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THE ANTRIM



For, by and about the people of Antrim.

### HOME RULE VOTE

#### AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION

A little known but potentially very important subject will be voted on at the November General Election. The subject is **Home Rule**.

At the current time, local governments—cities or towns, are prohibited from enacting any legislation unless specific authority to act in that area has been granted to them by the State Legislature. Home rule would reverse this practice and would allow action by the local legislative body (town meeting) in any area not specifically reserved by the State Constitution or State Law to action by the State Legislature.

The argument for Home Rule is that it provides true local control by allowing

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### MILLENNIUM WEEKEND CELEBRATION

It was a great success, both Saturday August 12 and, Sunday August 13.

Saturday offered a Pancake Breakfast, a Parade, Book Sale, Church Fairs, Cloudbusters demonstrations, an Auction, Story Telling, Big Band music, vendors, a Church Supper and an *Antrim Players* performance that night.

The Parade, with Dr. Alfred Chandler as Grand Marshal, had Fire Engines, and Emergency Vehicles from Antrim and surrounding towns, colors from the Myers-Prescott-Olson Post #50 American Legion, the Shriners Betactash Temple Band, the NH Police Assn. Pipes & Drums Band, floats, antique cars and military vehicles, politicians—and a large crowd of onlookers. Thanks to

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### SELECTMEN'S REPORT

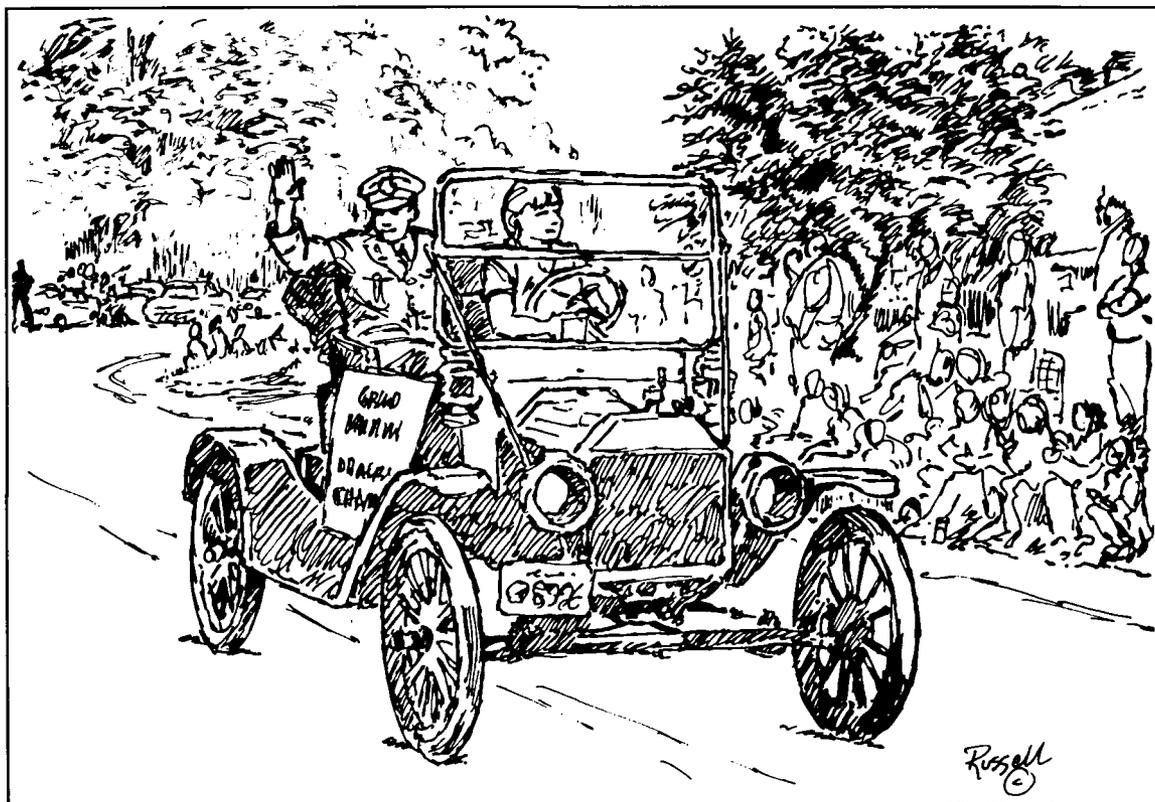
#### TOWN HALL RENOVATION

We've had seven bids for the planned restoration of Town Hall, five of them within our budget. Westfield Construction, the low bidder, was chosen, allowing the project to proceed as planned. Meanwhile, we've settled comfortably into our "homey" temporary offices in the Aiken Barn. Many thanks to the building committee whose tireless efforts made all this possible.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sherry Miller on her promotion to the position of Antrim's Business Manager. Her experience in various positions in the Town Office will provide a solid base as she familiarizes herself with her new duties. To replace the vacant position her promotion

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The Grand Marshall by Russ Russell

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## ANTRIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### RENOVATIONS IN LIMBO DUE TO BOND VOTE CHALLENGE

The original 1980s plan for renovating and completing additions to nearly all the school buildings in the Con Val School district began its implementation phase with a 1989 district vote to rebuild the middle schools in Antrim (Great Brook) and Peterborough (South Meadow). The plan also called for quickly following this with renovations and additions to the elementary schools in the district.

The Antrim Elementary School renovations were not accomplished in the second phase of the plan because it was slated for the end of the renovation schedule and cost increases left no funds for it from the 1996 \$15,500,000 bond issue.

Consequently, an additional bond of \$4,250,000 was put before the voters on March 14 of this year for renovations to Antrim Elementary school (AES) and to complete renovations started at Peterborough Elementary school. The bond passed with over the 3/5 required of bond issues voted on in Senate Bill 2 districts. Subsequent to that vote, a suit was filed against it and a number of similar votes at school districts across the state by Richard McGraw of the NH Coalition of Taxpayers, challenging the constitutionality of the Senate 2 law requiring a 3/5 vote. Under the old school district meeting process, a bond issue such as this one required a 2/3 positive vote to pass, not 3/5. The 2000 vote just missed the 2/3 majority.

As a result of the court suit, which is expected to be heard before the state Supreme Court this fall, the renovations at AES have not begun. Should the court suit be successful, thus nullifying the March vote, any work begun to renovate AES might be considered illegal expenditures. The Con Val School Board is weighing its options as we await the court resolution of the case. In the meantime, the earliest that renovations could begin at AES is 2001, but that might be optimistic. AES is in dire need of this work (visit the school to see for yourself) so if there is another vote on the bond in March of 2001, please vote to support it.

Lastly, Charles Levesque, President of Innovative Natural Resource Solutions LLC, of Old Pound Road, replaced Jane Ellsworth who resigned in May, as one of the two Antrim representatives on the Con Val School Board; Jane Miller is the other Antrim representative.

— Charles Levesque  
588-3272

### Home Rule *continued*

community residents to act in circumstances where the state has not prohibited action or where the state has not already set specific parameters for action.

The argument of those opposed to Home Rule is that this could result in greatly varying ordinances, by-laws and procedures on the same subject from town to town throughout the state.

The issue has been debated in the State Legislature for a quarter of a century, but in 1999 it finally passed a Home Rule amendment to the State Constitution which is to be voted on November 7, 2000. To pass, it needs a two thirds vote.

For more information, material will be available at Town Hall shortly. The Selectmen have voted to support this issue. We hope you will vote to support this “Local Control” position on November 7, 2000.

Phil Dwight for the Selectmen

### NEWS DEADLINE

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 November 8, either to a staff member or to the Tuttle Library.

## TOWN HISTORY REVISITED

### WEATHER PART 1: "RAINS FINELY TODAY"

By Isabel Nichols

"Nothing in the long history of man is more startling, more significant, or more ironic than the effect of weather upon his destiny," declares Agnes Sligh Turnbull in her 1942 novel of Revolutionary times, *The Day Must Dawn*. She continues: "A shower of rain may unseat a King; a snowstorm may send an empire crashing." A bit fanciful, perhaps, but in the wake of the summer of 2000 the people of the Monadnock Region must be looking back on picnics ruined, outdoor weddings devastated, and vacation plans turned upside down, all because of the whims of nature.

But as disappointing as the last few months have been, we have only to look back to the 19th century to see how man's survival depended on his ability to combat the weather. Denison Gould was a farmer in the northeast part of Antrim in the early 1800s. He kept a daily log in which the major entries were about weather conditions. The late Dr. Harrison Baldwin of Hillsboro edited and published the diary for the years 1817 to 1865, using for a title, *Rains Finely Today*, which was a recurrent weather report. Such a condition could mean one thing in the planting season and an entirely different thing when it was time to harvest the hay crop.

The summer of 1831 appears to have been a frustrating season for local farmers, making the haying season drag on through July and most of August. On July 2 the diary reads: "Rained considerably yesterday. We hain't had but 4 fair days this past fortnight." Five days later Farmer Gould reports: "We began haying very fast yesterday. But I guess we shant hurt ourselves pitching hay today, unless we can see the sun once a fortnight." (He was given to exaggerations in lengths of time.) A week later a very heavy thunder shower caused a neighbor's barn to be struck by lightning, and several buildings were entirely destroyed.

And so the wet weather continued, until September came in on a fine, pleasant morning, with hot weather. "Old Isaac Baldwin's girl Sarah was married to Eldridge Gould of Nashua village today." Happy the bride the sun shines on. Happiness was not the fate of another local girl, however. "Nov. 19: We had a fine shower last night. There was a girl hung herself this week in Antrim. Caused by attending to a 3 day prayer meeting." Whether or not this was a warning of sorts is never explained.

Rev. Warren Cochrane in his *History of Antrim NH* calls 1816 the "Poverty Year". It was a cold, frosty summer and the corn wouldn't ripen, making a dire shortage of food for the live stock. The farmers lived largely on fish, which prompted them to recall it as the "Mackerel Year". Since seed corn was not available for the next planting season, 1817 was also an unproductive year, in addition to being cold again. Although agrarian societies have always suffered the vagaries of the weather, today in such cases they have the resource of supplies from more fortunate areas. But 200 years ago if

the crops failed in Antrim there was no where to go for help; everyone in surrounding areas was in the same boat. Yet somehow they survived with Yankee ingenuity and belt-tightening.

The "Grasshopper Year" of 1826 featured a long drought, driving grasshoppers into the pastures where they devoured the crops intended for the cattle and other livestock. So the resourceful farmers scooped up the grasshoppers and fed them to the hogs! The rains came bringing great relief at the end of summer; this coupled with a long mild autumn solved the problem of feeding the animals through the winter. But the heavy rain caused so much damage to roads and bridges that a special town meeting was called to raise an extra highway tax to pay for repairs.

Tornados, hurricanes, floods and even earthquakes have tormented Antrim citizens in the twentieth century. *Parades and Promenades*, published by the Town in 1977, contains several accounts of unusual summer weather, including the tornado which touched down at North Branch on September 15, 1922. After laying flat 26 headstones in the cemetery the freak storm continued on to raise havoc with Madison McIlvin's farm at the foot of Twiss Hill. Although the large brick house remained in place, several out-buildings suffered, and in a bizarre and frightening occurrence a large flock of hens was blown through the windows into the dining room; about 60 of them were killed. The storm then took a north-easterly route over Meeting House Hill, doing more damage on Smith Road before leaving town.

Much has been written about the 1938 hurricane that arrived in New England without warning and devastated parts of Antrim, especially the woodlots. But a severe flood in the spring of 1934 had already caused the townspeople a lot of worry and inconvenience. There were no trains, and the roads were closed, and the people on the Depot Street flat were forced to move around by rowboat. Then two years later a much worse flood cut the town off from Bennington and Hillsboro for several days. Telephone wires were down, there was no bread or mail delivery, and on Depot Street Maggie Shea's hens all drowned. Repairs to roads and bridges went on for many months, and the B & M railroad decided to put an end to passenger service at the Antrim station.

So when the flood of 1938 was coupled with a hurricane of killer force, people in low-lying areas were experienced in coping with the situation. Nevertheless, this last disaster brought about much needed help from the federal government in the way of flood-control dams.

Denison Gould might have been expressing the feelings of today's womenfolk when on June 2, 1834, after a miserably cold and wet month of May, he made the brief but telling entry: "Cloudy. Wife crabby as a bumblebee."

*Rains Finely Today*, along with the other Antrim Histories, is available for loan at the Tuttle Library.

*Weather Part II, about winter storms, will appear in our December issue. (Editor.)*

## INTERVIEW WITH DR. ALFRED CHANDLER

Conducted and edited by Lyman Gilmore

*Dr. Alfred Chandler was Antrim's "town doctor" from 1946 until his retirement in 1988. This interview with Dr. Chandler took place 13 April, 2000, one week before his ninety-first birthday. We met in the living room of the Chandler home on Smith Road in Antrim. His wife Janice sat next to him, and frequently he would turn to her for help in remembering, or to share a laugh.*

I usually forget how old I am.

My parents were born in England and came over here around 1900. My father was an engineer at General Electric for twenty-four years, and then they let him go with no pension at all. If he had stayed on a little longer, he would have had a full pension. He was ill, and they let him go. He moved to Vermont and became a lay preacher, and was ordained in both the Methodist and Congregational Churches,

I was born in Saugus, Massachusetts, and I was brought up in Nahant which was my home until about 1920 or so. At that time I was kind of stupid; I wasn't interested in school, and I dropped out and went to work with a landscape gardener. My mother had been sick, and she was back in England with her folks. Finally I moved to Vermont with my father, and I worked in the lumber mills. My brother was in England. I was always interested in photography. My uncle—my mother's brother—had been sold down the river twice, into bankruptcy. He never trusted an honest man; he always trusted a crook! My brother was over there taking advanced work in theology, and he suggested that I come over. So I worked with my uncle doing photographic and projection work all over London. This was a great education because I was showing slides and movies for different scientific organizations.

But I couldn't see much future in London for me, so finally I came back home. From the time I was six years old I

wanted to go into medicine. I went down to UNH and was interviewed by Dean Petty. I told him my sad tale of woe, and he figured my experiences abroad and so forth were at least a couple years worth of New Hampshire schools anyway. (*Laughs*) So I was admitted as a sophomore special student for one year as a pre-med student. I made the Dean's List; I graduated from UNH in 1938. I was working at a restaurant down in Nantucket, and I got a letter stating I was awarded a scholarship at Tufts Medical School. I interned at Springfield Hospital.

I went to Tufts on scholarship during the war. We were in the Army but we were deferred from active service until we graduated, and then we were allowed one year of residence. Technically we were in the army the whole time I was at Tufts. Meanwhile I met this character (with a smile, pointing to his wife) at the Springfield Hospital. One day I was talking to one of the residents there, and he said, "By the way, have you noticed that little ball of fire in the record room?" I said, no. "Well, next time you go by the record room, just look in." That was my Waterloo! (*Laughs*) She was working as a medical secretary and assistant medical librarian at Springfield Hospital. We got engaged, and I got my orders, and we had three or four days to get married before I departed for overseas. She went along with this crazy idea. We were married in 1943, during World War II. I was overseas about two years. She went back with her folks. When I got back I parked on her folks another year as a resident at Springfield Hospital.

I was in the war, in the Medical Corps, with the 118th Evacuation Hospital, right up next to the front in France. There were eighteen medical units that went over on the Queen Elizabeth, and we were dumped over there in England for a month to get acclimated. We were dropped off in Scotland originally where we spent a month. After that month we went across the English Channel and were brought up right behind the front.

The first line was right at the front behind the guns. We could hear all the big guns; they were about as far as here to Bennington. We would receive battle casualties all night long under cover of darkness. We would ship them out the next morning and start over that night. We had to be prepared to pull back quickly or go forward on a minute's notice. I was there plus or minus a year.

When our first daughter was born, I wasn't even here; I was overseas when Carol was born. That was interesting because I was so far away my mail would never catch up with me. It would go from one station to another. A letter from her aunt—she had my APO—it bypassed all my other mail, and I got a letter saying, "Dear Daddy." (*Laughs*) Gradually my letters caught up with me. The war, I was glad that I was involved in it because I got to see so much of life, and of the German people.

When I came home I met Dr. G.B. Appleford who was a year or two ahead of me, and he had spent a summer or two outside of Massachusetts. He sent me up to talk to Dr. Clark in Peterborough. Dr. Sterling was here in Antrim, and he was moving to Jaffrey. The type of practice that I wanted was a small hospital, so when Dr. Sterling left, I moved in. We came to Antrim in 1946, and we lived over the office on Main Street. We lived pretty much upstairs, and the office and waiting room was that little corner room waiting room. Right off the waiting room was our dining room. In the evening, having dinner, patients were beginning to arrive through the door, and a gal came in the back door with a sick baby while I was having supper laid the sick baby on my lap! Well, I didn't know whether to be flattered or insulted. In the long run I was flattered. She felt, and I established, the sense that they felt that I was always available. Which is different from the way things are today. So I picked up the baby, just opened the door and went into my examining room, and checked out the baby, and went back and finished my dinner.

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I felt I was prepared to handle the practice. Dr. Clark and Dr. Lee were very supportive, so if there was ever any problems we just got together and worked it out. Also, Peterborough had a close association with the doctors at the Mass. General and the Deaconess hospitals, and Concord as well, and Manchester. It was a good location.

I was on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. I'd be called upon any time. Somebody would tap on my shoulder at church Sunday morning, and call the doctor. That lasted several years until I advertised for a partner. I got several responses, and hired Dr. Wiederhold for a year to see how well he would get along. Then gradually for one year we became equalized, after which we became partners. Then I phased out, and he took over.

In medical school I had learned quite a bit of anesthesiology, so when I came here I was sort of half prepared anyway. In those days I would pour a little ether and sodium pentothal and gradually I developed it as a specialty. There have been a lot of changes in medicine, more training, different specialties, and in anesthesiology, from pouring ether to intravenous anesthesia and spinal anesthesia. In the old days Dr. Tibbitts or somebody would have a case, and he'd find some doctor to assist him, and then look for someone who would pour a little ether. A lot of it was home surgery; it wasn't long before I started that surgery for appendectomy was done at home. First we would use nitrous oxide and when the patient became drowsy, we would blow ether over the face until the patient became unconscious.

***Do you remember any particularly challenging cases in the early years?***

Yes, scarlet fever. I remember two or three cases in one house, and as many as thirty house calls in one day. Sometimes it was a family with six kids, and so any individual house call may have

been fifteen or twenty patients. It was all the way down to Massachusetts, way up north, all around. We had to use quarantine, with a sign on the door, and nobody could come, and nobody could go.

***Did you worry about catching a disease?***

You never thought about it. (*Laughs*) You have a job to do, you do it. I never got sick.

***You must have dealt a great deal with death.***

Yes, I would wonder if I could have prolonged the life a little longer, and if I had, would it have been worth while. You kind of accepted it. There had been a certain amount of death during your residence, and autopsies. But it was hard to fail to save someone's life, particularly if they were babies, or young.

***Did you have any time off?***

The one thing to do was to get out of town. I took a day off, supposedly, and tried to get out of town early. We'd take off and go down to hcr folks in Holyoke, and spend the day there. But even down there, I got a call and I rushed back for an obstetrics delivery.

***Did you ever resent the fact that you had no time off?***

No. Back in those days I think when you went into what we called a family practice, when you started out, even before you went to pre-med, you knew that old country doctors—and my own doctor—were on call that way. He inspired me. He was pretty much on call that way. I can smell ether on him now! (*Laughs*)

***To Mrs. Chandler: What was it like to share your husband with the entire town of Antrim?***

Well, I really liked it, yes I did. I was prepared for it. I knew what I was getting into. And you get used to something like that.



created, Nancy Tanner has been hired to assist in the office. Nancy lives in Washington and brings years of experience to the position.

Congratulations and many thanks to the Millennium Committee for another successful celebration. The weekend festivities included an outstanding parade, bandstand activities, beach fun and an exciting fireworks display.

#### **AIKEN HOUSE UPDATE**

Not to be forgotten, our other construction project, the Aiken House, is unfortunately on hold. Only one bid was received in July and that was well over the funds available. At the present time the Aiken Committee is exploring various alternatives and the future of the project is uncertain.

#### **HAZARDOUS WASTE**

Plan ahead and mark your calendar—a Hazardous Waste collection day has been scheduled for the morning of October 14. This collection is being held in conjunction with the towns of Bennington, Hancock, and Greenfield. The event will be held in Bennington at Sawyer's Field (behind Harris' Convenience Store) on Route 202. Please watch the papers for further details.

#### **VOTE**

Remember to vote September 12 in both the State Primary and on the Special Town Warrant regarding an amendment to the Town's Zoning Ordinance that would regulate the construction and placement of communication towers. This is an issue that has received a lot of publicity in the past year as communities have sought ways to accommodate the need for such towers, while keeping them from dominating the landscape. We hope you had the opportunity to read the flyer mailed to all residents in mid-August regarding this matter, and perhaps attended the informational hearing on the subject. In either case, please vote on September 12. Voting will take place at the Route 31 Fire Station from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

— Phil Dwight  
For the Board of Selectmen

## FROM THE STATEHOUSE

### A FUNNY POLITICAL DANCE

State Representative Richard Herman

What's going on in New Hampshire politics? There's a funny political dance going on with strange partners who are making opposite moves, lurching around and seeming to go nowhere. And it looks kind of weird too!

One partner wants the same old tax system kept in place and the other wants something new but can't figure out what's best. One partner wants a constitutional amendment that takes us back to the last century to a dysfunctional inequitable property-based source of school funding money that's unfair to the poorer towns of the state. The other partner has spoken loudly in favor of an income tax that generates the money we need for schools, and is fair because it's based on what we earn instead of what we own. But the two partners can't agree on a middle way to do a dance that looks good and makes sense.

Now we are approaching primary day for choosing party candidates in the state and then moving quickly on to the general election. Both the upcoming primary and general election are extremely important because we have a chance to resolve this vexing problem, once and for all. When we look and listen to the candidates it's important to ask what specifically are they recommending for a plan for funding education fairly and equitably for the individual taxpayer and for each town. We can't afford to drag the debate any further into the new century, but must make a choice and move on to other important matters facing our state.

I recently read in the newspaper remarks made by a local candidate for State Senator whose position on school funding is basically to cut expenses and live within our means. That's an admirable principle to live by, but it really ignores the realities of the problem and fails to move us ahead into a new era of better schools and fair taxation.

Both presidential political candidates have said "we must not leave any child behind" and all children deserve an equal opportunity for education. So let's put our school tax money where our mouth and votes are and make a wise, informed and courageous choice in the upcoming election.

Choose the candidates who have a clearly articulated, realistic and logical plan for funding education and let's move ahead into the new century with a program that benefits all the wonderful kids of the new generation—they are the most important resource we have and deserve all we can do to assure their success.

My position regarding school funding has been consistent since my election two years ago: bite the bullet, pass an income tax constitutionally DEDICATED to education, redistributing the funds we already have and create a system fair to everyone in New Hampshire. And we can be a leader among all the states in the US by being the first to pass this kind of inspired historic legislation. I believe this is a golden opportunity to really make a difference and distinguish our state in the best possible way.

Your comments are always welcome: [richard@interlocken.org](mailto:richard@interlocken.org)



## THE GRAPEVINE

Summer 2000 at The Grapevine was full of activity, as always. About 25 parents and children joined with staff and volunteers to walk in the *Children and The Arts* parade in Peterborough, holding big, colorful puppets made by Tammy Nettleton, Sydney Wilson-Smith and Kristin Readell. Led by the creative direction of Charlotte Lakus, the children participated in the Antrim Millennium Celebration parade on August 12.

Parents and children combined their talents to create The Grapevine Family Quilt—a beautifully crafted menagerie of individual squares drawn with fabric crayons. Charlotte Lakus transferred the drawings onto fabric and sewed the quilt, which is on display at The Grapevine.

Barbara Damron of *Queen Bee Puppetry* brought her beautiful hand-made puppets and sets to The Grapevine in July for an afternoon of African folk tales and her famous "Story Apron", which was enjoyed by nearly 50 children and adults. Charlotte Lakus showed an enthusiastic group of adults and children how to make unique decorated plates, and Anne Hennessey of The Woolroom demonstrated how wool is transformed from sheep's clothing into handmade sweaters.

Thirteen children have come together to sharpen their childcare skills in a baby-sitting club, under the leadership of program organizer, Linda Warren.

### WITH THANKS TO...

- Amy Zaluki-Stone, OCN, for sharing her knowledge with parents about how to protect children from skin cancer.
- Margo and Amos Russell and Daleen Clark for landscaping our yard, planting and tending the garden, and mowing the lawn all summer.
- Beth Green, CPA, for volunteering to do our bookkeeping.
- Sarah Edwards and the Antrim Millennium Committee for giving us the opportunity to run our benefit auction on the celebration weekend.

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### WRITERS WANTED

The *LIMRIK* needs writers for general reporting, feature articles and the like. If you are a beginner, we'll help you. If you're an experienced writer, you may teach us a thing or two. If you're interested, phone Dick Winslow at 588-2498 for details.

- All of the businesses and individuals who donated items to the auction and the volunteers who made it happen.

- Susan Bartlett, for leading a discussion in the parent group about involving children in household tasks.

- Kathy Chisholm from the Tuttle Library for writing a successful grant which will provide Grapevine children with new books to read.

#### FALL 2000 PROGRAMS

We will be kicking off our Fall activities with an Open House on Saturday, September 9 from 2–4 PM. We'll have goodies to share and a special craft activity for parents and children together. Melody Russell from Wilton will be showing us how to make a family banner that can be hung on a front porch or deck. The drawing for the Afghan Raffle will also take place that day.

There will be three Better Beginnings playgroups this fall, on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 9:30–11:30 AM. Please call to find out about openings. There will be a new Better

Beginnings program—a baby and mommy group which will meet on Wednesdays at 12:30 PM. Come for a change of scene, to meet other new parents, and to give your baby a chance to check out a different set of toys as well as other babies.

Other programming this Fall will include a monthly La Leche League meeting for moms who are breast feeding, and a monthly baby massage class with licensed massage therapist Diane Kendall. Celeste Lunetta will also be offering her exercise class for pregnant and postpartum women. Janet Archer will return with a weekly yoga class, and Linda Warren will lead Antrim's First Club for preteen and teen baby-sitters.

Our education component at The Grapevine will include a monthly session with Sharon Snyder-Muller of the PAT program and several members of the local medical community will be discussing a wide variety of topics relating to child and family health. Antrim resident and Grapevine parent Charlotte

Lakus will again teach a craft once a month.

Dr. Pat Grady of Monadnock Family Services will present a two-part evening program about emotional difficulties which are common in childhood.

We are very excited about our Fall schedule and hope that you will stop by to check us out. Please call 588-2620 for information, dates and times of specific programs.

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization funded by grants from Hillsborough County Incentive Fund, the NH Dept. of Health and Human Services (Division of Children, Youth and Families and Division of Alcohol Prevention and Recovery), Monadnock Community Foundation, NH Children's Trust Fund, and the NE Presbytery. We also receive generous financial support from Monadnock Paper Mills, Monadnock Community Hospital, local businesses and individuals. ♣

## A MESSAGE TO REGISTERED DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENT VOTERS

*Why vote for **MARK FERNALD** for Governor?*

**Because—Mark is the only candidate with a clearly thought out plan to solve the totally unfair tax system now in place that taxes the lowest income citizens, as a percentage of income, at more than twice the tax burden of the wealthiest citizens.**

**Simply put—for a majority of New Hampshire Citizens it would be in their financial self interest.**

For details of Mark's plan, and his position on many other issues of importance, please visit his web site: [www.fernald2000.com](http://www.fernald2000.com) or contact one of us.



**Be sure to vote September 12, 2000**

Paid for by Antrim Committee for Mark Fernald  
Betty Avery, Phil Dwight, Ben Pratt, Sydney Smith



# ABOUT TOWN

## BROWNIE TROOP 2129

### EMERALD HORSE 4-H CLUB

On August 5, 2000 the club enjoyed a tour of Rockingham Race Track in Salem, NH. The tour was very educational. Members talked first hand to a trainer and jockey and got to watch horses in training. A very exciting part of the tour was the starting gate. There we watched the schooling of horses on how to enter the gate, stand quiet, then break out of the gate and run straight.

A very friendly retired race horse, named Kelly, was happy to show us his tattoo which is located on the inside of his upper lip. This is how every thoroughbred race horse is identified, each with their own number.

We also visited the jockeys' quarters to learn about their equipment. Everyone was surprised at how light their riding boots were.

Before the end of the tour we were treated to breakfast at the race track kitchen. This was a wonderful tour and everyone learned something new and had a great time.

The club is still working hard on its Charity Benefit Open Horse Show to be held at Townsend's Training farm in Pembroke on September 17. The show will help benefit the NH Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and should be a fun day for everyone. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded in each class. To highlight the day's events, champion and reserve prizes will be awarded for each division. Every exhibitor will be given a free raffle ticket for each class entered, with great prizes to be given away throughout the day.

If you are interested in becoming a show sponsor or who would like a class list call Kathy Dumont at 588-2719.

— Kathy Dumont

### MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS

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### GREAT BOOK FIFTH GRADERS SOUTH VILLAGE

An extraordinary and handsome booklet about Antrim's downtown titled *South Village*, researched and written by Great Brook fifth graders, is available for the asking at numerous public places such as the Library, the Town Offices, the Inn, etc. It contains photographs and historically-researched essays about some twenty-four buildings on Main Street, from the Goodell Company at the south end to the Kelsea ("painted lady") house at the north. An audio cassette, to guide people on a walking tour past these buildings, is also available, to be borrowed at the Library, the Town offices or the Inn, along with walkman tape players for those who need them.

Some 45 students took part in the project, researching historical factors, making photographs, interviewing citizens who had significant memories of the buildings, and writing up the results. Their teachers—Anne Kenney, Pam Donoghue, and Barbara Black—held it all together and brought it to fruition, in the process getting a combined grant from the N.H. Preservation Alliance, the N.H. Humanities Council and the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation; as well as one from the Orion Society. Contributions were also made by the Antrim Alumni Association and the Monadnock Paper Mills. ♣

We have been very busy this past summer closing out year-end activities. June was jam-packed with outings and adventures. The troop went on its annual overnight at the YMCA. The girls had a blast building an obstacle course and cheering each other on as they took turns racing through it. They also went swimming, played basketball, tried out the pint-sized nautilus equipment, went crazy on the trampoline and had a pizza party. It was a wonder anyone got to sleep.

We also went on a nature hike in the Joe English reservation in Amherst. The girls had fun identifying plant life they were familiar with, and guessing on some they weren't. We had every intention of hiking all the way to the beaver pond, but got lost somewhere along the way and never made it that far. There was general disappointment that we hadn't reached the goal, but we definitely had fun trying. Of course it all ended with smiles when we went to McDonalds for ice cream and spent some time in Playland.

We finished out the month of June with a weekend camping trip to Greenfield State Park. Although the days were sunny and hot enough to swim, (yes, we did have sun this summer), the nights were pretty chilly. The girls sharpened their outdoor skills with campfire cooking, (s'mores being the obvious favorite), teamwork, and trail marking. The girls took turns marking a trail that led to buried treasure. The game was to correctly read and follow the signs to find the prize. We also made spray-dyed t-shirts.

We hope everyone saw the float we entered in the Millennium Celebration Parade. The girls worked hard coming up with ideas and carrying them out. We'd like to say thank you to Scott Burnside of Landsite Corp. for the use of his dump truck, and Jim Rymes of Rymes Heating Inc. for the use of his trailer.

We are looking forward to another great year in 2000-2001.

— Darlene Fox



## CHURCH NEWS



**Antrim Presbyterian Church**  
588-2209

Pastor Richard Palmer

**Sunday Schedule as of September 10**

Adult Sunday School 9:15 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Youth Sunday School 10:30 AM  
Fellowship hour 11:00 AM

(child care available for 4-year-olds and under)

**Sept. 10 Youth Rally Sunday**  
10:30 AM

**Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 Harvest Luncheons**  
Bring a bag lunch

**Nov 25 Hanging of the Greens**  
Time TBA

**Antrim Baptist Church**  
588-6614

Pastor Charles V. Boucher  
Cherryl Boucher, Associate Pastor

**Sunday Schedule as of September 17**  
Worship 10:30 AM  
(Nursery and junior church provided)

**Sept 6 Club Adventure** begins from 3:30-5:30 PM. A fun club for kids in grades K-6. For more information call 588-6614.

**Sept. 17 Youth Rally Sunday**  
9:15 AM

**Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 Harvest Luncheons**  
At the Antrim Presbyterian Church.  
Bring a bag lunch.

**Antrim Church of Christ**  
588-6178

Pastor Bill McNich

**Sunday Schedule**

Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Worship 11:00 AM  
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 the 2nd and 4th Saturday from 10:30-12 Noon.

**Bennington Congregational Church**  
588-2398

Rev. Dan Poling

**Sunday Worship** 10:30 AM

**Thursday Bible Study** 11:00-12 Noon  
Ann Trow and Amy Hardwick had a successful Vacation Bible School with about 20 children participating.

Please note the exterior paint job which was completed this summer.

**Saint Patrick Church**  
588-2180

Rev. Richard A. Smith

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday 4:15 PM  
Sunday 8 & 10:30 AM  
Mon-Fri 7:30 AM  
Penance ½ hour before all

weekday masses and by request

**Sacramental Life**

Baptism by appointment  
Marriage arrangements 6 months before wedding.

Sacrament of the Sick. Please notify rectory of confined or sick members.

**Religious Education Classes**

Grades K-8 following 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday

Grades 9 & 10 on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 PM. First class will be held Sept 24. Contact Brenda Wesoly at 547-2670 for more information.



### WOMAN'S CLUB

The recipients of the Antrim Woman's Club book-money scholarships are Margaret Bean Wright and Bryan Ruoff of Antrim. Margaret attends the nursing program at the Saint Joseph School of Nursing in Keene and Bryan is a student at Worcester Polytechnical Institute in Worcester, MA. His goal is to become a civil and fire protection engineer.



### CHECK YOUR MAIL

The Trustees of the Tuttle Library will be mailing a survey to every resident of Antrim within the next few weeks. We need your input on library use and our expansion plans. Please complete the survey and have your opinions count. The Tuttle Library is important to your children's future and the life of your community. ♣

### ANTRIM WEB SITE

The Antrim Recreation Committee has created a web site to keep Antrim residents up to date on what is going on around town, check it out at: [www.antrimnh.com/reccenter](http://www.antrimnh.com/reccenter). The site was started in November 1999 to keep track of many of the events that were scheduled around town and the surrounding area.

We started by posting information on the winter festival that was held at the town beach. Through this past summer we have had information about such events as Antrim in the Evening, Millennium Weekend, softball and swimming lessons, and Antrim Players performances. There is a list of ongoing weekly events, a monthly calendar, and news of upcoming events. We've posted Town Office hours, Tuttle Library information, notices of Recreation Committee meetings, Rec Center activities, even the web sites of local movie theaters. So if you are looking for something to do on a Saturday morning and you're not sure what is happening, check out the site. You might find that there is more going on than you thought.

The site is made available by Communications 4NH ([www.4nh.com/host/](http://www.4nh.com/host/)), which offers both commercial and non-commercial web site hosting.

If you have an event or suggestion that you'd like to see posted, e-mail us at [reccenter@antrimnh.com](mailto:reccenter@antrimnh.com). A link to this address is also available on the site.

Make our site a favorite, its the place to check out Antrim.

[www.antrimnh.com/reccenter](http://www.antrimnh.com/reccenter)

— Rick Wood



## LIBRARY NEWS



### BOOK DISPLAYS

- Sept Celts/Antrim History
- Oct Ghost Stories
- Nov Holidays/Crafts/Food and Mysteries (Cozies)

### PROGRAMS

- Oct Halloween Storytime with the Junior Girl Scouts. Details TBA.

### ANTRIM VILLAGE VISITS

- September 6
- October 4
- November 1

### NEW ADULT BOOKS: FICTION

Elizabeth Berg *OPEN HOUSE*; Rosellen Brown *HALF A HEART*; Elizabeth Chadwick *THE MARSH KING'S DAUGHTER*; Catherine Coulter *RIPTIDE*; Barbara Delinsky *THE VINEYARD*; Sara Donati *INTO THE WILDERNESS*; Julie Garwood *HEARTBREAKER*; Eileen Goudge *THE SECOND SILENCE*; Virginia Henley *THE MARRIAGE PRIZE*; James W. Huston *FLASH POINT*; Jayne Ann Krentz *ECLIPSE BAY*; Stephen R. Lawhead *THE BLACK ROOD*; Elizabeth Lowell *MIDNIGHT IN RUBY BAYOU*; Toni Morrison *THE BLUEST EYE*; Janette Oke *BEYOND THE GATHERING STORM*; Nora Roberts *SACRED SINS*; Anne Rivers Siddons *NORA, NORA*; Peter Straub *MAGIC TERROR*; Joanna Trollope *MARRYING THE MISTRESS*.

### MYSTERIES

Edna Buchanan *GARDEN OF EVIL*; Sarah Caudwell *THE SIBYL IN HER GRAVE*; Philip R. Craig *VINEYARD BLUES*; Kate Ellis *THE ARMADA BOY*; Bartholomew Gill *THE DEATH OF AN IRISH LOVER*; Joan Hess *A CONVENTIONAL CORPSE*; J. A. Jance *DEVIL'S CLAW*; Marcia Muller *LISTEN TO THE SILENCE*; Ian Rankin *DEATH IS NOT THE END*; Kathy Reichs *DEADLY DECISIONS*; Gillian Roberts *HELEN HATH NO FURY*; Dana Stabenow *MIDNIGHT COME AGAIN*; Margaret Truman *MURDER IN THE FOGGY BOTTOM*.

### NON FICTION

Kurt Chandler *SHAVING LESSONS*; Laura Cunningham *A PLACE IN THE COUNTRY*; Roger Hayes *ON POINT*; Nicholas Howe *NOT WITHOUT PERIL*; Frances Kiernan *SEEING MARY PLAIN*; Tom Wessels *READING THE FORESTED LANDSCAPE*.

### SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY

Charles DeLint *FORESTS OF THE HEART*; Morgan Llywelyn *ETRUSCANS*; Patricia McKillip *THE FORGOTTEN BEASTS OF ELD*; Teresa Medeiros *THE BRIDE AND THE BEAST*.

### LIBRARY AWARDED GRANTS

We were very fortunate this year to be the recipient of grants totalling \$5,500 for Children's programming, services and books from the Monadnock Charitable Foundation, the Benjamin Cohen Trust, and the Byrne Foundation. Their generosity will help us maintain and improve the quality of our children's services. The purpose of the grant from the Monadnock Charitable Foundation was to establish a collection of children's books to be shared with The Grapevine on a rotating basis.

### SUMMER PROGRAMS

The weather cooperated in making this one of the Library's busiest summers. There's nothing better than curling up with a good book or movie while it's pouring rain outside! The weather may have contributed also to the success of our Summer Reading Program. Antrim Police Officer Brian Giammarino and Officer Aaron of Bennington presented a much-anticipated and much-appreciated Storytime. Thank you to both officers. Sharon Dowling of Great Brook Veterinary Clinic also presented an enjoyable Storytime, and our Stuffed Animal Pet Show was a great success. Blue ribbons were awarded for "Best in Show". Each child (and some adults) who participated in the Summer Reading program will receive a reading patch and a certificate of achievement signed by Gov. Shaheen.

### SCHOOL VISITS

The staff are looking forward to seeing Antrim Elementary School students soon. September is "Library Card Sign-Up Month". If you don't yet have a Tuttle Library card, now is the time to get one, and children in kindergarten are also eligible.

### 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

### HOLIDAY HOURS

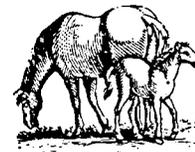
The Library will be closed on the following days: Sept. 4 Labor Day, Oct. 9 Columbus Day; Oct. 31 (Halloween) early closing at 5 PM; Nov 11 Veteran's Day; and Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day.

### LIBRARY PARKING

Please follow the signs entering and leaving the Library, The Grapevine and Town Offices. There is much more traffic in the area now and with the many children going in and out of the Library and The Grapevine we would all like to keep them safe.

### CELTIC CELEBRATION WEEK-END

During this day of activities, programs, concerts, and workshops in celebration of Celtic Music do stop by the Library for our Book Sale from 10 AM to 3 PM. See you on Main Street on Sunday October 1. ♣



### HOT TO TROT 4-H CLUB

The seventy annual Hot To Trot 4-H Open Horse Show was held this year in conjunction with the Millennium Weekend Celebration and was dedicated to the memory of former member, leader, and supporter Michelle Willett. The Michelle Willett Pleasure Championship class was an added feature of the show. Cheryl Willett presented an engraved silver plate to the winner of the class, Meagan Slater, riding *Captain Crunch*. Division champions for the day were:

Adult: William Harris and *Amber*, Antrim; Senior: Alison Borek and *Corey*, Webster; Junior: Ashley Yardley and *Carey Me To The Top*, Mexico, NY; Beginner A: Jackie Hardwick and *Digger Hill*, Frankestown; Beginner B: Mallory Yardley and *Carey Me To The Top*, Mexico, NY; Gymkhana: Ashley Yardley and *Carey Me To The top, Mexico, NY*.

The club would like to thank all the sponsors for their financial support; Achille Agway, Antrim Video, Antrim Village Cafe, Aqua Bistro, Norman Bennett Woodworking, Bennington Country Store & Deli, ClearBrook Stables, Edmunds' Hardware Store, Friends of Gem, Great Brook Vet Clinic, Lee's Lawn Service, Richard Lyons Logging, Linda Moran, Pins & Needles, Plants Alive, Inc., Rick & Diane's, Siding By James, T-Bird Mini Mart, Tenney Farm, The Toadstool Bookshops, Trends of Fashion, Valley Home Center, and Wayno's Store.

— Beth Merrill

## GREGG LAKE CAMP CHENOA

Have you ever heard of the Girl Scouts? Camp Chenoa? It is a place where girls grow strong by "bursting out" and trying new things. Girls learn independence. Rachael Richardson, 13, says "I busted out by not being dependent on one best friend at camp". Thirteen year old Shannon Casey says "I busted out by going to camp alone for the first time and making friends." Girls make their own decisions. They plan and participate in many activities—swimming, boating, crafts and games, just to name a few. Twelve year old Lara Middlemiss says "I went funyaking (kayaking) for the first time. It was not easy. I wanted to stop but I kept on going." There are special programs like the "Write Stuff" where older girls write skits and perform them for younger girls.

*[As a matter of fact, a "Write Stuff" group of campers wrote this article. Editor]*

## GIRL SCOUT NEWS

The 2000-2001 year will be seeing a few changes in Antrim Girl Scouts. This year Bonnie Wade will be moving up to Cadettes, as co-leader with Kathy Smith, Jennifer Parent and Sharon Dowling. This will be the first year in many years that Antrim has had a Cadette troop. Cadettes generally consist of girls in grades 6-9. At present there are nine girls in the troop with an open invitation to others to join. For more information call Bonnie Wade at 588-3325, or e-mail her at: [tweetywade@yahoo.com](mailto:tweetywade@yahoo.com).

We also will be having two Junior troops this year. Due to the large number of girls that flew up from Brownies last year, it seemed feasible to make two smaller troops to allow for more personalized activities and projects. Junior troops generally consist of girls in grades 3-6. The Junior girls will be led by Jeanna Biehl and Mary Sawich, and Dawn Calderara and Darlene Fox.

There will still be two Brownie troops as well. Brownies generally consist of girls in grades 1-3. The Brownies will be led by Darlene Fox, Laurie Steele, and Jeanna Biehl.

This year's Daisy troop is still looking for a leader and co-leader. If you have a daughter in Kindergarten, or have an interest in leading energetic girls ages 5-6 in fun activities, games, and crafts, please call Kristy Boule, Registrar, at 588-2939. Training is free, the experience is priceless. ♣



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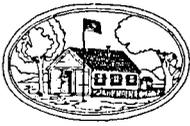
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# GREAT BROOK SCHOOL NEWS

By Barbara Black



## FLYING HIGH

Many students will take flight at GBS this upcoming school year as participants in the Aviation in Schools Program (AIS). Certified teacher and pilot, James Brough, of Lincoln, NH developed this unique program to introduce teachers and students to the world of aviation. He has successfully coordinated the world of aviation with that of public education in his own school for several years. Thanks to the Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical Scholarship, he will share his program and his expertise throughout the state of New Hampshire this year.

Principal Rick Nannicelli arranged for Brough to present his aviation program to staff at Great Brook School in June. Staff interested in implementing the program attended follow up workshops this summer. Nannicelli has applied for grants to fund materials for the program. Many students will be involved in the program as part of their CORE curriculum. An after school Aviation Club may also be available.

Students will use a MicroSoft Flight Simulator to learn to fly an airplane. They will participate in lessons similar to those offered in authentic pilot training. Local pilots, Brian Giamarino and Bill Newbold, will mentor teachers and students in the classroom, assisting with the more detailed aspects of flying. Upon completion of the course, students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in an actual aircraft!

GBS is excited and honored to have been selected for this program. Students will have an opportunity to apply language, geography, math, and science skills while exploring a unique career opportunity.

## NEW FACES

Nearly 490 students have registered for the new school year at GBS. Joining them will be a number of new staff members. The office staff will welcome Assistant Principal Lauren Dokas and Secretary Laura Leigh. Nancy Kowalski and Linda Bundy will join the Special Needs Team along with Teaching Assistants Brenda Schaefer and Beth Hamilton Erickson. Demetria McKaig will join the Unified Arts Team as Technology Coordinator, and Nancy Blair will take over the Consumer and Family Studies classes. Eric Anderson will be the new Eighth Grade Science Teacher.

## COMMUNITY BASED EDUCATION

Great Brook School continues its commitment to using the community as a classroom. Several projects from last year will be continued this Fall. The Great Brook Bread Company started by the ALT Center hopes to have its business up and running this year. In addition to marketing the bread baked in the outdoor oven, the class plans to run workshops for other GBS classes. Students also plan to maintain the Antrim Center Trail and perhaps add a trail head kiosk and trail markers.

School and Community have also planned some new projects for this year. Shelley Cutter's sixth graders will be working on a community garden. Fifth grades are looking into creating tiles to brighten the school's entrance way and participating in the Norway Pond walkway project in Hancock.

Community members who are interested in any of these projects (or have new ideas of their own), please call Beth Frost at GBS (588-6630).

## CHILDREN'S BOOKS BY CHILDREN

Students in Carol Ripley's and Holly Blanchette's classes will be going back to elementary school this year. Sixth graders will be working with Antrim Elementary School fourth graders to write and illustrate children's books. This cross-grade level collaborative promises to be an exciting opportunity for GBS and AES to move toward becoming a school campus rather than separate schools.

## MAIN STREET GEOGRAPHY

Seventh grade humanities classes will explore the five themes of geography through their multi-town Main Street Project. This year's students will build upon the town research done by last year's fifth and seventh graders. Students will preserve the present as well as the past of the four towns in the Great Brook School Community. Each student will study a building on the Main Streets of Antrim, Bennington, Francetown, or Hancock. Through research and interviews, students will record the unique history of each building. Townspeople interested in being part of this project are asked to call Sheila Proctor at Great Brook School (588-6630).

## READING ROOM

Anne Staley is developing a reading room at Great Brook School. It will offer a variety of remedial reading programs: Lindamood, Wilson, Corrective Reading, and Comprehension Skills. The program will offer both grade-level and cross-grade level classes to better match students and individual learning styles.



## RECREATION NEWS

Swimming lessons were a big success once again. We had a great crew of lifeguards who enjoyed working with over 100 children and put on three beach parties.

Basketball camp was a blast and very well attended. We also offered dance classes. We had an awesome turnout for softball on Monday nights and the talent was equally distributed between men and women!

A great big thank you to Rick Wood for all his hard work making our web page such a success. Check it out at:

[www.antrimnh.com/reccenter.com](http://www.antrimnh.com/reccenter.com)

Coming up this Fall, we are looking forward to soccer, basketball, movies and dances.

Meanwhile, the first day of school is quickly approaching and the Antrim Friends of Recreation would like to start planning for an After School Program at the Rec Center. This program offers our children a chance to play games, be involved in planned activities, crafts and games, watch movies, hang out with friends and use the gym one afternoon a week. There is no cost to participate and there are snacks and drinks available for them to buy.

In order to keep this program as successful as it has been in the past, we need committed volunteers to help out on an occasional afternoon. Tentative days are Tuesdays for 1st and 2nd graders, Wednesdays for 3rd graders, and Thursdays for 4th graders, from 3-5 PM. If we don't have enough volunteers who can commit in advance, we will, unfortunately, be unable to continue this important program. If you would like more information or can help out, please call Shelly Gardner at 588-3576. ♣

## ANTRIM GRANGE NEWS

Renovation of the interior of the Grange Hall has been an ongoing project this summer. Thanks go to the following community members for their help with the July "painting bee": Noreen and Bob Kilbride, and Dian, Erin, and Caitlin Campbell. A special thanks to Edmund's Hardware Store for the donation of paint. Antrim Grange was represented in the Millennium Parade with a float depicting this ongoing project.

An exhibit was entered in the Cheshire Fair entitled "It's In The Bag" which received a blue ribbon. A similar exhibit will be placed in the Hopkinton and Hillsborough County Fairs in September.

Antrim Grange members have attended various state and regional conferences this summer. Among them were the New England Lecturer's Conference at Franklin Pierce College in Rindge and the New England Youth Conference in Poultney, Vermont where Beth Merrill competed and won second place in the sign-a-song contest. Local members will be participating in upcoming events at the Eastern States Exposition, the State Grange session in Laconia, and the National Convention in Fresno, California.

If you have any Grange related questions please call 588-6615 or 588-3208.

### ANTRIM JUNIOR GRANGE

NH State Grange Master, Daniel Bascom, attended a recent meeting to officially reorganize Antrim Junior Grange #153. Meetings are held on the first and third Mondays at 6:00 PM at the Grange Hall. All interested children ages 5-14 are invited to join.

Antrim Junior members marched in both the Memorial Day and Millennium parades. The offer from the Antrim Players to sell refreshments at their summer performances was gratefully accepted.

For more information about Junior Grange and its membership please call Renee Mercier at 588-2334. ♣

## ANTRIM CELTIC CELEBRATION

The Second Annual Antrim Celtic Celebration will be held on Sunday, October 1. Plans are underway for a day-long festival to pay tribute to the Scots-Irish settlers that founded the town of Antrim. All activities will be located throughout downtown beginning at 10:00 AM—rain or shine. The Celebration will include well-known Celtic musicians, dancers, harpists, singers, fiddlers, and a sessiuns area. In addition, there will be storytelling, workshops, exhibits, lectures, and a great variety of foods as well as Celtic merchandise.

Admission for the events will require the purchase of a button. Buttons are \$6 per person and \$18 for a family of 3 or more people ages 13 and older (children ages 12 and under are admitted free). Advance buttons are \$5 each and \$15 for a family of 3 or more people ages 13 and older (children ages 12 and under are admitted free). Buttons will be available at the Tuttle Library in Antrim as well as other locations to be announced.

The day's schedule will include a variety of fine Scottish and Irish performers.

• **THE NH POLICE ASSN. PIPES & DRUMS BAND.** Formed in 1994, the band made its debut in 1996. Members represent a variety of police departments from across the state and their repertoire includes Irish, Scottish, English, and American tunes.

• **ROBBIE O'CONNELL.** The Irish born singer/songwriter, a nephew of the Clancy Brothers, has been playing and singing since the age of 13. In 1977 he joined the Clancy Brothers and two years later moved to Massachusetts. He has recorded several highly acclaimed records for the Green Linnet label.

• **AINE MINOGUE.** Born in County Tipperary, Aine discovered her true love—the Celtic harp—at the age of 12. She continues the tradition of the Irish poets and bards by taking an ancient art form and adding her own creativity.

• **BRENDAN CAREY BLOCK.** Antrim's own young fiddle sensation, a New England Junior Scottish Fiddle Champion.

• **BODAICH.** A combination of the talents of Mark Reynolds (vocals and guitar) and Rich Block (acoustic bass and guitar), both from Antrim, with Jeff Baker (Irish flute and whistle). The group explores the vocal and instrumental traditions of Scotland and Ireland with sweet ballads, rolling jigs and reels, and soul-wrenching laments and airs.

• **MAGGIE CARCHRIE.** A young Gaelic singer and stepdancer who will perform Gaelic songs with Thomas Leigh. In 1997 she recorded her debut album "Songs the Mermaid Sang", and in 1999 she joined with Thomas Leigh to form the duo Ru-Ra.

• **CEOL EIRE.** An Irish band which includes local uilleann piper Bill Thomas, fiddler Connie Patten and guitarist Lila Feingold.

There will be an historical exhibit with spinning and weaving demonstrations plus storytelling, stepdancing, and events for children. Throughout the day the Tuttle Library will feature discussions on the Irish Famine and the Highland Clearances, as well as Scottish and Irish genealogy workshops and a workshop on the Celtic harp.

For more information about the Celtic Celebration check their website at: [antrimceltic.conknet.com](http://antrimceltic.conknet.com) or contact Kathy Chisholm at the Library at 588-6786.

E-mail address is: [antrimceltic@conknet.com](mailto:antrimceltic@conknet.com)



parade coordinator Ted Brown and his committee, Bob Allison, Richard Atkinson, Richard Cottle, Fred Roberts, and Pat Webber.

Thanks to Paul Dugan who coordinated all of our vendors for the day, the First Presbyterian Church for their Pancake Breakfast and Fair, the Baptist Church for their Fair and Supper, the Cloudbusters for their demonstration on Main Street, the *Antrim Players* for sponsoring Mark Shepard's storytelling, the Tuttle Library Trustees for their booksale, The Grapevine for their auction, the Bennington Big Band for music in the afternoon and the *Antrim Players* for performing both Friday and Saturday night. A big thank you to the Clean-up Committee headed by Barbara Black and assisted by David Essex, Melissa and Andy Chapman and the following children: Christy, Muriel, Katie, Davyion, Brandon, Rickie, and Joey. Thanks to Monadnock Paper Mills for providing trash barrels and the State of NH for use of the Recyclemobile.

On Sunday the festivities moved to Gregg Lake. There were water games for children, boat rides for all, ice cream, Barbershop Music from the Keene Cheshiremen, storytelling for children, tours of Camp Chenoa, scavenger hunt by the Antrim Conservation Commission, chicken barbecue, music from the Happy Dayz Band and Fireworks. Outside activities included a Horse Show and a Firemen's Muster.

Thank you to the Friends of Recreation and the Antrim Town Lifeguards, Karl Beck, Jennifer McInnis, and Melissa Knight for the Water Games; Craig

Grimes, Tom Fitzgerald, Matt Fitzgerald, and Wayne Nichols for the use of their pontoon boats (and for driving them) for the Lake Tour, as well as Mary Chagnon, Martin Nichols, and Ben Pratt for guiding the tours and sharing their knowledge and memories of Gregg Lake; The Grapevine for the Ice Cream Social; Melissa Lawless and the Tuttle Library for the Story Hour; Camp Chenoa and Swift Water Girl Scout Council for the tours of the camp; the Antrim Conservation Commission for the Scavenger Hunt; and the Odd Fellows for the great Barbecue. Thanks also to Beth Merrill and the Hot To Trot 4-H Club for the Horse Show, and the Antrim Fire Department for the Firemen's Muster.

We also thank the Antrim Police Department and Antrim Fire Department for their efforts surrounding the entire weekend, including the Fireworks display; and thanks to Laidlaw Bus Company for the Shuttle Service on Sunday.

Thank you to the Antrim Millennium Committee for all their effort over the last two years; Barbara Black, Pam Caswell (Co-Chair), Ericka Leonard, Thelma Nichols, William Nichols, Michele Rabideau, Fred Roberts, and Pamela Taylor.

If anyone has photos of the weekend and would like to donate them to the committee, we will then put together a Memory Book for the Historical Society to be placed in the Town's archives to preserve the weekend forever. Please call me at 588-6861.

— Sarah W. Edwards  
Co-Chair

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 2

Antrim Scouts have been quite active since the beginning of June. We honored our tenth Eagle Scout, Arthur C. Heinzman of Bennington at an Eagle Court of Honor on June 3rd at St. Patrick's Church. There were approximately 85 Scouts and family and friends in attendance.

We moved the Scout gear out of the Antrim Town Hall basement to a temporary storage area in the garage at St. Patrick's Church. We are looking for a new meeting place.

Ten of our twelve Scouts attended Scout camp at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation for a week of camp. This was paid for mostly by money raised by the Troop in its fund raising activities, namely wreath sales at Christmas time and parking cars at the New Boston County fairground in September. Each scout earned an average of four merit badges while at summer camp.

From July 29 through August 5th the troop went on a 50+ mile canoe trip. We began the trip in Wilson Mills, Maine, canoeing down the Magalloway River into Errol, New Hampshire. Our first night of camping was at the Tee Pee Campground. The group consisted of 38 people, including 10 active Troop 2 Scouts, 5 former Troop 2 Scouts, Scouts from Nelson and Greenfield troops and family members of Scouts and Scouters.

The second day we completed the trip down the Magalloway River into Lake Umbagog. We travelled across the lake and upstream about a mile on the Rapid River. We camped there at the Cedar Stump campground—operated by SACO Bound. The trips were done in 16 canoes and 4 kayaks. Some of the older Scouts used the kayaks in the rapids of the Rapid River.

The third day we left Cedar Stump campground in Maine, canoed back across Lake Umbagog into New Hampshire and started down the Androscoggin River in Errol. We ended up at the Mollidgewock campground where we stayed for the next three nights. Using

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SUN. SEPT 3

### BLUES & BBQ

SUN. SEPT 3

Head on downtown on Sunday, September 3, for some finger-licken' chicken BBQ, sponsored by the Odd Fellows Waverly Lodge #59. Just try to keep your feet still when *Otis and the Elevators* wail their blues at the bandstand in Memorial Park at 5:00 PM, sponsored by Monadnock Paper Mills and "Antrim In The Evening".

NOTE: Correction to previously published date.  
(Rain Date: Monday September 4)

**Boy Scouts** *continued*

the camp as a base, we canoed the rapids between the campsite and Seven Island bridge—approximately 5 miles down stream—several times, ferrying the canoes back after each run on our canoe trailers.

Except for several thunder showers on Thursday afternoon, the week was rain-free. Overcast skies allowed us to canoe without getting sunburned, so we deemed the week to be extremely successful.

The troop committee wishes to thank Craig Seavey for donating a boat trailer to the Troop. We made a six-canoe trailer from it, so now the Troop owns its own canoe trailer and one canoe. We thank the Warren Witherells who donated a canoe to the Troop. We would also like to thank Dick Cottle, Rod Zwirner, Barrett Proctor, Mike Perry, Joe Cronin, and Brian Burford for allowing us to use their canoes. Thanks also to Dr. Jim Young who supplied a canoe trailer and two canoes and a propane gas cooking

grille; and to Sam Harding for his gas stove.

The committee also thanks those members of the committee and the other Scouters who supplied the leadership for this trip. It was only successful because of their donation of time and dedication to Scouting ideals that allows this size troop to function smoothly.

The Troop, now twelve Scouts strong, should be parking cars again in September at the Hillsborough County fair in New Boston. We also have plans for several overnight campouts this Fall, including a possible canoe trip at Gregg Lake sometime in September.

Anyone interested in becoming a Scout (ages 11-18 years) in Troop 2 can contact the Scoutmaster, Stuart Bennion at 588-6253 or the Committee Chair, Dick Jennison at 588-2687. We'll supply you with an official registration form and information about our Scouting program. You'll be surprised at the fun you'll have. ♣

**HOUSE TOUR**



After the success of last year's Library House tour, a second tour has been scheduled for December 9. Five homes have been selected for their excellence in architecture and location. Decorated homes, people to chat with, refreshments to enjoy—why not spend the day on this fun tour?

This year's committee members, Pam Bagloe, Kathy Chisholm, Diane Chauncey, Lauren Kirkpatrick, Janet MacLachlan, and Mary Payne have also planned a cookie bake sale to help support the Tuttle Library expansion project.

They are also planning to publish a cookie cookbook and need your best cookie recipes.

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**SEPT**

- 3 **LABOR DAY WEEK-END FESTIVITIES • Memorial Park**  
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• Chicken BBQ • Sponsored by Odd Fellows Waverly Lodge #59  
• "Antrim in the Evening" • *Otis and the Elevators* • 5 PM
- 6 TUTTLE LIBRARY visit to Antrim Village
- 6 CLUB ADVENTURE for Children • 3:30-5:30 PM  
Antrim Baptist Church
- 9 OPEN HOUSE at The Grapevine • 2-4 PM
- 10 YOUTH RALLY SUNDAY • Antrim Presbyterian Church • 10:30 AM
- 12 PRIMARY ELECTIONS & Special Town Voting  
Route 31 Fire Station  
Polls Open: 8:00 AM-7:00 PM
- 17 YOUTH RALLY SUNDAY • Antrim Baptist Church • 9:15 AM
- 17 4-H CLUB Charity Benefit Open Horse Show  
Townsend's Training Farm, Pembroke, NH

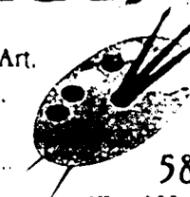
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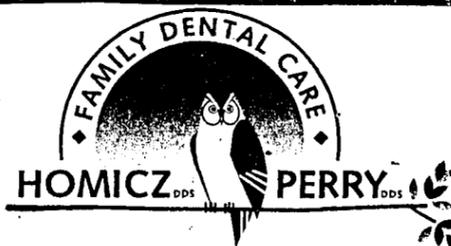
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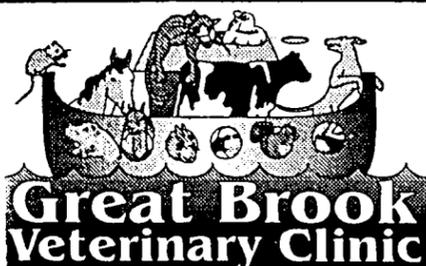
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- Robbie O'Connell
- Aine Minogue
- Brendan Carey Block
- Bodaich
- Maggie Carchrie
- Ceol Eire

*Discussions & Workshops (at the Tuttle Library)*

- The Irish Famine
- The Highland Clearances
- Scottish and Irish Genealogy
- Celtic Harp

**4 TUTTLE LIBRARY visit to Antrim Village**

**4 HARVEST LUNCHEON • Antrim Presbyterian Church**

**11 HARVEST LUNCHEON • Antrim Presbyterian Church**

**14 HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION • Sawyer's Field in Bennington**

**17 HARVEST LUNCHEON • Antrim Presbyterian Church**

**25 HARVEST LUNCHEON • Antrim Presbyterian Church**

**NOV**

**1 TUTTLE LIBRARY visit to Antrim Village**

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