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## THE ANTRIM



For, by and about the people of Antrim.

### BALANCING ROCK

By Lyman Gilmore

*Editor's Note: A guided tour to Antrim's Balancing Rock is being offered by Rod Zwirner on July 4th. Participants should gather at 9 AM in Memorial Park during the coffee and donuts event. More information may be had from Rod at 588-2879.*

Antrim's huge Balancing Rock arrived in the neighborhood somewhere between three million and thirteen thousand years ago. It is a piece of "drift," the somewhat inaccurate term used for the rubble pushed along or gathered up and carried by a succession of glacial ice sheets that descended over the northern half of America during a period of three million years. When our forefathers discovered these strange, seemingly out-of-place boulders in the woods as they settled New England in the early 1800s, they tended to believe they were carried by icebergs adrift on the Biblical Deluge that covered the land. When the icebergs melted, they

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### TOWN HALL

Antrim's Town Hall which has been closed since June a year ago for a total mechanical and electrical renovation as well as interior reorganization, should be open for business well before July 4th. Police facilities will be the first to be completed, followed by Town Offices and the second floor auditorium. ♣

### ANTRIM PLAYERS

The Antrim Players will inaugurate our newly-refurbished Town Hall stage with performances on August 16, 17 and 18 of a Broadway musical review. The review will follow three couples in their trials and tribulations using music, dance, comedy and drama. Songs from "Grease", "South Pacific" and either "Hello, Dolly" or "Pal Joey" will be heard, along with other Broadway material.

Auditions will be held June 11 and 12, place and time to be announced. For more information, call Kim Proctor at 588-3403.

### RECREATION

Gregg Lake Town Beach cleanup day is on Saturday June 9 starting at 9 AM. Come help clean the beach. The official opening is June 16. Register your children for Red Cross swimming lessons at the Town Offices, the REC office or at the beach.

See page 16 for the full article with details on summer recreation. ♣

### ANTRIM IN THE EVENING

By Jonas Taub

The line up for *Antrim In The Evening* this summer can best be described as "Home Grown and Local". With a number of performers who call Antrim home and almost all from the Monadnock region, this summer's concerts will certainly showcase local talent. All shows are on Wednesday evening (except for Labor Day weekend) and have a new starting time for concerts—6:30 PM, ending at 8:30 PM.

The summer opens June 27 with a special performance by Harvey Reid, a nationally renowned and acclaimed songwriter and multi-instrumentalist who has been a mainstay of the New England folk music scene for years. His 13 solo albums showcase his mastery of many instruments and styles of acoustic music, from hip-hop to country, slashing slide guitar blues to bluegrass, old-time, Celtic ragtime and even classical. This is a show not to miss. This evening will also celebrate summer's favorite first fruit with the annual Strawberry Shortcake Festival. Arrive early, to assure yourself a choice seat on the lawn, and save room for dessert.

July 4th will once again feature a day of fun and music. Start the day with home made donuts and coffee cake, a fresh cup of coffee and a relaxing visit with friends and neighbors at the bandstand. At 11 AM will be this year's running of the soap box derby on Summer Street. Call Keith Dubois for entry information at 588-2741. From 12 NOON until 2 PM. The Grapevine will hold its annual auction on Main Street. Come up to Gregg Lake from 1-4 PM for an afternoon of water games

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"YOU JUST HAD TO LEAN ON IT, DIDN'T YOU?"

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## ANTRIM POLICE

By Brian A. Brown, Chief of Police



### CROSSWALKS, BRIGHTER AND BETTER THAN EVER

I just can not stop talking about the crosswalks in the downtown area and by the schools. They are so important to community safety that I can’t stress it enough. Our children rely on them, while going to and from the school or to the Town Library. Families use them to go to church, and people need them for the many local businesses along Main Street that require parking on both sides of the street. Maybe you have to use the crosswalks while on a quiet stroll through downtown.

I think it reflects on the character of the Town, itself, if vehicles yield, courteously. It shows that we are aware of safety issues and are taking it upon ourselves to do something about it—not leaving it to the vehicle behind us to yield because we just can’t find the time to spare out of our busy day.

The Town has purchased a striper which will allow us to do the lines twice a year (once in the Spring and again in the Fall). We have also purchased stencils that make drivers aware of the locations of the crosswalks ahead, and we have placed bright fluorescent signs on each side of the road to help identify crosswalk locations.

Now that we have done what I think is necessary for the upkeep and identity of the crosswalks, let us discuss two of the laws that affect us as drivers and as pedestrians. RSA 265.35 (I) states that “a driver of a vehicle SHALL YIELD the right of way by slowing down and stopping if need be to allow a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk.” and (II) that “No pedestrian SHALL SUDDENLY leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.”

I believe what this law is saying is “Let us all work together and be considerate of each other’s needs.”

I would also like to just touch briefly on asking all people going to our elementary and middle schools, DO NOT PARK IN THE RESTRICTED AREAS (even only for a second or two) which block access and egress to the schools. With all that is happening in schools today, it goes without saying that an illegally parked vehicle at a time of an emergency can endanger the safety of students and faculty, and hamper efforts to address that emergency, whatever it is. I know that parking at both schools is at a premium, but a two hundred foot walk on your part is a minimal request when compared to the devastation that parking by the doors might bring. ♣

## ADDITIONAL SUMMER HOURS

### RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION

Sunday	1 – 5 PM
<i>(Memorial Day through Labor Day)</i>	
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	2 – 7 PM
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9 AM – 2 PM
Saturday	9 AM – 5 PM

## TOWN HISTORY REVISITED

### ANTRIM'S MINORITIES

By Isabel Nichols

The first settlers to come to Antrim in the mid-1700s were Scots-Irish. They were just two generations removed from the exodus of 1718 when the Irish Catholics, holding desperately to their ways, forced five shiploads of Presbyterians in Northern Ireland to relocate in New England in order to escape persecution.

"Grace and grit" are characteristics of these early citizens, according to Rev. W.R. Cochran's *History of Antrim*. This translates to being pious and hardy. Although they were able to survive the rigors of frontier life they found themselves to be a minority group, long before the term became a buzzword, in the English-dominated colonies. The Scots-Irish had escaped persecution by one sect only to be frowned upon by English Puritans, who called them "poor Irish foreigners."

No doubt this treatment in the land of the free led to early Antrim becoming a closed society. "Warning out of town" was a device used by the Selectmen to prevent undesirables from moving in. Notices were posted notifying the public that certain people were not welcome here lest they become needful of town support.

This selectivity did not, however, seem to have racial implications. Peter Waugh, the last of the Penacook Indians in town, lived in the vicinity of Gregg Lake until 1815, when he died at an advanced age. There is an unmarked Indian grave in the Meeting House Hill Cemetery, which may be Peter Waugh's final resting place. Legend has it that if you stand over the grave at midnight and repeat three times, "What did you do in your life that was worth anything?" the answer you'll hear is "nothing, nothing, nothing".

Years later Charles R. Jameson, the developer of Gregg Lake as a recreational area, built a boarding house with bowling alley and dance pavilion and named it the "Peter Waugh". A simple lakeside cottage remains on the site today, owned by the Carlow family.

Cochrane knew of no slaves in Antrim, although New Hampshire did permit slavery at one time. Manley Ransom was born a slave, but lived here as a servant of John Moore. He was only a child, and when Moore died, Mrs. Moore "gave" Manley to Dr. Charles Adams at the Center. The boy was attending the old schoolhouse on Meet-

ing House Hill Road when it burned in 1808, and was so frightened that he hid under a seat and nearly burned to death before being rescued. This is his only contribution to Antrim's history; he lived his adult life in Massachusetts.

An extended family of descendants of escaped slaves moved here from Canada after the Civil War, and were absorbed into the rigid society more easily than some European groups. By 1870 Antrim had become a flourishing industrial town, but unlike our neighbors to the north and south, Hillsboro and Bennington, Antrim did not greet immigrant workers with open arms. Suffice to say there has never been a Catholic church in Antrim. By 1890 Goodell Company had expanded and developed new products to the point where owner D.H. Goodell decided skilled cutlery workers were needed, and he imported several artisans and their families from Sheffield, England. Don Madden writes in *Parades and Promenades* of the cool reception this minority group got from the "natives"; now was the time for the latter-day McKeens, Cochranes, and Duncans to get back at the English for the snobbery they had suffered 175 year earlier. Old slurs die hard.

Madden says on page 88: "A proud, clan-nish group which settled on a higher part of the south end [Pleasant Street], they tended to band together. Naturally, the established and provincial Scots-Irish (*sic*) already here made no effort to break down this barrier, but rather increased it by calling the neighborhood "Englishville".

It was accepted gossip that these people had wild Saturday night parties when they drank great quantities of beer and beat their wives regularly on these festive occasions. Most people in the north did not approve of such activities and the resulting antagonism lasted for many years."

On page 85 of *A Stroll Through Antrim NH* is a picture of Goodell and his workers at a company outing. Cricket bats are prominent, and the game brought from England was called "rounders". Although it was never a threat to American baseball, the players stayed on at Goodell's and increased the productivity of the cutlery business for as long as there was a Goodell's Shop. Descendants of the Brooks, Thornton, Crampton and other Sheffield families live here today.

At about this same time several Swiss families moved to town. Some of the men worked in the factory, but others were farmers, and they made their homes in different

parts of town, unlike the English. It must have been a lonely life, for they came to this country speaking little or no English. Fluri, Häefeli, Baeder, and Hansli were once familiar names in Antrim, but most of them moved on to larger communities where there are more advantages and perhaps warmer receptions. But at one time the sound of yodelling could be heard from a family on Depot Street calling to friends over on Pleasant Street, a haunting reminder of another culture.

Times change and the world grows smaller. We are a nation of immigrants, constantly absorbing new cultures into the old. If a shipload of refugees made their way to Antrim today, would they be made welcome? ♣

### DEAR JENNIFER ANONYMOUS:

*Editors Note: The LIMRIK's March issue carried an article about feral cats in Antrim. It was signed "Jennifer Anonymous".*

Let me tell you what I did. I don't know if it was good or bad, right or wrong. This is what I did. I interfered. I interfered in someone else's life. I did it because I thought it was a kindness. Now I don't know.

Most people around here thought it was a tough winter. I didn't. I thought it was a wonderful and exciting winter. I think snow makes winter in New England more bearable and we certainly had plenty this year.

If you know your animal tracks or have a guide to them you can have a lot of fun wandering around your own house and backyard during a winter with frequent snowfall. That's what my husband and I like to do. We also have 40 acres where we can spend hours following tracks of turkeys, fox, coyote, deer, moose, bobcat, mice and ordinary cats.

It was the little tracks of an ordinary cat, night-walking the perimeter of my house and onto my screened porch in a winter that was so very harsh, that prompted me to interfere. The cat came frequently; we could tell by the tracks and the smell. I was sure it was a "tom". This is what I did. I took a little dish and into that dish I put some cat food. I put that dish of food out on the screened porch under a bench. I fed that cat February, March, April and into May. I was happy. Every night before bed I would say, "I have to feed the stray cat."

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thought, the drift they carried was dropped in our fields and forests.

Scientists still call these boulders “drift” even though they now know that neither sea nor icebergs brought them, but enormous glaciers. They discovered on close examination of the underlying bedrock scratches and gouges where the ice had pushed and dragged rock over its surface. The boulders are often a different sort of rock from their surroundings, and in some cases scientists have found the distant cliff from which they were broken off by the ice and carried to their present resting places.

The glaciers that covered New England as far south as Cape Cod were formed in northern Canada when weather conditions created sufficient moisture and cold to produce heavy snows year after year for millions of years. As the snow grew deeper and deeper it turned into ice a mile or more thick, and the great weight of the ice pressed outward from its center causing the glacier to move at its edges. As the ice flow gradually spread south it acted as a huge earth-mover pushing along everything in its path.

Glaciers creep in only one direction, outward. When they retreat, they melt, and there were many creepings and meltings over eons. Boulders such as Antrim’s Balancing Rock, called glacial erratics, were left behind by the melting ice.

Antrim has several erratics, but the largest and most delicately balanced, is the boulder on the Whittemore property west of Gregg Lake down the road opposite the new entrance to Camp Chenoa. Park by the summer cottage—the Whittemores have generously given permission to visit—and follow the small sign to the left of the building to a short up/down trail and the rock thirty yards into the woods.

The boulder is about thirty five feet long and fifteen feet tall, (Over the years there has been some dispute about its probably weight.) Crouch low—you can crawl underneath if you’ve a mind to—and you can see that this massive rock is balanced on a very small point. Here is how the Reverend John M. Whiton modestly put it in his *History of the Town of Antrim* in 1852:

“GEOLOGICAL FORMATION Not the slightest geological examination of the town has yet been made, and the writer regrets that he is too little informed on the subject to pretend to say much in relation to it. Coarse-grained granite, both in ledges and boulders, abounds; some of the latter are im-

mensely large, weighing hundreds of tons; one, near Robb mountain, computed to exceed in weight a thousand tons, rests on a subjacent rock, on a base not exceeding in extent a common tea-table.”

If you don’t possess a tea-table, you might turn to the Reverend W. R. Cochrane’s more eloquent and scientific account in his 1880 Antrim history:

“Immense boulders look as if dropped here and there. On the highest point of Meetinghouse Hill are several rocks weighing five or six tons each, lying entirely on the surface, as if dropped from a passing chariot, or as if a bit of the sliding glacier had melted away and left them there...One near Robb Mountain, believed to weigh twelve hundred tons, rests on a base of three feet square.”

In 1897, Antrim’s frugal Yankees decided to exploit the rock as a tourist attraction, as you can read in the wonderful *Parades and Promenades*:

“It was decided, however, that one way to counteract the recession was to lure more summer people. They were beginning to be an important source of revenue for the whole town as well as for the farmer who, with his big house and kitchen garden, found the summer boarding trade an ideal way to supplement his income...The natives thought the summer people should be able to get close enough to see the big boulder on Robb mountain. This natural wonder—a caprice of the ice age—weighed several tons and was perched precariously on a much smaller stone. The Antrim Improvement Society promised to check on the feasibility of building a carriage road to the spot.” (1977)

The carriage road was never built. More recently, the Antrim Historical Society considered and then dropped the idea of purchasing the site.

Although I’d heard about our Balancing Rock for years, my first visit came only weeks ago. It is, as my grandchildren Emerson and Gillian would say, awesome! I can’t wait to take them, and then to join naturalist Rod Zwirner’s guided tour on July 4.

(Help for this article came from *Written In Stone: A Geological History of the Northeastern United States* by Chet and Maureen Raymo, the Antrim histories of Reverend Whiton, Reverend Cochrane, and *Parades and Promenades*, all available at Antrim’s Tuttle Library.) ♣

## FROM THE SELECTMEN

### REVALUATION 2002-2002

By Phil Dwight, Selectmen

At Town Meeting in March the need for a revaluation of all property in town was discussed and then voted for, to take place during 2001 and 2002. This process is now set to begin and appraisers from the firm of Earls Nieder Perkins, LLC will start viewing properties in July 2001. Initially, they will be visiting all waterfront property. The appraiser will knock on the door and if the property owner is home will ask to do an interior inspection of the property. The appraisers will be looking for the following:

- General quality of construction
- Functionality of the room layout
- Depreciation of the building
- Number of bedrooms
- Number of bathrooms
- Type of floors
- Type of interior walls
- Type of heat and fuel source

Homeowner input is encouraged. If the homeowner knows something about the property that may not be apparent to the appraiser such as seasonal wet basements, cracks in foundations, or leaking roofs, please bring that to their attention. After the interior inspection is complete, the appraiser will measure all buildings on the property. The total time of the inspection should not exceed 10-15 minutes in most cases. No property will be entered unless there is someone at least 18 years of age at home at the time of the visit.

If the homeowner is not home, the appraiser will leave a tag stating that they visited the property, measured the buildings and that the homeowner will receive a letter shortly after, giving times when homeowners can make appointments for an interior inspection.

When all inspections are complete, in the Spring of 2002, the appraisers will set values based on recent sales of properties in town. Taxpayers will be notified of their new value and lists of all property values will be available. After values have been set, taxpayers are encouraged to schedule an appointment with the appraisers to discuss their value (Informal Reviews). The times and places of these meetings will be included in the notification of value letter.

When the informal review process is complete, values will be finalized and tax bills will be based on these new values and a new tax rate. At this point, if taxpayers disagree with their new value, they may appeal to the selectmen on or before March 1, 2003. ♣

## FROM THE STATEHOUSE LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

By Bob Flanders  
Senator, District 7

As the weather warms up so does activity in the New Hampshire Senate! First, please know how much I appreciate all the kind words from Antrim residents. It is an honor to serve District 7 as your Senator and I will do all in my power to continue to deserve the faith you have placed in me.

As we struggle in the next few weeks with how to fund the many agencies, programs and departments of the State and balance all these needs against the mandate of funding education, the awesome responsibility becomes more apparent. Whether it be the funding of the LCHIP program to maintain the quality of life we all appreciate; caring for our elderly population by providing additional funds for home-care providers; wrestling with the problems of affordable health care; maintaining our health and human service programs—all excellent programs and extremely important to many citizens—the fact that we still must balance the budget against the needs of our taxpayers continues to be the prominent issue facing the Senate.

I want you to know that my door is always open. Whether it is a problem with a state agency; a question about a bill before the legislature or a comment about how the state can better serve the public, please contact my office at 271-3077 or e-mail me at: [robert.flanders@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:robert.flanders@leg.state.nh.us) ♣

### CAMP CAUGHEY

Antrim once had its own Scout Camp on Gregg Lake—way down at the far end beyond where any roads go. It was a memorial to Bryon Caughey who had tragically died in his teens. Buildings, including a bunk house and mess hall, were constructed by his family on land purchased by them for this purpose. The mess hall had a large fieldstone fireplace.

Generations of both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from Antrim used the camp throughout the 1920s, 30s, and 40s until lightning struck the buildings and burned them. Our Lions Club rebuilt them in the late 1950s, only to have them burn *again!* in a fire accidentally set, it is thought, by partying college students. The land, of course, remains, owned by the Caughey Family Trust chaired by John Robertson. Dick Jennison, Antrim's Boy Scout leader, has summer plans to build a couple of platforms there so that tents may

be pitched for scout camping. Meanwhile, John Robertson says that anyone who is prepared to use the site courteously is welcome to do so.

### A NINA HARDING MEMOIR OF CAMP CAUGHEY

*A number of Antrim folk remember the joy of Camp Caughey activities. Bud Hardwick does, for example. So do Martin Nichols and Ben Pratt. And Nina Harding. In fact, Nina has written a memoir about it for the Antrim Historical Society, including reminiscences from Marguerite (Worth) Roberts and Connie (Paige) Kippax. The following is taken from Nina's memoir.*

"In the late 20s and early 30s, as a girl scout in a troop led by Mrs. Clara Pratt, I remember going there for a week or two for a couple of summers. ...One vivid memory is of the early-morning dip sans bathing suits. ...I guess they didn't want to have to wear them wet later in the day at swimming-lesson time. Well, I didn't cotton to that, so I was allowed to pick blueberries for the breakfast pancakes instead. It should be noted that there were no other camps nearby, the nearest thing being a cottage across the lake. But my real memories came from the WWII years when I was a Girl Scout Leader."

"The Mess Hall had a small kitchen with a dry sink, crude benches and a small kitchen range donated by Jim and Helen Ashford after they had bought a new one. It was a challenge to cook meals for 25 or more on that small stove, *But we did it!* One year when we arrived at camp there was a 2-foot hole in the middle of the kitchen floor where a porcupine had dined over the winter. The Mess Hall had screens on three sides and large wooden shutters. A great stone fireplace was the only source of heat in the hall which served both for dining and for rainy-day activities."

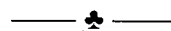
Nina quotes Connie Paige. "Our Leaders, Nina Fugelstad (Harding) and Sylvia Ashford would have the girls copy out a single-sentence note of permission for our parents to sign, and then away we went for an exciting week in the wilds. No roads, no electricity, no running water. This was before the advent of sleeping bags, so we had to make blanket rolls which required an entire scout meeting to pack with all our belongings for an entire week while keeping in mind the distance we'd have to carry them."

Connie goes on: "Despite the war and rationing, food was sumptuous and plenti-

ful. ...Every other day, a couple of older scouts had to row the length of Gregg Lake to bring back fresh milk, bread and ice. ...All day long, after flag raising and breakfast, we lugged water, sawed wood, build roads, cooked and swam...."

Marguerite Worth Roberts recalls that the pleasure and excitement related to how self-sufficient everyone had to be. "You buried the milk to keep it cold. You helped make a path through the woods to a latrine you'd help dig. You helped row a big, clumsy boat the length of the lake to get supplies every other day. You walked nearly two miles to get to the camp in the first place. There was no electricity, so at night, you sang around a campfire and went to bed early." And she recalls that each evening, as they took down the flag, they'd sing...

Day is done  
Gone the sun  
From the lake, from the trees,  
From the sky.  
All is well, safely rest,  
God is nigh.



### LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Tuttle Library building committee has been meeting monthly for the past four months. Among the items discussed have been size of the addition, location (site), funding, parking and use of the current building's second floor by the Historical Society.

A list was compiled of libraries in the local area that have already completed an expansion or are in the planning stages. All members selected one or two libraries to contact as well as visit and take photos. The information gathered was enlightening and it was apparent that most of the libraries were built at the turn of the century and over the past 100 years have steadily outgrown their space, as has Antrim's Tuttle Library.

At the last meeting on May 22, Peter Tennant, of the Tennant/Wallace architectural firm in Manchester, gave a presentation and answered questions from the committee. The committee will continue to work on a space needs assessment and preliminary conceptual drawings.

If anyone has any ideas and opinions to help the committee with this project, please contact any of the members, the Board of Trustees or the Library Director. We need and welcome your input. Remember, this is *your* Library. ♣

## LYING THROUGH TREES

By Peter Gagne

Today the world is moving at a frantic pace. Population and technology are growing rapidly, people are living longer, their concern for the future is shorter. There is constant competition to be at the top, to make more money than anyone else as quickly as possible, to profit today and forget about tomorrow. And too often this rush to success is speeded by dishonesty.

One victim of this dishonesty is our forests, our own back yards. Our trees are being lied to. I have worked in the woods in and around Antrim for twenty years, and the sad thing I have seen over and over again is that some of the very people entrusted with the preservation of our forests, those who work in the forests, destroy them out of greed. I have watched people in the tree industries dishonestly present themselves as concerned advocates of the forests' future in order to obtain a timber harvest job. Often foresters, timber buyers, loggers, and lumber mill owners make outrageous claims that they will make large sums of money for landowners while they keep their woods clean and ecologically healthy, only to leave the landowners in dismayed shock at a devastated wood lot, uprooted wildlife, and destroyed ecosystem. The forest industry too often acts like an auto dealership: "Buy our car, it's the best quality, the best looking, it'll last for years, we'll back it up, guaranteed!" Yet, as we know from bitter experience, there are plenty of lemons out there, lots of bad car dealers and dishonest salesmen.

The biggest difference between a lemon car and a lemon forest is obvious; once the trees are gone, they are gone for your lifetime. You can't replace them, put in a new part, or trade them in. It is a permanent sale for the tree and its owner.

We have come to rely on cars, cell phones, computers, television, fast food. But we may have lost track of what we really need to survive, what humans have always needed: food, water, clothing, shelter—and wood. Too many people today fail to realize the huge importance of our forests, both as growing organisms and as resources.

The general population knows little and cares less about our forests. There may be talk of saving trees, recycling, helping natural resources, regulating timber use, and looking to the future, but too often people do not consider how much wood and paper products they waste every day.

I have spent most of my adult life working in the forest. I love the woods, and I love my work. I have tried to educate myself in the endless knowledge the woods contain. I write this essay for those like me who love Antrim's forest and its wildlife and who worry that they may not be here for future children. The forest improves the air we breathe, it provides food and shelter for wildlife, it enriches and protects the soil, it is a place of recreation and peace, and endless exploration for children.

Trees can be harvested in ecologically sound and profitable ways to provide wood for heat, building materials, furniture, paper products, and jobs. But high demand, greed, and carelessness are wiping out our forests. Harvesting timber should be done or overseen by well trained professionals whose concern is the preservation and renewability of resources, and landowners should be informed truthfully of the consequences of cutting their trees. Potential harvests of the future should be as important as the one taking place. A major key to healthy harvesting is knowing which trees to leave standing, and having the will not to cut them. In every woodlot strong, mature trees must be allowed to continue growing. The willingness to leave behind valuable trees is the only way to ensure future forest health. Too many times I have seen terrible, reckless clear-cut timber jobs that leave not a tree standing, and I have heard many reliable reports of others.

It is my responsibility as a woodsman to look to the future, or I do not have one. ♣

### **Antrim In The Evening** *continued*

and activities. Watch for more information as the day draws closer. At 5 PM, bring a picnic dinner to the Bandstand for a show by Tattoo, the region's favorite acoustic dance band.

On July 11 the Celtic band Bodeich will take the stage. Bodeich is an exciting band that has been thrilling audiences around New England. The band features Antrim residents Mark Reynolds and Rich Bloch among its members.

July 18 will be the first of two special shows for children and families. Jay Garrett-Larsen will engage his audience with an evening of storytelling. This show will begin at 6 PM.

July 25 will feature another Antrim resident, Jonas Taub, and perennial Antrim favorite Harry Lowenthal, with their new band Off The Cuff. This semi-acoustic band per-

forms music that ranges from old blues, jazz and swing to contemporary folk, rock and country, with a touch of world beat. A little something for everyone. The evening will also feature an old fashioned Ice Cream Social.

Mary Desrosiers will return to the Antrim Bandstand to entertain young and old with her wonderful selection of songs and stories on August 1, at 6 PM.

The next two concerts bring back two outstanding bands who appeared in Antrim last summer for the first time, but were heard by only a handful of folks due to the rain. Hopefully the weather will cooperate this year.

On August 8, the hills of Antrim will be filled with the foot stomping sound of bluegrass music when the band Gopher Broke heads up the road. Last summer rain drove their appearance indoors and kept the audience away. So they are back. Be sure to be there, too.

Also rained out last year, the Dagnello Jazz Quintet returns to Antrim on August 22 for a great evening of mainstream jazz. This band features local saxophone great Mike Wakefield, and the warm voice of Linda Dagnello

The summer concert season finished with what is becoming a Blues and Bar-B-Q tradition on the Sunday before Labor Day, September 2. The Blues will be provided by Antrim native and local blues legend Otis Doncaster. His band, Otis and The Elevators, will also feature many faces familiar both to locals and to blues fans. The Chicken Bar-B-Q will be served up by the local chapter of Odd Fellows. The show and Bar-B-Q begin at 5 PM.

All shows take place at the Bandstand in Memorial Park. In case of rain, the show will move indoors, except for the Blues and Bar-B-Q, which will have a rain date of Monday, September 3. All shows are free of charge.

Antrim In The Evening is made possible by the generous donation of local businesses and individuals. Major sponsors include Family On Board, Homicz and Perry Family Dentistry, Monadnock Paper Mills, Antrim Congregational Church, and Antrim Lumber.

For more information about Antrim In The Evening, or to make a donation, contact Jonas Taub, 588-6208. Donations can be mailed to: Antrim In The Evening, c/o Jonas Taub, 22 Summer Street, Antrim, NH 03440. Make checks payable to Town of Antrim.

See you at the Bandstand!



## INTERNATIONAL 4-H YOUTH EXCHANGE

By Liz Robertson

### IFYE PART II

*In the LIMRIK's March issue, Beth Merrill described her experience hosting young people from Europe. Now Liz Robertson writes about her experiences being hosted abroad.*

While in college at the University of NH, I had attended some International 4-H Youth Exchange slide show/talks given by NH exchangees who had been to Sweden and Australia. Monetary donations received at these talks helped finance the trips for NH exchangees each year. I was greatly impressed by this program and decided to apply to the NH IFYE Committee for a possible 6-month stay in a foreign country.

In the Fall of 1959, I was one of two fortunate young NH people to win a trip! When my country assignment came through, it was for a June to December 1960 visit to France. Luckily, I had studied French in high school, but proceeded to practice more with language records and classes.

France was hosting four of us from the USA that summer—two young men and two young women. The states represented were New Hampshire, Iowa, Rhode Island and South Carolina.

We traveled on board the ship, "Ascania", to Le Havre where we were met by a Monsieur Trocme'. He escorted us to Paris where we watched in amazement the Citroens, Renaults, and other cars all zipping about everywhere with no traffic lights! Mr. Trocme' efficiently handed out train tickets, information, and host family assignments, all in different areas of the country. From then on, we four IFYEs went pretty much our separate ways. My destination was Brittany, to the West.

In the city of Rennes, Mr. Charles Herve' and his wife Marie, met me at the railway station. Marie was an energetic red-haired 32 year-old, her husband a farmer, 2 or 3 years older, and they were parents of four children. We drove to their dairy farm near the little village of Chante Pie, where I happily joined right in with the family doings.

At the Herve' farm, I discovered many differences from my homeland—the buildings, landscapes, vehicles, and language. There were, however, more similarities—peoples' needs were the same: laughter, friends, family, routines, work ethics, vacations, interest in other cultures and communication. I stayed with the Herve' family for

about a month, then proceeded to four other family farm locations from the north to the south of France.

Each French family was unique, of course, but perhaps a listing of some memorable activities that summer could portray my IFYE experiences.

Among those activities was the early AM "cafe au lait" or "chocolat" and thick, buttered French bread breakfast, pastries, artichokes, soups, and many other delicious vegetable and meat main meals. One popular dessert was a homemade yogurt served with a very coarse sugar sprinkled on top. A regular daytime beverage was cider diluted with water (nowadays many fruit juices are purchased at the local supermarket).

There were cattle drives to various fields to rotate the pastures, haying days, collecting the eggs, gardening, gathering snails to be boiled multiple times for a meal, delivering milk and eggs to numerous stores (farmers' markets, now), drawing cider and/or wine from the tonneaus in the cellars, picking cherries and apples, visiting with neighbors, helping the veterinarian, attending church festivals and family gatherings, touring historical areas, stopping at dressmakers shops (where much clothing was cleverly remade), shopping in the city, and attending town and farm association meetings.

Since I returned home in December of 1960, the French families and I have kept in touch. Especially, the Herve' family, visiting back and forth. The younger generations are pretty much on their own, following a variety of modern-day vocations. Some are still farming, too. In October of 2000, I had a wonderful 40th reunion visit with the Herve' family at their modern ranch-style French home. Charles still tends his orchard/gardens and at 72, Marie Herve' is still a very energetic redhead! I am eagerly awaiting their visit to New Hampshire in 2001.

## TOWN HALL MURALS FACE LIFT

By Lyman Gilmore

During the renovation of the Town Hall it was discovered that the beautiful paintings that adorn the tower needed refinishing. It turns out that when the murals were installed the contractor received incorrect information about the sort of protective coating needed, and the varnish that was used to cover the images had begun to deteriorate. Also, when one of the current workmen got close to the painting on the south side of the tower he discovered that someone had thrown something—probably eggs—staining that painting.

John Jordan, the renovation architect, did some extensive research on what is actually a highly technical process of weatherproofing external fine art oil paintings. What the paintings need is a clear coating that is compatible with the sort of pigment used in the paintings that not only preserves the paintings from rain, snow, wind, and ice, but also provides ultraviolet stability to prevent sunlight damage. After many calls, faxes and e-mails around the country, he located a company in California that sells a specialized coating product manufactured in New Berlin, New York, that is just right for the job.

Workmen gently washed the paintings, and then applied the special coating, MSA Golden Artist Color Varnish, which will protect the murals for five years. Now the Town Hall Committee has printed specifications for the resurfacing so that in the future it can be accomplished properly and quickly.



## CARTOONS

The cartoons on pages 1 and 11 are the creations of Russ Russell.

THE TUTTLE LIBRARY AND THE GRAPEVINE PRESENT

# ODDS BODKIN

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S OWN MASTER TALESMAN

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23**

**2:00 PM**

At Fellowship Hall, Antrim Baptist Church

**ADMISSION FREE**





# ABOUT TOWN

## BOY SCOUTS

By Dick Jennison

Troop 2, Antrim Boys Scouts, remains active, meeting each Monday night at the Legion-Oddfellows Hall. We have ten scouts and all are registered with fees paid for summer camp at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Iron Works, New Hampshire. This year the troop will be at the new section of the facility known as "Camp Bell".

There they will work as a patrol, taking all their meals in the field instead of in the camp's mess hall in order to gain experience in patrol cooking and other activities. Each scout expects to work on at least three merit badges. Several have expressed a desire to advance a rank while at camp.

The Troop gained its thirteenth Eagle Scout last fall, Garrick Pelletier of Deering. Garrick's Eagle project was to identify the town line between Deering and Bennington. His research, surveying and establishing the boundary was done with the assistance of several of the scouts and leaders and took about 120 hours to complete.

Troop 2 Scouts are planning a 50-mile canoe trip on the upper Connecticut River between Lake Francis and Littleton, New Hampshire. They will also canoe about 10 miles of the Ammonusic River below Lisbon into Woodville. We welcome families of the scouts on our canoe trips so that the week on the water becomes a family vacation. The tentative date for this year's trip will be the first week in August.

Also this summer the Scouts will be camping on the Caughey Memorial site at the end of Gregg Lake. We plan to clean up the old lodge area and install a couple of tent platforms so that the area can be utilized during the summer for camping, canoeing and swimming.

The troop welcomes new scouts at anytime. A boy needs to be 11 years old or in fifth grade unless he has advanced through the Webeloes program. Anyone interested may contact the Scoutmaster, Stuart Bennion, 588-6253 or the Committee Chairman, Dick Jennison, 588-2687. ♣

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dotti Penny and Jacque Cottle have announced the postponement of the Homes of Antrim display, previously scheduled for Summer 2001, until early in 2002. The response to their request for pictures has been disappointingly small, and they are making one last appeal to Antrim citizens. Their goal is to compile a collection of photos of all of Antrim's houses and the present occupants, to be added to the Society's permanent collection. The guidelines are as follows:

1. Only two pictures from each household, one of the house and one of its occupants (ideally, one picture of both house and occupants).

2. Each picture should be labeled on the back with the street address and the names of the people.

3. If you need someone to take pictures for you, free of charge, call Pat and Carole Webber, 588-2332, or Phil and Ann Dwight, 588-3605.

4. There is a box at the Tuttle Library in which to deposit your pictures. The success of this important project depends upon each of us.

Meanwhile, in conjunction with the opening of the renovated Town Hall, there will be a summer display of Town Hall memorabilia. This will feature programs, pictures and posters of some of the many events, theatrical and otherwise, that have taken place in the upstairs hall over the last 107 years. If you have a taste for the nostalgia of long-ago names and faces, be sure to visit the exhibit during library hours upstairs in the Historical room. ♣

## ANTRIM GRANGE

The Antrim Grange, assisted by Junior Grange members, will host an Open House combined with their annual Community Service Awards ceremony on Wednesday, June 20th at 7:30 PM. Grange members invite the public to attend in the recently refurbished Meeting Hall on Route 31. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony. For more information on the Open House and future events, such as Open Hall and yard sales, call Beth Merrill at 588-6615.

## THE GREGG LAKE ASSOCIATION

The Gregg Lake Association held a meeting on May 25th at the summer home of John Reinstein and Nancy Gertner, the president of the Association at 16 Rachel Lane. Another meeting will be held on August 25th.

The Association, with a current membership of about 50, is dedicated to preserving the beauty and health of Gregg Lake and its environs. Persons wishing to join should call Gene Woodworth at 588-2372. They will be welcomed.

Mention of John Reinstein and "Rachel Lane" will remind many of John's mother, the late Rachel Reinstein. Rachel was a life-long summer resident who, in her retirement, lived here year around and became a vigorous contributor to community affairs including distinguished service on the Board of Selectmen. ♣

## JUNIOR GRANGE

We thank The Grapevine for loaning us their facilities for our winter meetings. We have been planning, constructing and holding a Penny Carnival—of which there will be others at the Grange Hall on Saturdays during the summer.

One of our meetings was devoted to learning about Denmark.

Membership Night will be on July 2nd, when kids ages 5 to 14 can come learn about the Junior Grange. Regular meetings are on the first and third Mondays of each month from 6-8 PM at the Grange Hall. For more information call Renee Mercier at 588-2334 or Beth Merrill at 588-6615. ♣

## AMERICAN LEGION POST 50

By Fred Roberts

On Tuesday, May 29, the officers of Post 50 were installed. All officers were carryovers from last year with Stephen Roy continuing as commander. Mrs. Roy provided snacks after the installation.

Plans for the Memorial Day parade were finalized. New flags have been placed on the graves of Veterans in the Town cemeteries.

Post meeting nights are the first Tuesday of each month except July and August. All members are urged to participate at the Post home on West Street. ♣





## CHURCH NEWS



**Antrim Presbyterian Church**  
588-2209

Rev. Jonathan Lange

### Sunday Summer Schedule (June 17)

Worship 10:00 AM  
(child care available for 4-year-olds and under)

**July 9-13 Vacation Bible School**  
"Polar Expedition, Why Jesus is Cool"  
9 AM - 11:45 AM  
Call 588-2209 to register.

**Aug 11 Annual Church Fair**  
9 AM - 1:30 PM  
Tag sale, bake sale, refreshments

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**Antrim Baptist Church**  
588-6614

Pastor Charles V. Boucher  
Cherryl Boucher, Associate Pastor

### Sunday Summer Schedule (June 17)

Worship 9:30 AM  
(Nursery and junior church provided)

**June 9-Sept 1 Community Tag Sale**  
Each Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM  
on the front lawn of the church.  
Spaces available at \$15.  
Call 588-6590.

**July 9-13 Vacation Bible School**  
"Polar Expedition, Why Jesus is Cool"  
9-11:45 AM at the  
Presbyterian Church.  
Call 588-2209 to register.

**Aug 11 Annual Church Fair**  
9 AM - 1:30 PM  
Tag sale, bake sale, refreshments

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

Clothing shop and Food Pantry open the 2nd  
and 4th Saturday from 10:30 AM-12 NOON.

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**Bennington Congregational Church**  
588-2398

Rev. Dan Poling

**Sunday Worship** 10:30 AM

**Thursday Bible Study** 11:00 AM-12 NOON

**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 rec-  
tory of confined or sick members.



## FOLK TALES THE ATHLETE

*Editors Note: This is the third of the late  
Miriam Roberts' "Three Crises" involving  
her son Fred Roberts of Pleasant Street*

This is the last of my crises. It was winter and we were huddled around the fire warming our hands when we heard a great groaning and carrying on in the driveway and at the door. It was Fred—holding his left arm in a peculiar position and complain-  
ing mightily that it hurt.

Well, come to find out, he and his antics had got him in trouble again, this time in the Town Hall which was used as the basketball court. Fred and some of his cohorts were playing a pickup game. When they had finished, Fred went back stage and turned off the house lights. He went to jump off the stage, tripped over the footlights in the dark and landed on his elbow, hoping no doubt to soften the fall somehow—though the logic of that fails to impress me.

At any rate, Dr. Chandler took an x-ray and said Fred had chipped the elbow bone and said there wasn't much you could do about it unless you wanted to go in to hunt for the chip with a knife. Instead, he said, he'd recommend creamed chipped elbow or knuckle of beef.

Fred's arm is still not perfectly straight. But he's provided fewer and fewer crises as the years go on. Soon, we'll be able to close the crisis center at Gregg Lake and hopefully its satellites at Elmwood Junction and the dump. ♣

## THE TOWN POUND

ONCE UPON A TIME

By Janet Maclachan

It may seem a quiet, silent place at the corner of Old Pound Road and North Holt Hill Road, but back in 1817, when the stone walls were erected to create the Town Pound, it would have been a far different place.

Instead of the surrounding woods, there would have been open fields, meadows and pastures. Straying cows, sheep, pigs and goats would have been tended within the stone walls of this pound until claimed by their owners. Probably a fee would have been paid to the Poundkeeper for the safe return of the animals.

According to the *Cochrane History of Antrim*, for many years the town voted Deacon Jonathan Nesmith to be a Poundkeeper. It was very common then to "pound" cattle. Deacon Nesmith used his barn for this purpose. At one time Samuel Fairbanks sued the town because it had no pound, and, after considerable litigation, he lost his case; but the town, soon after, took measure to build one. This resulted in the construction of the stone structure on Old Pound Road in 1817. The office of Poundkeeper, so long held by Deacon Nesmith, was handed over, in March 1818, to Asahel Cram, living "in the next place above the pound."

In later years when farms were no longer operating and fields returned to woodlands, the pound fell into disuse and disrepair. It might have become a forgotten memory of earlier days, but in 1948 the Molly Aiken Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution restored the pound. Its sturdy fieldstone walls were rebuilt and a bronze plaque was placed on one of the boulders for all passersby to read and know what it was.

In the 1990s, while residing on North Hold Hill Road, the author Og Mandino used the old pound as a setting for his novel *The Return of the Ragpicker* and gave it a mystical aura.

This past winter has been unkind to those old stone walls. Snowplowing, necessary to clear and widen the roads, has pushed a number of the larger stones into the Pound. The board of selectmen have viewed the damage and are waiting for an assessment of the cost of repairs. It is hoped that before long the old pound will once again be restored and be a reminder of former days to all who pass by. ♣



**BOOK DISPLAYS**

- June Sports
- July Growing Pains
- Aug Westerns

**PROGRAMS**

- **June 6, July 11, Aug 15**  
Antrim Village visits
- **June 23 ODDS BODKIN 2 PM**  
Fellowship Hall, Antrim Baptist Church
- **June 23–July 27**

**Summer Reading Program  
“Octopi Your Mind—Read!”**

Explore the mysterious depths of the undersea world this summer by registering for our 2001 Summer Reading Program. Special activities relating to our ocean theme will be offered throughout July. Kids (and their parents) who register will receive a bookmark, reading log and reading patch. They will also be eligible to participate in contests and will receive certificates and awards on Friday, July 27th. Parents, you can participate by reading to your children, having them read to you, or reading together. Additional information and a complete schedule of events is available at the library.

**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 Wednesday for the July 4 holiday.

**NEW BOOKS: FICTION**

Bradford *TRIUMPH OF KATIE BYRNE*; S. Brown *SEDUCTION BY DESIGN*; Carroll *THE WOODEN SEA*; Drabble *THE PEPPERED MOTH*; Erdrich *THE LAST REPORT ON THE MIRACLES AT LITTLE NO HORSE*; Karon *A COMMON LIFE*; King *DREAMCATCHER*; Picoult *SALEM FALLS*; Quick *SLIGHTLY SHADY*; Roberts *THE VILLA*; Shreve *THE LAST TIME THEY MET*; Steel *LONE EAGLE*.

**NON FICTION**

Hogg *SECRETS OF THE BABY WHISPERER*; Michel *AMERICAN TERRORIST (Timothy McVeigh)*; Nielsen *ICE-BOUND*; Murphy *THE CAT WHO... COOKBOOK*; Starrett *THE LITTLE AUDIO CD BOOK*; Schaefer *HOW DO WE TELL THE CHILDREN?*; and *THE COMPLETE COOKING LIGHT COOKBOOK*; *WEIGHT WATCHERS' 15 MINUTE COOKBOOK*.

**MYSTERIES**

Barnard *UNHOLY DYING*; Beaton *SKELETON IN THE CLOSET*; Clark *ON THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE*; Davidson *STICKS & SCONES*; Hart *RESORT TO MURDER*; James *DEATH IN HOLY ORDERS*; Parker *POTSHOT*; Scottoline *VENDETTA DEFENSE*; Thurlo *RED MESA*; Westlake *BAD NEWS*; Woods *COLD PARADISE*.

**CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

*FARM FLU*; *HOW THE CHIPMUNK GOT HIS STRIPES*; Bunting *JIN WOO*; DePaola *STREGA NONA TAKES A VACATION*; Fox *WHOEVER YOU ARE*; McPhail *DRAWING LESSONS FROM A BEAR*; *CATS, CATS, CATS!*; Polacco *THE BUTTERFLY*; Say *TEA WITH MILK*; Viorst *SUPER COMPLETELY AND TOTALLY THE MESSIEST*; *DIRT BOY*; new Dear America books; all of the *LEMONY SNICKET* books; Rowling *FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM*; Rowling *QUIDDITCH THROUGH THE AGES*; new *SAMMY KEYES* books; new *CALIFORNIA DIARIES*; Peck *A LONG WAY FROM CHICAGO*; and *A YEAR DOWN YONDER*; new *AMERICAN GIRLS* books.

**BOOKS ON TAPE**

Barrie *PETER PAN*; Cornwell *THE LAST PRECINCT*; Cussler *ATLANTIS FOUND*; Hunter *CANDYLAND*; James *DEATH IN HOLY ORDERS*; Jacques *THE LEGEND OF LUKE, THE LONG PATROL, and PEARLS OF LUTRA*; Jance *TRIAL BY FURY*; Junger *THE PERFECT STORM*; Karon *A COMMON LIFE*; King *BLOOD AND SMOKE, and DREAMCATCHER*; Koontz *FROM THE CORNER OF HIS EYE*; MacDonald *ALL SOULS*; Marsh *A MAYLAY DEAD*; Parker *POTSHOT*; Patterson *PROTECT AND DEFEND*; Perry *WHITECHAPEL CONSPIRACY*.

**MUSIC CDS**

*BARRAGE*; The Beatles *ABBEY ROAD* and *MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR*; Bocelli *SACRED ARIAS*; Church *VOICE OF AN ANGEL*; Coltrane *COLTRANE FOR LOVERS*; Doobie Brothers *LONG TRAIN RUNNIN'*; Doors *BEST OF THE DOORS*.

**VIDEOS**

“Snow Falling on Cedars”; “Gladiator”; “American Revolution” (set); “To Keep Our Liberty”; “The Minutemen of the American Revolution”; “The Grapes of Wrath”.

**CHILDREN'S VIDEOS**

“Little Mermaid 2”; “Shiloh 2”; “Thomas and Friends Make Someone Happy”

**BOOKS ON CD**

Barr *BLOOD LURE*; Peter Mayle *PROVENCE*; McMurtry *BOONE'S LUCK*.

**When in doubt, ask a librarian!**

Tired of spending hours on the internet looking for information? Check out the following useful and interesting websites:

- **Automobiles—value & pricing**  
Kelley Blue Book [www.kbb.com](http://www.kbb.com)
- **Books**  
New books [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)  
Used, rare, etc. [www.bookfinder.com](http://www.bookfinder.com)  
and [www.bibliofind.com](http://www.bibliofind.com)
- **Currency conversion** (universal currency converter) [www.xe.com/ucc](http://www.xe.com/ucc)
- **Forms—All About Forms**  
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- **Genealogy** (Cyndis List of Genealogy sites) [www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)
- **New Hampshire State Government**  
[www.webster.state.nh.us](http://www.webster.state.nh.us)
- **Stocks and investing**  
[www.morningstar.com](http://www.morningstar.com)
- **Who's alive and who's dead**  
[www.whosaliveandwhosdead.com](http://www.whosaliveandwhosdead.com)



**COMMUNITY DIRECTORY**

By Lois Harriman

A wealth of material can be found in the new Antrim Community Directory. It contains over one hundred businesses and artists. The booklet was completed by the Antrim Arts and Business council. We offer it free to Antrim families and anyone interested in our town activities.

While we cannot afford to send copies through the mail, they can be found at the T-Bird, the Tuttle Library, the Maplehurst Inn, Wayno's, Tenney's, the Pumpkin Patch, and Pine Haven Tea Room. Real estate companies doing business in Antrim also will have them available to their clients and schools have agreed to send them home with the children. At present we are looking for other means of distribution.

The familiar Antrim scene on the cover was drawn by Russ Russell. Antrim's history was written by Isabel Nichols. Antrim Arts and Business Council members are listed in the middle section of the pamphlet.

## SNOW UP TO HERE AND THE ROADS ALL OPEN

By Dick Winslow

There may have been worse winters than the recent one but nobody remembers exactly when. The snowfall was extraordinary; so was the Town's success in keeping roads open throughout—thanks to Road Agent Bob Varnum and his crew, Bill Gutgezell, John Sizemore and Bill Willett.

How much snow was there? According to Bob Varnum, the problem was not total amounts but the fact that, in March, there were successive storms of three feet and two feet each, with little time after the first to clear road shoulders and make room for plowed snow from the second storm. Matters weren't helped by a soon-thereafter third snowfall of another ten inches—wet snow at that. All in March.

Antrim has over 45 miles of road to be kept open. That they are unfailingly and swiftly cleared must be credited to method, machinery and dedicated manpower. Bob Varnum follows weather reports intently, knows pretty exactly when snow will fall and gets crews and equipment into action as soon as two inches have accumulated—which, of course, may be in the middle of the night.

Equipment includes a large grader; a large, 6-wheel truck; and two one-ton trucks

with attached plows, sanders and salting mechanisms. The Town also hires three pickup trucks, owned and operated by Charles Eliot, Sonny Hugron, and Jack Ruoff, to clear snow in downtown Antrim and the Turner Hill area. For the real big snow pileups, we own a front-end loader and, if necessary, rent another (two others this year!).

When asked, what were the chief hazards? Bob said "parked cars—either at roadside or in driveways with their rear ends sticking out onto the road." I asked if there had been complaints and he said, "very few". A couple of mail boxes had gotten clipped because snow had made them invisible, and of course no one is happy to have their driveways inevitably blocked by plowed-up snow.

Keeping roads from being slippery involves either sanding them with a mixture of gravel and salt or, for ice on bare pavement, running a "salt line" down the middle of roads, this done through a gadget attached to the rear of a truck. Gravel comes from the Antrim-Bennington-Francetown landfill where we screen it, then stockpile it at the Town Barn on Goodell Road. Bob said that in a given year he would require 3 to 4 thousand cubic yards of sand and about 250 tons of salt. "Sometimes I get complaints that I'm not using enough salt", he said, add-

ing that other folks think he uses too much.

Note: Antrim citizens are welcome to take Town sand for home use, but they are asked to take it from the pile on the left as they enter the Town Barn yard.

We take it for granted that our winter roads will be kept open, but clearly it's a big job, and, just as clearly, Varnum and company do it extremely well. But then, they've had a lot of practice. Bob has been at it for 17 years. So have Bill Gutgezell and John Sizemore. The new guy, Bill Willett, has only been on the case for 14 years.



## ROADSIDE TRASH

Thank goodness for Antrimites who organize to pick up roadside trash.

On May 12th, Conservation Commission volunteers de-trashed Town roads, while Clean and Green (Antrim Cares) volunteers did Route 202 from the Tenney Farm to Elm Avenue.

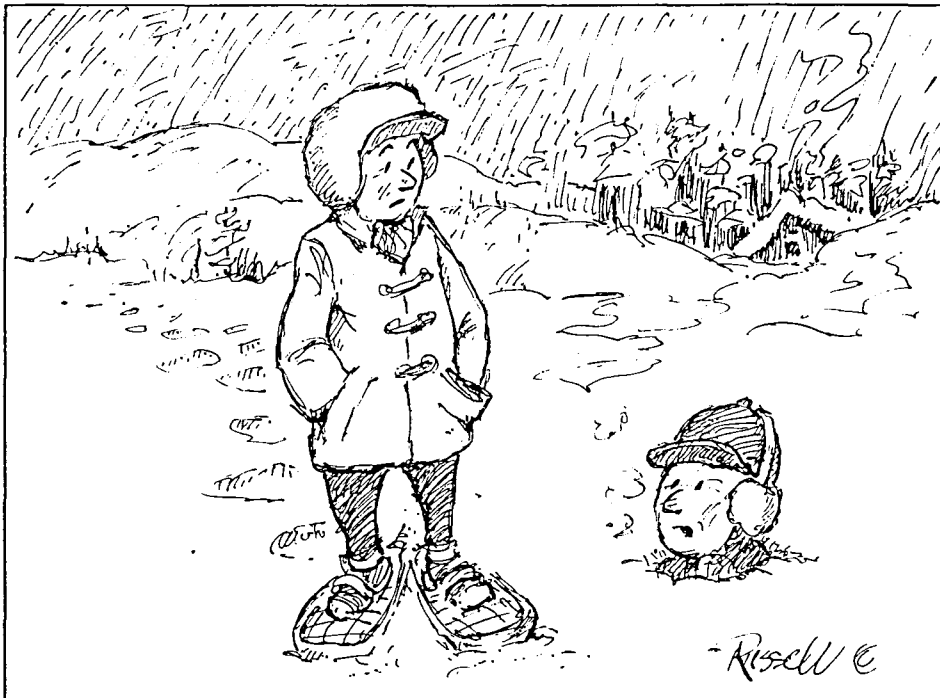
If anyone needs to be persuaded about the benefits of such efforts, here is a chart showing how long trash hangs around before Mother Nature allows it to bio-degrade.

- Orange and banana peels—up to 2 years
- Cigarette butts—5 years
- Wool socks—5 years
- Plastic-coated paper—5 years
- Plastic bags—up to 20 years
- Plastic film containers—20 to 30 years
- Nylon fabric—30 to 40 years
- Leather—up to 50 years
- Tin cans—50 years
- Plastic 6-pack holders—100 years
- Aluminum cans—500 years
- Glass bottles—1,000 years
- Styrofoam—nearly forever

(Information from the Michigan Dept. of Transportation)

Those who did the picking up on May 12th included Spencer Garrett, Andy Paul, Andre Lazar, Rachel Lazar, Peter Moore, Andy and Mellisa Chapman, Cindy Crockett, Peter Beblowski, Chris Rawnsley, Pat Webber, Lindy Bryer—as well as about a dozen children from the Beihl, Rydel, Davis and Bryer families.

A delightful twist to the proceedings was provided by *Country Magazine* which, through one of its editors (Antrim's Rev. Charles Boucher), threw onto our roadsides two plastic envelopes, each containing a certificate worth \$100 payable to whomever picked it up. One of these envelopes was found by Linda Bryer.



"OH I'M OKAY BUT I'M A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT MY HORSE"



# GREAT BROOK SCHOOL NEWS

By Barbara Black



## AWARD WINNING BROCHURE

*A Stroll Through Antrim's Changing Landscape: South Village*, produced by 5th grade classes last year has won two awards!

The first award, "A Class Act", is sponsored by the NH Association of School Principals, NH Charitable Foundation, NH Dunkin Donuts Franchises and The Union Leader. The award is given to young people in recognition of their contributions to their community. Projects are evaluated on their creativity, level of student involvement, and significance of impact on the community. A Class Act encourages partnerships between teachers, students, and communities.

Anne Kenney and Barbara Black will accept the second award on half of their students on June 1st in Peterborough. The **2001 Elizabeth Durfee Hengen Award** is being presented by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance in recognition of the "outstanding educational and planning project, walking and audio tours of Antrim's South Village." The Preservation Alliance is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving New Hampshire's "buildings, landscapes, and communities through leadership, education, and advocacy."

## ALL-STATE MUSIC

We would like to congratulate students who participated in the All-state Music Festivals in Bow and in Litchfield this year:

Band: Angela Jones, Clarinet

Sarah Horn, Oboe

Chris Kazanovicz, Trumpet

Justin Ware, Trumpet

Chorale: Justin Lang, Stephanie Short, Miles Dechert, Adam Kraus

Orchestra: Mason Glademars, Mrs. Moran and Mrs. Moncrief

## WATER CYCLE

Fifth graders in 5K and 5B have come full cycle. They began their fifth grade experience by learning how to conduct water tests to determine the health of a stream. Students formed teams to test for dissolved oxygen, pH, nitrates and phosphates. With the help of Heather Davenport from the Harris Center for Conservation, they learned how to recognize and survey aquatic invertebrates. Kathleen Gorman, Bill Gnade, and other parent volunteers helped students monitor the health of the stream behind Great Brook School.

During the winter students worked with Extended Learning teacher Beth Frost. They

studied the five kingdoms of life and learned to use the microscope to identify micro-organisms.

This spring students visited the Monadnock Paper Mills to see how water used in the process of making paper is cleaned. Mike Butler and Tom White took students through the many steps that the paper mill uses to ensure safe, clean water enters the Contoocook River.

Students visited the Belknap Mills in Laconia to experience the life of a mill worker in the early 1900's. They learned how mill power evolved from the water wheel, to the turbine, to hydroelectric power. They heard of "red Tuesdays" when the river carried the color of the dye down river for ten miles.

Students will also visit the Antrim Waste Water Treatment facility to learn from Eric Tenney and Jim Carruthers how Antrim's sewage is treated. Finally, in June the whole fifth grade will travel to the Boott Mills in Lowell to see how a large textile mill operated. They will finish their study of water at McDowell Dam in Peterborough.

Students will continue to monitor the stream in Great Brook School's wetland through the middle of June.

## YOUNG EAGLES TAKE FLIGHT!

Saturday, May 19th, the long awaited day finally arrived! More than forty Great Brook School Students gathered at the Nashua Airport. Pilots from throughout New England volunteered their time to help students experience the thrill of flying. All interested students from the afterschool GBS Aviation Club and GBS fifth graders were invited to take a ride with a certified pilot.

The Young Eagles program is sponsored by International EAA Aviation Foundation. Their goal is to give one million young people ages 8-17 a chance to fly by the year 2003, the fiftieth anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first successful flight. Pilots donate their time and fuel in order to encourage young people to "welcome young people into the world of aviation".

Flight Day was organized by Christa McAuliffe Fellow Jim Brough, who introduced the flight program to Great Brook School. Along with professional pilots Andre Kolkal and Bill Newbold, Jim has led students and teachers through the many skills necessary to fly an airplane. Students have read maps, created flight plans, deter-

mined distances, figured direction, and estimated fuel needed. They have logged their flight plans and flown their route on a computer flight simulator.

For many, Saturday was the fulfillment of childhood dreams. For some, it may well have been the first step to becoming a pilot.

## GUEST REPORTERS

Below two Great Brook Students share experiences they have had this spring. The first is written by a 5th grader involved in the extended learning landscape project.

## LANDSCAPE DESIGN

by Camille Murdough

This project, "Landscape Design" is a very fun and interesting project. The very first day of Landscape Design was a meeting about what we were going to do the next few weeks. The second day was a field trip to Livingston Park and Wagner Park where we got some ideas for this program. Livingston Park had a beautiful dam and a small playground. Wagner park has a nickname of "Pretty Park." Pretty Park has gazbo and cool benches.

We also went to a place called Art Kamp where a man named Jon Brooks lives and hand-made his house. His house is amazing, outside and in. Jon Brooks is a magnificent sculptor. On the third day we talked together about the day field trips. On the fourth day we went to The Fells. The Fells is a wonderful landscape and an awesome one too! The Fells has trees, paths, bushes and brick things. All of the field trips that we have been on for this program have been giving us some great ideas.

So, how did we start this program? Good question. Well, it all started the week that Ms. Frost, Mrs. Fairbairn and Mrs. Lombard arrived in our classroom with some slides of pictures of their trip to California. Then whoever was interested in the activity went to a teacher and got a form to fill out. About a week later students turned in the forms to the office, all filled out. The teachers put the names that entered into a hat and picked twenty-six names. Those people became the landscapers. Six students were chosen from each grade. This project also has two communicators. Communicators are people who take pictures and help teachers when they need help.

The students have been working very nicely on their work. We have been learn-

ing scale and measurements. We have been mapping and measuring and have been having fun and working as hard as we can.

Mr. Nannicelli, our principal, told us he wanted the outside of the school to show the energy of the students inside. He came and talked with us about making our school look great! We hope to make progress and complete our plan within two weeks. Landscape Designing is working out for us all, but it's a tough job!

### A FRESH LOOK AT WASHINGTON, DC

by Jillian Cottle, 8th Grade

It all began on April 16, at 6:00 am. Most of the 8th grade was boarding three coach buses on our way to the nation's capitol, Washington, D.C. Tired but excited, we were on our way to learn, see interesting buildings and monuments, and most importantly, to have fun. This is about how I, an 8th grader, saw Washington, D.C.

To start from the beginning, the bus ride was long—about 8 hours. Our buses were big, fancy coach buses, so we laughed at the yellow school buses on the way. The drivers were George, Captain Kim, and Ernie. (I was on George's bus.) People watched the movies played on the little TV's, listened to music, occasionally slept, and talked. We stopped a few times along the way to eat.

We reached our hotel, the Comfort Inn,

and had to carry our stuff up the long flight of stairs because it would take too long for all of us to use the elevator. The outside was pink - yells of mild indignation were heard all along the bus when we saw it. The rooms were small, so we had trouble sleeping with two beds, a mattress on wheels, and a small bit of floor space, but we survived.

We did so much in those five short days that it would take too long to describe it all, so I'll just mention the highlights. Many people have seen the picture of us in front of the Capitol building, so they know what it means when I say that we didn't look thrilled. The cold was numbing, the wind was blowing our hair wildly, and the old fashioned camera took a long time to get us all in. In fact it took so long that three people were able to stand on one side and then run to the other so they appear on both sides of the picture. Our picture was the biggest yet.

Speaking of big - the Washington Monument is big—555' 5 1/8", in fact. (Ask an 8th grader about Ernie the bus driver's song.) The Holocaust Museum was very oppressive, and the piles of shoes from the Nazis' victims smelled terrible. I enjoyed the dance cruise immensely. I stayed out on deck the entire time, talking to Mr. Bigelow, Ms. Bando, or anyone else who came out in the whipping wind. It was extremely fun, though it took hours at the warm hotel to shop shivering. The best part was the view; lights spar-

ling on the water, a few stars over head, and the little red lights on each building (so that the airplanes don't run into it.) The National Cathedral, a cross-shaped, fairy-tale palace type of place, had the red lights. It took about 80 years to finish it, but there will always be people working on it. When the new part was done, the old part needed fixing, and when the old part is fixed, the new part will need it.

There were some places that were different than I had expected. One example is the White House, or the President's Mansion. (By the way, the President was not home at the time.) We had to stay outside the fence, but even from there, we could see that it was not as nice looking as the Capitol building, though some people get them mixed up. Also, the Iwo Jima Memorial was a lot bigger than I had expected. The Iwo Jima Memorial is a statue of six marine men raising the American flag over the island of Iwo Jima. It is enormous, and the view from next to it is spectacular at night.

On the way home we took a ferry around the Statue of Liberty to take pictures. On April 20 we arrived at Great Brook again, just before vacation. The trip was very enjoyable, and I would recommend going there. There you have it, the view of Washington, D.C. through the eyes of an 8th grader. ♣



## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The Great Brook School Parent Advisory Council will host the first annual CHRISTMAS IN JULY DEMO AND CRAFT FAIR on July 14, 2001. The fair will be held at the ConVal High School's Gymnasium in Peterborough. Admission will be \$2.00 at the door—advanced tickets \$1.00. Proceeds will be used to purchase uniforms and percussion equipment for the GBS music department.

### CRAFTERS WANTED

The cost for renting a space is \$25. A limited amount of electricity is available. There is an additional charge of \$5 for table usage. Spaces are allotted on a first come first serve basis, so please register early. You will be notified by mail of your space and set-up time. Please complete the registration form below and mail with your payment (checks payable to GBS-PAC) to: GBS Advisory Council, PO Box 154, Antrim, NH 03440

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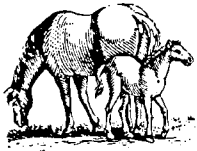
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## HOT TO TROT 4-H CLUB

By Beth Merrill

Caitlin Campbell attended the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest held this Spring in Rumney, New Hampshire. She placed 6th overall in the non-reasons division, a well deserved achievement for her dedication in attending numerous county team practices.

Brigitte Gutgesell qualified to present her public speaking entry at the State 4-H Activities Day at UNH in June. Katrina Trow received top honors in the action exhibit category at the County Activities Day in the Spring.

A small group of members and parents attended the Monty Roberts demonstration in West Springfield, Massachusetts on May 1st. Club meetings over the past couple of months have been devoted to studying Mr. Roberts' method of communicating with horses, something he refers to as "the language of equus". One meeting dealt with hands-on instruction in the round pen to learn his method of "Join-up and Follow-Up" and several members were successful in achieving that goal.

The Eighth Annual Horse Show will be held at the show ring on West Street on Sunday, August 12th. The first class will start at 8:30 AM, continuing into the afternoon. Everyone is welcome. Individuals and businesses interested in sponsoring a class and anyone interested in receiving a class list should call Beth Merrill at 588-6615. ♣

## WAVERLY LODGE, IOOF

By Fred Roberts

An application for the "Adopt A Highway" program has been filed with the State Highway Department. Approval is expected soon.

A veterans night and cookout is planned for the Lodge Hall on West Street in June. Pins will be awarded for twenty five years of membership and up.

The Lodge Hall is used by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts for their meetings throughout the year. We are pleased to donate the use of the Hall for these programs.

Robert Warren is Noble Grand. Meeting nights for the Lodge are the first and fourth Fridays of each month, except for July and August, and all members are urged to attend. ♣

## FIRE DEPARTMENT AFTER THE DELUGE—WHEN THE "FUN" REALLY STARTS

By Peter Moore

Those who caught Dick Winslow's description of the Antrim Fire Department and Rescue Squad in the last LIMRIK may remember his reporting that it took, on average, only four to five minutes for our fire company to respond to a call. Not bad for a bunch of ragtag volunteers, working and living all over the place, coming together in a coordinated effort to perform the "initial attack" at the emergency scene.

Some would say that all those red lights, screaming sirens and the action of rushing to the fire looks pretty exciting, maybe even fun.

But—after the deluge—"putting the wet stuff on the red stuff" as it were in fire-guy vernacular, the majority of the real fun actually begins. Here's the rest of the story.

"Over-haul", (the very term has tireless work written all over it) is the process of securing the scene, ensuring that any chance of the fire rekindling is nonexistent. "Rekindle" can be embarrassing to a department. For one thing, every fire fighter in every community in the Keene Mutual Aid alert system hears about it. For another, in most cases, it signifies that a complete scene "over-haul" was not carried out fully in the first place. Not to mention that the fire department has to do it all over again from where it picked up, only hours before in some cases.

Once the successful over-haul is complete and the fire crews have been cleared at the scene of the fire, one can look forward to at least another couple of hours back at the fire house getting prepared for the next exciting "outing". Of course, that is assuming that the original fire is not of suspicious origin. In the cases where suspicion may be at play, the scene must be secured physically by a number of fire fighters until the State Fire Marshal can be dispatched from his home or home-base in Concord, change out of his pajamas, get dressed, fix a thermos of coffee and kiss his wife good-bye. (That scenario assumes the middle of the night—which seems to be the case nine times out of ten!).

Back at the fire house, lights are burning bright with the crew inside refitting, replenishing, re-working, re-installing, re-outfitting, refilling and reviewing everything that they just un-did in the last few hours of "play".

Hose that has been used at the scene must be laid out, washed down, hung-to-dry and

replaced with back up lengths in the hose beds of all trucks. This is a particularly daunting task when 2M5, the "little reel truck" has had half a mile of hose pulled off of it onto frozen, salt-spewed roads!

SCBAs, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, must be disassembled, cleaned, masks and regulators washed and disinfected, air-bottles recharged and the whole thing reassembled, tested and put back into service. That might be as many as twelve units.

Fire trucks must be refueled at the Town Highway Department and water tanks topped off, preferably down on Water Street so as not to disrupt the whole town's water system. A return to the appropriate station, (don't forget we have two of them going and in-service all the time) means a thorough wash-down, equipment reloading and re-appointment of all apparatus involved at the scene.

Turn-out coats, night-hitches (I always wondered why they called them that before I joined—now I know), helmets, gloves and boots should be washed or wiped down and readied by the wall for the next mid-night alarm. (Makes them easier to get into when you're still asleep!).

Once that is *all* done, the station tidied up, the stories told and the all-clear given, you can get into your pickup truck and drive home into the eastern glow of the rising sun—just about time to get ready for work!

Oh, by the way, the Antrim Fire Department, consisting of Company 1 and Company 2, is always looking for some good dependable, fun-loving folks to serve. Simply come to either fire station during Sunday morning radio check around 10 AM and you'll find members there most anxious to answer questions and offer encouragement. Heck, you don't even have to own a pickup truck to become a volunteer fire fighter!



## ANTRIM'S LEASH LAW

Did you know that Antrim has a leash law? The Dog Control Ordinance was enacted into law in 1988 and reads (in part):

"SECTION 1: Restraint of Dogs: No owner or keeper of a dog shall permit their dog to run at large at any time within the Town of Antrim. A dog is at large within the meaning of this Ordinance if it is not controlled by a leash...or is not on the property of its owner or keeper."

Copies of the complete text of this law are available at the Town Offices. Be a good neighbor—*please!* ♣

**Dear Jennifer** *continued*

One rainy night I returned home after being out with friends and there were wet cat prints on the porch. I followed them over to the windows and I could imagine that cat sitting on a piece of porch furniture looking in on all the cozy comforts of a home. I never cared if I ever saw the cat; it just felt good to feed him and think it made his life a bit easier.

Somebody in "our town" had written an article about feral cats. Their lives are very hard. My husband and I thought we should borrow the neighbor's HAV-A-HART and trap the cat. It wasn't hard. He walked right in, and why not? Up to then there had been no strings attached to the meals.

Then I got my first look at him. He wasn't at all what I expected. He was dirty and big. His head was the size of a grapefruit. He had the traditional stray-cat ears and he was red with light green eyes. He looked terribly sad and I felt that I had betrayed him. He sat quietly in the cage, though. We put him in the back of the car. My husband drove me to work and then he drove the cat to the animal shelter in West Swanzey. He gave the people there the history of the cat as we

knew it. Their job is to assess the cat for adoptability, test it for the worst of the cat diseases and neuter it. They wanted to leave the cat in the trap for a while longer. My husband said he would return on Friday.

Friday we drove to the animal shelter. My idea was to bring the cat home, keep it in the garage for a few days with food and water available; then let it go. I would continue to put food out for it and things would be as before. This cat isn't the first stray we have had around our house and it won't be the last. They come and go.

The people at the shelter didn't think the cat was adoptable. They didn't think it had ever lived with people. If we didn't take it with us it would be euthanized. For reasons I'm not really sure I understand, we told them we couldn't take it.

I'm still sorting out what I have learned from this experience. A lot of what bothers me in the conclusion of my story is the lack of a good plan, because I did intend to do what was right.

The question I can't answer: "Did I do right by that cat, or did I do wrong?"

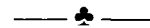
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**THE AIKEN BARN**

By Bob Bernstein

Can the Aiken Barn become a permanent home for The Grapevine Family Resource and Community Center? Since Town Meeting, when it was voted to apply our \$350,000 Community Development Block Grant funding to the Barn instead of the Aiken House, the Aiken Barn committee has consulted local officials and contractors on rehabilitation of the building—and the project looks feasible. Floor plans, construction specifications and estimated costs indicate that sufficient space can be brought up to code for use by The Grapevine and other Town groups. Lots of work (and most of the money) would go to improvements on the foundation, sidewalls and roof.

The NH Office of State Planning will be reviewing the committee's information in June, then (we expect) authorizing a new contract for architectural work, etc., to get the project out to bid by Fall and under construction (dare we hope?) before Winter.



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## PARKS & RECREATION

A new Recreation Coordinator has been appointed by the Antrim Parks and Recreation Commission. She is Celeste Lunetta from Frankestown and she brings years of experience to the job, including work with the Harris Conservation Center's childrens summer camp, Wols Nest.

Gregg Lake Town Beach Cleanup day is Saturday June 9 starting at 9 AM. Volunteers are sought to help clean the beach, repair structures, clear away brush, set out ropes and float the raft into position. The Beach officially opens on June 16th. During the summer, Red Cross swimming lessons will be offered: registration is at Town offices, the REC office or at the Beach itself. Other activities will be on Wednesdays from 10 AM to 12 NOON, there will be badminton and volleyball; on Thursday afternoons there will be sand-art exhibits.

Adult programs continuing through the summer include Cardio Kickboxing, Volleyball and Men's Basketball. The Town gym will have open hours and is available for your sport. For more information, call the REC office at 588-3121.

Two requests from the Commission:

- 1.) Scooter, rollerblade and skateboard activities will be on the basketball court; please **do not** use the tennis court.
- 2.) Please **do not move** the tables at the Town Beach.

The Commission reports that once again Antrim Youth Baseball will sponsor a trip to a *Nashua Pride* home game. We are all invited to take advantage of low ticket prices and a bus trip to the game. Call the REC office at 588-3121 for information.

And thanks to the Antrim Garden Club for donating a weeping cherry tree to Memorial Park.



## JULY 4 CELEBRATION

- 9 AM Coffee & donuts at the bandstand  
Guided tour to Balancing Rock
- 11 AM Soap Box Derby on Summer Street
- 12-2 PM The Grapevine Auction at  
Touchstone Square on Main Street
- 1-4 PM Water games at Gregg Lake
- 5 PM *Tattoo*, rock band at the bandstand  
Bring a picnic dinner.



## ANTRIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

By Lois Essex



### STUDYING NORTH AMERICA

If you were to have walked the halls of Antrim Elementary School during April, you might have felt lost. Were you in Antrim or Mexico? Your confusion would have continued as you walked down the hall—no, this must be Canada, or could it be California?

You would have been correct on all counts. In April of each of the past three years, Antrim Elementary School students have embarked on a study of a different continent: Africa, Australia, and this year, North America.

Each classroom focused on a region of North America for its studies. The students learned by researching topics, working with local artisans, and listening to local travelers speak about their adventures.

On display in the hall was a beautiful multimedia map created with the help of Mary Sawich. The Beihl family spoke about their recent trip to Costa Rica. Connie Gray, a weaver, helped children in kindergarten and grades one and three weave things that reflect the regions of Mexico and Central America.

Epifanio Fuentes, a Mexican woodcarver, conducted a workshop for each class. The students were enthralled by his surprisingly delicate work with a machete and how he could create animals with such a large knife and a block of wood; they also marveled at the way his wife painted the beautiful creatures. The Fuentes' interpreter was just as interesting to the children.

### ...AND DANCE

The culmination of their studies came in the form of dance. Renee Blinn of Northern Lights Dance Troupe taught in residence for two weeks. In that time, she created an original dramatic dance performance.

In the dance's story, a monarch butterfly, too lazy to migrate from Canada to Mexico with her friends, later attempts the journey alone. On her way, she meets new friends in a variety of regions and eras of North America. She experiences Colonial times, the Industrial Revolution, is witness to the Wright Brothers' first flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, and helps Johnny Appleseed sow some seeds. She catches a ride on a steamboat going down the Mississippi River and finally parties at a bullfight in Mexico.

More than 200 students from kindergarten through the fourth grade participated in

this magnificent performance. Each one seemed delighted to be a part of such a magical event. It was a night that no one—audience or performers—will soon forget.

### GRADE 2, MISS HENLEY'S CLASS

We read a book by Schim Schimmel called *Dear Children of the Earth*. The book ended "if you love me, care for me...I will always be your home...I love you with all my heart." We also read *Miss Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney. Miss Rumphius made the world more beautiful by planting lupines. So we decided to pick up trash on our playground and got five bags of it, including glass, sharp plastic, yarn, parts of toys, plastic 6-pack holders, tops of hoodies, soda cans, bandaids, napkins, candy, tinfoil. We hope other people will decide to do what we did. Please help us keep our playground clean. Make everyday Earth Day!

### VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

The students and staff of Antrim Elementary School recently nominated Betty Avery for Outstanding School Volunteer Award in the State of New Hampshire. She has been a school volunteer for more than ten years. The time and talents she has shared significantly enhanced the educational process for the children of Antrim. Congratulations and thanks to Betty Avery for her cooperative efforts and dedication. ♣

## ANTRIM GIRLS SOFTBALL WINS FIRST GAME

This is only the second year for the ages 9-12 girls softball team. Last year we played ten games, tied three and lost the rest. Most of the girls had never played organized softball before, but they were competitive throughout.

This year a much improved team took the field against one of Peterborough's four teams. The girls were a little nervous at first, not scoring until the 3rd inning. Trailing 4-1, the girls scored four runs in the 4th and exploded for 6 more runs in the 5th inning to win, 11-5. Needless to say, they were thrilled!

Coaches this season are Rick and Jeff Davis with lots of parents who help out. We're all excited about this season. Call Rick Davis, 588-3388, for more information. ♣

## ANTRIM GIRL SCOUTS

The numbers of Antrim Girl Scouts have grown remarkably in recent years. Since 1998, they have doubled! Presently, 83 girls are registered, along with many adults who serve as Leaders or assist in other ways. In the girl scout organization, each town is referred to as a Service Unit and has a Service Unit Manager, or SUM. Antrim's SUM is Robin Quinn who has been vibrantly successful in finding leaders and volunteers, all of whom have helped create an atmosphere that girls want to share.

Girls are assigned to Troops according to their levels in school. Thus, the Daisy Troop is for kindergarten girls; Brownies are from grades 1-3; Juniors are from grades 4-5 or 6; and Cadettes from grades 6-8. Presently, Antrim has no Senior girl scouts (High School age) but may well have in the future.

Antrim's success has grown out of the number and quality of its volunteers, especially the Troop leaders, as follows: Daisy Troop 946, Sherri Gallant and Renee Mercier; Brownie Troop 2129, Darlene Fox and Laurie Steele; Brownie Troop 2125, Wendy Ducharme and Betsy Wright; Junior Troop 2620, Dawn Calderara and Janet Gagnon; Junior Troop 2172, Linda Bryer and Martha Pinello; Cadette Troop 2725, Bonnie Wade, Jennifer Parent, Sharon Dowling and Kathy Smith.

Significant funding is provided by the annual Cookie Sale presided over by a Cookie Manager (Connie Cody) and carried out by Cookie Moms from each Troop—Rhonda Davie, Mary Stuart, Kristy Boule' and Robin Quinn.

The Scouts are grateful to Antrim organizations that open their facilities for meetings—Great Brook School, the Presbyterian Church and the American Legion Hall.

## CADETTES

By Bonnie Wade

The Cadettes held their awards ceremony during a May 12th cookout at the Legion Hall. In addition to the awarding of some seventy badges, a lifetime achievement award was presented to Ashley Dutton who has been a Girl Scout for seven years.

Kathy Smith, a leader of the Cadette group, is leaving Antrim because her husband, James Smith, an Army recruiter, has been transferred to Georgia. She has been involved with the Scouts during the last three years—and will be very much missed!

## JUNIOR TROOP 2620

By Dawn Calderara

It has been a busy year for Junior Troop 2620. The winter highlights included dog sledding and community service projects. The girls were especially proud to have participated in Operation Santa Claus.

As a troop, we have done various arts and crafts projects and the girls were busy working on their badges. For a spring community project, we planted flowers behind Great Brook School. The girls each designed quilt squares based on the Girl Scout Law which we made into a banner that we used in the Memorial Day Parade. We will cap off our year with a trip to Camp Chenoa for an Outdoor Adventure Weekend.

It has been a great year and we look forward to the next.

## BROWNIE TROOP 2129

By Darlene Fox

We welcomed four new Brownies to our Troop this year; Samantha Fox, Chelsea Purrington, Brittany Bechtal and Emily Foote. Also, nine girls rededicated to Girl Scouts; Kim Steele, Audry Wood, Felisha Grundell, Kelsy Fox, Zadie Lowell, Alexandra Schacht, Melanie Blackman, Shawnleigh Ruoff and Elysia Volpe. The girls created a wonderful candlelight ceremony to celebrate the occasion.

This spring has been very busy. Girls spent time exploring old gravestones in Maplewood Cemetery, had an old-fashioned maple sugar "sugaring off" and plan to make candles as part of their listening-to-the-past Try It. We also made ice cream!

There are plans for a camping weekend to finish this year's activities. Girls are very enthusiastic about spending a few days with nature. Making *s'mores* at the campfire is always a hit.

Thanks to all the parents who have helped with meetings and field trips.

## CELTIC CELEBRATION

By Andy Chapman

Plans for the Third Annual Antrim Celtic Celebration are rolling right along. This year the event will be held on Sunday, September 30. In addition to local favorites *Bodiach* and fiddler Brendan Carey Block, we are thrilled to again host Aine Minogue and Robbie O'Connell. New to our celebration this year are Uilleann piper Jerry O'Sullivan; *The High Road*, a Vermont based Celtic music group; *Close Enough*, a duo featuring hammered dulcimer, Irish harp and vocals; and *The Catamount Pipe Band*.

Participatory events include a contra dance with Steve Zakon-Andersen and music by *Old New England*, step dancing with the McGonagle School of Irish Dance and an Irish jam session with *Ceol Eire*.

There will again be a variety of Celtic merchandise including clothing, jewelry, music recordings, and delicious Celtic food.

We are at the point now where we are looking for people who will volunteer an hour or two of their time to help at the ticket/information booth or to check buttons (admissions) at the door of a program. We also are in need of financial support for this celebration. If you have not yet been contacted about purchasing an advertisement for our program or if you could make a donation to support this community event, please call Kathy Chisholm at 588-6786. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday September 30th.



# THE GRAPEVINE

By Kristin Vance

## SPRING AND SUMMER

To celebrate TV Free Week in April, our own Kristin Readel led parents in lively discussions on TV and its influence on our lives and on our children. Kristin offered several ideas for family activities to replace TV time, including story time, picnics, shadow puppets and gardening. Kristin recommends borrowing the following book from the library: *Roots Shoots Buckets & Boots: Gardening Together with Children* by Sharon Lovejoy.

On May 19, several parents and many children participated in the Children in the Arts annual parade in Peterborough. Our theme this year was "Birds of a Feather" and Grapevine families created paper mache butterflies, birds, dragonflies and fairies and other winged things to fly in the parade.

The Grapevine "school year" will close on June 15th with a Learning Vine family barbecue and special gifts for children moving up to Kindergarten. Grapevine summer programs begin June 25 and run through August 3, with the following weekly schedule:

- Mondays 9:30–11:30 AM Better Beginnings Parent-Child Program (2 & 3 year olds)
- Tuesdays 9:30–11:30 AM Better Beginnings Parent-Child Program (1 & 2 year olds)
- Wednesdays 9:30–11:00 AM Better Beginnings Parent-Child Program (birth to 18 months)
- Thursdays 9:30–11:30 AM Better Beginnings Parent-Child Program (4 year olds and pre-K)

Better Beginnings Summer guest presenters will include Antrim's Charlotte Lakus with craft instruction, Susan Eddlestone from Franklin Pierce College leading discussions on family relationships and communication, and Cheryl Roth from the Parent Information Center leading discussions on early childhood development.

## SUMMER CREATIVE SERIES FOR FAMILIES

The Grapevine presents *Music with Kathy Lowe* on Monday, July 2 at 2 PM. Kathy blends rhythm and sing-a-longs, engaging young children in an exploration of sound and movement. Kathy, who is from a family of musicians, has led children's music groups in New Hampshire for many years.

The Grapevine welcomes back Barbara Damron of *Queen Bee Puppetry* for two afternoon performances. Barbara brings beautifully hand-crafted puppets and scen-

ery, and delights her young audiences with African folk tales, stories that stretch the imagination, and her famous Story Apron. Barbara will be performing at The Grapevine on Wednesday, July 11 at 2 PM and Wednesday, July 25 at 2 PM.

The Summer Creative Series is for young children (up to age 6) and their parents. Older siblings are welcome to attend. The performances are free, although donations to help cover the cost of the programs are greatly appreciated.

## BABYSITTING AND CPR COURSE

The Grapevine, in conjunction with Great Brook Middle School, will be offering a babysitting and CPR course by the American Red Cross for children ages 11 to 15 on Monday July 9, Tuesday July 10, Thursday July 12 and Friday July 13, from 1–4:30 PM. Students who complete the 4-day course and pass a CPR test will be awarded certification by the Red Cross. The cost is \$50 per student, and the registration deadline is June 29. The class is limited to 12 students. Financial aid is available. Call the Grapevine or talk to Mrs. Blair at Great Brook School for more information.

Students intending to take the course who wish to be considered for a childcare internship at The Grapevine this summer should call Mary Fleischman, MS, Early Childhood Educator, at 588-2620.

## AUCTION

Don't miss the *Second Annual Grapevine Benefit Auction* on Wednesday, July 4th from NOON to 2 PM at Touchwood Square, or you may never have another opportunity to have Antrim's own Chief Brian Brown mow your lawn. Other featured items on the auction block include lodging at The Maplehurst Inn and the Westwind B & B, over \$1200 worth of outdoor gear from EMS (including Gortex jacket, Lowe camera packs, and sleeping bags), and framed limited edition Ducks Unlimited prints donated by Wayno Olson. Members of *The Antrim Players* will summon their theatrical talents to auctioneer this year's event, which promises to be entertaining and fun for the whole family. Refreshments will be on sale.

The Grapevine will gladly accept donations of antiques, art, crafts, gift certificates, services, events tickets, and other desirable items until June 29. Call Carolyn at The Grapevine at 588-2620 to make a tax deductible donation. All proceeds will benefit our programs for children and families.

## FALL REGISTRATION

To date we have space for 6 children in

our fall Better Beginnings programs, and 4 children in The Learning Vine (4 year-olds). We are considering adding an afternoon or evening Better Beginnings program. If this is of interest to you, please call Mary at The Grapevine.

## SERVICES: Information & Referral

Call us at 588-2620 for information about area resources for financial assistance, food, childcare, legal assistance, clothing, health and dental care, and other needs.

• **Child and Family Counseling** provided at The Grapevine by Monadnock Family Services by appointment Monday, Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday. Sliding scale fee.

• **Parent Support Group** for families with children with developmental delays or disabilities, ADD & ADHD, and chronic illness, facilitated by Denise Yerardi of Monadnock Developmental Services. Meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM.

• **Family Conflict Resolution** is offered at The Grapevine by Milford Area Mediation. Services by appointment. Free.

• **Help for Women** experiencing domestic abuse is offered by the Women's Crisis Services.

Call The Grapevine at 588-2620 for more information about the above services or to register for programs. We are located behind the Tuttle Library (follow the signs to the temporary Antrim Town Office). We welcome visits.

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization funded by grants and financial contributions from Hillsborough County Incentive Funds, the NH Department of Health and Human Services (Division of Youth, Children & Families, and Division of Alcohol Prevention and Recovery), Monadnock Paper Mills, Monadnock Community Foundation, the NH Children's Trust Fund, Monadnock Community Hospital, BridgeBuilders Foundation, NH Ball Bearing, New England Presbytery, The Bishop's Summer Fund of the Manchester Diocese, the First Presbyterian Church of Antrim, OSRAM Sylvania, SDE, MCT Telecom, Rynborn Restaurant, Great Brook Veterinary Clinic, Alberto's, Camp Interlocken, Charles Van Horn, CPA, T-Bird, Greenfield Women's Club, the Town of Bennington, Appleshed Realty, Donald Trow Logging, and by generous contributions from people like you. Many other community members and organizations donate time, talents and supplies. Thank you for your support. ♣

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SUMMER 2001 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

- June 27                   **HARVEY REID** SINGER, SONGWRITER, GUITARIST  
**STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE FESTIVAL**
- July 4 @ 5 PM       **TATTOO** ROCK BAND  
*Bring a Picnic Dinner*
- July 11                   **BODEICH** CELTIC
- July 18 @ 6 PM       **JAY GARRETT-LARSEN** STORYTELLER  
*Bring the family*
- July 25                   **OFF THE CUFF** BLUES, JAZZ, FOLK, ROCK, WORLD BLEND  
**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
- Aug 1 @ 6 PM       **MARY DESROSIERS** SINGER AND STORYTELLER  
*Bring the family*
- Aug 8                   **GOPHER BROKE** BLUEGRASS
- Aug 22                   **DAGNELLO JAZZ QUINTET**
- Sept 2 @ 5 PM (*RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 3*)  
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*All shows will be at the Bandstand in Antrim. Shows begin at 6:30 pm except as noted.  
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL JONAS: 588-6208

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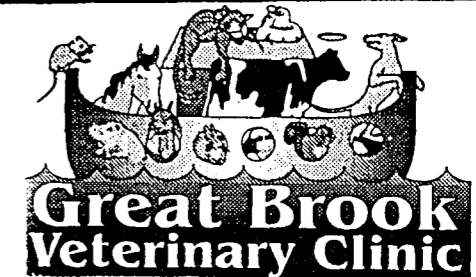
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## ANTRIM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- JUNE**
- 2 COMMUNITY TAG SALE • Antrim Baptist Church • 9 AM to 1 PM
  - 6 Tuttle Library visits to Antrim Village
  - 9 Gregg Lake Town Beach Cleanup day • 9 AM
  - 9 COMMUNITY TAG SALE • Antrim Baptist Church • 9 AM to 1 PM
  - 16 Gregg Lake Town Beach open for the season
  - 16 COMMUNITY TAG SALE • Antrim Baptist Church • 9 AM to 1 PM
  - 20 ANTRIM GRANGE OPEN HOUSE • 7:30 PM • Grange Hall
  - 23 COMMUNITY TAG SALE • Antrim Baptist Church • 9 AM to 1 PM
  - 23 ODDS BODKIN, storyteller • 2 PM • sponsored by the Library & The Grapevine Fellowship Hall, Antrim Baptist Church
  - 23 (continuing to July 27) SUMMER READING PROGRAM • Tuttle Library
  - 27 Antrim In The Evening Concert • HARVEY REID  
plus a Strawberry Shortcake Festival • 6:30 PM • Bandstand
  - 30 COMMUNITY TAG SALE • Antrim Baptist Church • 9 AM to 1 PM
- JULY**
- 2 Music with KATHY LOWE • 2 PM • The Grapevine
  - 2 ANTRIM JUNIOR GRANGE Membership Night • 6 PM • Grange Hall
  - 4 **CELEBRATION**  
Coffee and donuts at the Bandstand at Memorial Park • 9 AM  
Guided tour of Balancing Rock • meet at 9 AM at Memorial Park  
Soap Box Derby on Summer Street • 11 AM  
The Grapevine Auction at Touchstone Square on Main Street • 12-2 PM  
Water games at Gregg Lake • 1-4 PM  
Antrim In The Evening Concert • TATTOO • 5 PM • Bandstand
  - 7 COMMUNITY TAG SALE • Antrim Baptist Church • 9 AM to 1 PM
  - 9-13 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • 9-11:45 AM • Antrim Presbyterian Church
  - 9 BABYSITTING & CPR COURSE • 1-4:30 PM • The Grapevine
  - 10 BABYSITTING & CPR COURSE • 1-4:30 PM • The Grapevine
  - 11 Barbara Damron of QUEEN BEE PUPPETRY • 2 pm • The Grapevine
  - 11 Tuttle Library visits to Antrim Village
  - 11 Antrim In The Evening Concert • BODEICH • 6:30 PM • Bandstand
  - 12 BABYSITTING & CPR COURSE • 1-4:30 PM • The Grapevine
  - 13 BABYSITTING & CPR COURSE • 1-4:30 PM • The Grapevine
  - 14 COMMUNITY TAG SALE • Antrim Baptist Church • 9 AM to 1 PM
  - 14 CHRISTMAS IN JULY DEMO & CRAFT FAIR • GBS Parent Advisory Council at ConVal High School Gym
  - 18 Antrim In The Evening Concert • JAY GARRETT-LARSEN • 6:00 PM • Bandstand



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25 Barbara Damron of *QUEEN BEE PUPPETRY* • 2 pm • The Grapevine  
25 Antrim In The Evening Concert • *OFF THE CUFF*  
plus an Ice Cream Social • 6:30 PM • Bandstand  
28 COMMUNITY TAG SALE • Antrim Baptist Church • 9 AM to 1 PM
- AUG** 1 Antrim In The Evening Concert • *MARY DESROSIERS* • 6:00 PM • Bandstand  
4 COMMUNITY TAG SALE • Antrim Baptist Church • 9 AM to 1 PM  
8 Antrim In The Evening Concert • *GOPHER BROKE* • 6:30 PM • Bandstand  
11 ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR • 9-1:30 PM • Presbyterian & Baptist Churches  
12 8TH ANNUAL Hot to Trot 4-H Club HORSE SHOW • 8:30 AM  
Show Ring on West Street  
15 Tuttle Library visits to Antrim Village  
16-18 ANTRIM PLAYERS • *Broadway Musical Review* • Town Hall  
18 COMMUNITY TAG SALE • Antrim Baptist Church • 9 AM to 1 PM  
22 Antrim In The Evening Concert • *DAGNELLO JAZZ QUINTET*  
6:30 PM • Bandstand  
25 COMMUNITY TAG SALE • Antrim Baptist Church • 9 AM to 1 PM
- SEPT** 1 COMMUNITY TAG SALE • Antrim Baptist Church • 9 AM to 1 PM  
2 Antrim In The Evening "BLUES & BAR-B-Q FESTIVAL" • BANDSTAND • 5 PM  
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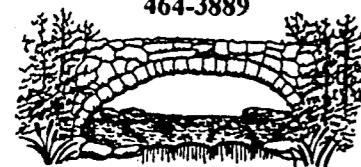
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