

TOWN HISTORY REVISITED CLINTON VILLAGE

By Isabel Nichols

If it takes a village to raise a child, what does it take to raise a village? Tradition tells us it needs a church, a school, a common, and perhaps an inn. The first four of Antrim's villages—the Center, North Branch, Over East, and South Village—had all or some of these component parts. But Clinton Village, the last to be settled, never had any of them, and yet for community feeling it rivalled all the others. The houses, mostly of mid-nineteenth century vintage, nestled together close to the road in friendly fashion, with cozy front yards adorned with picket fences, much in the fashion of Mark Twain's midwest villages.

Although Clinton Road officially begins at the end of Main Street and ends at Route 9, where Clinton Village begins and ends seems to be hard to define. The northern end stops just north of Butterfield Farm where Clinton Road (Route 31) is crossed by Congreve Road, which in earlier days went across and was the only way to Gregg Lake.

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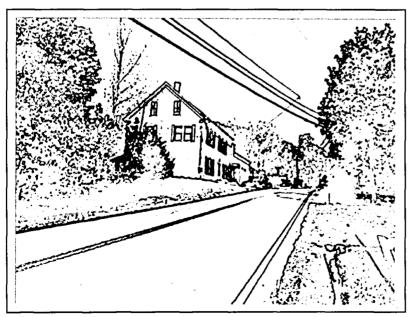
ANTRIM POLICE CROSSWALKS, CROSSWALKS !

There are five crosswalks on Main Street, one on West Street, and two on School Street. These are placed so that pedestrians may cross these streets safely.

Last week I was on the phone in the police station when I observed a nine or ten year old boy attempting to cross Main Street. He stood in the crosswalk patiently waiting for a break in the traffic or for a vehicle to to yield. It was obvious that he had been well instructed by his parents. I observed at least ten vehicles travel past this young man as he stood in the crosswalk with his backpack on. I stopped my conversation on the phone and went outside to assist him. As soon as I got out there vehicles stopped in both directions to allow him to cross. It is sad that the drivers of those vehicles failed to yield to this young child. Are we so involved in our own little worlds that we can't (or won't) take the time to help a child get home?

We now have newly painted crosswalks that are illuminated when headlights hit them at night, and we have put cross lines in the

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The Clinton Village Store, Clinton Road (Route 31) looking north west by Russ Russell

MILLENNIUM WEEKEND

AUGUST 12 & 13

The excitement is building for Antrim's **Millennium Parade** and **Weekend** on Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13. Many local businesses and civic groups have responded enthusiastically to the Committee's invitation to participate in the parade and are busily planning their floats around the theme "*Preserving the Past While Pursuing the Future*". It's not too late to join in the fun. Get together with your friends and neighbors in this town-wide celebration and reserve your spot in the parade.

Downtown Antrim will be a hub of activity and excitement on Saturday. The weekend's festivities will start with a Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Presbyterian Church from 7:30 to 9:30 AM. They will also have a Church Fair from 9 AM to 2 PM.

The Parade will kick off at 10 AM with clowns, bands, floats, antique cars and fire engines. After the Parade, there will be entertainment for all ages at the Bandstand

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TOWN OFFICES ARE MOVING

With the renovation of Town Hall scheduled to begin this summer, the Town Offices will be moving on June 16 and 17 to a temporary location in the Aiken Barn behind the Library.

Prior to that move the **Police Station** will relocate to the main Fire Station on Route 31, about 1 mile North of town. That move will take place on June 8.

In both cases there should be no interruption of services or change in the hours and services available to the public. Telephone numbers and mailing addresses will remain the same. The office in Town Hall will be open for business through Thursday June 15 and will be moved over the weekend and open for business on Monday June 19 in the new location at the Aiken Barn, which is located behind the Library (45 Main Street opposite the Village Store).

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LIMRIK INSERTS AND ADVERTISING FEES

The question of accepting **Inserts** for issues of the LIMRIK separate sheets either about commercial ventures or civic activities—was vigorously discussed at a recent LIMRIK staff meeting. The staff voted that, for a number of reasons, it should **no** longer accept **Inserts**. The LIMRIK will, however, always publish substantial information about community activities such as *Antrim In The Evening Concerts, Millennium Celebration, Celtic Festivals*, etc., just as it has always sought material from ongoing civic groups—Churches, 4-H Clubs, Scouts, etc.

ADVERTISING FEES

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crosswalks to make them more visible. We also have "Yield to Pedestrian" signs in the middle of Main Street.

If these efforts don't work, we may have to use a portable radio to inform officers at each end of Main Street that a vehicle has failed to stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk. Violation of the failure to yield to a pedestrian in the State of New Hampshire is a fine of \$72.

Let us join together to help each other get home safely.

- Brian A. Brown Chief, Antrim Police

TOWN PURCHASES AIKEN BARN

On April 11, the Town of Antrim purchased the Aiken Barn from the Aiken Barn Trust for the sum of \$61,505. This property, formerly the summer home of Charles Jackson, is located behind the Aiken House and the James A. Tuttle Library.

The Aiken Barn Trust is a non-profit charitable trust established by a group of Antrim residents in June of 1998. The sole purpose of the trust was to purchase the property from Mr. Jackson and make it available to the Town. As the Community Development Block grant application process proceeded, it became apparent that the acquisition of the Barn property would more than double the area of land around the Aiken House and the Library. This could resolve parking issues, provide temporary quarters for The Grapevine during the Aiken House renovations and provide greater design flexibility for the Library's expansion project.

The Trust purchased this property in October 1998 for \$69,100. Funds were raised through generous donations and loans from community members and a short-term mortgage with the NH Community Loan Fund. The members of the Trust took a gamble that a future Town Meeting would vote to purchase the property although they believed that they could recoup their money by reselling the property to a private party.

The barn turned out to be a great temporary space for The Grapevine. Now that the Town has acquired it, Town Offices will be using a section of the building for temporary quarters during the Town Hall renovation period. As a bonus, the Town has acquired an outstanding example of 19th century post and beam barn construction. If you've never been inside, stop by The Grapevine or the Town Office. Perhaps selectman Phil Dwight will let you take a peek at the hayloft!

The Aiken Barn Trust will be dissolving over the next few months as its mission has been accomplished. Thanks to everyone who helped make this project a success!

> - David Penny, President Aiken Barn Trust

VACATION NOTICE

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on Monday evening July 3 and July 10. Day hours will be as usual. The Town Offices will be closed July 4 for the holiday.

Town History Revisited continued

Beyond this northern boundary is Antrim Center. The southern end is not so easily defined. Does Clinton Village end at the firehouse and Mescilbrooks Farm, or does it continue across the flat to the beginning of Main Street? What about Old Hancock Road—does the village end at West Street? And perhaps the most important boundary of all would be Gregg Lake Road—where does Clinton end and Gregg Lake, which now deserves the connotation of village itself, begin?

The Historical Society pondered the question and came up with no decisive answers, but there's no denying that Clinton Corner, where Old Hancock, Gregg Lake and Clinton Roads converge came to be the center of activity at the turn of the 20th century, with a bandstand in the triangle.

But the gathering place was the Clinton Store. An anonymous local poet wrote a paean to the store sometime in the 1920s:

"I've seen the blooming country From the Rockies to the sea, You may have fun in running round There isn't much for me. I'd rather sit behind the stove And hear the night winds roar When the crowd of sportsmen gather In the Clinton Village Store."

Rev. Warren Cochrane, in his History of Antrim N.H., writes on pages 263-264:

The first building in this village was put up by Dea. Imla Wright in 1828. It was then a deep forest, rocky and rough in the extreme, but grew up rapidly by the development of its water power [Great Brook]...In 1851 there were sixteen dwellings in Clinton. At one time it was proposed to call this village "Wrightsville", as it was founded by Dea. Wright. But he modestly objected, and proposed that they call the village "Clinton". As DeWitt Clinton [builder of the Erie Canal in New York State] had just died, and was then universally praised,...all fell in with Dea. Wright's suggestion, and the place has since been called "Clinton".

The first store in Clinton was opened in 1873 by Clark B. Cochrane, brother of the aforementioned historian. Along with other buildings at Clinton Corner the store was completely destroyed by fire in 1908, but devastating fires were common in those days and never a deterrent to continuing business as soon as possible. Soon a larger, more modern building housed the Clinton Store.

The local bard continues:

"There's list of knotty questions To be settled every night. But we always have to leave them To Mort Paige to set them right.

We laugh at Lucellus Thurston For spending all his dough And buying an ancient vehicle That he can't make go. While Camp leans up against the counter And laughs and laughs some more, When the crowd of sportsmen gather At the Clinton Village Store."

It wasn't only the sportsmen who gathered there; the many housewives who lived within walking distance of the store found the long opening hours a convenience when groceries were needed in a hurry, not to mention as a way of keeping up with the daily gossip. School children stopped by for a Moxie or sarsaparilla drink before heading home to tackle their evening chores.

The factories and mills along Great Brook in Clinton provided a good living for local families for 140 years, marking the change from farming community to industrialization, but one by one they met their demise for various reasons, until Paige's Reel Shop burned in 1970, the last to go. By this time the structure of the community as a whole had changed, and it became a "bedroom" town. So Clinton Village continues to be a neighborly place to come home to after working in another town. Even the Clinton Store has now been made into apartments.

> "Then John Loveren gets uneasy And says it's getting late, But Andy says it's early John replies he has to get up at eight.

Then Herb pick up the rubbish That is left laying around. The cats and dogs hunt up a sleeping place The warmest to be found. When everyone is sound asleep They'll probably dream some more About the crowd of sportsmen gathered At the Clinton Village Store."

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Editor's Note: It is the LIMRIK's fault that the following note of thanks was omitted from the last issue.

GENEROSITY AT CHRISTMAS

For many years, the Salvation Army has exercised a quiet but important role in Antrim. Its funding comes from local contributors. I would like to thank Craig and Karen Grimes, owner's of *Wayno's*, for their generous permission to "Ring the Bell" in front of the store.

As in past years, we raised enough money for local needs. This year we also contributed \$200 to *Operation Santa*. Many thanks to Alice Mae Flanders, Linda Bryer and their compassionate crew of *Operation Santa*, as well as to the generosity of the local Lion's Club.

We want to thank the Bell Ringers who braved the cold and the contributors who helped their neighbors and made Antrim such a great town.

God's blessing and peace to you all.

- Rev. Rick Palmer

KUDOS

Former Antrim resident Jim Putnam, now living in Colorado where he works for a Defense Contractor sends the following message to the LIMRIK:

"I would like to pass kudos to the Antrim Limrik for providing a quality product that is informative and entertaining. While I keep updated with New Hampshire news from the on-line Keene Sentinel and Manchester Union Leader, the Antrim Limrik provides a refreshing local touch. Just wanted to let you know that your efforts are greatly appreciated by those of us who reside out of the state but will always call Antrim home. Thanks for your efforts."

PRINCIPLE VS POLITICS

THE ART OF SENSIBLE COMPROMISE

Representative Richard Herman Every politician faces the question of when to compromise in order to get important work done. The current legislative session contained many important moments when we had to exercise our responsibility make wise choices.

No issue continues to be of greater importance than the way we fund education in New Hampshire. Do we enact a broad based tax, income or sales, restructure the system we have or invent some entirely new unknown means for raising the money? We have spent the past two years examining various options only to enact a sunset law that is at best a temporary fix and may ultimately be judged unconstitutional.

Now our governor has announced the establishment of a blue ribbon commission to study what has already been studied for two years, at great expense of time and money. And for what appears to be political expedience, the study results will be known AFTER the November election.

During the current legislative session an exhaustive study on school funding was completed and House and Senate both voted in favor of an income tax solution only to discover that the Governor remained unmoved in her consistent opposition to this plan and said she would veto the bill if it came to her desk. Her intransigence seemed illogical to me in the face of all the data and debate that had ensued.

Was the Governor motivated primarily by principle or politics? Sadly, I conclude she chose the practical, safe political route to follow and has left us without a viable funding solutiom after two years of diligent legislative effort. It makes me wonder why we spent so much time going through what feels like a futile effort.

It's the children who are still waiting for the grownups to grow up, do their homework and pass the test. And the grownups are still disgruntled about the unfair system of taxation. How do we bring closure to this vexing problem?

We have another gubernatorial election looming on the November horizon and I urge you to look carefully at two bright, informed candidates who could become their party candidates: Democrat Mark Fernald and Republican Jim Squires.

Both Fernald and Squires are State Senators who have worked long and hard on the problem of educational funding, and Fernald was a co-sponsor of bipartisan HB 109, the income tax bill that passed both House and Senate.

Both candidates make an informed and compelling case for a school funding solution and deserve your attention. Their solutions generate long term adequate income to pay for education, would be dedicated by a constitutional amendment for that purpose and would lower most homeowners *local* property tax to zero.

Take a look at the Fernald and Squires plans. I think you'll be surprised how intelligent, sensible and fair they really are to everyone.

Please write or call anytime and share your thoughts with me. It helps me serve you best as your local State Representative. Phone: 603-478-3166, or email:

richard@interlocken.org

FOLK TALGS DEPOT STREET BRIDGE

By Fred Roberts

Recently I saw in a newspaper article a reference to the Depot Street bridge. This bridge spans the Contoocook River between Antrim and Bennington. The reason the article caught my attention is that I helped build that bridge about fifty years ago.

I don't remember the exact year but it was soon after WWII. The bridge, built of concrete, replaced an iron bridge which was probably destroyed in a spring flood. Construction of the new one was carried out by a firm from Concord and they hired local help to do the "grunt work".

Francis DeCapot, a friend of mine, and I went to the work area to see if we could hire on. We were both in our late teens and figured we could do anything. "So you boys want to hire on do you?" the foreman asked. "Yes sir", we replied in unison. "OK. Let me see your Social Security cards and I'll sign you up." "Sorry sir, but we don't have SS cards" we replied. There went our summer jobs, we figured, and started to leave.

"Wait, I have applications here that you can fill out and you can start work at once." So much for Social Security! We quickly filled out the applications and presented ourselves for duty.

In the late 40s the country was changing from a wartime economy to a peacetime economy and heavy equipment was not readily available. A lot of work was still done

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Town Offices continued

DIRECTIONS TO TEMPORARY QUARTERS

Enter the Library driveway and continue straight down into the gravel parking area. The Town Office will be in the right hand section of the Aiken Barn building, up the handicap access ramp; The Grapevine occupies the other side of the building. **DO NOT** go back up into the paved Library driveway, you have to exit to the left of the Barn taking a right onto Aiken Street which brings you to Main Street.

The one major problem with the location is that there is no adequate meeting space. After exploring various alternative locations it has been decided that some meetings of public boards and committees will be held in the main dining area of the Maplehurst Inn (their restaurant is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays).

The Selectmen have decided that their meetings on Monday evenings will be held there. No definite plans have been made by other boards and committees. So as meetings are scheduled their locations will be announced.

OTHER TOWN NEWS

Following up on the results of the vote at Town Meeting, the purchase of the Aiken Barn was concluded in mid April. While it was not contemplated when the warrant was put on the ballot, its choice as temporary quarters for the Town Office will provide significant savings over other possible solutions.

Also authorized at Town Meeting: the new Town Highway truck is already in service and the new police cruiser should be on patrol shortly.

We would like to welcome Paul Vasques to the position of Secretary to the Land Use Boards. Paul is replacing Sherry Miller who has taken over as Secretary to the Board of Selectmen.



Contributors to the LIMRIK should provide copy to reporters by the 8th of the month preceding each issue. Issues are published in December, March, June, and September. For the next issue, copy should be delivered by August 8, either to a staff member or to the Tuttle Library.

INTERVIEW WITH NINA HARDING

THE ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Interviewed and Edited by Lyman Gilmore

This interview took place in Nina Harding's home on Pleasant Street in Antrim, New Hampshire, on 7 February, 2000. Nina and I sat at the kitchen table which was strewn with books on Antrim history and genealogy because, as Nina explained, some children from the middle school had come to interview her about Antrim's Main Street. I had known Nina for thirty-five years; her daughter Susan and my daughter Lisa had been close friends in elementary school, and we laughed at the fact that now, many years later, both worked at New England College in Henniker, as Nina and I had during the 1970s and '80s. This is an excerpt from the longer complete interview available from the Antrim Historical Society.

I was born January 27, 1920-it had to be an even year, otherwise I couldn't remember it-over in East Antrim. My father built our house in 1906; it burned just within the last few years. His name was Edward G. Rokes, and my mother was Etta L. Perry. Her mother was a Mac Ilvaine, and they were some of the founders of Antrim, which is Scottish and Irish, from, Antrim, Ireland. I can tell you the whole story. There was a religious uprising in the northern part of Ireland-when you talk about Scotland and Ireland, it's only a short trip across the waterand the Catholics went in and killed what they thought was the whole family. It turned out that there was a baby in the crib that they didn't find, and that was my ancestor. The neighbors raised him, and as a very young man he came to this country. The story is in the Cochrane genealogy where you can find it under "Mc Ilvaine" if you want to look it up the facts. At the time when that was written, the Mac Ilvaines still lived in town. Some lived up where Robertson lives now, the one that has that insurance company, as well as down below there, just before you take the curve to the North Branch cemetery, in the brick front house. A Mac Ilvaine relative of mine lived there when the tornado came through in 1922.

My father came from the Indians; his grandmother was a full-blooded Indian, and maybe his mother too. We have tried very hard to trace this. Someone from Hancock did the genealogy on it and went to my brother Ralph and said, "I'll give a copy to you." He said, "you don't need to, I'll remember." He took it to the grave with him." We have no idea (what the tribe was). He was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania. The story he used to tell us, and is told down through the years, was that his father came from England, They didn't know anything about him for several years, but then he showed up with an Indian bride and a boy about nine years old. That is the way the story is told, but it may have gotten mixed down through the years. We have no idea.

We lived on the farm. It wasn't a big farm; but we had cows and horses, and enough to keep us going. I had an older brother, and we went to school in East Antrim. Do you know where the Over East school was? It is east of Meeting House Hill, which used to be the center of town. We always said, "Over East," don't ask me why. (Laughs) We never used to say "Elm Avenue" for the street, it was always "Over East." The Over East cemetery is just off the entrance to Elm Avenue before you get to the clothing store (White Mountain Traders). There's a little bit of a road that goes back in to the right, and that's where the cemetery is. The overeast church was across from the cemetery, I'll take you boony cruising some time! That's what I used to do all the time with my husband, take him all over the place. (Laughs)

There wasn't really a center Over East. The church was there for such a short time. When they moved the main meeting house down from Meeting House Hill to where the brick church was near the Grange Hall, that's when the split came, in 1826. A lot of people didn't want to build a new church and so they went to the Over East church. That church had several names: The First United Presbyterian Congregational Baptist Society. I used to hike down to the cemetery. The year I went to school in East Antrim, on Memorial Day we walked all the way down from the school to the cemetery, and decorated the graves. And I was only six years old. (Laughs)

I had just turned six when we moved to town over on Wallace Street. All eleven years that I went to school I went to that apartment house on North Main Street, the Antrim School. I loved school, but I didn't do well. Then again, I had to be in bed at 7:30 every night whether I had my work done or not. If I could do it by lamplight by myself, I did it. So I had very little relationship with other students.

I loved the lower grades. High school was when I began to do poorly because I didn't

know how to study, and no one told me how. The headmaster we had was something else again! Thomas Chaffee. Years afterwards I realized that he was not of high school level. He was college level, and if you were not going on to college, you might as well quit school. That was his attitude. Well, I'll tell you, this is something that shows you why I came to dislike school at the end. When we were juniors we had to make decisions about what we wanted to do when we got out of school, and what classes we would take as seniors. Well I can still see it just as plain as my nose right in front of me. He called us out in the hall, and I went out, and he said, "What do you want to take for subjects this year?" I said I want to take Latin, and I want to take this, and this, and this. "Well, what do you want to take Latin for?" I said, that I'd like to go into nursing, and in those days Latin was absolutely required. You want to know what his answer was? "You're too dumb to take Latin, you'll never make it." If you don't think that didn't destroy me! It was something I came to grips with only years later. That's the one thing I held against him. Also, he told the boys that if they took any time off to go deer hunting, which was a very popular thing in those days-they needed the meat-that they might as well not come back to school because he wasn't going to take them back. So, those were the things I had problems with. But I did graduate from high school.

In the Depression we went through the bad times. Everything was bad in those days, it was really something. In 1929 I was nine years old, I just remember that we were very limited in what we had to eat. One thing I do remember is Morris Cutter who ran the meat market, Henry's uncle. Old Morris, bless his heart, Saturday night he'd go through the list of people who owed him money, and he'd take out certain slips and tear them up, and then he'd go around with his cart with tag ends of some ham or beef or something, and give it to families. I remember one Saturday night he came to our house with a piece of ham about this big (baseball size), and to me that looked very big (Laughs). I do remember a lot of things about that time, of not even being able to offer a friend a cracker because we just didn't have it. We had enough to eat, but it wasn't a good diet. We always had a garden, and we raised chickens, and we raised a pig. But everybody was in the same situation.

Interview with Nina Harding continued

Farm, up North Main Street where the road forks, Fred Proctor's house. I think McCulloch owns that house now. There used to be a cow barn right out next to the farm, a big red barn to the left of the farmhouse, and that barn burned in 1925. My whole family came down to see it in the buggy, except my brother who was just older than I, Ralph, and myself. He had to milk the cow, that's why he had to stay home. You had to milk the cows on time. He didn't want to stay alone, and I was the next one down. I can remember standing in the barn door and watching that Proctor barn burn, and I was only five years old. You could see it all the way from East Antrim. Of course it wasn't as grown up as it is now, there were more pastures.

In those days doctors made house calls. I remember falling off a hay rake and ripping my leg open. Doctor Tibbetts came to the house and told me it was going to hurt, but if I would let him stitch it up, he'd give me a pint of ice cream. I let him do it, but I was too sick to my stomach to eat the ice cream, so my brothers ate it. (Laughs) I'll never forget that. In those days a pint of ice cream was precious. Years and years before that we used to make a lot of ice cream, that was one of the things people did, with the icehouses. Then there came the period when the electric refrigerator and the ice boxes and so forth, and they didn't make much ice cream any more. Doctors delivered babies in the home in those days, too. I think old Doc Chestnutt delivered me. He's the one who lived down where Tom Dowling lives now. Always drunk, but they said he was a good doctor. Doctor Tibbetts lived in the house where the Lutheran girls are now. Doctor Tibbetts was a veteran of World War I who came back here and was the doctor for many, many years.

Antrim was a dry town for quite a while. In fact, just over the line into Bennington used to be Raleigh's little "bar" place. That little house that has antiques in it just as you go over the line, on the left, just a little shed like thing, that's where they used to have it. Men would even walk over to get a drink. It probably had a name, but we just called it Raleigh's. These Raleighs came from that original "Riley," only they changed the name. It was the Riley who thought he was settling in Hillsborough, but he settled just over the line in Antrim. Isabel will tell you; she gets mad because they say Aiken was the first, but he wasn't the first, Riley was here first. The Indians drove him out, and he came back fifteen years later and found axes and so forth right where he had left them. I can remember when Antrim was dry. They'd go over to Newhall's on Sand Hill in Bennington for their hard liquor. It was a long time before Antrim voted to have any liquor in town. We used to laugh because they would bring it to a vote every town meeting, but it was still dry.

In a previous Historical Society interview Henry and Gwen Cutter described how there were different neighborhoods in Antrim, some considered good, some less so. Nina responds:

I knew that feeling was there, but I personally never had it. I'll tell you, as I remember it, we were always poor anyway so it didn't make any difference. We did live in what they called the good neighborhood. Hurlin lived there, Robinson lived there, and that was the end of the town where Goodell lived. I didn't realize there was such a feeling at this (south) end of town till we moved up to Margie's and Fred's (Roberts) right down here on Pleasant Street. Mrs. Irene Dunlap used to live across the street from the Roberts. Her uncle came over from England, or his family did, and they worked in the Goodell Company. At one time Goodell Company imported a lot of English people to do certain types of cutlery, the Sheffield type of thing. Well, one day she said to me, "Do you like living here (in the south end of town)?" "I love it." "You're not lonesome?" I looked at her. She said "One time we moved into a house up at the north end of town, and I couldn't take it. It was so lonesome that my husband had to move me back down this end of the town. It was terrible. I could never live in the north end of this town. How do you do it?" I said, "I've got friends everywhere!" (*Laughs*)

When I became eighteen-I had just graduated from high school-I married Andy Fuglestad who had eight children. He was a handle finisher at the Goodell Company. I had been taking care of the family when he lost his first wife, the mother of the children, who died in childbirth. The oldest one was about three years younger than I, and the youngest was just one. I feel I grew up with the children, and the family has always been very dear to me. That was in 1938, more than sixty years ago. We've lost some of them to cancer, but just before Thanksgiving I was in Texas to visit my oldest stepdaughter who is really a dear friend of mine. I was married to Andy fourteen years. He died in 1952 when I was thirtytwo. The three youngest ones were still at home when he died. I took care of him for two months when he came home from the VA hospital, bedridden. He was veteran of World War I, and he was a handle finisher at the Goodell Company all those years after he came home from the service in 1919.

I took care of the children until the youngest one graduated, and then I met Bill Harding. He was a chef, and he worked out of town a lot. He died in 1981. We owned the Village Barn at one time, right at the corner of Grove Street and North Main, across from the brown church. The apartment house there now was a guesthouse and dining room which we owned for several years. But the volume of trade was not around then, so we sold it. Let's see when that was. I was expecting Sam, so I'm pretty sure it was 1958. Sue was born in 1962, and Sam was born while we were living at the barn. That was one of the reasons we decided not to continue the business, because the two of us couldn't devote time to the baby.

Nina, Bill, and their children worked and lived in several Antrim locations, finally and unhappily moved to Manchester for better jobs. After four months of Nina's working in a shoe factory, Bill had a second stroke and had to be hospitalized. He came home in a wheelchair and never worked again. Nina cared for him for over twelve years, raised her two teen-aged children, and worked as a baker at New England College. Bill died in 1981, and Nina retired in 1990.

I bounced from church to church when I was a child. I started in the Presbyterian Church, and then my stepmother decided you weren't supposed to do that, you're supposed to go to the Baptist church, so I spent part of my childhood in the Baptist church. Andy was a Lutheran, but almost a "no-church" because, since there wasn't a Lutheran church around here, he couldn't go to church. I went to the Methodist church for a while too. So I really bounced all over the place. But my church really started when I retired and went back to the Presbyterian Church. I said there are only two things I'm going to do. I'm going back to my church and work for my church, and I'm going to do the Historical Society. And if there is anything in the town that I'm needed for—for instance the 1994 Celebration—I'll handle that when it comes. But those two are the

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Interview with Nina Harding continued

only things I'm going to do, and I've stuck by it. You know, when you are a single person and you want to be with people, what better place is there but getting into a good church and be with people. The only other way to be with people if you are single is to go sidle up at the bar in a singles club. (*Laughs*) I put it very bluntly, but if you like people and you want to be with people, you have to go where you can feel safe with people. I'm an elder of the Presbyterian church, I work in the church a lot, and I love it. I love the people. They gave me an eightieth birthday surprise the Sunday before my birthday, and it was the first surprise in my life that I haven't gone all to pieces over.

I have a little money from my retirement, and some social security, and I inherited a little from my brother, so for the first time in my life I've been able to get my nose above water a little, I don't have much; I gave the house to Sam so I don't have that responsibility any more. Sam's right here, and I have Sue in Henniker, and my own grandchildren and my stepchildren and grandchildren are close to me. I have a perfect setup. I love this arrangement.

ITS ABOUT TIME DR. TOM DOWLING GREAT BROOK VETERINARY CLINIC

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They say it is very important to make plans. "Failure to plan is planning to fail." This is particularly important as it relates to the pets we keep.

The leading cause of death in abandoned pets, especially dogs, is euthanasia, or putting animals to sleep. This fact comes down by way of statistics from the many Humane Societies and shelters throughout the United States and abroad. The most frequently cited reason for this atrocity is behavioral problems, mostly due to uncommitted owners.

Owning a pet, especially a dog, requires a commitment. Having a pet means caring for that pet, and that means devoting at least a minimal amount of time in providing for its well being. It takes more than food and shelter to have a meaningful pet/owner relationship.

Training is a key factor in making that relationship work. Gentle, persistent and consistent time periods spent with a young dog or puppy in the early stages is a small investment in comparison to the dividends we can enjoy with a well adjusted pet later on.

If training poses too great a challenge, by all means seek the advice of a competent, experienced trainer; read training books or pamphlets; or consult your veterinarian. Many professional trainers and handlers have become more knowledgeable about current methods and devices. Several use the "Gentle Leader" system in their training programs.

The "Gentle Leader" system employs a halter-like headgear which resembles halters used on livestock. The concept is very simple and basic, and for the large majority of cases, works like a charm.

If you would like to know more about the "Gentle Leader", ask us at Great Brook Vet Clinic, or any veterinarian or professional trainer. It could save your pet's life.

AIKEN HOUSE UPDATE

By David Penny Aiken House Advisory Committee

Last fall, I reported that the final architect drawings had been submitted to the selectmen and were available for viewing at the Little Town Hall prior to putting the project out to bid. After the LIMRIK went to press, the Antrim Fire Department reviewed the plans and reservations were expressed regarding some major life safety issues with the existing structure. These issues included the need to sprinkle the building and reconstruct the stairway. As architect Tom Weller began to address these issues along with the many other issues involved with the deteriorated condition of the building, a budgetary red flag was raised. Tom began to feel that it might be more cost effective to demolish the existing building and completely rebuild it. His rationale was based on the fact that if we had to remove the stairway, very little was going to be left that would visually show that it was an historic building. He felt that we would be continuing to "cob together" a building that has been "cobbed together" throughout its life.

The project was put on hold until the NH Historic Resource Commission could evaluate this new proposal. That evaluation was completed on February 8, and the committee was advised that the Commission considered the Aiken House to have historic significance and the project could not proceed unless the basic timber frame of the structure was preserved. It was quite an education for those of us who looked at the structure through the eyes of the representative of the NH Historic Resource Commission.

Prior to our meeting, members of the committee removed sections of walls and ceilings to expose the deteriorated condition of the building. What we found turned out to be a fascinating trail through history as the building was changed from a post and beam 18th century farm house with a massive center chimney to a 19th century rooming house to a 20th century apartment building. Unfortunately, these changes do not reflect the best skills and materials. Mr. Weller has gone back to his drawing board with new information obtained during this evaluation process and a goal of preserving the building at reasonable costs.

With the Town's purchase of the Aiken Barn property for future Library expansion, we can utilize the topography of the land where the ell now stands for direct handicap access to the first floor of the building, thus reducing elevator costs.

We hope to start construction before winter. It will continue to be a challenge to keep the project within budget as issues involving the integrity of the existing structure are juggled along with the increases in construction costs.

THANKS FROM THE LIBRARY

The Trustees of the James A. Tuttle Library wish to thank our patrons, friends, and neighbors for supporting the library at the Town Meeting in March. When you voted to purchase the Aiken Barn property and create a capital reserve fund for the library, you set in motion the long overdue process of enlarging and improving the Tuttle Library to better serve all of Antrim's individuals and families. Thank you!

> Sharon Dowling, Lyman Gilmore, Connie Kirwin Dana Welch and Ruth Zwirner



CELTIC CELEBRATION

After last year's successful Celtic Celebration in Antrim, the committee has begun planning for this year's festival scheduled for the weekend of Sept 30 and Oct 1. Members include Heather Avery, Kathy Chisholm, Kelley Collins, Jacque Cottle, Paul Dugan, Lois Harriman, Anne and Brian Hennessy, Jerry Lindsay and Tim Seeger.

The concerts and workshops will reflect the Scots-Irish heritage of Antrim and festival organizers want to promote awareness of these roots as well as local business, crafts and culture. The logo, designed by Richard Block Graphics, depicts a fiddle and a distaff. Antrim's early Scots-Irish settlers were weavers by trade and grew flax for linen spinning and weaving.

Many of the performers scheduled this year also played at last year's festival and there are some exciting newcomers as well. We are pleased to announce that the Celtic rock band CUILLIN will start the festival with a concert at the Great Brook School on Saturday, Sept 30. For a good seat plan to come early. Entertainment for Sunday, Oct 1, will include: The NH Police Association Pipe Band, Brendan Carey Block, Bodaich, Maggie Carchrie, Aine Minogue, and Robbie O'Connell (and more). There will also be workshops on Cape Breton stepdancing, the Irish Famine, the Highland Clearances, Irish genealogy, Scottish genealogy, storytelling, spinning and weaving, and Celtic harp, as well as children's activities organized by the Grapevine and Antrim Recreation Dept. There will be something for everyone in the family, so mark the dates on your calendar. Advance Admission buttons will be available.

The committee needs and welcomes donations and volunteers to make the celebration a success. The following items are needed: small and large tents (either donation or loan); bottled water for performers (donation); cash boxes (donation or loan); banner materials (donation); paper cups and plates (donation). Please call Kathy Chisholm at the Tuttle Library at 588-6786 or any committee member if you are able to donate or loan any of the items on the above list or are able to volunteer. Check out our website at: antrimceltic.conknet.com

ABOUT TOWN

ANTRIM REC DEPT

This is the first year that we have had a girls softball team and we hope to see it continue for many years to come. This is a great group of girls who are working really hard and having a great time. From their first game to playoffs you would have thought that they had been playing softball for a long time, but for some this is their first year! Thanks to everyone who participated and helped to make this a great first season.

SWIMMING LESSONS AT THE TOWN BEACH

• Afternoon Lessons: The weeks of July 10, 17 and 24 Tues., Wed. & Thurs.

• Morning Lessons: The weeks of July 31, Aug 7 and 14 Tues., Wed. & Thurs.

Lesson times will be determined by the number of children who sign up. Registration forms will go home with AES students in June.

Don't forget our other ongoing recreation activities: 30-something Men's Basketball on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM; Co-ed Adult Volleyball on Thursdays at 7 PM; Co-ed Adult Softball starting June 26 on Mondays at 6:30 PM

If you have any ideas for other activities please join us at a Friends of Recreation meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Rec Center or at a Recreation Committee meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Rec Center.

We are always looking for aerobics or other exercise instructors. Call 588-3121.

WAVERLY LODGE #59

The Waverly Lodge Odd Fellows has applied to the state "Adopt a Highway" program; picking up trash along the roadsides. The Lodge has applied for Clinton Road from the corner of North Main Street to Old Pound Road in Antrim Center. Approval is anticipated shortly.

The Lodge will supply a chicken BBQ for the **Millennium Celebration** at Gregg Lake on Sunday, August 13 at 6 PM, and a chicken BBQ at the Labor Day program of the **Antrim In The Evening**. Proceeds from these two events will go toward helping sponsor the Cub Scouts as well as other events.

ANTRIM WOMAN'S CLUB

The annual meeting was held in May and the next meeting will be in September.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Two scholarships are available to people in the towns of Antrim and Bennington. To qualify, the students must have been residents of either town for at least two years.

One scholarship is for an adult woman who plans to either begin, change, or return to college after a number of years of other responsibilities.

The other scholarship will be awarded to a student, male or female, who is now enrolled in an accredited college, university, or vocational institution. Interested people can pick up their application at the Tuttle Library in Antrim. Applications must be returned to the library by July 1, 2000.

AMERICAN LEGION POST #50

On May 2 District Commander Plemendon and Staff installed the newly elected officers of Post 50 into the various chairs. Post Commander–Steve Roy; Senior Vice Commander–Arthur Allison; Junior Vice Commander–Robert Allison; Adjutant– Don Paige; Finance Officer–Phil Lang; Sgt. At Arms–Arthur Bryer; Chaplain–Fred Roberts; Historian–Ted Brown; Youth–Carter Proctor; Americanism–Bill Bailey.

Commander Roy thanked the officers for their help in the past year in keeping the Post active by sponsoring the Boy Scouts, the Memorial Day Parade, and ceremonies and various meetings of the District which Commander Roy attended.

BROWNIE TROOP 2125

In April our troop enjoyed participating in a bike and rollerblading rodeo at the Basketball court. Everyone had fun and received a ribbon. May was a busy month preparing for the Memorial Day parade. After the parade we hosted our Bridging-Up Ceremony at the Bandstand.

Coming events: June 10–11, a camp-out at Greenfield State Park; July 25, seacoast day trip; August 22, hiking Pack Monadnock.

Thanks to all of the supportive families and a special thanks to Izzy Nichols who shared Antrim's history through her story telling.





Antrim Presbyterian Church 588-2209 Pastor Richard Palmer

Sunday Summer Schedule as of June 4Worship10:00 AMFellowship hour11:00 AM(child care available for 4-year-olds and

under) Note: There will be no church school during the summer.

July 17–21 Vacation Bible School to be held at the Baptist Church in conjunction with the Baptist Church for children K–6, Call 588-6614 to register.

Millennium WeekendAug 12Pancake Breakfast 9–10 AMSummer Fair 9 AM–2 PM

Revival Shop Hours Fri. & Sat. 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Antrim Baptist Church 588-6614 Pastor Charles V. Boucher Cherryl Boucher, Associate Pastor

Sunday Summer Schedule as of June 25 Worship 9:30 AM (Nursery and junior church provided)

June 3 Meatloaf Dinner Adults \$6, Children 4–8 yrs \$3.50, Family maximum \$18

July 17–21 Vacation Bible School in conjunction with the Presbyterian Church for children K–6, Call 588-6614 to register.

Millennium Weekend

Aug 12 Church Fair 9 AM-1 PM Cold Dish Supper 5-6:30 PM Adults \$6, Children 4-8 yrs \$4, Family maximum \$18

Community Food Pantry Open Saturdays 10:00 AM-12 Noon

> Antrim Church of Christ 588-6178 Pastor Bill McInich

Sunday Schedule

Bible Study	9:30-10:30 AM
Worship	10:45-12 Noon
Potluck Lunch	(as announced)

Bible Study

Mondays-Ladies 10:00-11:00 AM Wednesdays-General 7:00-8:00 PM Thursdays-Pre-Teen & Adults 7:00-8:30 PM

Clothing shop and Food Pantry open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday from 10:30–12 Noon.

Saint Patrick Church 588-2180 Rev. Andre L. Bedard

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:15 PM Sunday 8 & 10:30 AM Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri Rosary 7 AM Morning Prayer 7:15 AM Mass 7:30 AM

Thurs.

Rosary 7 AM Morning Prayer 7:15 AM

Communion Service 7:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance half hour before each Mass.

First Communion was received by 13 children on May 7. Special thanks to class teachers Gale Jones and Susan Brissette for preparing the children.

The two year preparation for young adults to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation concluded in April. These high school students have been working under the auspices of Fr. Andy Bedard and Ken Mazur. Although the date has not been set, we hope the Bishop will confirm these young men and women in the fall of 2000.

Bennington Congregational Church 588-2398

Rev. Bryce Cleveland and Rev. Hardy Sunday Worship 10:30 AM The Reverend Dr. Dan Poling will again be serving the Weare Union Church for July, August and September.

CORRECTION

A letter from Irene and Brian Shields of Antrim, Ireland, corrects a statement in the March LIMRIK. The article had mentioned that following the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster toxic clouds had drifted across Ireland and contaminated lambs so that the meat was inedible. The Shield's letter says in part that "there was a risk of pollution at that time in Northern Europe and... precautions were taken here that on particular areas of high ground advice was given not to graze sheep until clearance was given. But at no time was there any restriction on the eating of lamb or meat in this area, contrary to the impression given in the LIMRIK article."

The LIMRIK is pleased to print this. 🌩

Did You Know that...

Jim Aborn offers Jujitsu lessons at the Great Brook Gym? Classes are held on Mondays, from 4–5:00 PM for ages 6–9 and a general class is held from 5:15–6:00 PM. On Wednesday nights there is a class for adults at 6 PM in the Antrim Gym. If you would like more information, call Jim at 588-2846.

Wade Searles has his own *Carpentry* and *Roofing* business? I quote his business card: "Odd Jobs—No job too small. Do it once—Do it right!" You can reach Wade at 588-3924, 22 Buttercup Lane, Antrim.

Marcia Leisure of Parkside Gallery in Hillsboro has purchased Backward Look Antiques in North Branch on Route 9? Talk about inventory—it is unbelievable! She is slowly learning what she has in stock—two floors of several rooms each, plus outbuildings, will provide any antique enthusiast or dealer with hours of fun browsing. The new name of the this new venture will be *Parkside Gallery* and the establishment in Hillsboro will receive a new identity. Marcia was featured on the cover of the May 5 Villager. Do stop by and welcome her to Antrim.

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McGurty Maintenance cleaning service has been providing janitorial services to businesses and institution in the Monadnock region for the past 17 years? They are a fullservice company providing glass, tile, carpet cleaning as well as general office cleaning to their customers. For more information, call **588-2057**.

The time has come to give this column a rest. It's been interesting and informative to meet the owners of so many new (and old) business ventures in town. Thanks from the LIMRIK staff for allowing us to share your hopes for the future.

Editor's Note: Many thanks to Gloria Schacht for her efforts in writing this feature column all these years.

GREGG LAKE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting was held May 27 at Dick Conti's. It was noted that "Woody" Woodworth has resigned his position as Dam Keeper and the job has been turned over to the town. Bob Varnum of the Antrim highway department will now be responsible for water levels at the lake. Woody has given his services as dam keeper since 1983.



LIBRARY NEWS



BOOK DISPLAYS

- June SEA STORIES
- July

GREAT SUMMER READING

- August
 - GREAT SUMMER READING Children's Books

PROGRAMS

ODDS BODKIN Performance • June 24 Co-sponsored by The Grapevine 11 AM Fellowship Hall Antrim Baptist Church

• July-Aug READING CATSAND DOGS Summer Reading Program

- July 7 Storytime 10 AM
- July 14 Storytime 10 AM
- Storytime and Stuffed animal • Aug 4 pet show 10 AM
- Awards Party 1 PM • Aug 11 Performance by Jill Craig, storyteller 2 PM
- August STORYTIME at the Beach during morning swimming lessons (time TBA)

NEW ADULT BOOKS: MYSTERIES

Barnard CORPSE AT THE HAWORTH TANDOORI; Barnard MURDER IN MAYFAIR; Clark BEFORE 1 SAY GOODBYE: Dohertv HORUS KILLINGS; Elkins SKELETON DANCE; Gash A RAG, A BONE AND A HANK OF HAIR: Greelev IRISH EYES; Maron STORM TRACK; Marston HAWKS OF DELAMERE; Perry HALF MOON STREET; Picard WHOLE TRUTH; Robb WITNESS IN DEATH; Thurlo SHOOTING CHANT; Westlake THE HOOK.

FICTION

Alten THE TRENCH; Jane Austen CHARLOTTE; Bradford WHERE YOU BELONG; Hiaasen SICK PUPPY; Plain AFTER THE FIRE; Quick WICKED WIDOW; Roberts CAROLINA MOON; Smiley HORSE HEAVEN; Steel THE WED-DING.

NON FICTION

How To Say No Without Feeling Guilty; The Hunting Of The President; The White Death; Iceman; Growing 101: Herbs That Heal; Round Ireland With A Fridge; Shrub; The Hills Of Tuscany; The Bodyguard's Story; Wild Fruits (H.D. Thoreau); The Real James Herriot; Pontius Pilate.

SERVICES

Did you know that among the many services that we offer, the following are the most popular:

- Genealogy assistance
- Interlibrary Loan
- Internet Access
- Programs for adults and children
- Phone-in renewals

OUR COLLECTION

- Antrim histories (including the Hurlin books of house histories)
- NH histories
- Best sellers
- Books on tape
- Music CDs
- Current magazines
- Large print books
- · Town and School District reports
- Videos

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon & Wed 2-6:00 PM Tues & Thurs 2-8:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM-12 Noon Saturday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

LIBRARY PARKING

You may have noticed a new driveway behind the library connecting the Library's parking lot with a parking area behind the Aiken Barn (present home of The Grapevine and temporary home to Town Offices). This area is also available for additional library parking with an exit onto Aiken Street.

MILLENNIUM WEEK-END

Look for the Tuttle Library float in the parade. This will be a joint venture with Chauncey Farm. Plans are being made and there will soon be a flurry of activity. You'll be in for a surprise! After the parade stop by the Library for our Trustees' Book Sale from 10 AM to 3 PM. See you on Main Street on Saturday August 12. *

GIRL SCOUT CAMPS

Although Gregg Lake's Camp Chenoa was completely filled by April, Girl Scouts of Swift Water Council has 500 openings in its other resident camps as well as in eight day-camps in N.H. and eastern VT. These spots are open to all girls, you do not have to be a Girl Scout to attend. Programs are available for all girls ages 6 to 17. Sign your daughter up for a one- or two-week session and she will have the opportunity to participate in boating, leadership activities, swimming lessons, team building, arts, drama and much more.

For more information call Karen Beauregard at 800-654-1270 ext. 147 or e-mail her at: kbeauregard@swgirlscouts.org *

BROWNIE TROOP 2129

Here we are at the end of another wonderful year. The Court of Awards ceremony is a very special time for Brownie Girl Scouts. It marks a time to reflect on our accomplishments, and for our 3rd grade Brownies, it is a time to set forth on a new path for the future.

We have earned several try-its this year, dealing with a wide variety of topics. We have learned how friends can work out problems without anger or hurt feelings. We made Indian rainsticks and learned how to make music without traditional instruments. We did a large unit on safety, and the girls were able to practice making 911 calls using the school intercom system. We practiced being calm and in control when talking on the phone in an emergency. We also practiced wrapping and treating injuries using toilet paper for bandages.

The girls also went ice skating at an indoor rink in Hooksett, and invited the Daisy scouts as a special treat. This trip was definitely a highlight of the year for all. The girls also invited the Daises to come "try out" a Brownie meeting. They made Easter Baskets from milk cartons, did the Bunny hop, and even had a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny who hid eggs on the playground for the girls.

As our year closes we are planning our annual camping trip, a nature hike, and a sleep-over at the YMCA. As we wrap up the turn of the century in Troop 2129, we prepare to say good-bye to our third grade girls as they fly up to Junior Scouts, but we also prepare to greet the Daisy Scouts as they bridge over to Brownies.

May all have a very safe and happy summer, and many many thanks to everyone who made this year such a huge success.

- Darlene Fox

ANTRIM POSTCARDS NOW AVAILABLE

The Antrim Millennium Committee has had jumbo postcards printed of the four murals on the Town Hall Tower, with the Millennium logo. In a limited edition of 500, these are sure to go fast, so get them while they last! Postcards are available at the Tenney Farm, Family On Board, the Wool Room, the Pumpkin Patch and other local businesses, along with Antrim's Millennium aprons, tee shirts, mugs and glasses. For more information, call Sarah Edwards at 588-6861. *



HOT TO TROT 4-H CLUB

Two members of the Hot To Trot club attended the

State 4-H Horse Judging Contest held this spring at Great Brook Middle School. Beth Lyons placed 10th and Caitlin Campbell was 5th overall in the non-reasons division.

Brigitte Gutgesell, Beth Lyons, and Caitlin Campbell will present their public speaking entries at the State 4-H Activities Day at UNH in June. Carrie Cody received top honors in the junior division at the County Activities Day this spring, but is not yet old enough to qualify for the state level.

The seventh annual horse show will be held at the show ring on West Street on Sunday, August 13. The first class will start at 8:30 AM with classes continuing into the afternoon. All spectators are welcomed to come and observe. For more information about class lists, please call Beth Merrill at 588-6615.

EMERALD HORSE 4-H CLUB

The Emerald Horse club was formed last fall and has been very busy since. Members have participated in County 4-H activities such as Horse Judging, Horse Quiz Bowl, County Activities Day and Hippology.

The club traveled to Springfield, MA last November and enjoyed a great day at the Equine Affaire. Members got a first hand look at some very beautiful horses including the rare Gypsy Vanner horse. Members watched highly respected horse trainer John Lyons and his famous Appaloosa, Bright Zip, as they demonstrated training techniques.

A future trip is planned to visit Rockingham Race Track in Salem, NH to learn about Thoroughbred racing.

One of the most important club undertakings has been their community service project. The club will be hosting a charity open horse show which will benefit the NH Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. The show will be held at Townsend's Training Farm in Pembroke, NH on September 17. The club has been working very hard with fund raising and would like to thank all the individuals and businesses that have already become class sponsors Please call Kathy Dumont at 588-2719 for more information about sponsorship or horse show information.

ANTRIM GRANGE

Antrim Grange recently celebrated National Grange Week with a Community Awards Night, held at the Grange Hall. Awards went to: Community Citizens-Harold "Pat" and Carole Webber; Outstanding Police Officer-Brian Brown; Outstanding Fire Fighter-Marshall "Mike" Beauchamp; Outstanding Postal Worker-William Belanger; Outstanding Educator-Jane Miller; Helping Hands Service Award-Charles and Cheryl Boucher; Helping Hands Service Award-Rachel Hulse. All honorees were recognized for their dedicated service to the community. Continuous membership certificates were awarded to the following Grange member: 55, 60, and 65 years-Inez Wilson; 40 years-Flossie Putnam; 30 years-Lawrence Davis; 30 years-Arthur Merrill; 25 years-Priscilla Mills.

Renovations are under way at the Hall with many volunteer hours already spent scraping, taping, and plastering walls. Although the roof repairs have been completed and paid for, the members are continuing their fund-raising efforts to support the interior work still to be done.

Antrim Grange will provide a food concession stand at a series of horse shows in New Boston this summer, as well as a yard sale at the hall on Memorial Day weekend. Donation of yard sale items will be gratefully accepted. Please call 588-6615 or 588-3208 for more details on any Grange project.

ANTRIM JUNIOR GRANGE

Antrim Grange #98 is very happy to announce the reorganization of Antrim Junior Grange #153. This local chapter has been inactive since 1987, but recently has enjoyed a renewed interest in its value as a youth development organization.

The Grange is no longer that "old farm animal organization" that some people associate with the name. The Junior Grange is for kids ages 5–14, and the Subordinate Grange is for "kids" ages 15–199! Junior Grange members are taught respect for others, leadership, responsibility, patriotism, and community awareness. Children learn about each others' talents and abilities with many statewide contests and talent shows to help them develop. There are also opportunities to meet other Junior Grange member from across the state including Junior Rally Day, Junior Camp Weekend, and Family Weekend at the Hopkinton Fairgrounds.

Meetings are at the Grange Hall on Route 31 (Clinton Road) on the first and third Monday of the month from 6–8 PM. Bring a dime for the "Dime March" and buy a chance to win a prize. Parents are welcome to stay for the meetings and observe for themselves. If you have any questions, please call Renee Mercier at 588-2334 or Beth and Arthur Merrill at 588-6615. Hope to see you there!

4-H ANGORA FIBER CLUB

A small but devoted group of 8–12 yearolds has been involved in learning about how to care for angora goats and angora rabbits. The children learned the joys and sorrows of raising angora rabbits when we bred our doe. Four healthy bunnies were sold to 4-H members. We currently have two openings for anyone interested in working with an angora goat and showing it at the Hillsborough County Fair this September in New Boston.

This summer we will be making felted clothing, and we hope to continue our breeding program.

If you are interested in buying an angora bunny or would like to work with an angora goat, call 588-2086.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES IN 2000

Editors Note: The following is an article written by Jane Hill, published on June 15, 1988 in The Messenger/Outlook newspaper.

REPORT FROM ANTRIM

GRADUATIONS. On June 8 at the Antrim Town Hall, Antrim Pre-School graduated 16 kindergarteners and 11 preschoolers, and presented a program.

The 1987-88 school board members and teachers received gifts from the Antrim Preschool as a sign of appreciation. A special gift was a bound book featuring pictures drawn by the students.

Receiving diplomas were Tammy Ahearn, Connie Bergeron, Janna Blais, Joleah Butler, Daniel Cote, Jennifer Crowell, Matthew Hall, Peter Dumont, Angelina Huntington, Sara Jimenez, Hannah Maynard, Jennifer McInnis, John Newbold, Brian Perry, Sarah Raimondi, and Megan Smith.

Children in the Preschool class were Travis Beebe, Seth Butler, Laura Clark, Korinne Crafts, David Hall, Tyler Heydolph, Rachel Hulse, Ryan Martin, Molly Moore, Jason Roiko, and Nicholas Wright.

Doesn't seem possible but kindergarten graduates will be graduating from High School in the year 2000!



FAREWELL, EIGHTH GRADERS!

Two celebrations will mark this year's eighth graders transition from middle school to high school. At an all school assembly on June 9th, Great Brook students will bid farewell to the eighth grade class. Student Congress President, Erin Lawless, will emcee this event and speak on behalf of her classmates. The GBS Band will provide music, and teachers will present academic achievement awards.

On Friday evening, June 16th, the celebration continues. Family and friends are invited to attend a special ceremony at 7:00 pm in the GBS gymnasium. Staff and students will take a trip down memory lane as they reminisce about the "good times" shared since 1996 when these students were fifth graders. Special awards and a spectacular slide show, followed by refreshments will comprise the evening's events.

Please join in the celebration and support the GBS eighth grade students as they make the transition from middle school to Con Val High School.

WASHINGTON BY WEB

The eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. was a great success! Thanks to all the townspeople who offered eighth graders jobs to help earn their money for the trip.

GBS seventh graders are already gearing up for their April 2001 trip. Current eighth graders and teachers presented a slide show to the seventh graders depicting highlights of our nation's capitol and memorable events from this year's trip. This pictorial tour was followed by a question and answer session. Seventh grade students are planning to work this summer to raise funds for next year's trip. If you have a summer job suitable for a middle school student, please call the GBS office (588-6630).

Interested in seeing highlights of this year's trip? Check out the GBS website (www.conval.edu) for great pictures of GBS eighth graders in Washington.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION, IDEAS WELCOME

Who says teachers have the summers off? Several committees comprised of teachers and administrators will meet this summer to review and revise curriculum as part of the ConVal District curriculum renewal project. GBS is committed to developing curriculum projects around community needs and/or problems.

GREAT BROOK SCHOOL NEWS

By Barbara Black

This past fall and spring, the COSEED (Community and School Environmental Education) committee hosted three evening meetings with community members. Each began with supper and presentation of current community/school projects underway at GBS. Participants then broke into small brainstorming groups which discussed ideas for future partnerships.

The Librarians and Historical Society members from Antrim, Bennington, Francestown, and Hancock met in the fall. Their meeting focused on ways for students to help preserve first hand history narratives from the older citizens in the towns. Methods to increase communication when students are gathering information were also discussed.

One evening this spring was devoted to school/community artist connections and another to business opportunities. Sculptures, mosaic tile facing for the school entrance, gardens and help with starting a small business were some of the ways community members felt they could become involved with projects. Students were invited to take an active part in the Celtic Celebration and help gather statistics for Antrim's Main Street renewal project. The development of a wetland walkway in Hancock was also proposed.

Additional ideas for community/school interaction are always welcome. Especially needed are small projects that could be the focus for a week or two during the school year. If you have suggestions for community-based education projects, please call GBS Principal Rick Nannicelli (588-6630).

YUM! YUM!

Miss the smell of home cooked bread and that hot from the oven taste that can't be beat? The halls of GBS have been filled with the aroma of fresh baked bread this spring as students experimented with various recipes for their bread oven.

The Extended Learning Program (ELP) and ALT classroom have been collaborating this spring on the construction of a Quebec style bread oven. Dorice Kowalewski, owner of Tartine au Miel in East Ackworth, New Hampshire, has been general consultant for the project. Ms. Kowalewski has experience in both building outdoor ovens and baking bread. Her company specializes in sourdough breads baked in a wood fired oven.



Ed Gilligan, a mason from New Boston, spent a day at GBS to help students build a beautiful, strong foundation out of paving stones. Students "stomped" literally tons of clay and straw to form the mixture for the sides of the oven. Mr. Gilligan helped put the made-in-Quebec cast iron door in place.

In the autumn, the ALT program will be launching a bread baking business. The Extended Learning Program will offer "bread units" to GBS classes integrating math, social studies, nutrition, and science. What a tasty way to learn!

Everyone is invited to visit the GBS bread oven. Please call the school (588-6630) to arrange a guide and check on times the oven will be in use.

MUSIC NOTES

Great Brook singers and musicians wowed the audience at their spring concert on May 11th. Glee Club and Chorale groups sang many old favorites. This included poodle skirts and dancing to music of the 50's. The GBS band filled the room with foot tapping numbers. Many talented GBS soloist, both vocal and instrumental, were spotlighted.

This spring musicians will visit the fourth graders in Hancock, Francestown, Bennington, and Antrim to explain the many musical opportunities at GBS. Glee Club members will be entertaining the "Old Crocks" at the Maplehurst and band members will serenade the outgoing eighth grade class.

USED, NOT ABUSED

Are your children growing out of their sneakers before they are even well broken in? Here's a chance to put those cast offs to good use.

The Great Brook School Student Congress is collecting usable second hand sneakers and sports shoes to send to ASPIR (Association of Sports to Improve Refugees) in Guinea, Africa.

Erin Lawless, GBS Student Congress President is organizing the collection. "Peace Corp worker, Kary Jencks, sent us video tapes of the middle school students that she works with in the refugee camp. The kids are fun loving, spirited, athletic and barefoot. Kary says that most of the kids speak English and are in the camps with their families seeking political asylum and safety from the wars in Sierra Leone and Liberia. After watching the videos we all felt very grateful that we live in an environment of security, wealth and abundance."

Student Congress will have a large box in the main entrance of the school. If you have any unwanted, wearable sneakers, please put them in the box. Kary will take them to Guinea in July. If you would like more information, please call Student Congress advisor Dona Fairbairn (588-6630).

PHYSICS AND MATH—A different approach

Remember that queasy feeling last time you took one of the rides at the amusement park? Why do some rides affect us more than others? Physics and and laws of nature contribute to our discomfort. Seventh grade students studied the rates of speed on various rides at Six Flags Amusement Park on Friday, May 12th and their affect on the human body.

Seventh graders have been busy creating their own interesting units for math. They have written fraction booklets for students in the 2nd, 4th and 6th grades. Their booklets will be judged on clarity of lesson presentation, quality of examples and appeal to student interests. The booklets will be used by the younger students in their math classes.

CELEBRATE NEW HAMPSHIRE !

Join GBS seventh graders at the Hopkinton Fair Grounds on June 8th. Students will present their Living Museum unit they created earlier this year in their Humanities classes. Schools from around the state will be presenting units they have worked on this year. In addition, Granite State Artisans will be on hand for the week long celebration of New Hampshire Arts and Businesses

ANTRIM WALKING TOUR

How well do you know the history of Antrim's Main Street? Which building served as the telephone office? In what building could you play basketball, watch the latest movie, and attend Antrim High School Graduation? What house used to be a Methodist Church, but is now a private home?

Fifth graders in Mrs. Kenney's and Ms. Black's classes are putting the finishing touches on their downtown walking tour of Antrim. Students have spent the year researching past and present buildings on Main Street. They have taped interviews with many long time Antrim residents and will give the tapes to the Antrim Historical Society. Students will present a draft of their tour guide at 9:00 am on June 9th at the Presbyterian Church. Townspeople and community groups who have helped with the project will be invited to critique this first draft. Other interested citizens are welcome.

The published tour guide should be available for the July 4th celebration. Audio tapes will be available for loan at the Tuttle Library and the Maplehurst Inn for those who wish to listen as they stroll.

The Antrim Tour Guide project is partially funded by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, New Hampshire Humanities Council and the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation. It is also sponsored by the Stories in the Land program supported by The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and members of the ORION Society.

ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS

Planning your summer schedule, but not sure how snow days affected the end of school? The last day for GBS students will be June 21st. It is a half day with middle school students dismissed at 11:30. Elementary students leaving about 12:30.

The first day of school for students for the 2000-2001 school year is August 30.

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THE ANTRIM PLAYERS CHILDREN'S THEATER

The Antrim Players Children's Theater will present *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* on June 23 and 24 at the Antrim Grange. We have several new faces this year as well as many returning cast members to give us a well rounded cast of twenty-seven. We have a great team of Antrim Players involved to help make this a performance not to be missed. We hope you will be able to join us. For more information call William Harris at 588-3283.

Performance times are 7 PM on June 23, and 1 PM on June 24. Tickets are \$3 per person or \$10 per family. See you there.

REMEMBERING ANTRIM'S VETERANS

The Antrim Historical Society's new exhibit, *Remembering Antrim's Veterans*, opened on Memorial Day on the second floor of the library. It features photos and historical memorabilia from the Revolutionary War to present times. The exhibit will be open through the summer and can be viewed during library hours.



Antrim Elementary School spent the month of April studying about Australia. As part of that study, Mrs. Johnson's first grade class took part in the Travel Buddy System. It sent Morris M. Moose (stuffed animal) to a class in Brisbane, Australia, and in return received Clarence the Cockatoo. Both classes corresponded through e-mail. The students had a really good time and learned a lot about each other.

As a culminating activity, the school held a 'walk-about'. Students walked from classroom to classroom to learn what wonderful Australian projects other classes had worked on. Kindergarten students had made Digeridoos, Australian board games, and a fabulous Aborigine village. First grade students had transformed their classroom and the hallway into the Great Barrier Reef, made a giant kangaroo (life-size!) and learned many awesome facts.

In the second grade classrooms, students displayed hand-made felt wall hangings, wrote research reports on Australian animals, and made lots of kangaroos and koala bears.

Third graders made accordion books with covers designed to resemble Aboriginal art work. They also created an Australian zoo complete with paper maché animals. They studied fun Australian phrases—fairy floss (cotton candy), hard yakka (hard worker), storm stick (umbrella).

In the fourth grade, students participated in a book-making activity with Terry Reeves, Artist in Residence. The books featured Aboriginal art and Australian animals. In addition to researching their subject matter, students spent time learning the value of an effective presentation. Also, students in the school made their own Australian click sticks (rhythm sticks).

Parents supplied mid-morning snacks using Australian recipes so that students sampled such treats as lamingtons (cake), anzac biscuits (cookies), and damper cake.

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GARDEN CLUB

The Antrim Garden Club is planning a garden tour for the Millennium celebration. The tour will take place on July 15 with a rain date of July 16.

If there is anyone who has a pretty flower garden and is willing to show it, please call Doris Bryer at 588-6796.

THE GRAPEVINE

Summer programming at The Grapevine will include three session of our Better Beginnings program for parents with their young children. The children participate in developmentally appropriate activities such as painting, experimenting with sand and playdough, pretend play and dress-up, looking at books and are read to by helpers who give individual attention. While the playroom is a hive of activity, parents and caregivers are with our Parent Educator talking about the pleasures and challenges of child rearing, sharing experiences, and even having fun. One week each month one of the parents, Charlotte Lakus of Antrim, who is a talented crafter, presents a craft activity. Better Beginnings is held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30. Our regular calendar concludes on June 15 and we will be closed the week of June 18.

Our summer session begins on June 22 and ends on August 3. We will be offering a series of afternoon activities for parents and children together. These will include a puppet show by **Queen Bee Puppets** of Peterborough, and crafting afternoons with Charlotte Lakus and Melody Russell. A puppet-making workshop will also be scheduled. These programs are designed for families with children ages 4 to 9 years.

LaLeche League meetings are held at The Grapevine on the first Monday of each month at 11 AM. Celeste Lunetta will again be holding her exercise class for pregnant women and new mothers and babies. Her Monday (11 AM) sessions will end on June 19. Celeste's summer program will be offered on Saturday mornings at 9:30, from July 8 to August 12. Janet Archer's yoga class meets on Thursday evenings at 5:30.

Visitors are always welcome at The Grapevine. We are currently located in the Aiken Barn, on Aiken Street, directly behind the Aiken House and the Library. Our office is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 AM to 4 PM and on Mondays by appointment. If you would like more information about any of our programs, or would like to register for a program, please call 588-2620.

The Grapevine is a non-profit service organization. Funding for our summer program is provide by grants from the NH Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Children, Youth and Families, Hillsborough County Incentive Fund and by generous contributions from local businesses and individuals.

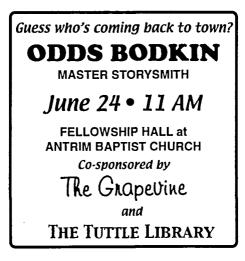
Folk Tales continued

by hand which was the case with mixing concrete. The Concord firm did have a power mixer which was brought to the site. Truckloads of sand and gravel were delivered and bags of cement arrived soon after.

"OK boys," the foreman said, "unload those cement bags!" Now a bag of cement weighs 90 pounds and is difficult to carry any distance but these bags had to be stacked near the mixer for easy access. A pump was positioned near the river to bring water to the mixer. A large hopper was attached to the mixer into which sand and gravel were shoveled by hand. Cement was dumped bag by bag into the hopper. Then the hopper was raised up in order to dump the cement into the rotating mixer. Water was added and the batch mixed for several minutes. (As that batch was being mixed, sand, gravel and cement were shoveled into the hopper for the next batch.) When the ingredients were well mixed, the rotation was reversed and the mixed concrete was dumped into small hoppers on bicycle wheels that we had to push to where the forms were in place. Cat walks were build across the river so the hoppers could be pushed to the far side. The cat walks were just wide enough to handle the wheels of the hopper but if a guy was in too much of a hurry and a wheel went off the walk, the hopper of concrete usually fell into the river and was lost. This of course made the foreman unhappy and the offending person heard about it in short order.

I worked that job all summer and the bridge was finished in the fall. For me and my friend Francis, the hardest part was unloading the bags of cement. In fact, Francis got so tired the first day that he never came back the second day—or ever again.

After 50 years some of the details are lost but this is how I remember it.



Millennium continued

throughout the afternoon, with music, clowns and story telling.

For those looking for a great bargain or that perfect thing-a-ma-bob you've always wanted, The Grapevine will be running an auction at Touchwood Square.

The Tuttle Library Board of Trustees will be hosting a Book Sale from 10 AM to 2 PM. Stop by and pick up you favorite books at super bargain prices.

At 5 PM, the Baptist Church will host a Church Supper. And, to top off the day, the Antrim Players will present "Stay Tuned" at the Presbyterian Church. This promises to be another memorable performance by the many talented actors and singers in our town.

The excitement shifts to Gregg Lake on Sunday, August 13. Starting at 2 PM, Lake Day will be filled with water games, boat rides, treasure hunts, hikes and other outdoor activities. From 2 to 4 PM, the Girl Scouts will be giving tours of Camp Chenoa. For a touch of nostalgia, an Ice Cream Social will be held in the afternoon with entertainment by the Keene Cheshiremen, a group of barbershop singers.

In the evening, the Gary Gagnon Band will perform while the Odd Fellows hold a Barbecue at the Beach. The weekend's festivities will be capped off at 9 PM with fireworks over the Lake. The Committee has arranged for a shuttle bus to run from downtown Antrim to the Lake during the afternoon and evening.

All these many activities require much planning and preparation. Antrim's Millennium Committee, charged by the Town to plan and oversee this town-wide celebration of the Millennium throughout the Millennial Year, is asking all of Antrim's citizens, businesses and civic groups to participate in the fun and help make the weekend a success. Anyone interested in volunteering to help, to sponsor an activity, to be a vendor or to be involved in any of the other festivities, call Sarah Edwards at 588-6861.

See you there!

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Antrim Business Directory is nearly completed. A copy will be at the library so that you can check to see if your business was included. Please add yours before the June 15 deadline. There is no charge to insert your company. If you want to place an ad in the directory, please call Lois Harriman at 588-6710.



June 28 7PM – NIGHTINGALE: CELTIC MUSIC Strawberry Shortcake Festival Co-sponsored by Antrim Lumber and Wayno's Market & Deli

July 12 7PM – Inca Son: Music of the Andes*

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6PM – CAROLYN PARROT AND BECKY GRABER: STORYTELLING & MUSIC*

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August 2 7PM – Trickster Fox: Clowning, Magic and More Sponsored by Family on Board

August 9 7:30 – 39th Army Band

August 16 6PM – John Parisi: Magician Sponsored by Family on Board

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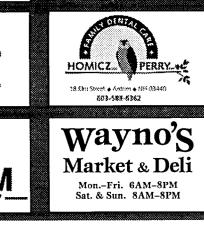
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July 4

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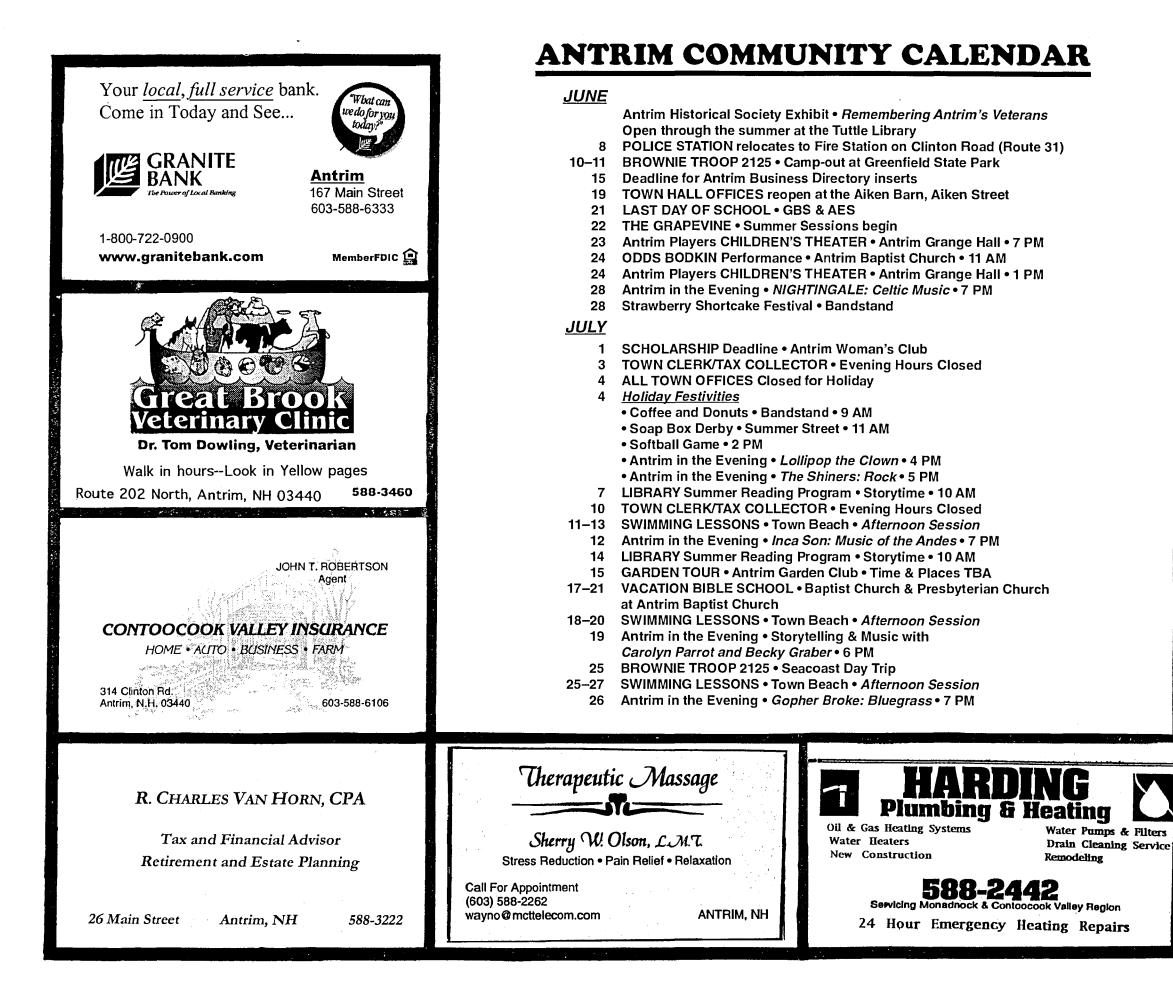
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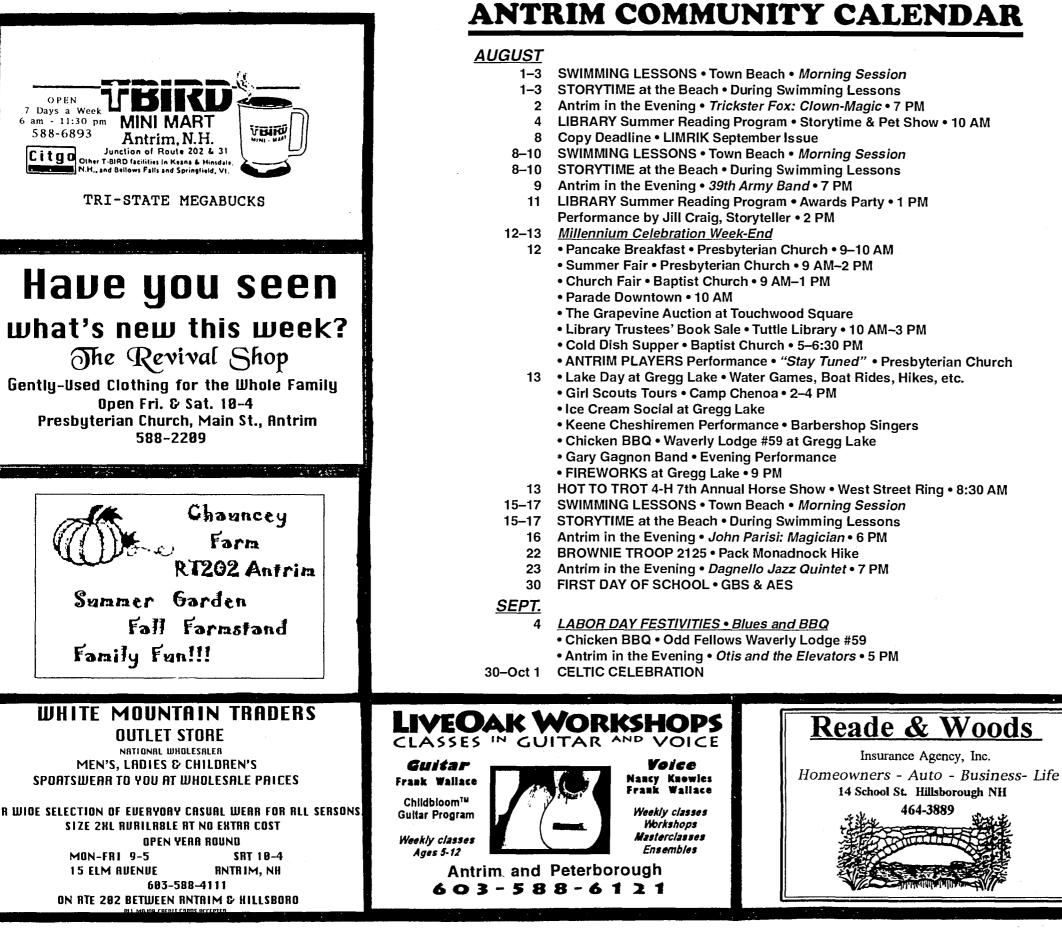
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