. This guide is available on the Recreation page of the Antrim town website, antrimnh.org.

As you get out and enjoy our parks this summer, we hope you enjoy yourselves, and we have a few important requests:

- All Antrim parks are alcohol and tobacco product-free. Use of any tobacco products is prohibited in all the parks.
- Our parks are dog friendly. To keep it this way, please have genuine control over your canine companions. Pick up and remove any poop your pet pooped at the park. Carry in, carry out, no matter who carried it in or how.
- At Gregg Lake Beach Park, pets are not permitted on the Swimming Beach or the Picnic Point between May 1 and September 30.

- At Gregg Lake Beach Park, glass is prohibited.
- At Gregg Lake Beach, when lifeguards are on duty, the only flotation device permitted in the swimming area is a properly fitted Coast Guard-approved Type 2 Personal Flotation Device (PFD). Additionally, if a non-swimmer youth is using an approved PFD, they must be within arm's reach of their supervising adult at all times when they are in or near the water.
- All of our parks are 'Carry in, Carry Out', so bring your own trash bag for removing garbage from your in-park activities.
- Dogs...pick up all those big sticks you leave on Shea Field.
- Finally, and most emphatically: our parks are town property, and discharge of fireworks is not permitted. People may NOT shoot off fireworks at any of our park properties. In the summer of 2022, it took over three weeks to remove the abundant litter and debris from fireworks that were illegally shot off the point at Gregg Lake Beach. We are still finding remnants of that 7/4/2022 activity this spring. It is not allowed; please do not do it, and please report any activity like that to our Fire Department.

Biking is a popular summer activity, and we have several youth and young adult-sized bike helmets to give away! We will have them with us at Antrim in the Evening on Wednesdays in July and August, while supplies last. These helmets were made available to us through a grant from the Dartmouth Hitchcock Child Injury Prevention program.

Antrim In The Evening is looking great this year, thanks to the terrific efforts of Jonas Taub. The weekly summer event series kicks off on Wednesday, July 5, with Wildlife Encounters. Please look for the article featuring Antrim in the Evening for more details about this summer's program. All events begin at 6 p.m. and are in Memorial Park, with the Antrim Town Hall as a rain location.

Fall youth soccer is coordinated by Antrim Recreation for youth in the region. We welcome kids from surrounding towns. We serve kids from preschool through 6th grade. Registration for our Recreation travel teams for kids in grades 3–6, is due by July 28—a summer date that often catches people off guard. The registration form is available online at antrimnh.org.

NEW AND RETURNING PROGRAMS FOR THE YOUNGEST ANTRIMITES

Music and Movement at Memorial Park: Coming to town in July and August, we will have a toddler music and dance program at Memorial Park on Mondays, 9:30–10:30 a.m. This program is for kids ages 3–5 years old and will be

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Fostering Community Conversations on Racial Justice

Linda Bundy

Our Fostering Community Conversations on Racial Justice group has been reading and discussing *Overground Railroad: The Green Book and the Roots of Black Travel in America* by Candacy Taylor. The *Green Book* by Victor H. Green was published from 1936 to 1967 and listed businesses that were safe for Black people to patronize when traveling or on vacation. In researching her book, Ms. Taylor drove across the country, seeking the sites named in the various editions of the *Green Book*. Most are gone; for some the building remains in disrepair. A few are still in business.

Overground Railroad chronicles the stories of these places—stories of resourcefulness, entrepreneurship, ingenuity, strength, and resilience. However, even with the guidance of the *Green Book*, travel was by no means carefree. Black tourists had a constant sense of worry and constraint. They had to plan their trips so that they would be out of sundown towns before night fell. When distances were great, the route had to include gas stations that would sell to people of color. Sheets and blankets would be packed into the car in the event of no overnight accommodations being available, and food filled a cooler in case no friendly restaurants were along the way.

Even after the Civil Rights Act of 1964, integration brought its own costs. As Black customers ventured into previously white-only establishments, Black business people lost income. As Taylor says in the book: “We got what we wanted, but we lost what we had.” The *Green Book* was a powerful tool that helped Black Americans explore their country and contributed to the positive changes in civil rights. A modern-day *Green Book* would not solve the injustices of today, but we need to work toward a system of justice based on freedom and equality for all.

We have also been reading Harriet E. Wilson’s book, *Our Nig; or, Sketches from the Life of a Free Black*, published in 1859. On May 20th the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire unveiled a historical marker in Milford to honor Harriet Wilson, the first Black woman to publish a novel. Milford was her hometown, and a statue in Bicentennial Park commemorates her life.

All are welcome to join our discussions. Contact Linda Bundy at 603-588-2254 or n_bundy@mcttelecom.com for more information. ❀

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— Editor

Antrim Baptist Church

Pamela Maki-Kallberg, Diaconate Chair

We are ever thankful to God for all His blessings and excited to watch all the happenings as the Spirit moves within the Antrim Baptist Church. We are happy to be worshipping together with many new people on Sundays while enjoying our new media program. Following Worship Service is Coffee Hour where we continue the fellowship. After a hiatus, the choir has returned co-directed by Susan Manning and Erik Anderson. Join us for Sunday Worship Service starting at 10:30 a.m.!

Our new Bible Study sessions take place every other Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, please check our website for exact dates (www.antrim-baptist.org). All are welcome—bring your Bibles! We are also excited to announce that Vacation Bible School (VBS) is going to take place this year on July 25, 26 and 27 with dinner and registration beginning at 5:00 p.m. The sessions begin at 6:00 p.m. Feel free to contact the church with any questions at abcntrim@gmail.com.

The Food Pantry is open every Saturday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and noon. If anyone should need assistance outside those hours, please do not hesitate to contact the church at 603-588-6614. ❀

a guided group and individual exploration of movement to music. Registration for this program is online and at Town Hall and is required by Monday, July 3. The 4-session program will run July 10–31. The cost for this program is \$20 for residents and \$30 for non-residents.

Mighty Kicks Soccer: A summer soccer program for kids ages 3–6 years old, returning for the third summer. This soccer program will be on Mondays, from June 26–August 7. To register your little kicker for Mighty Kicks, log in to mightykicksnh.com and look for the 7-week program at Shea Field.

Preschool Tumbling: We are building a preschool tumbling class for kids ages 4–6 years old. The details are (amazing, but still) pending, but please contact Celeste at recdirector@antrimnh.gov if you are interested!

Teddy Bear Picnics: We will have three Teddy Bear Picnics this year—one at Memorial Park, one at Shea Field, and one at Gregg Lake Beach. These picnics are for kids and their special stuffed animals or toys. Each event is a bring-your-own-lunch event, and we provide games, stories and crafts for the kids and their friends. The Picnic schedule is: Wednesday, July 5, at Gregg Lake Beach, 10–11:30 a.m.; Wednesday, August 2, at Memorial Park, 9:30–11:00 a.m.; Wednesday, August 16, at Shea Field, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

Swimming Lessons at Gregg Lake Beach Park: Swimming lessons are July 10 through August 10. We offer American Red Cross Certified instruction in Preschool and Youth Learn-to-Swim Levels 1–3. For kids with skills in levels 4 and above, we offer a twice-weekly swim and safety skills training program. The 10 session swim lessons are \$30 for Antrim residents, and \$50 for non-Antrim residents. Lessons are Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday, with all makeups for weather-related cancellations on Fridays. Times and more details can be found on the website. We will have a Meet-the-Swim-Instructor and open level evaluation at the beach, between 2:30 and 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, and Friday, June 30, and between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 1.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL): Exercise for adults 65+ (or in that range...we have people in their 50s). This is a free exercise program at Town Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Registration is through the Grapevine; instruction is through the Recreation Department. It's been a great experience for the participants, and the class is growing! Program can be with or without weights and the exercise activities can be done seated or standing.

Zumba: Mondays at Antrim Town Gym, 5:30–6:30 p.m. This is a tradition for so many! Come dance and have a great time with Lisa Dawes. Register with Lisa at class; information is available on antrimnh.org.

Gentle Slow Flow Yoga with Corrine: Join Serene Corrine for Yoga at Antrim Town Hall on Tuesdays, 5:30–6:30. This is a great, gentle yoga practice for people of all experience levels. Class fee is by donation. Contact information is online at antrimnh.org.

Pick-up Adult Basketball: At Antrim Town Gym, Tuesdays 6:30–8:30; Sundays, 2:00–4:00. This is ongoing, thanks to the efforts of Kyle Murray and Jeremy Delisle. To get on their contact list, email Celeste at recdirector@antrimnh.gov.

Thursday Bus Trips! The first Thursday of each month is a day and time that Celeste is reserving for bus trips for our adults! Celeste is putting out the call for ideas and people interested in helping promote day, afternoon or evening trips for adults—recdirector@antrimnh.gov.

COMMUNITY—ALL AGES OR FAMILY PROGRAMS

Antrim In The Evening: At each music event, we will have an activity for people to enjoy in addition to the music. We will set up slacklines, bring chalk and bubbles, that sort of thing. Come for the music, come for the crafts, come for the crowd, come for the pie...and enjoy the park and a relaxing evening. Activities for each evening will be put on the town event calendar on antrimnh.org.

Fly-Fishing Clinic: We are organizing a fly-fishing casting clinic for a Saturday morning in August. Watch for details.

Take-Me-Fishing Clinics: We are working with volunteers to start up some Take-Me-Fishing classes for families and kids. Waiting for final details, watch for information to be posted at Gregg Lake, Mill Pond and Town Hall.

Wednesdays—Destination Beach: The staff at Gregg Lake Beach will be offering fun pop-up activities for families and kids on Wednesdays, July 12, 19, 26 and August 2. Activities will be available between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and will range from pick-up volleyball to obstacle courses, crafts and other fun stuff!

Pop-Ups: What to watch for! When the weather goes for a streak of extreme—heat, dry, rain...rain...rain—we

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Upcoming Harris Center Events in Antrim

Audrey Dunn

June 1 (Thursday) Mushroom Meander with the Morel Quandary Club in Antrim

Meet John Benjamin and George Caughey, a pair of fun-gis, for an afternoon meander in search of the fantastic fungi of spring. If we're lucky, we'll find toadstools, polypores, turkey tails, and perhaps even a slime mold or two. **3 to 4 p.m. in Antrim.** Location details will be provided upon registration. Dress for the weather and come prepared for biting insects. *Space is limited, and registration is required at harriscenter.org/events.* For more information, contact Susie Spikol.

June 7 (Wednesday) Babies in Backpacks and Toddlers in Tow

Join Harris Center naturalist Susie Spikol and parent educators from the River Center and The Grapevine for a morning meander through springtime fields and forests. Play games, sing songs, search for tiny wild creatures, and spend time with other families interested in exploring the magical outdoors. A perfect hike for little legs—and a great chance to chat about parenting questions as we walk! **10 to 11 a.m. at McCabe Forest in Antrim.** *Space is limited, and registration is required at harriscenter.org/events.* For more information, contact Susie. *Co-sponsored with the River Center and The Grapevine Family and Community Resource Center.* ❁



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will take the opportunity to set up activities to help you and the fam get through! It may be a movie night, open gyms, sprinklers at Shea Field—it's a secret till its happening! Watch the Pop-Up Programs link on the rec page of the town website. We will post our pop-ups there, as well as on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Volunteers needed: We need people to help us keep providing great facilities and programs. We have created a 'Parks and Rec Volunteers Needed' link on the Recreation Department page of antrimnh.org. Please check it out if you are looking for a way to help.

COMING IN THE FALL

Tae Kwon Do: After school on Thursdays at Antrim Town Gym, Miss Kenney's Tae Kwon Do continues! The classes will start Thursday, September 7.

Archery: Wednesdays after school from 4:15–5:15, for kids in grades 4–6. Starts September 6.

Youth Recreation Soccer: Registration for kids in 3rd–6th grade is DUE JULY 28, all others are due September 6.

Scarecrows in the Park: Help us populate Goodell Park with scarecrows! Coming in October 2023.

Family Fun Nights: We are going to try and get these going again! Open Gyms for families of elementary-aged kids. Music, games, crafts. Super Fun!

Young Athlete Program: Sponsored by Antrim Recreation and Special Olympics of New Hampshire, a sports development program for kids ages 3–7, with and without intellectual disabilities.

Movies at Antrim Town Hall: Free Movie nights on our big screen. Family-friendly, and we are setting up some screenings with subtitles on so that we can be hearing-friendly! Watch for the release of our themed showings. This is a great way to enjoy the cinema for free and with friends.

In closing, thank you for your support of the Parks and Recreation Department. As noted throughout, you can find program information on the town website, www.antrimnh.org. The Recreation Department can be called at 603–588–3121. You can email us at recdirector@antrimnh.gov.

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Defending Against Invasion

Joan Gorga and Virginia Dickinson

If you're looking for a way to make a lasting contribution to the community, consider joining the merry little band of Lake Host volunteers at Gregg Lake. Helping to educate lake visitors about invasive species while protecting our little jewel of a lake is a thoroughly enjoyable and gratifying experience. Or, if you lean the other direction, consider doing the same at Franklin Pierce Lake.

New Hampshire invasion. In 1965 variable milfoil was first documented in Lake Winnepesaukee. Then fanwort, water chestnut and curly-leaf pondweed arrived in New Hampshire. Now there are fourteen different species of invasive aquatic plants in 91 of New Hampshire's 1000 water bodies. More recently, we've been threatened by invasive animal species as well, with Asian clams now found in seven New Hampshire water bodies. Other invasives are poised to invade from neighboring states. More than 4800 lakes and rivers in New York and New England were listed as infested in 2021.

Why do we care? Invasives grow rampantly, creating dense mats of weeds that choke out native aquatic plants and animal life. They can be inconvenient for boaters and dangerous for swimmers, who can become entangled and drown. Boating through a dense weed mat creates fragments; a single small fragment broken off a mat of invasive plants and carried to a different spot or a different lake is enough to start a new infestation.

How are invasives spread? The primary vector for the spread of invasives is transient boaters. Fragments of plants cling to propellers, trailers or fishing equipment and are carried from one water body to the next if the boat is not thoroughly cleaned, drained and dried. Plant fragments have also been found in kayaks and other paddlecraft. Larval forms of invasive animals, such as snails and clams, may be transferred in drops of water in boat motors, bilges and bait buckets. New infestations are nearly always found first at the boat launch.

Saves. In the past five years, 84 "saves" were made at public boat ramps at New Hampshire lakes. A save is counted when an invasive aquatic plant or animal is caught before a boat enters an uninfested lake, or an invasive is found when a boat is leaving an infested water body and thus prevented from carrying it to another water body. In our area, the saves included variable milfoil arriving at Crescent Lake in Acworth, Silver Lake in Harrisville, Deering Reservoir and Lake Nubanusit in Hancock twice; Eurasian milfoil arriving at Crescent Lake; fanwort arriving at Laurel Lake in Fitzwilliam; and Chinese mystery snail arriving at Harrisville Pond. Other invasive species caught before entering New Hampshire lakes in the past five years include water chestnut, brittle naiad, spiny naiad, purple loosestrife and curly-leaf pondweed.

Who makes the saves? Lake Hosts trained through the NH Lakes Lake Host program provide the first line of defense. Since the Lake Host program began in 2002, 1656 saves have been made at 61 New Hampshire lakes.

What's the threat to Antrim's water bodies? At the moment, except for the Contoocook River, Antrim's lakes, ponds and streams appear to be free of invasives. However, the map shows that we are surrounded by infested water bodies and lakes where saves have been made. Variable milfoil is known to infest the Ashuelot River, Cheshire Pond in Jaffrey, Contoocook Lake in Jaffrey and Rindge, Forest Lake in Winchester, Glen Lake in Goffstown, Gorham Pond in Dunbarton, Haunted Lake (Scobie Pond) in Frankestown, Hopkinton-Everett Reservoir, Kimball Pond in Hopkinton, Little Turkey Pond in Concord, Lake Massasecum in Bradford, Monomonac Lake in Rindge, Naticook Lake in Merrimack, Otter Lake in Greenfield, Pearly Lake in Rindge, the Piscataquog River in Goffstown, Potanipo Pond in Brookline, Powder Mill Pond (Contoocook River) in Bennington, Hancock and Greenfield, St. Paul's School Pond in Concord, Turee Pond in Bow and Turkey Pond in Concord. In addition to variable milfoil, the Merrimack River has Asian clam. And the Connecticut River has Eurasian milfoil, European naiad, curly-leaf pondweed, water chestnut, flowering rush and didymo, more descriptively known as "rock snot," and about as appealing. The Contoocook River is a major threat to Antrim's lakes since boats tend to move back and forth between Powder Mill Pond and both Gregg Lake and Franklin Pierce Lake.

What can we do to protect our lakes? Prevention is the best solution; management is very difficult after an infestation gets established. Managing growth requires special equipment, divers, sometimes chemical treatments and year-round monitoring. It costs New Hampshire more than a million dollars a year to manage invasive aquatic plant infestations. There is no good way to manage invasive aquatic animal infestations at this time. Zebra mussels, which have not yet made it to New Hampshire, but are in

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Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, have sharp shells that make it impossible to swim or wade with bare feet. Invasive clams and snails can clog water intakes and pipes and coat boat hulls. Therefore, we need to focus on preventing transfer of invasive species from one water body to another by educating boaters about the threat and about what they can do to prevent the spread of invasives and by providing courtesy inspections as boats enter and leave our lakes.

Lake Hosts, the first line of defense. The Lake Host program, sponsored by NH Lakes, was begun in 2002 as a way to reach out to boaters as they enter and leave water bodies. The Lake Host program uses a portion of boat registration fees to support paid Lake Hosts and volunteers who greet and educate boaters and, if permitted, conduct boat and trailer inspections for invasives. Most boaters share the desire to protect our lakes and are very receptive. Both Gregg Lake and Franklin Pierce Lake have active Lake Host programs. The Lake Host program was begun at Gregg Lake in 2004. Last summer at Gregg Lake, paid Lake Hosts covered the public boat launch while the beach was staffed, while eleven volunteers put in a total of 160 hours to cover early morning and evening hours. We need more volunteer help!

Clean, Drain and Dry. The Lake Host message is “Clean, Drain and Dry.” Clean off all plants, animals and debris from boats, trailers and recreational gear, including swimsuits and beach toys. (Lake Hosts do not check swimsuits!) Drain all water and open drain plugs. Allow a boat to dry for five days in the sun. Plant fragments can often be seen and physically removed, but unfortunately it takes harsher treatment to remove or kill invasive animal eggs, nymphs or adults. When leaving a lake known to be infested, wash your boat with hot water and detergent and do not enter an uninfested lake for at least five days.

Weed Watchers, the second line of defense. Weed Watchers trained through the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) provide the second line of defense. Weed Watchers are volunteers trained to recognize invasives before they get well established. Weed Watchers periodically cruise the shoreline and examine the lake for

suspicious vegetation that often looks more vigorous than the native vegetation. It is especially important to keep an eye on the area around the public boat launch, as this is where most infestations are first found. Suspicious samples are sent to NHDES for identification. If an infestation is caught early, it can be removed by trained professionals, and NHDES promises a rapid response for lakes with active Lake Host and Weed Watcher programs. Gregg Lake has another small but dedicated team of Weed Watchers. Approximately fourteen years ago, Gregg Lake Weed Watchers found a small patch of purple loosestrife on the lake shore. It was repeatedly weeded out over the next five years and has not been seen recently, so we consider that to be a successful mitigation.

Prevention programs work. In the first sixteen years of the Lake Host program an average of about 100 saves were made each year. Over the past five years, the average has dropped to less than twenty saves a year because many boaters and other recreational users are aware of the threat and are taking steps to limit the transfer of invasive species between water bodies. According to NH Lakes and NHDES, in lakes where both Lake Host and Weed Watcher programs have been operational, no new widescale invasive weed infestations have occurred. That’s ZERO! That means that even if an aquatic invasive hitchhiker escaped detection by Lake Hosts, it was caught by Weed Watchers early enough to be completely removed. NHDES pays 100% towards management of a new infestation, but follow-up management requires town funding. Prevention is the way to go.

Join us at the boat launch! Don’t let Gregg Lake or Franklin Pierce Lake join the 1 in 11 New Hampshire lakes infested with invasive aquatic plants or animals. Volunteer to Lake Host and/or Weed Watch, especially in the early morning or evening hours, when beach staff are not present. Lake Hosting at Gregg Lake is coordinated through Antrim Recreation. Contact Celeste Lunetta at recdirector@antrimnh.gov or 603-588-3121, Michelle Caughey at michelle.caughey53@gmail.com or reach out to any of the friendly Lake Hosts in the bright blue shirts. ✿



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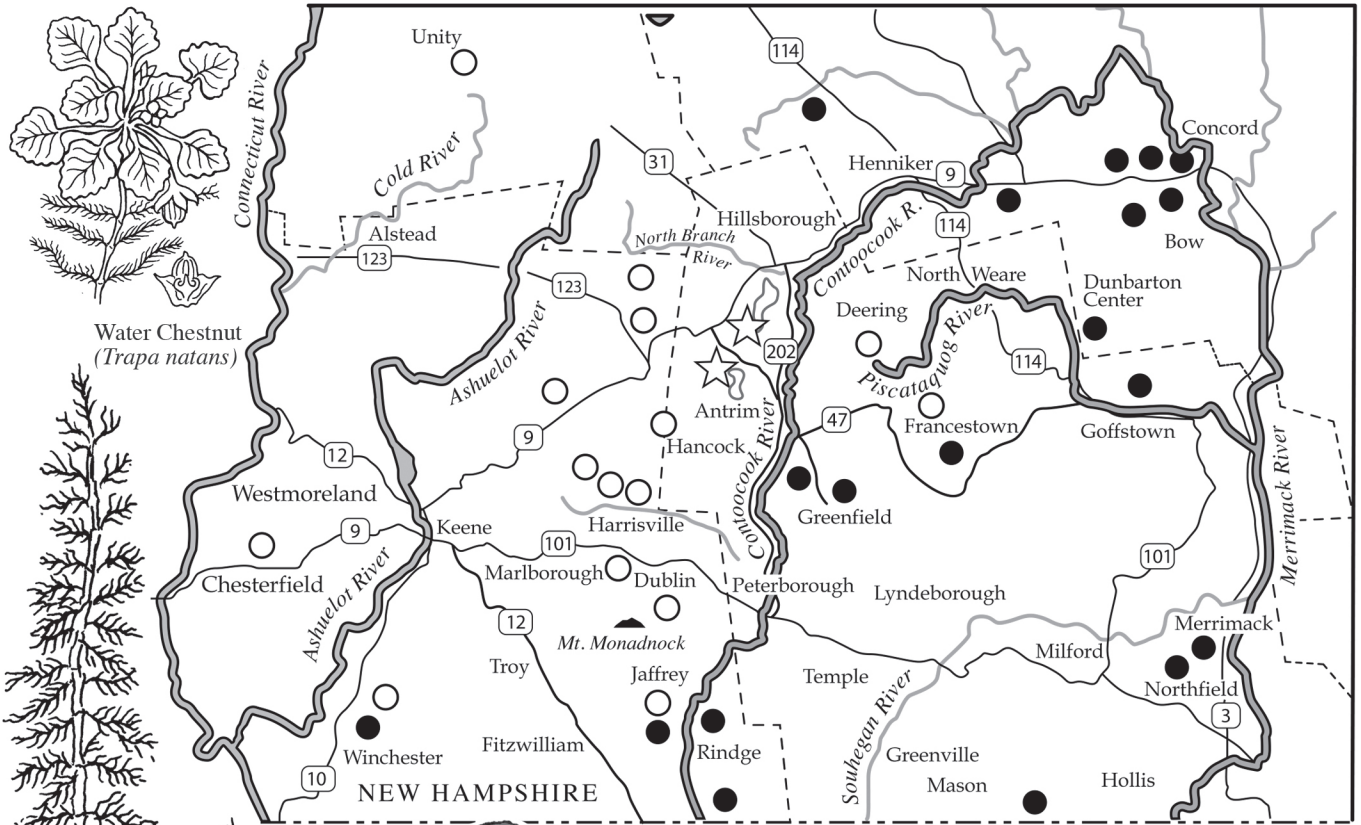
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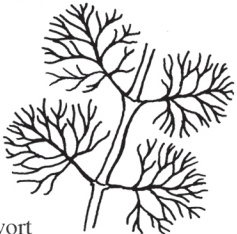
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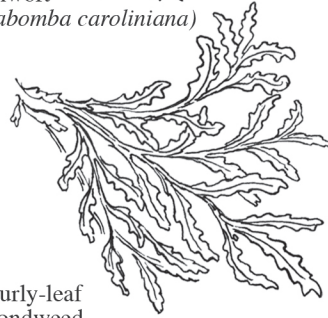
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(*Trapa natans*)



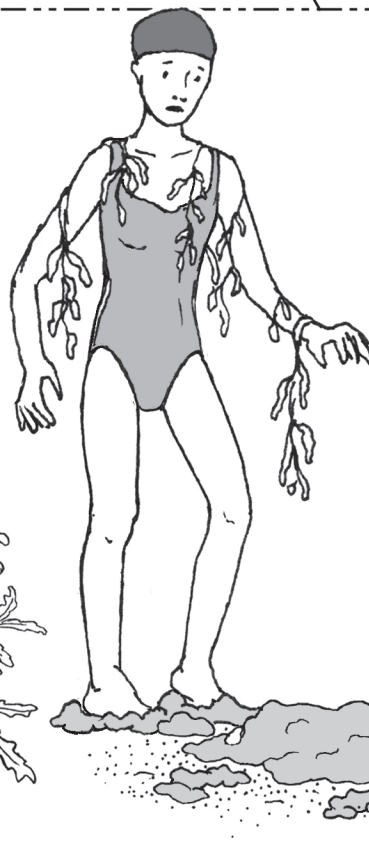
Variable milfoil
(*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*)
View from above



Fanwort
(*Cabomba caroliniana*)



Curly-leaf
Pondweed
(*Potamogeton crispus*)



LEGEND

- Uninfested lakes where saves have been made over the past twenty-one years
- Lakes in southwestern New Hampshire known to be infested with aquatic species
Note that the Connecticut, Ashuelot, Contoocook, Piscataquog and Merrimack rivers are also known to be infested.
- Infested rivers

Rock Snot
(*Didymosphenia geminata*)



Asian Mystery Clam
(*Corbicula fluminea*)

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Friends of the JA Tuttle Library

Linda Morehouse

“One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time.” This quote sums up the work of the Friends of the JA Tuttle Library who give countless hours in support of library services. Thank you to the members for their commitment and dedication to enhancing and promoting library events! Whether you can donate your time for one event per year or multiple events throughout the year, you are welcome to join! Stop by the front desk of the library to find out more. All are welcome!

The **landscaping** team moved some bushes and trees to make the front entrance more attractive. The team has started to replace cultivated plants with more native plants. This summer there is an effort to create landscaping around the new Dunlap gazebo. If gardening is your passion, please speak with a library staff member or a member of the “Friends” to offer your time.

The **maintenance** committee repainted the teen room, and the trustees purchased new furniture and furnishings to freshen up the look of the room. Remember, the room is full of young adult books which really aren’t just for teens! There is always light maintenance work, so if you are interested in helping, please contact a library staff member or a member of the “Friends.”

The **art** display committee crafted a schedule of artists who were willing to show their works in the reference room. Over the past two months, did you have a chance to view the beautiful New England scenes painted by Diane Gutgesell? Our next artists are Jim Burnham, who will display his beautiful handmade quilts, followed by Patrick Cogan who will display a collection of fascinating metalworks. Please come in to view their beautiful work. If you are interested in becoming involved in this effort for 2024, please speak with a library staff member or a member of the “Friends.”

The **hospitality** committee provided snacks and sweets during several events. Sometimes it was a surprise to see treats next to the coffee pot for no reason at all! The work of many volunteers makes these treats available throughout the year. If you can provide baking and cooking contributions, please speak to library staff or a member of the “Friends.”

The **Stuffie Sleepover** in early March was a big hit. Mischievous stuffed animals spent the night in the library, and photos were posted to social media. The stuffed animals played Scrabble, had a campfire with marshmallows, and read books that featured each animal. The young patrons were surprised by their antics and were happy to pick up their stuffies the next day.

As a result of the hard work of Cindy Jewett, Library Director, new iPads and iPad folios/covers were purchased through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Bernice Clay Fund for Lifelong Learning. These materials will be used by library staff during computer help sessions. We were able to share our **501(c)(3) status** in order to receive the funding.

The **summer reading** program will begin in late June, and plans are underway to hold a summer reading kick-off. Watch for more information and be sure to register to participate. There are great prizes for participation by both children and adults! If you are willing to help with this special event, please speak with library staff or a member of the “Friends.”

The Friends of the Library membership meetings are held quarterly, and the membership fee is \$5.00 per year. Members are welcome to join at any time. With the help of volunteers, the fantastic Tuttle Library staff have created a true community center where all are welcome.

Linda Morehouse, President; Jennifer Chamberlin, Vice President; Linda Tenney, Secretary; Shelly Connolly, Treasurer. ❀

Antrim High School Reunion Update

Susan Ruess for the AHS Reunion Committee

Here are the details you’ve been waiting for! Maybe you have heard about the reunion “through the grapevine,” or received an email or letter to “Save the Date.” Or maybe this is all new to you! Either way, the date is September 16, from 4–8 p.m. at the Hillsboro American Legion, 538 West Main Street, Hillsboro, NH. We have planned a fun evening to include a DJ, appetizers, sandwiches, dessert and a cash bar. To date we have received sponsorship donations from Great Brook Veterinary Clinic, Alberto’s, Bellows-Nichols Insurance, and Edmunds Hardware. Because of their generosity, we are able to ask just \$20 per person to attend! If you plan to be a part of this get-together, please send your RSVP, along with contact information, by August 10 to CathleenRJohnson@gmail.com (Cathleen Greenwood) or Bonnie.Scheidler@gmail.com (Bonnie Rockwell).

We hope you will help us spread the word to other folks who attended AHS (even for a short time), and we look forward to seeing many of you there! ❀



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Antrim In The Evening

SUMMER 2023

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Antrim In The Evening presents its 28th Season with seven great shows at the Memorial Park Bandstand. Beginning on July 5th, shows will be every Wednesday night from 6 to 8 p.m. This year's shows offer something for everyone's musical taste as well as hands-on shows for kids and families. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy a great evening of music.

The season kicks off with the return of the ever-popular **Wildlife Encounters** on **July 5**. Get up close and personal with a diverse array of interesting animals. Learn about their lifestyles, habitats and more. Always a fun Encounter.

On **July 12**, the bluegrass band **Mr. Bill** will present a show of traditional and contemporary bluegrass, including some original music. The four members of Mr. Bill have played together for many years. With great instrumental skill and vocal harmonies, they are bound to have you toe tapping, foot stomping, and grinning from ear to ear. This concert is sponsored by Dr. Perry Family Dental Care.

Antrim's own **Colin Isotti** returns to The Bandstand with **Andrew Szmauz**, his partner in **Duo Nouveau**, on **July 19**. These two outstanding guitarists and composers will perform individually and together. Their performance draws from the great music for classical guitar, from the Renaissance to the modern era, as well as the music of Brazil, Spain and Cuba.

On **July 26**, singer/songwriter **Wendy Keith** will bring her **Alleged Band** to Antrim In The Evening. Wendy has been a prominent member of the local folk music community with four albums to her credit. Her latest, *It's About Time*, features her Alleged Band—Jack Henry, Doug Farrell and Walden Whitham—on an array of instruments. Wendy sings original songs, blues, jazz, and Americana.

August 2 we are thrilled to present Sol y Canto, the award-winning Pan-Latin ensemble led by Puerto Rican/Argentine singer and percussionist Rosi Amador and New Mexican guitarist, singer and composer Brian Amador. Sol y Canto's original songs are set in a framework of varied musical styles. They can make you dance, laugh, cry and sigh all in one concert. This special concert is made possible

by a New England States Touring (NEST) grant from the New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA).

Blame It On Sally, an original folk duo, will grace The Bandstand on **August 9**. This duo from Dublin (April Claggett and Rhine Singleton) plays all original songs, switching out guitars, dobro, basses and vocals. The music is its own blend of rollicking, rootsy, poetic and playful Americana. They will be joined by guest drummer Gary Fuges.

The season closes with **Great Groove Theory** on **August 16**. This group plays funky dance music with one foot firmly rooted in the blues. Feel free to get up and dance. The Groove is irresistible. This concert is sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire.

All shows are in Memorial Park. In case of rain, events will take place in Town Hall. Please check www.antrimnh.org. For more information, please call Antrim Recreation at 603-588-3121 or email recdirector@antrimnh.gov.

Schedule at a Glance

All shows 6–8 p.m.

Memorial Park

July 5—Wildlife Encounters

July 12—Mr. Bill – Bluegrass

July 19—Colin Isotti and Andrew Szmauz – Duo Nouveau Guitar Duo

July 26—Wendy Keith and Her Alleged Band – Original Folk and Americana

August 2—Sol y Canto – Music of Latin America

August 9—Blame It on Sally – Original Folk Rock

August 16—Great Groove Theory – Funky Blues/Rock ☘

Fall Great Decisions Program

Steve Ullman, Coordinator

If international crises interest you, please join this fall's Great Decisions meetings, a series of informal conversations about foreign policy. No special expertise in foreign policy is needed, only an interest in our country's future abroad. Here's the September schedule:

September 7 — Energy Geopolitics

September 14 — War Crimes

September 21 — China and the US

September 28 — Economic Warfare

Participants may order the Great Decisions manual, with short articles on each meeting's topic, from the Foreign Policy Association (1-800-477-5836 or aahmed@fpa.org). There will also be three manuals on reserve at the library. For further information, please email Steve Ullman (stephenhullman@gmail.com). ☘



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WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Mondays	Legos	3:30
	D&D	4:00 – 5:45
Wednesdays	Tech Help	3:00 – 5:30
Wednesdays	Story Time	3:30
Friday	Story Time	10:00

Summer Reading Program

Get ready for the Summer Reading Program! This year’s theme is “All Together Now.” Kids twelve and under—read twenty books and win a prize! Adults can play too. Read five books and win a prize. Register at any time during the summer. Each time you reach one of these milestone amounts, you will receive a ticket to be entered into our Grand Prize drawings. In the past, Grand Prizes have included new Amazon Kindle tablets, Amazon Echo Dots, gift cards to grocery stores, gas stations and Dunkin Donuts. We also will have two brand-new bikes from the Masons of Harmony Lodge of Hillsboro.

Throughout the summer we’ll also have an outdoor kick-off party, activities and fun for adults and kids. We always have free coffee, snacks and an air-conditioned place to relax. Hope you’ll join us!

Library of Things

Did you know that you can check out board games, art kits, calligraphy kits, a blood pressure machine, a paranormal research kit, laptops, mobile hotspots, Kodak Slide and Scan, and many other things? Please stop in to see what we have.

Story Time & Crafts Wednesday at 3:30 and Friday at 10:00

Did you know that the library offers two Storytime sessions every week? Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and Friday morning at 10:00 is when we welcome all area children to listen to two stories and then join the librarian for a fun craft. This is a great time to relax and have fun with your kids. All programs are free and open to the public!

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Fiddleheads ready for the frying pan. Photo by George Caughey.

Community Calendar

JUNE 2023

- 1 Mushroom Meander with the Morel Quandary Club 3:00 p.m., in Antrim (contact the Harris Center)
- 3 Black Fly Community Art Event, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, The Grapevine
- 5 Avenue A Teen + Community Center Blindfolded Boat Race, Gregg Lake
- 6-7 NHGives -24 hour online giving campaign to benefit Avenue A Teen + Community Center
- 7 Babies in Backpacks & Toddlers in Tow 10:00 a.m., McCabe Forest (The Grapevine and Harris Center)
- 7 Antrim Grange "Quilts of Valor" given to local Veterans at Grange meeting
- 15 Eclectic Book Club: Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* 2:15–3:15 p.m., Tuttle Library
- 18 Antrim Historical Society program: "The History of Logging in New Hampshire," presented by AJ Dupuis, Urban Forester, NH Division of Forests and Lands, 3:00 p.m., Presbyterian Church

JULY 2023

- 4 Antrim Historical Society reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Bandstand
- 5 Antrim Recreation Teddy Bear Picnic 10–11:30 a.m., Gregg Lake
- 5 Antrim In The Evening: Wildlife Encounters, 6:00 p.m., Memorial Park
- 12 Antrim In The Evening: Mr. Bill – Bluegrass, 6:00 p.m., Memorial Park
- 19 Antrim In The Evening: Colin Isotti and Andrew Szmauz – Duo Nouveau, 6:00 p.m., Memorial Park
- 20 Eclectic Book Club: Marisha Pessl's *Special Topics in Calamity Physics* 2:15–3:15 p.m., Tuttle Library
- 26 Antrim In The Evening: Wendy Keith and Her Alleged Band – Folk, 6:00 p.m., Memorial Park

AUGUST 2023

- 2 Antrim Recreation Teddy Bear Picnic 9:30–11:00 a.m., Memorial Park
- 2 Antrim In The Evening: Sol y Canto – Music of Latin America, 6:00 p.m., Memorial Park
- 9 Antrim In The Evening: Blame It on Sally – Original Folk Rock duo from Dublin, 6:00 p.m., Memorial Park
- 16 Antrim Recreation Teddy Bear Picnic 9:30–11:00 a.m., Shea Field
- 16 Antrim In The Evening: Great Groove Theory – Funky Blues/Rock, 6:00 p.m., Memorial Park
- 17 Eclectic Book Club: Dave Eggers' *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius: A Memoir Based on a True Story* 2:15–3:15 p.m., Tuttle Library
- 18-19 Avenue A presentation: Shakespeare's "The Tempest", 7:00 p.m. Antrim Town Hall

SEPTEMBER 2023

- 2 Antrim Grange Annual Penny Sale
- 7 Great Decisions: Energy Geopolitics 6:30–8:00 p.m., Tuttle Library
- 22-23 Home & Harvest Festival

ONGOING EVENTS

MONDAYS

SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life) exercise class, Town Hall, 1:30–2:30 p.m.
Zumba at Antrim Town Gym, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Adult pick-up basketball, Antrim Town Gym, 7–9 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

SAIL exercise class, Town Hall, 1:30–2:30 p.m.
Gentle Slow Flow Yoga, Town Hall, 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Al-Anon, Presbyterian Church, 6 p.m.

FRIDAYS

SAIL exercise class, Town Hall, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

SATURDAYS

Antrim-Bennington Food Pantry, Antrim Baptist Church, 10 a.m.–noon, all are welcome

Antrim's Earthshaking Event

George Caughey

Late last summer Antrim made seismic history, although rather little notice has been taken of this, and the ensuing months have passed in the absence of public celebrations of its occurrence. This article attempts to make amends. The event in question began on August 6th at 5 minutes and 55 seconds after 8 p.m., and I was there. Although it was over almost as soon as it started, I'd survived my first earthquake in Antrim. I assume that many of you did, too, although my informal poll later identified sober citizens of this town who neither heard nor felt it. My experience was this: I was on a couch reading with my eight-year-old grandson, Milo. Our quiet time was interrupted rudely by a bang and jolt. We leapt up and ran outside, Milo yelling, "What was that!" I expected to see a blown transformer, a white pine toppled onto the road, smoke rising from an exploded propane tank, or the like. But I didn't. Notwithstanding the absence of extended rolling or shaking, the event reminded me of tremblors experienced during decades of living a quarter of a mile from the San Andreas fault. While suspecting I was wasting my time—because Antrim is nowhere near a known fault and never has earthquakes, or so I presumed—I visited the US Geological Survey site at <https://earthquake.usgs.gov>. Bingo! It was an earthquake, already authenticated, registered and categorized.

The USGS and New England Seismic Network (NESN) geolocate and classify such events nearly in real time, even in seismically sleepy New England. The quake was magnitude 2.3 and originated 3.2 miles below an epicenter at 43.063°N 71.922°W, which maps to a spot in Antrim between Route 202 and Turner Hill Road, due west of Dugre's Auto Repair. Just one prior Antrim-based earthquake (originating south of Route 9 near Loveren's Mill) appears on the USGS list of New Hampshire quakes, although it is hardly worth mentioning at magnitude 1.4 and may have been sensed only by seismometers. This was in October 2017. USGS, which maintains a site called DYFI (Did You Feel It?) populated with data entered by the public, does not record that anyone felt Antrim's 2017 quake. However, for our 2.3 quake, mul-

iple folks logged in to the DYFI site, including eight from Antrim, one from Bennington, and eighteen from Hillsborough. Although last summer's quake was small—even "feeble" according to some seismic terminology—it was nearly ten times as strong as Antrim's 2017 event (keeping in mind that the magnitude estimates are recorded on a logarithmic scale). Thus, it claims a slice of seismic history as the biggest event originating in Antrim in the era of seismographic measurement. And it earns bragging rights by disturbing people in Bennington and Hillsborough.

To keep things in perspective, I should state the obvious that the recent quake was nearly incapable of damaging human infrastructure and possessions. It also was shallow, as earthquakes go—and shallow quakes tend to be less severe. One likely reason Milo and I felt it and some others in Antrim did not is that we were just two miles from the epicenter. A considerably more significant seismic event would be one like my family experienced in the San Francisco Bay Area in 1989: a magnitude 6.9 quake responsible for sixty-three deaths, thousands of injuries, fires, power and phone outages, and collapse of double-deck Nimitz Freeway and the Bay Bridge. That was the Loma Prieta earthquake, sometimes called "The World Series Earthquake" because it occurred during a championship game at Candlestick Park



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between the Giants and A's. The damage could have been much greater if not for some of the world's strictest seismic building codes. Even that damaging quake wasn't the much-anticipated "Big One," which, when it arrives, might more closely resemble the magnitude 7.9 disaster that destroyed San Francisco in 1906.

You might wonder, as I did, how Antrim's August quake was detected, located and measured so quickly. This is thanks to the Global Seismographic Network and the New England Seismic Network. One such station is the Dziewonski Observatory in Harvard, Massachusetts, which has recorded earthquake data for ninety years. It took eleven seconds for the fastest seismic signal (the primary compression or "P" wave) to reach the station. P waves travel through the crust about eighteen times the speed of sound in air. The interval between arrival of P waves and slower but more destructive shear (S) waves reflects the distance of the station from the rupture focus but does not pinpoint its location. That requires other intercommunicating stations in a process of triangulation. One of the more distant stations was in Standing Stone, Pennsylvania, where the P wave took one minute and sixteen seconds to travel from Antrim. Further analysis, including of P waves reflected from the Earth's surface, permit the calculation of the depth of the rupture. The stations automatically coordinate data to determine and report the magnitude, location, depth and time of the event within minutes of its occurrence. Each quake has a unique waveform. Ours showed tightly clustered spikes with rapid decay (see seismogram from Dziewonski Observatory in Figure 1), consistent with my and Milo's experience of a jolt without rolling or aftershocks.

Recalling last summer's quake set me to wondering how often seismic events occur in our part of the world, and how our event compares to others. It also led me to ponder our vulnerability to an event more severe than last August's tremor. Perhaps such events are so uncommon and insignificant that we needn't waste energy worrying about or preparing for larger events. Indeed, we might first ask why earthquakes occur at all in our region, which is far from tectonic plate borders where earthquakes are most common, most severe, and easiest to explain. For example, the Pacific Plate is sliding north past the North American Plate in the


middle of San Francisco at an average speed of a growing fingernail. Via this slow process, never stoppable for long, tension built up at sticking points eventually is relieved by earthquakes. Although Antrim, like eastern portions of the San Francisco Bay Area, lies on the North American Plate, it is more than 1,000 miles in every direction from the plate's edge. Thus, quakes in our region are "intraplate" events. These are uncommon but not rare. For example, nine such events with magnitude ranging from 1.1 to 2.3 were reported in the past year in New Hampshire. Two of these matched Antrim's tremor in magnitude, leaving Antrim in a seismic tie for biggest quake. The largest New Hampshire-based quake of the 21st century—still small at magnitude 3.2—occurred in Canterbury. The largest quakes of the past century originating in New Hampshire were a pair of magnitude ~5.6 in Tamworth in December 1940. These were felt throughout the region. One of the biggest earthquakes in the past 300 years experienced in New Hampshire occurred in 1755, outside the state near Cape Ann, Massachusetts. That one was big enough to topple chimneys and buildings. We do not know how the Cape Ann quake played out in Antrim, because Philip Riley, the first and only settler at the time, had vacated the area during the French and Indian War. Another very substantial (magnitude 6.2) quake based in the Charlevoix-Kamouraska area of Canada in 1925 was felt in parts of New Hampshire as well as much of the rest of New England. Thus, we know that large earthquakes can occur in our region.

Surprisingly, there are few well-supported technical explanations for most intraplate events in New England. Recent earthquakes in New Hampshire do not correlate to faults visible on the Earth's surface. We lack mapped active faults or hot spots of seismic activity. It is speculated that some events relate to settling along buried ancient faults left over from the creation of the Appalachian Mountains, and that others result from residual rebound of land pressed down by the weight of mile-thick glaciers until about 14,000 years ago. Statistically, large quakes are not common enough in our state to allow confident predictions of the future risk of damaging seismic events in any given area, including the Monadnock region. Given this, it may be surprising that New Hampshire's risk is judged to be low to moderate, which is substantially higher than that of states like Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, for example. This is based on hazard maps prepared by the USGS. However, our risk ranks much lower than in certain other intraplate locations, among them the New Madrid area of Missouri, which has hosted some of the most destructive quakes in this country. Even though we lack sufficient data to predict Antrim's likelihood of experiencing a truly damaging quake in the next 10, 50 or 100 years—or any interval, really—we certainly have vulnerabilities. These would include unreinforced masonry/brick chimneys, abutments and buildings, structures sitting unattached to foundations, and



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foundations laid on sand or gravel rather than bedrock. There is also the matter of infrastructure such as dams, bridges and electrical towers predating the application of modern seismic standards. Despite uncertainties relating to probabilities of future seismic events, it seems safe to say that Antrim is much less likely than San Francisco to experience a major earthquake in its residents' lifetimes. However, the advantages of lower probability of a major event are offset by greater vulnerability of our built environment to a new seismic event, should it occur in greater force than it did last August.

For those interested in learning more about seismic measurement and risk assessment, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (www.des.nh.gov) offers a fact sheet on earthquakes. The USGS earthquake site also is informative, as is the site of Boston College's Weston Observatory, which operates the New England Seismic Network (<http://aki.bc.edu>).

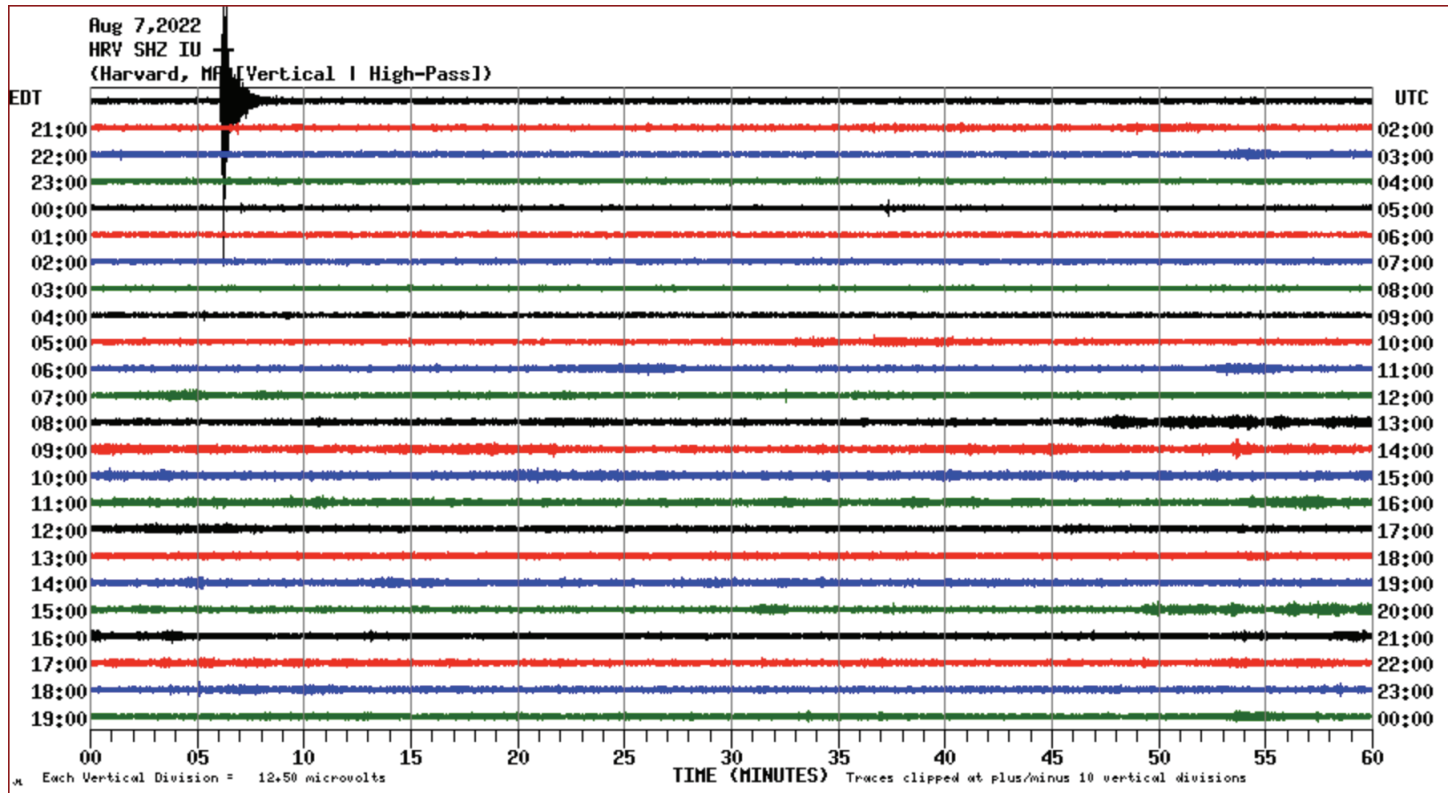


Figure 1. Twenty-four hours of seismographic tracings from the Dziewonski Observatory of Harvard, Mass., courtesy of Boston College's Weston Observatory website. The signature of Antrim's quake of August 6, 2022, is on the top line, by far the biggest seismic waves sensed in that 24-hour period. The legend's date is Aug 7th because it reflects Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) is shown to the left, starting with 20:00 (8 p.m.) on Aug 6th. In Antrim the quake began about 11 seconds earlier than the first signals received here due to time taken by seismic waves to reach Massachusetts. ❁

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Antrim Grange News

Renée Mercier-Gerritsen, Grange Master

We have been busy as always raising money for our beautiful historic Grange Hall rehabilitation fund. We started a 120 fund in March. Tickets are \$20 each. We draw a name every Wednesday until July 19th. If you win during any week, your name is put back in for future possible wins again. On July 19th, we will draw \$20, \$100, \$200, & \$300 winners. If you have not yet purchased your tickets, please contact me and I can let you know how. Call/text 603-547-5144 or email renee_mercier@yahoo.com.

Our spring cleanup of our sponsored highway from our hall out to Route 9 is complete. Unfortunately, the amount we pick up never changes.

We are planning on presenting two Quilts of Valor to local Veterans at our Grange meeting on June 7th. This is a first for us and we appreciate Beth Merrill for putting together these two beautiful and special patriotic quilts. We are hoping to make this a yearly event.

By the time this issue is printed, we will have presented our annual Community Awards. This year's recipients are: Rick Wood, John Robertson, Maryann Cullinan, Melissa Gallagher, Steve Ullman and Cindy Jewett.

Also, before this printing, we will have held our second Annual Donations Only Yard Sale at the Grange Hall to benefit our fund.

But don't worry! You still have the annual Penny Sale to look forward to Labor Day weekend on September 2nd. Please watch for upcoming details.

We appreciate everyone's support during the past 5+ years of our work on our hall. A special thank you to the Antrim Presbyterian Church for letting us meet in their hall most of the year. (In the summertime we meet in our Grange Hall construction zone in a circle to remember what we are working towards.) We always love to have visitors, those that know what we do and especially those that are just curious about who we are. Please contact me at the above-mentioned contact info if you want to know anything about the Grange. If I don't have an answer, I know I can find someone that does.

May you all have a safe and happy summer! ❀

Antrim Grange Hall Rehabilitation Project

Beth Merrill

As we approach the six-year mark of this project, the foundation work is resuming now that good weather is upon us. The roof job, for which we received a \$10,000 matching grant from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program, is scheduled for this summer. The matching funds have been mostly secured, thanks to much support from the community during our Buy a Bundle Campaign, Yard Sale, Penny Sale, and this year's 120 Club raffle.

In May, we learned that the foundation portion of our project has earned yet another \$10,000 matching grant, this

time from the 1772 Foundation, operated by the NH Preservation Alliance. These funds will help with needed work on a carrier beam in the north bay and dry-stone foundation being constructed beneath the north sill beam. So, as soon as we reach our goal for the LCHIP fundraising, we will refocus our efforts to raising funds to match this grant.

The retaining wall at the north and west sides of the property is also slated for additional construction work and we do expect to have more volunteers arriving now and then to help with the project as they receive instruction and hands-on experience in dry walling. Andras Lazar and Pete Ryder have received numerous compliments for their expertise provided to last year's volunteers. Interested volunteers are urged to contact Amy-Louise Pfeffer, Executive Director of The Stone Trust, and should note that they have taken an introduction to dry stone walling workshop. "That way they come to the work with an understanding of the basic principles that will hold up the Grange for the next several hundred years." An article about our project, and featuring local dry-waller Andras Lazar, will be published in The Stone Trust's annual report, "Hearting," in early June. Look for the link to be shared on the Antrim Grange Facebook page when it becomes available.

As always, donations may be sent directly to Antrim Grange #98, c/o Beth Merrill, Secretary, 107 West Street, in Antrim. Tax deductible donations can be sent to the "NH Grange Foundation," c/o Andrew Savage, Treasurer, 837 Bennett Way, Newmarket, NH 03857, making sure you designate that your contribution is for the Antrim Grange account. We are grateful for every contribution, no matter how much or little! ❀



Rick Davis

This year's Home & Harvest will be held Friday and Saturday, September 22nd and 23rd. It still is Antrim's biggest event of the year.

Friday will be action-packed with Nerf & Turf as well as many other games for all ages. Don't forget the FREE ice cream social and the Cornhole tournament.

Saturday, we have crafters up and down Main Street; get your spot early. A great parade starts at 11:30. We always need floats to show our Antrim pride. Many other events are going on all day. We finish off the day at Tenney Farm with a BBQ put on by the Lions Club and fireworks by Atlas.

This is our 20th year of Home & Harvest, and I'm thankful for all the volunteers that have made it so special. Any interest in helping, see Rick at Rick and Diane's Pizzeria. ❀

Antrim Festival of Trees

Janet McEwen

After a three-year COVID hiatus a new committee was formed, and we are delighted to announce The Antrim Festival of Trees will return in December 2023. Held at Tuttle Library for over ten years, this month-long event became a beloved Antrim tradition and has been sorely missed. The festival will feature decorated trees as well as wreaths and quilts and any other inspired events. Families, non-profit groups and local businesses are all invited to participate.

This year the Festival of Trees will run from December 2nd through the 31st. We need all types of helpers; if you have energy, creativity and enjoy having fun, this is for you! Please contact Aimee Bartlett Mullahy at amully333@gmail.com or 603-554-5976 to learn more. ❁

Antrim Eclectic Book Club

Steve Ullman, Coordinator

Starting in June, Antrim residents will be reading three “coming of age” books. We will discuss them between 2:15 and 3:15 p.m. on the third Thursdays of each month at the James A. Tuttle Library.

June 15—Sherman Alexie’s *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*

Sixty illustrations accompany this tale of a Native teenager who chooses to leave his reservation in order to attend a nearly all-white high school. Frequently challenged by aspiring censors, this memoir examines teenage drugs and sexuality.

July 20—Marisha Pessl’s *Special Topics in Calamity Physics*

THIS IS NOT A TEXTBOOK!! Instead, it is a frightening murder mystery centered on an elite prep school.

August 17—Dave Eggers’ *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius: A Memoir Based on a True Story*

Eggers depicts how he learned to be both a brother and a parent to his younger brother in the wake of his parents’ sudden deaths.

Please join us. We are a friendly, informal group. For further information, please email Steve Ullman at stephen-hullman@gmail.com. ❁

The Gentleman Rider

William Bryk

Dorothy Crosby, my riding instructor, whose judgment I honor even when I disagree with it, has advised me my balance is seriously impaired. Accordingly, she believes riding is unsafe for me and the horse. My condition can be corrected through exercise. But, after six years in the saddle, for the moment I am dismounted.

Knowing my assigned horse, Merlin, 16 hands 2 and 1,800 pounds of muscle, appetite, courage and attitude, who frequently tries to use me as a chew toy, I can’t imagine anything I could do being unsafe for him. But I can’t disregard Dorothy’s directions.

I believe that some years ago, she paid me the finest left-handed compliment of my life: “If compassion, courage and intelligence were enough to make you a good rider, you would be one. But they’re not and you’re not.”

Better to turn to the adventures of another rider, the “Iron” Duke of Albuquerque.

Don Beltrán Alfonso Osorio y Diez de Rivera, Duke of Albuquerque, Duke of Algete, Marquess of Alcañices, of Balbasesa, of Cadreira, of Cuéllar, of Cullera, and of Montaos, Count of la Corzana, of Fuensaldaña, of Grajal, of Huelsma, of Ledesma, of la Torre, of Villanueva de Cañedo, and of Villambrosa, Knight of the Order of the Golden Fleece and of the Order of Santiago, Knight Grand Cross of Justice of

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The Gentleman Rider

the Order of St. Lazarus, six times a Grandee of Spain, cavalry officer, courtier, and head of the Household of H.R.H. the Count of Barcelona for nearly forty years, was born into an distinguished and wealthy Spanish noble family in 1918.

He rode a pony from the age of five. For his eighth birthday, he received a newsreel film of the 1926 Grand National, the great English steeplechase. He was overcome: "I had loved horses as a child. Now I saw this beautiful race, the greatest test of horse and rider in the world. I said then I would win that race one day."

First run in 1838, the Grand National is a national institution. It has inspired novels and poems, from Enid Bagnold's *National Velvet*, which as a film gave the twelve-year-old Elizabeth Taylor her breakout role, to John Masfield's stirring book-length poem, *Right Royal*. As the Duke observed, it is indeed considered the supreme test of the courage and stamina of horse and rider.

Tall, thin, elegant, exquisitely polite, kind and loyal, Albuquerque was extremely popular in the racing community. He entered the Grand National seven times: 1952, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1973, 1974, and 1976 as a "gentleman rider"—an amateur jockey. His results were heroically consistent. Then as now, the riders walked their mounts up to a ribbon held across the track. When the ribbon dropped, the Duke set off at the gallop with the other riders. Usually, he regained consciousness in the Royal Liverpool Infirmary, where he always booked a private room in advance when he rode in the Grand National.

In his first Grand National, in 1952, he rode his own Thoroughbred, Brown Jack III, at odds of 40/1. He was in the leading quartet until he fell at Becher's Brook, the sixth fence.

Parenthetically, the jump is named for Captain Martin Becher, who rode in the first Grand National in 1838. His mount, Conrad, refused the jump and Becher flew over his head into the brook. The Captain remained there until the rest of the field had jumped over the brook. He then climbed out, soaked through, cursing at the filthy taste of water without the admixture of whiskey.

Anyway, Albuquerque awoke with a severe concussion and a cracked vertebra. He murmured of Brown Jack III, "Poor animal, he was past it."

Eleven years later, in 1963, Albuquerque rode Jonjo, a



This is the Duke of Albuquerque, only minutes away from going to the gallop.

thirteen-year-old at 66/1. They parted ways at the twenty-first jump. This time, the Duke did not need hospitalization.

As the Duke continued contesting the Grand National, the race's commentator, Sir Peter O'Sullivan, began gravely intoning after each such flight, "And the Duke of Albuquerque's gone." The bookies began offering odds of 66/1 against him even finishing the race astride his horse.

In 1965, he purchased and rode Groomsman, a strapping ten-year-old bay with a reputation as a bold jumper. One commentator noted, "Sadly, nobody told the horse." Groomsman charged through the jumps like a wrecking ball until he collapsed on Albuquerque at Valentine's Brook, the ninth fence, breaking the Duke's leg.

In 1966, the Duke rode L'Empereur at 100/1 for trainer Tony Balding. They were four

jumps from home when the horse apparently felt he'd done enough work for one day and pulled himself up.

Balding, an excellent trainer, found the Duke challenging: "He was a total kamikaze pilot and brave as a lion. But if he didn't want to listen to you, he suddenly wouldn't remember any English."

In 1973, the Duke's stirrup broke at the third fence, yet he remained on Nereo, a fine horse trained by Balding, for eight fences before he was, as one journalist put it, "sent into inevitable orbit."

In 1974, after having sixteen screws removed from a leg he had broken in another race, Albuquerque fell again while training for the Grand National and broke his collarbone. The Infirmary's medical staff was astonished as he passed through its doors as the race would not be run for some weeks to come. Undaunted, he had a plaster cast specially made in Spain and practiced how to mount and dismount without putting pressure on his collarbone.

That year, the BBC cameras focused on a jockey who limped from the weighing room toward the Parade Ring. A commentator said, "He doesn't look at all fit to take part in one of the greatest steeplechases in the world, but there he is, the fifty-five-year-old Duke of Albuquerque." There, Balding, who was extremely displeased with the Duke's insistence on riding, gave Albuquerque somewhat cursory

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advice. Then the Duke, somewhat carefully, rose into the saddle.

Nereo quite solidly bumped Ron Barry's mount, Straight Vulcan, at the Canal Turn. That jump is taken twice during the race. Once over, horse and rider must immediately make a fifty-degree turn. It requires balance and concentration, and any distraction is highly unwelcome. Barry, quite understandably, screamed at the Duke, inquiring with obscene emphasis what Albuquerque thought he was doing. "My dear chap," the Duke replied, "I haven't a clue. I've never gotten this far before."

The Duke finished the race, still in the saddle, in eighth and last place. He said, "Ironically, it was my best performance in the National, when I was in the worst condition. The poor animal had to do everything on his own. He didn't have a jockey on board, but a sack of potatoes."

Yet, in 1976, as shown by the videotape, the Duke rode magnificently, astonishing the crowd as Nereo moved up to pass and take the lead from the defending champion, the incomparable Red Rum. Then Nereo took Albuquerque over the thirteenth jump and the Duke, as the Irish say, went out the side door. The ground came up to meet him, after which he was immediately trampled by the rest of the field. Albuquerque was carried away with seven broken ribs, several broken vertebrae, a broken wrist, a thigh broken in two places, and a concussion that left him in a coma for two days.

Otherwise, he was fine. The Duke recalled, "I spent most of my time there unconscious but when I did wake up, the staff were charming."

What broken bones could not do, the Jockey Club did. In 1977, it declined to renew his license for "the good of his own wellbeing, as well as the safety of the other jockeys and horses." Balding, Nereo's trainer, admitted, "I am both saddened and relieved." The Duke, heart-broken yet ever the gentleman, attended the race in which he could not ride, watching from the stands, applauding as Red Rum won his third Grand National by twenty-five lengths.

In seven Grand Nationals, Albuquerque broke 107 bones.

Somehow, he rode competitively in Spain until 1983 without further disaster. Eleven years later, the "Iron" Duke died quietly in bed.

Journalists described the Duke as crazy, stupid, beyond brave, "absolutely the worst jockey in history," or "magnificently barking mad." Others might admire an indomitable soul who disdained ridicule and pain to pursue his impossible dream. ❀

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A Special Puppy Named Odie

Susan Ellsworth

The children checked in to see if the new puppy was awake yet from his nap. They tiptoed so as not to wake him. After what seemed like forever the puppy woke up. Charlotte ran to tell Grandma the good news. Grandma came in to see the puppy chewing on one of the rags in the box they had made into a bed for him. Grandma picked him up and carried him outside into the yard where the children were sitting under the apple tree with their mom, who was reading them a story. Mom Vickie told them if they all remained seated and quiet, they could each have a turn holding the puppy. Charlotte went first, then Jake and lastly, Lincoln, who laughed when the puppy licked him in the face and nibbled on his nose.

Lincoln was hoping that Puff, his magical dragonfly, was back from his breakfast search and was watching the puppy lick him. Baby Olivia was too little to hold the puppy, so Mother just picked him up from Lincoln and held him near Olivia, so she could see and be licked by him.

When Grandpa came over from his vegetable garden to where the family was gathered together, he said, "I think this is a good time to pick out a name for this little guy."

After a few minutes, the children all started thinking of names; even Mother Vickie and Grandma did. Then Grandpa said, "I think he looks like an Odie!"

Everyone yelled, "Yes, he does!"

"Odie it is," Grandpa said.

"From now on just call the puppy Odie and he will learn his name," said Grandma.

When everyone was done holding the puppy, Grandma took him for a little walk. "Odie," she told him, "we are so happy that you came to live with us. Grandpa and I hope you like your new home. Odie just sat down and looked at her. He was learning her face and voice. He knew they would be best friends and he knew he would love living here at Grandma and Grandpa's home with all the new kind people, smells and things to play with.

Suddenly a little white butterfly fluttered onto a flower in the grass near Odie. Odie tried to pounce on it, but he fell over. Grandma laughed. "Odie, you cannot catch a butterfly; you are too little. Someday when you are bigger and have better balance, but for now let's get you a ball to play with or a soft squeaky toy."

When Grandma went back into the house with Odie, they heard baby Olivia crying. It was time for her morning nap, and she was tired from all the morning fun. When Odie heard her crying, he walked over to her sitting on the floor and licked her and lay down on her, which made her stop crying instantly. Mother Vickie and Grandma looked at each other and said that it was amazing. Next little Olivia lay down with Odie and was fast asleep in seconds. Mother quickly grabbed Olivia's favorite blanket and covered her.

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Thirty-six and Thirty-six

Joan Gorga

The forecast was for about a foot of snow. We'd all heard that before and didn't take it too seriously when the first drifting flakes started settling as we went to bed. We awoke on March 15th to find the power out and more than two feet of snow blanketing the world, and it was still coming down. Our internet service lasted a few hours longer, but eventually that went out, too, and the road was impassable. There we were, alone in a beautiful, quiet world. It was just like the good old days.

When all was said and done, we had thirty-six inches of fresh white stuff on the ground. The windows and French doors on the back of our house were completely buried. We couldn't even see sky. On the first day, we dug out the pickup truck and enough of the driveway to make it to the road if we were desperate. (We would have had to be pretty desperate, however, since the road was covered with at least fifteen inches of snow—we must have been plowed sometime in the night.)

On the second day we cleared more of the driveway, including a path to the back of my car, which was completely buried in the avalanche of snow that shed from the roof. I opened the hatch, climbed through to the driver's seat and, with some effort, backed the car out of its tunnel. Then it was time to cut a path to the woodpile. On the shortest route, the snow was over my head and packed solid, so instead I cleared a longer path from the back of the garage (our only door that opens in) around the back of the house to the

woodpile. Along that route, the snow was only waist high.

The power stayed out for thirty-six hours, and it was another twenty-four hours before the road got partially plowed. Over the next few days, we tunneled through to the front and back doors and widened the driveway. We stayed warm, had plenty to eat and enjoyed quiet reading when not out shoveling. It began to be a challenge. Maybe I could dig through the snow packed over my head so we could open one of the French doors. Maybe I could join the driveway to the woodpile trail, so we didn't have to go all the way around. Maybe we needed a little path to the woods...

Finally, I put on snowshoes to venture a little farther. There was a pickup truck inexplicably stuck on the unmaintained section of the road just beyond our house. I watched three moose trot up the side of the road and then cross ahead of me, eyeing me carefully. Clearly, they were better adapted to winter travel than the pickup truck, as was I. A mile on beyond, I found a smooth rock where I could bask in the sun and enjoy the view.

The three-foot high fence around the vegetable garden began to reappear. The paths and driveway widened. The road got plowed. The rock that had made such a comfortable seat became too tall to reach. The pickup truck finally got pulled out, with lots of garbage left strewn on the road and in the woods, eighteen days after the storm. And, alas, the world returned to the modern equivalent of normal. ❀

Where in Antrim?

John Dunlap, George Davison and Hazen Mullahy all correctly identified the site of the March photo as the back of Antrim Marketplace. John Dunlap won the gift certificate for The Moka Pot. George Davison admitted that "it had me hunting for a while, for sure." And Hazen Mullahy said his guess was "it's graffiti on the backside of the Antrim Market building."

The names of all who correctly identify the location of this photo by June 15 will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate for Tenney Farm. Email your response to editor@antrimlimrik.org or call 603-588-2569. Photo by Mark Russell. Happy hunting! ❀



Then Mother took a picture of the two with her phone. It was unbelievable that Olivia was asleep that fast. She usually spent several minutes crying before she would fall asleep. They both slept on Grandma's knitting room rug for over two hours. Mother told the children not to wake them or they would need to take a nap, too.

The older children went outside to play and to help Grandpa pick tomatoes in the garden. There were so many good foods to eat in Grandpa's veggie garden. He had carrots, potatoes, onions, celery, kale, lettuce of different shapes and colors, and lots of kinds of squash, too. In a different area of the garden there were his delicious berry bushes—blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries. Grandpa showed the children how to tell if a blueberry was ripe or not and how to gently remove it without damaging the plant. Grandpa was a great farmer, they told him. Grandpa gave each child a cup to collect berries in and told them to bring the cups when full to put into a bigger bowl. He would give them to Grandma to make a surprise dessert for after dinner. The berries were so delicious it took a long time to fill their cups and the bowl, but Grandpa knew the berries were healthy and it was a wonderful way to get them to eat the berries.

When Olivia and Odie were done with their nap it was lunch time. Odie was checking out the many different rooms and places to explore in his new home. Lincoln went into his

bedroom and Odie followed. Puff was already in there waiting to talk to Lincoln and tell him about his morning. Puff quickly flew down onto the bed and then the floor when he saw Odie. Odie sat down in front of Puff and, somehow, they communicated without speaking. They could read each other's thoughts.

Then Puff told Lincoln, "Odie is from far, far away. He is a special dog. He is special like me. He can do things no other dog can. He is from the same planet I am from. I came here when the children took your old dog, Webster. I guess they didn't know I was on their ship. When they opened the doors, I flew out and have been here ever since. It's nice to see someone from home."

"Lincoln, Lincoln, where is Odie?" Grandma called.

"He's in here with me, Grandma." Lincoln said.

"Bring him out to the backyard, please; he needs to go out and potty after a nap," Grandma told Lincoln.

"Ok, we'll be right out," Lincoln replied.

Puff flew up onto the shelf to take a nap. Lincoln and Odie went out of the bedroom and closed the door.

In the backyard there were many great smells, Odie thought. It was a different world outside than inside Grandma's house. There were birds, butterflies, and squirrels to watch and possibly catch if he were bigger. He loved his new home and family. He hoped Webster was feeling the same about his new home.

The back door opened, and the other children came running out to play again. Odie ran after them and tried to catch each one of them as they came near him but couldn't because his legs were still too little.

Suddenly Jake fell on a tree root that was sticking up and hurt his knee. He started to cry. The other children stopped running and came over to see if he was okay. Odie also came to explore this new sound that was coming from Jake. He remembered hearing baby Olivia making that noise earlier, but she didn't fall or get hurt. This was a different cry sound.

The back door opened, and Grandma appeared. She saw Jake sitting on the grass holding his knee.

"What happened, Jake? Did you fall?" Grandma asked.

"Yes, Grandma, over the tree's root. I think it's bleeding," said Jake.

"Come inside and we can take a look and fix you up," Grandma said.

Jake got up and started to walk back into the house with Grandma when he almost fell again over little puppy Odie, who was right next to his feet. Odie wanted to go with them to comfort Jake and see what he could do to help. He was a special puppy and knew what he needed to do.

In the bathroom Jake pulled up his pants leg and sure enough there was a cut. Jake was scared now seeing it and began to cry. Odie came right over to him and licked the cut then jumped onto Jake's lap. Odie looked up into Jake's eyes. They stared at each other for a long minute. Jake

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hugged Odie and stopped crying. He told Grandma he was going to be all right. He knew Odie fixed it and made it feel all better.

“Odie is taking care of you, Jake,” Grandma said.

“He loves me. Now I see why they said he was special,” Jake said.

Grandma cleaned the cut, put some antibiotic ointment on it and a band-aid, and Jake was all set to go play with the other children. Odie jumped down and followed them back outside into the yard.

Later on that night little Odie stayed near Jake as if he were taking care of him. He lay on the floor at his feet, then wanted to follow him to bed. Grandma told Jake to bring Odie’s little bed into the bedroom with him so Odie would get used to his own place to sleep.

In the morning it was time for Mother Vickie and the children to pack up their belongings to head back home to their own house. After breakfast and showers, it would be time to pack the car for the ride home. Grandma made sandwiches for the road and Grandpa picked some fresh veggies and fruit for them to take with them as well.

It was Jake’s turn for his shower. When he was finished and drying off, he noticed the band-aid had fallen off. He was confused—where was the cut that was there the day before? He called to Mother to come see his leg. She called Grandma and they all could not believe the cut was already all healed, and it looked like it had never happened. Grandma went to look at the ingredients that were in the ointment to see if anything stuck out that would make it heal that fast. There wasn’t.

Jake told them, “It was Odie; he healed me. He told me I would be okay when he looked at me yesterday.” Mother Vickie and Grandma looked at each other and said, “I guess so,” as they shrugged and had no other answer for now.

What other things can little Odie do??? Tune in for the next story to see... ❀

Some History of the Antrim Grange Quilt

Dawne M. Hugron, Antrim Grange

Getting ready for the Historical Society Calendar 2024 program gave me the opportunity to research some history of the Antrim Grange quilt.

This quilt is a family quilt block, entirely handmade. The thirty-two blocks are made from muslin, in 6½ x 6½” squares, with embroidery thread used for stitching the names. The back of the quilt is cotton material, pale green with small red flowers. They used a tying stitch through all of the layers and knotted it on the front of the quilt. Stop and think how busy they were while considering how the design would look and making the choices of the colors. Who would do the sewing of the Grange quilt? How many families would be interested in adding their names?

Over the past few years, I’ve looked at the quilt closely and found names of several family members and others that I recognized. A lot of families from Bennington, Frances-town and Hancock joined the Antrim Grange. While I was writing down the names, my husband, “Sonny,” recognized some he knew from Hancock.

In the past few weeks I decided to take time to try to figure out when it was made. Quite a project! From the names on the quilt, we think that it might have been made in the late 1930s. We are grateful that they decided to make it. It was an honor to show our Grange quilt to the Historical Society. ❀

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Edward J. Thompson, Publisher

Bill Nichols

We are a town with a very rich history. We can count our blessings in many different ways, but at the Historical Society, we like to thank the many people who came before us for taking the time to record the day-to-day life of Antrim's citizens.

The many histories that we have for reference are some of the most important resources we use when providing research for people. Newspapers are another means for us to see what was really going on in town, as it was happening. Antrim's newspaper, *The Antrim Reporter*, was published from 1882 until 1951. The paper had several publishers including S.A. Brown, S.N. Ball and H.W. Eldredge. First and middle names were omitted to save space (okay, I made that up). But many don't know that before *The Antrim Reporter*, there was a little-known newspaper that emerged in 1875 and only lasted about a year. This paper was printed semi-monthly on paper that was 10" by 14" and four pages long, contained copious amounts of advertising, columns full of stories, and very little local news, although it tried to print much more. It was published by Ed. J. Thompson.

Edward James Thompson was born in 1846 to Luke Thompson and Sabra Muzzey Thompson. About 1867, after a fire destroyed a tenement building on Water Street, his father built a Tin Shop where the brick building (once known as the Cucumber Shop) is now. A printer by trade, Edward had better ideas than becoming a tin-knocker and by the summer of 1875 he had a plan in place for Antrim's very first newspaper, *The Home News*.

The first issue went to print in July of 1875; however, based on the volumes and issue numbers, it may not have been until September 1, 1875, that the first issue came off the press. The paper struggled to get enough local news to satisfy Thompson, and when news of a house fire in North Branch appeared in the *Peterborough Transcript* before anyone notified *The Home News*, Mr. Thompson delicately berated his readers for not informing him. But even though local news was scarce in his paper, what did appear in several of the issues is now an important part of our history.

The purchase of the town's first fire engine for a cost of \$1,000 and the purchase of one of the first snow rollers were both recorded in *The Home News*. Mr. Thompson also had the unfortunate task of publishing the obituary of his first child in 1876.

In June of 1876, there was lots of talk about the trains coming to Antrim. Rails were being built between Greenfield and Keene, and the publisher was very excited to think that eventually the train would be passing by his office in Antrim, "...only 25 feet away!" Unfortunately, this never came to be, and on June 15, 1876, the last issue of *The Home News* was published and distributed, after only two volumes and twenty issues. Thompson gave the reason being that the printing office was too busy and taking up much of his time.

But by February 1, 1877, Thompson, along with Edwin C. Holton, purchased the *Hillsborough Messenger*, with Thompson overseeing the printing and the office. Thompson retired from the *Hillsborough Messenger* in 1879, but must have continued his printing business, as he is listed as a printer in the 1880 census. But not one to sit still, Thompson had a few more ideas.

In 1891, the Goodell Company began generating electricity in its Antrim office with an electric dynamo designed by, yes, you guessed it, Edward J. Thompson. In the 1900 census, Thompson lists himself as an electrician, but by 1910 he was working, like almost everyone else, in the shops at Goodell Company as a bookkeeper and then as a machinist in 1920 at the age of 74. Thankfully by 1930, at the age of 84, Thompson was no longer working. In January 1932, Thompson was awarded the Boston Post Cane and held it until his death in June of 1937. He is buried in Maplewood Cemetery.

We are fortunate to have twelve copies of *The Home News* in our possession, with a couple of duplicates and most of them coming from resident Charles Nay, brother of the photographer Fred Nay. These copies are in very delicate condition but are available for viewing with our assistance. We also plan to digitize them so anyone can view them on their tablets or computers. ❁

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News from Avenue A: Food, Fun, and Exciting Times

Jacqueline Roland, Director of Teen Programs at The Grapevine

It's an exciting season at Avenue A as we reflect on the past season and anticipate the start of summer!

At Avenue A we're big fans of community and food—we brought these passions together for a pilot program called "Pizza Talk" offered in partnership with Connected Families, NH! The group ran from October through the end of April. Pizza Talk provided a small-group environment for teens in grades 9–12 to have conversations about school, work, life and the challenges of being a young adult, in a positive, supportive environment. Pizza Talk was led by Kait Kilby and Laura Bishop, doctoral students from Antioch University, with supervision from Tina Borsa, LC-MHC, from Maps Counseling. This program was offered to teens for free, with pizza included. Our teens loved the group, and we're excited to run it again next school year.

Food-related fun didn't stop with Pizza Talk! Throughout the winter and spring, our TACO (Teens Are Cooking Organization) teens enjoyed delicious meals together. Led by our fabulous volunteers—Nancy Langrall, Nancy Blair, and Sue Conklin—teens in 7th–12th grade planned and cooked meals together on Thursday nights. Favorite recipes included homemade mac and cheese, breakfast for dinner, and loaded nachos! Our friends at the Antrim Presbyterian Church generously allowed us to use their kitchen for this program.

TACO teens also helped with Antrim Community Suppers as needed! We are thankful for all the groups who included our teens in their supper plans. For the finale of the TACO season, our teens served as "guest chefs" for the All Saints' Church Community Supper in Peterborough!

Every year, teens in our Write Out! program develop a platform to share their artistry with our community. In 2022, our teens created a short film of their writing set to music with visuals to illustrate key themes. This year, our writers continued to explore this multi-disciplinary format, creating a film reflecting on the theme of "time." Their anthology, "Time is Everything," will be released in June, with showings across our region.

From April through June our Outdoor Adventures group brought middle schoolers to local hiking spots and natural

areas for afternoon excursions. Supervised by our wonderful nature-loving volunteers—John Kerrick, Heidi Graff, Harriet DiCicco, Jody Simpson and Stephen Salisbury, the group caught frogs, soaked in the spring weather and played endless games of camouflage!

In May we ran a session of our popular Tabletop Game Club, in partnership with the Tuttle Library! Our awesome game club volunteers John Anderson and Mark Murdough returned to lead the group again and provided an incredible selection of tabletop games for teens to choose from!

We welcomed a new staff member this spring! Karen Pellicano comes to us from The NH Children's Trust. She first connected with The Grapevine when her son attended our preschool program. Now, Karen organizes Teen Center administrative tasks, manages data collection for our grants, and helps lead programs at Avenue A. Karen enjoys getting to know our teens and learning about how they face challenges and find their own strengths.

We're gearing up for the third season of ACT! (our community theatre project). ACT! is a welcoming, joyful environment for community members ages 13–113 to come together and perform. Our summer play is Shakespeare's "The Tempest," directed by Eve Pierce and Sean Roberts. We're excited to bring this story of sorcerers, betrayal, young love, revenge, high comedy, and high drama to life on Friday, August 18th at 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 19th at 7 p.m. at the Antrim Town Hall.

To kick off our NH Gives campaign in June we're having a Blindfolded Boat Race on June 5th (rain date June 6th) at Gregg Lake! It's a canoe race, with a twist! Boaters race from the Gregg Lake paddlecraft launch, around the peninsula, and to the beach. Two people per boat—the person in the front has the paddle and is blindfolded. The person in the back shouts directions. Hilarity ensues! More details are available on our website. NH Gives is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and it happens online from June 6th–June 7th.

We're gearing up for a summer of fun: Open Hours, campfires, Lawn Chair Drill Team, art, creative writing, basketball, and more! Check out avenueatc.org for more info about all our activities and events. ❀

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Melissa Gallagher, Executive Director

By the time you read this, our Annual Spring Walk for Families will have come and gone. We are grateful to the people of this community who joined us on Saturday, May 13th to celebrate and pledge donations to The Grapevine. A very special thank you to Bellows-Nichols Insurance, Osram Sylvania, Monadnock Community Hospital and Edmunds Ace Hardware for sponsoring our Spring Walk and to Antrim Marketplace, the T-Bird and Frankestown Village Store for hosting donation jars for customers to contribute to this event. We are also grateful to the volunteers who helped bake a good, set up equipment and supplies and welcomed walkers to this event. Finally, a huge shout-out to our local anonymous donor, who pledged matching donations up to \$10,000 to this event, which helped us leverage even more funding support.

A special shout-out to some extraordinary volunteers:

- **Tom Badgley** for donation of time and supplies for our raised bed gardens at the Grapevine
- **Rick Edmunds** for time to assist us with facility needs and for hosting Campfire for Dads
- **John Conklin** and **Mike Connolly** for their time and expertise helping with facility projects and ongoing help with the Grapevine Community Tool Lending Shed
- **Ted “Trashy” Brown** and **Bob Edwards** for collecting our trash and recycling each week!
- **Larry Schwartz** for another year of providing free tax preparation services to hundreds of families at the Grapevine and Fuller Library in Hillsborough!
- **Maureen Troy** for her time running the Stay & Play Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

Black Fly Art Event, Saturday, June 3—Join us from 10 a.m. to 12 noon to create art, have some fun and celebrate

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Bruce McGuffin

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On high for one minute some Gerald fur melted.
Then Mom saved the day with a pachyderm patch
She cut off Willy Mammoth — it’s not a great match.
Now Gerald has risen. A party begins.
All except Willy Mammoth, who died for Dad’s sins.

spring! This is a free event open to all, rain or shine. Art creation stations will be available as well as some beautiful art from local children on display.

NH Gives 24-hour Online Campaign, June 6 at 5 p.m. to June 7 at 5 p.m.—Join our exciting online campaign to support all of our teen programs at Avenue A Teen + Community Center! Visit NHgives.org and find our campaign by searching for The Grapevine.

SUMMER PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

Summer Stay & Play at The Grapevine—This interactive play group welcomes parents/caregivers and children together. This group will be held on Tuesday mornings from 9:30–11:30 a.m. with Michelle and Sarah. Starts Tuesday, July 11. Space is limited; please call or email for more information.

Summer Hillsborough Playgroups—This interactive play group welcomes parents/caregivers and children together. Two groups are running this summer on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Grimes Field in Hillsborough. Occasional field trips will also be planned! Begins June 21. Space is limited; please call or email for more information.

SAIL! (Stay Active & Independent for Life)—The Grapevine and Antrim Recreation have partnered to offer a three-times-a-week exercise program. Participants will improve overall strength, balance and coordination in a fun and relaxed setting. This program is offered at NO COST and is geared toward Seniors but open to all. Meets at Antrim Town Hall and is wheelchair accessible. Summer schedule is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Call or email The Grapevine for more information and to register.

Grapevine Community Tool Lending Shed—Come borrow tools and light equipment throughout the season! Tool pickup is by appointment. We are also accepting donations of your gently used items. You can find a list of inventory and needed items at grapevინeh.org/community-tool-lending-shed. For borrowing or donation, please email

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- The Better Beginnings Program includes a facilitated parent group and an enrichment program for children ages birth to 5 years. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Better Beginnings for Babies offers a time for songs, finger plays and adult discussion. Thursday, 10:00 to 11:30.
- In our Hillsborough Play Group, parents and children ages birth to 5 years meet together for parent sharing and child fun! Mondays, 1:00–2:30 p.m., and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to noon.

NEW! Out and About: an outdoor-based program for parents and their children. Beginning in September, we will be offering the opportunity for families to gather on Thursday mornings to take local hikes and visit fun places. There will be three 10-week sessions, the first starting on Thursday, Sept. 14. Call or email us for more info and to register for the first session!

Dads Support Group. Interested in a Dads Group? Dads don't always get the time to talk together about being a parent and other things that come up along the way. The group is gathering around the campfire with pizza provided, on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Email caroll@grapevinenh.org for more information or to register.

Learning Vine Outdoor Preschool: On Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon during the school year for children ages 3–5. This is an outdoor-based preschool program. For more information, please email amyd@grapevinenh.org.

Want to get involved? We are always looking for help! If you are interested in helping maintain the veggie or flower garden over the summer, please call The Grapevine. We

need help cleaning up our wood bank area and restacking what's left to get ready for next season. We also welcome summer donations of firewood—preferably split and ready to be stacked! Please contact us prior to dropping off wood donations.

Spring Cleaning? Consider gathering some items to donate to our fall yard sale. We are taking household items, toys, and small furniture, no clothes please. Call and talk to Carol before bringing your treasures to The Grapevine.

OTHER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE GRAPEVINE...

- Avenue A Teen & Community Center (see their separate article)
- Information and supported referral for resources to meet basic needs such as housing, home heating and food
- Ben Pratt Community Wood Bank
- Community Tool Shed
- Tax preparation and budget planning with Larry Schwartz of PHC Financial
- Kinship Navigator Program for grandparents and other relative caregivers who are parenting grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc.
- Home Visiting and One-to-One Supports: Support for all types of families who need access to community resources, someone to talk to and some extra support

The Grapevine is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit family and community resource center located at 4 Aiken Street, behind the Tuttle Library. For more information call 603–588–2620. Tax-deductible contributions are gratefully accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, or drop by the center at 4 Aiken Street (behind the library). Don't forget to visit us at www.grapevinenh.org and follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/grapevinenh.org/> and Instagram: [@thegrapevine-frc](https://www.instagram.com/thegrapevine-frc). For a listing of our funders and supporters, please visit our website at grapevinenh.org. ❁



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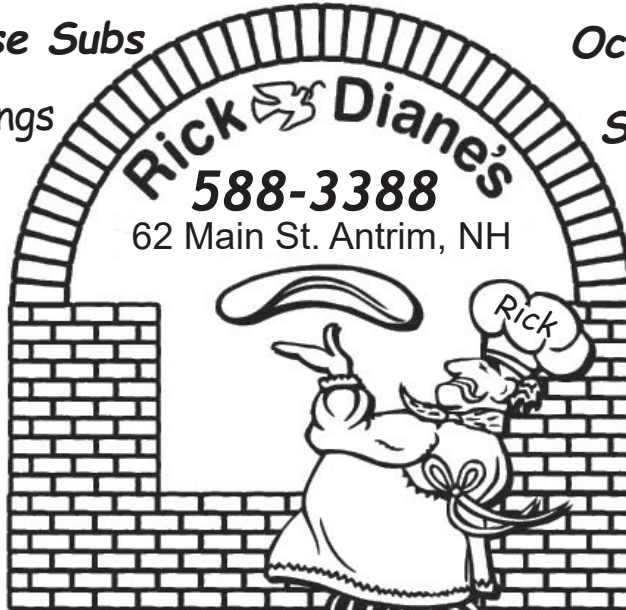
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