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FOODIE ALERT

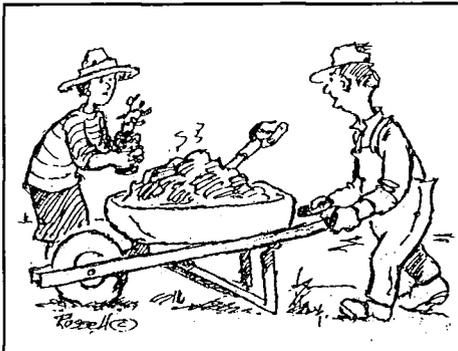
By Lyman Gilmore

food·ie *n* (1982): a person having an avid interest in the latest food fads
Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 10th Edition

By now just about everyone around here has heard that at least one and possibly two giant supermarkets may open in Hillsboro near the intersection of Routes 202 and 9 within the next year or so. As someone for whom eating is a preoccupation if not a downright obsession—a foodie—I am seriously interested in what the arrival of a Shaws and/or a Hannaford will mean to me and the local grocery markets I have come to depend on with deep affection.

To find out what the town knows about the possible advent of these superstores, I met with Matt Taylor, Hillsboro Director of Community Planning. He told me that Shaws is looking at the south side of the road near Valley Hardware which would be sold and moved to a different location in Hillsboro. Shaws application to the town has been submitted but has not had a formal hearing. Hannaford, which is considering the north side of the road, has yet to submit an application. Both companies are involved in “significant engineering” now. I asked if he thought both

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"Trouble is, these mornings I never know whether I'll be shoveling snow or fertilizer."

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ANTRIM IN THE EVENING

By Jonas Taub

On June 26 when Rani Arbo and Daisy Mayhem takes to the bandstand to open up the **Antrim In The Evening** performance season, we'll know for sure that summer is here. The combination of old timey, bluegrass, and swing that this nationally acclaimed band serves up will be a treat for the ears. An old fashioned Strawberry Shortcake, served by the Antrim Historical Society, will provide some of the best tastes of the summer.

As usual, most shows will be on Wednesday nights, with the exception of July 4th (Thursday) and Labor Day Sunday. There will be a new starting time for all Wednesday shows, too—6:00 PM—except for the August 14 performance of the 39th Army Band, which will begin at 7:30 PM. Bring the family, bring your friends, and bring a picnic dinner

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

By Dave Penny/Selectman

We are pleased to welcome Sarah VanderWende to her new position as Assistant to the Business Manager and Deputy Town Clerk. Sherry Miller has taken on the (elected) job as Town Treasurer in addition to her Business Manager and Welfare Officer duties. Newly elected selectmen Mike Genest and Bill Prokop have jumped right on board as we've tackled several major projects that have been on the “back burner” for a long time. These projects involve the following:

1. **Personnel:** We have undertaken a long overdue review, consolidation and rewrite of the Town Personnel Policy. This rewrite brings the policy into compliance with the current labor laws and

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OUR DISAPPEARING NATURAL RESOURCES

By Peter Moore for the Antrim Conservation Commission

New Hampshire is losing 40 acres of open space *a day* to growth and development! While we need some growth in our communities and development is one element that helps to drive the economic engine of our state, it is wise to step back and take stock of our changing landscape and the threats that this change poses to our quality of life here.

It is difficult to imagine that one day in the not too distant future, even the Monadnock area, even Antrim, will see the rampant growth now overwhelming the southeastern part of our state. And communities in that part of the state are just now waking up to the fact that it is almost too late to save what precious agricultural and forest land they have left. And the cost to do so is almost prohibitive. In 2001 towns in New Hampshire voted to spend \$14 million dollars to buy and protect land in their communities. So far in 2002 \$18 million has been set aside by town meetings to acquire land. Land to protect natural resources—drinking water, productive forests, agricultural capacity, wildlife habitat, community green space, and in some towns, their very culture.

While some of these communities are seeing their last chance to retain what

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LIMRIK'S Limerick

If life was designed from on high
By a Mind that knew wherefore and why,
It surely did make
A colossal mistake
When it planned for the swarming Black Fly.

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The cartoon on page 1 is the creation of Russ Russell, Art Editor of the LIMRIK.

Disappearing Natural Resources *continued*

open space is left to them, we are fortunate in Antrim to still have plenty of land that is undeveloped and open to us all, or so it appears, for now. This year at Town Meeting the voters of Antrim took a first and visionary step toward identifying, planning for, and protecting the town's natural resources—the special places around us that are often taken for granted.

By voting decisively in support of the warrant articles that addressed the establishment of the Conservation Fund, and committed partial funding of the *Antrim Woods* project, a majority have expressed their desire to begin the process of land protection, natural resource identification, active stewardship, and community conservation.

For those who do not think this is the right tack to take, or the best way to spend tax revenue, we ask that you have faith in this effort and keep an open mind. And for all of us who plan to make Antrim our future home, our "resting place" as it were, we hope that in twenty years we can proudly say, "we protected this special place and acted to preserve what is most important to us—our quality of life and the land that provides it."

Thank you Antrim, for recognizing and taking the first important steps toward protecting and enhancing our local natural environment, and for gaining the empowerment to do something about it. ♣

EURO ENGLISH

IT CERTAINLY KLARIFIES SPELINGS

The European Union Commissioners have announced that an agreement has been reached to adopt English as the preferred language for European communications rather than German, which was the other possibility. As part of the negotiations, the British government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a five-year phased plan for what will be known as EuroEnglish (Euro, for short).

In the first year "s" will be used instead of the soft "c". Certainly, sivil servants will resieve this news with joy. Also, the hard "c" will be replaced with "k". Not only would this klear up konfursion, but typewriters can have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year, when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced by "f". This will make words like "fotograf" 20 per sent shorter.

In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling can be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will enkorage the removal of double letters, which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling. Also, al wil agre that the horrible mes of silent "e"s in the languag is disgrasful, and they would go.

By the fourth year, peopl will be reseptiv to steps such as replsing "th" by "z" and "w" by "v".

During the fifz year, ze unesenary "o" kan be dropt from vords kontaining "ou" and similar changes vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters.

Und efter ze fifz yer, ve vil al be speaking German like zey vunted in ze forst place.

—from the Internet

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEARBY PLACES TO VISIT

By Izi Nichols

Recommended by Martha: No, not Stewart—Martha Pinello. At a recent Historical Society meeting she presented a run-down of places to visit “An Hour Away” from Antrim. This included museums, historic houses, nature walks and pleasant drives in an area bounded roughly on the east and west by the Merrimack and Connecticut Rivers, on the south by the Massachusetts border, and on the north by the towns of Claremont, New London and Franklin.

Historical museums of particular interest to young people include Fort #4 in Charlestown, and the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner. Fort #4 is the site of a stockade on the edge of the frontier, built in 1744. It has been rebuilt to show how families lived in that period, with demonstrations of the skills needed to maintain life. For information regarding hours and admission fees call 826-5700. The Indian Museum covers 15,000 years of the history of native peoples with displays of basketry, beadwork, canoes and fishing equipment. It was selected as an Editor’s Pick in Yankee Magazine’s *Travel Guide to New England*. Call 456-2600, May through October.

Closer to home is the Franklin Pierce Home in Hillsborough, near the junction of Routes 9 and 31. Franklin Pierce, sometimes referred to as a “forgotten” United States president, grew up in style in the home built by his father, once a governor of New Hampshire. The house has been meticulously restored to its early 1800s condition. Children under 18 are admitted free. For more information call 478-3165.

The Zimmerman House in Manchester is a must-see for anyone interested in architecture. Designed by the father of modern architecture, Frank Lloyd Wright in 1950, it is well worth the \$5.00/7.00 admission prices. Tours are conducted from the Currier Gallery of Art; reservations are recommended. Call 699-6144.

For pleasant summer drives through country villages, Martha recommends Hillsboro Center and Washington Village. The latter town is also the site of the original Seventh Day Adventist congregation, albeit on the outskirts of town and something of a challenge to find, but worth the effort.

Harrisville is the only surviving 19th century industrial town in the United States, and reputedly the most-photographed town in New Hampshire, especially in the fall. Combine this drive with a stop at the Jaffrey Center Meetinghouse and burial grounds, the final resting place of three renowned citizens: Amos Fortune, a slave who bought his freedom and came to Jaffrey as a tanner in 1781, became the subject of a Newbery Award-winning book by Elizabeth Yates; Willa Cather, a novelist best known for writing about the people and places of Nebraska, nevertheless chose to be buried in Jaffrey because of a close friendship she had formed there; Hannah Davis made and sold the country’s first wooden band boxes in the 1800s, which are highly collectible items today.

State Parks and other related organizations are the source of many hiking trails, some of which are easily traversed. In Antrim are the Willard Pond Sanctuary with three hiking trails (information at the Audubon Silk Farm Center, 224-9909); The McCabe Forest, off Concord Street, and the Loverens Mill Cedar Swamp, maintained by the Nature Conservancy, 224-5853.

These are only a few of the places that Martha recommends (only an hour away) for summer outings with family and visiting friends. She will also be presenting her program, geared especially for families with young children, at The Grapevine some time soon. Websites are maintained by most communities and organizations for more detailed information. Happy exploring! ♣

CONVAL SCHOOL BOARD

By Denise Holmes

Antrim School Board Representative

The expansion and renovation of Antrim Elementary School has finally begun. The project includes additional classrooms, a new library space, renovation of the existing building, and renovation of the Town Gym. It is hoped that the entire project will be complete by the fall of 2003. This project will provide the AES community a safe environment with adequate space to run their programs.

Renovation of the Town Gym included in this project will benefit not only our elementary school children, but other members of the community who use this facility. Floors, windows, lighting, and heating system will be replaced. The gym will be attached to the new addition of the school building, with access to restrooms and Recreation Department space. There will be a temporary disruption in its use, but in the end our town gym will continue to serve as a valuable asset for recreation and education.

Along with keeping an eye on the adequacy of buildings in the school district, the school board has been looking at how we can continue to improve education in our district. Several years ago, community members from around the Conval district were invited to take part in an education forum. From this forum, a set of Guiding Principles was developed. The Guiding Principles are the basis from which our Local Education Improvement Plan (LEIP) has evolved. This detailed document outlines our goals and provides indicators as to whether these goals are being met. LEIP is a long-term plan to direct us toward continued improvement. Education is an investment which benefits the entire community, and it is our intention that, with a set of clear goals, we will continue to excel. The LEIP will be available on the Conval website.

If you have comments, questions or concerns, feel free to contact me or Rich Morel. I can be reached at 446-7015 or by e-mail at: d_holmes@conknet.com. Rich can be contacted at 588-3226 or by e-mail at: gig6226@msn.com. We appreciate hearing from you. Another source of information is the Conval website: www.conval.edu. ♣

Antrim In The Evening *continued*

or pick up dinner from your favorite local eatery or market. In case of rain, shows will move to the Town Hall.

A full day of activities is planned for July 4, beginning with a coffee and donut social at the bandstand from 9:00–11:00 AM. At 9:30 members of the Antrim Players will read the Declaration of Independence. At 10:00, head up to the school to view the soap box racers as they prepare for the 11:00 running of the Antrim Soap Box Derby down Summer Street hill. (See article on page 11 for more information about the derby.) After the race, walk on over to Touchstone Square for the Annual Grapevine Auction, from 12 NOON until 2:00 PM. Or head on up to Gregg Lake at 1:00 PM for an afternoon of water games. At 5:00 PM, bring your dinner to Memorial Park for a concert of unique and ever entertaining Ivy Levyne and Chum, featuring Patti and Ken Cloutier and Richard Dougherty.

Wednesday night concerts continue with Jazz Insights on July 10, a jazz quintet featuring the smooth vocals of Laura Pierce and the fine sax work of Michael Kolodny. On July 17, Carolyn Parrott will entertain with songs and stories for children, families and the young at heart, from 6–7:00 PM

On July 24, put on your dancing shoes and dance the evening away to the sounds of Club Soda. There will be an old fashioned ice cream social, too. The final show of July will feature local children's singer, Becky Mercier, from 6–7:00 PM. August 7 will be the debut of the One Night Stand Band, a synthesis of Antrim musicians including Richard Morel, Brian Murphy, and others.

On August 14, the 39th Army Band returns to Antrim. We missed them last year while they were off touring another part of the country. We are glad to have them back. Their show will begin at 7:30 PM.

Also returning to Antrim this summer will be Trickster Fox, on August 21, from 6–7:00 PM. Don't be fooled. Her show of clowning, magic and general foolery is not just for kids. Trickster will also be

teaching some of her skills during the day, including juggling and balloon sculpting. Call the Recreation Dept. at 588-3121 for registration and information.

The final show of the summer will be the annual Labor Day Blues and Bar BQ, on Sunday September 1. (In case of rain, Monday, September 2). Blues will be performed by Otis and the Elevators. Chicken will be BarBQed by the Antrim Order of Odd Fellows. The evening, starting at 5:00 PM, promises to be a foot tappin', finger lickin' good time. A perfect way to say goodbye to summer.

Cut out the **Antrim In The Evening** schedule from this issue of the Limrik and put it on your refrigerator. Circle the dates on your calendar, get down the picnic basket and shake out the blanket. Summer will soon be here. See you at the bandstand. I'll be the one with the smile on my face. ♣

THE FIELD SCHOOL

A NEW ALTERNATIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Field School is a new alternative middle school opening this fall in Antrim. It is a small non-profit school for students in fifth through eighth grade who would benefit from an individualized education that incorporates outdoor experiences, the arts, and involvement with the community into the academic curriculum. The mission of The Field School is to create a school community that celebrates and nurtures the whole child through real life experiences that develop academic, life and social skills in a meaningful context.

The School will start as a single multi-grade classroom. Over time, it will grow to serve students through the end of their high school education. Currently, the school is enrolling students in grades five through eight. Students in other grades will be considered on an individual basis.

The philosophy of The Field School is based on current research regarding how children learn and on schools rec-

ognized for their excellence. The overall themes of The Field School's philosophy include multiage classrooms, integrated curriculum that includes all subject areas, curriculum that allows for student choice, opportunities for authentic real life experiences, a focus on outdoor education and the arts, the development of the whole child, assessment that is meaningful and individualized, and the development of a classroom community that extends beyond the classroom to include the family and community.

The Field School was created through a partnership between Stacey Sweet, a teacher, and Mary and Tom Meyers, parents of a child who has made tremendous gains through an alternative education. Stacey is a special and regular education teacher. She has experience teaching in both public and alternative settings with students of all ages. Stacey chose to join this partnership because she wanted an opportunity to create a school environment where she could meet the needs of all of her students without the constraints of over crowded classrooms, mandated curriculum that does not meet the needs of some students, and limited opportunities to integrate experiences outside of the classroom. The Meyers decided to join this partnership after the wonderful experiences their son has had in two other small alternative schools. Their son flourished in those environments where children learned by doing, creating, playing and working together. Both were multi-grade schools where children of all ages could learn from each other in a natural community that mirrors the learnings that take place in families and neighborhoods. Their son will be ready for middle school in the fall. The Meyers are committed to continuing this way of learning and being for their son and for other children.

For more information about the school or upcoming informational meetings please call The Field School at 588-2828 or e-mail: thefieldschool@myschoolmail.com or visit our web site at www.myschoolonline.com/NH/thefieldschool. ♣

FOLK TALES

AN OLD TIMEY 4TH WHEN THE FIREWORKS BLEW UP

By Ross Roberts

Ross Roberts, 1893-1987, lived his entire life in Antrim. This is his fictionalized memory of an exceedingly colorful 4th. His son, Fred Roberts, found the story amongst his dad's papers. — Editor

The 3rd day of July, 1902 dawned dry and sultry after a scorching night. The air was lifeless. Even the birds were silent and all nature seemed to be shrinking from the ardor of the heat. As the day advanced a pitiless sun continued to beat down on a parched ground. A strange and foreboding stillness was abroad in the land. This hot weather, following several days of especially dry weather, was beginning to give the fire wardens considerable worry as a fire would spread rapidly in the tinder dry grass and brush, even without a breeze, which thankfully did not appear to be imminent.

Ed Goodwin, who kept a shoe and gents store, along with a newsstand, on Main Street prepared to set up his tent from which to sell firecrackers for the Glorious Fourth in the vacant lot across the street where the library now stands. This separation was deemed necessary because of fire risks and lack of room in the store. He had a small tent that he set up together with some orange crates on which to display his stock of fire crackers. He had a young fellow named Jerry to help him while his clerk minded the store.

By early evening he was ready to sell. Excitement was beginning to build up, especially with boys and young men who had a little money to spend.

A kerosene lantern would be used to furnish light in the tent during the night, since electricity was not available. So as the evening grew, Ed told Jerry to fill, light and hang the lantern on the flag pole. However, Jerry's attention being drawn from his task for a moment by boys outside the tent, he inadvertently spilled the kerosene which ran onto some crates and then onto the grass, soaking all it came in contact with.

Sometime after the lantern had been hung, a dog chased a cat into the tent.

The cat ran through and crawled under the canvas and so escaped, but the dog couldn't go through and stopped suddenly, hitting the crate on which someone had carelessly laid a piece of lighted slowmatch (also called "punk"), knocking it onto the kerosene-soaked grass.

Although it was now well into the evening, not too many customers were about. Ed had stepped outside to chat with a friend for a moment when he saw a flame shoot up the edge of a soaked crate igniting it and a package of firecrackers. He tried to stamp out the flames but to no avail. He only spread the flames among the firecrackers which began to explode left and right.

Seeing that he must have help, Ed told Jerry to ring the fire alarm which was the bell in the Baptist church. It was never rung except for church services and fires. So hearing it this night meant a fire and probably a bad one since conditions were prime for a conflagration. A key to the church was available hanging outside in a box near the door so that the bellrope could be reached at any time day or night. This evening no other bells had been rung and wouldn't be until midnight. Jerry rushed breathlessly to the church and rang the bell, jerkily, excitedly. Another boy joined Jerry in pulling the rope and presently the sound became steady and peal after peal was sent out into the air telling all and sundry that there was a fire. Soon men were running to the fire station yelling "FIRE" as if no one knew it. A detail of men had a hose reel, part of the town's firefighting equipment, and were wetting down grass around various buildings as a precautionary measure, so the reel was not available immediately. By that time, the tent, being old and thin, had caught fire. The rockets now were beginning to take off into the air, landing haphazardly and starting small blazes where they landed. Some men procured shovels with which to stamp out the fires and as soon as the hose reel was brought to the fire, it was connected to a hydrant nearby and the hose deployed by the men as effectively as possible. But it soon became apparent that more help was needed.

So the hand pumper was ordered out and a line of men could be seen pulling it down the street. It was stationed by the canal and men took positions on the

brakes (cross arms that operated the pump) and others took up hose positions. The hose men were impatient... "Where is the water? Give us water!" they yelled. The pumping was stopped and investigation disclosed that in the rush the suction hose had not been put in the canal. The town was proud of this pumper, since it could pump water from a pond, stream, well or any body of water. It was a great improvement over the previous pumper which was small and had to be filled with water by a 'bucket brigade'. It required ten men to pump water, five on each of the two brakes and since fifteen minutes was about as long as a man wanted to pump without resting, a substantial number of men was necessary. On this evening, excitement was running high so volunteers were in good supply.

By now it was apparent that there was a major fire in the making with firecrackers exploding and grass burning together with the fiercely burning tent. Red hot embers were creating fires in the grass and dry shrubs near the adjacent house, so water was directed towards the house. It splashed against a cellar window breaking the glass and allowing water to run into the cellar and fall onto some potash stored there, causing it to ignite and making a hot flame which shot up the partitions to the roof. As soon as the fire broke through the roof it created a chimney through which the flames shot high into the air making a spectacular picture against the dark sky. It was now apparent that the fire would have to be fought from the roof, so the ladder truck was brought down from the station and ladders were set up on which men reached the roof with the hose. This was not enough, so a line was brought into the ground floor with which to reach the fire from below. This meant that some furniture must be moved to save it from damage, so volunteers were asked to enter the house and help the family (an elderly man and his wife).

In due time the fire was extinguished and the pumper returned to the station. A detail of men with the hose reel remained at the house to see that the fire did not erupt again.

It was generally said that the fire had made a great way to begin a Fourth of July celebration! ♣

REILLY INTERVIEW

This is another interview with a WW II veteran, Bob Reilly, who spent six years in the U.S. Navy, most of it on destroyers. His statements are low-key but encompass very dangerous situations. The interview was done by Russ Russell.

— Editor

Robert Reilly and his wife Nellie (nee Brzososki) live in a neat little house on Goodell Road far removed from the oceans and seas Bob sailed during WW II. Originally he came from Watertown, MA where, to quote him, "I lived alongside the Charles River and when the weather was right, I was on the River somewhere. When I was in High School, I worked a couple of summer as steward at the yacht club in the Charles River Basin. The people would moor their boats out on the river and we'd taxi them from the pier out to the boats and picked them up too."

In 1940, Bob decided to join the Navy. "It was the thing to do at that time. Let's see, how old was I? Born in '22—18 years old. Now, I just turned 80." Following that he was sent to Newport, RI for boot camp.

"And after that, I had to board a new destroyer, the USS Eberle and went out on a shakedown cruise. We sailed out of Portland and did exercises, fired our guns, doing our jobs. We were assigned to convoy duty in the North Atlantic and spent almost two years going back and forth protecting convoys to western Europe."

THE NORTH ATLANTIC

"We spent two winters in the North Atlantic up around Greenland and Iceland. We were going to the south of England. We'd leave the convoy there and the British would take over. Then a couple of days later we'd pick one up on the way back. I don't remember a convoy that went at more than five knots or so. We'd only travel at the speed of the slowest ship. Everybody was issued orders as to when to zig-zag so that we made two or three turns every hour, all turning in sync, supposedly. It would take a couple of weeks to go one way. Going at our own speed would take just 4 or 5 days. We lost a couple of ships—torpedoed.

I don't know if there was anyone designated to rescue people. I do remember taking people aboard. We'd try to run up along side them and we had nets made out of ropes. They could struggle up the nets. It took a long time."

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA

Bob participated in the invasion of French North Africa called 'The Torch'. On the morning of November 8th, he'd woken up and found himself in the middle of a huge fleet—"ships as far as you could see, there were 800 ships. We went in through the Straits of Gibraltar. It was French-held territory. It was named Fedila and just north of Casablanca. Our orders were not to fire unless fired upon."

"So," he continues, "we were sitting at dockside, point-blank range at 'Point au Blondin'." Bob describes it as sheltering the landing craft. He adds "The landing craft made a noise like an airplane—a high drone—and the French battery search lights were looking all over the sky. It didn't dawn on them that these were invasion landing craft making a noise like that. I don't know how long it took them to catch on."

At some point, Bob said, the French shore batteries opened up on them. "We had to take out a shore battery—a 5-inch gun, and we got hit once. Luckily, we put out their fire control. After that they didn't respond." (The French commanding General ordered all resistance to stop.) After that, "it was over very quickly. The next day we sent some people ashore and the French people wanted to come out and see what kind of machine guns we had on the destroyer." (*According to some sources, this invasion was staged to take Rommel's pressure off the British.*)

SAUDI ARABIA

In February 1943, Bob was on a destroyer that went to Saudi Arabia. "Took the King of Saudi Arabia up into the Great Bitter. He was a frail man, white as a ghost and hardly getting along. We were carrying the King up to see President Roosevelt. Oriental rugs were put out on the deck. The King's name was Ben Ibn Saud. We didn't talk to him—we were too busy doing our chores and such, guys came and went." (At this point, Nellie displays a certificate of appreciation for this occasion on it's 50th anniversary. It was signed by Prince Bandar

Bin Sultan and James Mill, president of the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation.)

SICILY

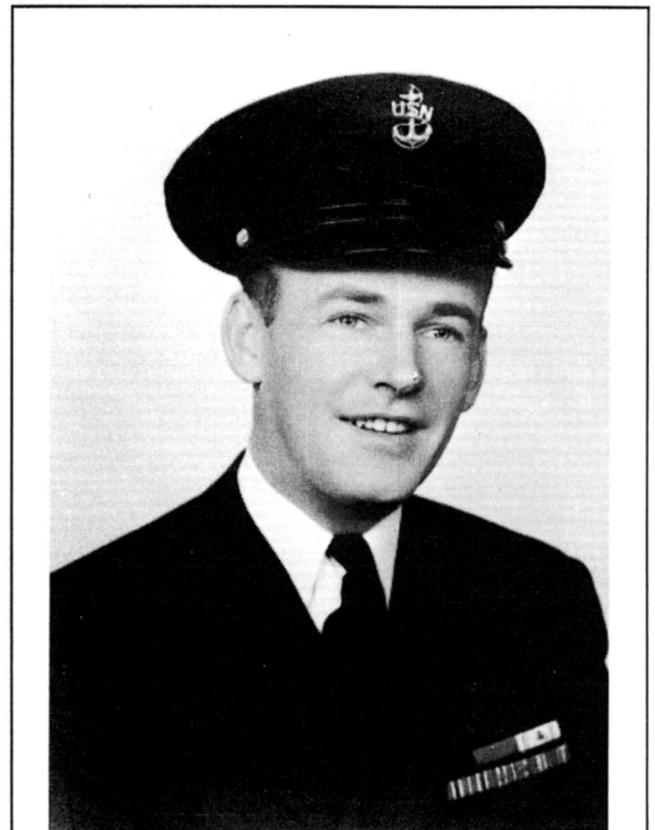
"In time we went up into the northern part of Sicily and were in the harbor there and experienced the heaviest bomb attack I had seen during my service. We used every gun we had. They were coming and skipping over the hill and coming down. The radar wasn't very good at the time; it was very rudimentary. We used up all our ammunition and went back to North Africa to get help. I don't know what we lost that night. I know we lost some of our destroyers that were tied up. We hadn't tied up yet."

NORTHERN FRANCE

"When we were in Cherbourg up in the northern part of France, the Germans had a railroad gun up there and the troops were not able to advance because of the heavy shelling. We went back and took it. They were taking range on our stacks and were so accurate they would lay shells on both sides (of us) at the same time. Not much that you can do but stand there. Scared? I'll tell you. I had a telephone intercom helmet (as gun captain) and I tried to get my shoulders up into it.

We got hit by a shell in northern France and it went into our 40mm locker, the after-engine room that had 40mm shells in it.

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TOWN HISTORY REVISITED

THE GENERAL STORE, PART II

By Isabel Nichols

"Antrim's Advantages of July 5, 1911". Under this heading the *Antrim Reporter* lists a population of 1400, 320 houses, 4 churches and an approved High School. Also worthy of note were a new ice cart, street lights, and the James A. Tuttle Library. The town abounded with sources for every need including a drug store and ice cream parlor.

But the proliferation of grocery stores (five) led to much competition, and it became a matter of the survival of the fittest. After eight years at the general store on Main Street (now Edmunds' Hardware) the Davis Brothers sold out to the partnership of Arthur J. Grant and Frank J. Boyd on January 1, 1911. For nearly three years these two men carried on trade in much the same way that it had been for 66 years, but perhaps were not prepared for the forcefulness and influence of Will Cram.

William E. Cram lived in Antrim from early childhood and filled many positions in the community. He was town moderator for twenty years and representative to the New Hampshire State Legislature. An enterprising businessman, he was elected to be president of the Greystone Lodge Corporation during the heyday of that memorable tourist attraction. A picture on page 61 of *A Stroll Through Antrim NH* shows Will Cram in action as a popular auctioneer.

But it was as a Main Street merchant that he made a lasting reputation. He was always ready to try out the latest business equipment, and to increase his stock-in-trade. As an astute salesman he knew that he would flourish in the largest store in town, so he bought out Grant and Boyd in 1913, and from then on Cram's store was the place to go.

It was customary to find a large ad on the front page of the *Antrim Reporter* announcing the latest sale and seasonal items, but on April 17, 1918, Cram generously filled his space with the promotion of Liberty Bonds. "Meet your Uncle Sam at any Bank or Bond booth and get into the fight—and get in big!" As chairman of the local public safety committee during World War I, he was fulfilling his patriotic duty.

Some bad news: On March 20, 1924 the *Reporter* announced: "Assignees' Sale of General Merchandise in Antrim. Owing to the illness of W.E. Cram and his inability to continue the business, he has made an assignment to the undersigned (Charles Abbott and Max Israel) for liquidation." Will Cram died a

month later, aged 56, "Mourning by a very large circle of friends."

But then some good news, on March 26: "Goodnow Derby Company: we have purchased the business of the W.E. Cram store." This was the beginning of the trend toward becoming affiliated with a chain store. The Derby family operated a store for many years in Peterborough, and the Goodnow name was well known in Keene business circles. The third member of this new conglomerate was local man, Fred Raleigh, a direct descendant of Antrim's first settler Philip Riley.

In 1929 these owners joined the Independent Grocers' Alliance, giving the store a new name—"the IGA". In anticipation of their big opening on Saturday, November 2, the store had been remodeled, and the front painted with the IGA colors, cream and dark blue. Patrons were now introduced to self-service; they could fill a basket with goods as they wandered through the aisles, and pay at a checking counter. On grand opening day a patron not only received a 5-pound bag of sugar, *free*, but was informed that being part of a big chain meant that groceries would be sold at rock-bottom prices. Ironically, only a few days earlier the stock market had crashed, and the ultimate result would reach out to every corner of the country. Even Antrim would feel the effects of the depression, and the IGA store could only hope to make ends meet for the next few years. One promotional gimmick during the hard times involved local children. The store would give a metal cart of shiny dark blue, emblazoned with cream-colored letters, "IGA" to every kid who could collect 600 can labels showing the IGA logo. This meant knocking on neighborhood doors, asking the missus to save all her labels, and the real hustlers were the first to get their carts. If you lagged along the wayside and lost interest in the pursuit, the store would accept 200 labels and a payment of \$5.00, which was hard to come by for most families. But with the perseverance of the stalwart the store saw an upsurge in grocery sales for a few months at least.

Two popular young men, "Bub" Proctor and "Bunk" Hayward became the IGA proprietors for a brief but colorful tenure. Not the least of their innovations was the seasonal "Toyland" for the town's children. From the short story; *Toyland 1934* by this writer, comes an account of Santa's arrival at the store one Saturday afternoon in December in 1934:

"A Ford pickup came down Main Street and stopped in front of the gas pumps, and Santa Claus jumped out of the back with a chorus of 'Ho-ho-ho's. Several little kids

howled, some older ones clapped and yelled, 'Hi Santa!', but everyone heard Gertie Holt say, 'That's not really him—it's just Austin Paige in a Santa Claus suit. My mother said so.'

The long train of children followed him up the steps and into the store, down the aisle on the grocery side and into the back room. Used for back stock all the rest of the year, the shelves were now packed with all the glories of the season: stuffed animals, Meccano sets, trains ranging from \$1.98 to \$12.99, beautiful dolls, wind-up toy soldiers, and hundreds of games and puzzles. This was Toyland, and the doorway was framed with tinsel and colored lights. Santa made his way to the far end of the room where he sat down on a throne made of wooden boxes covered with a bright red plaid horse blanket.

After paying a 10¢ admission the children were pushed on into the room until it was packed with well over a hundred children. Santa asked them if they'd all been good little boys and girls, and they all lied and said yes. Finally he got around to passing out the wrapped presents which were in two big boxes on either side of him: one for boys and one for girls. As they left Toyland Mrs. Patterson handed each child a little colored box packed with hard candy."

During the mid-'30s one of the store clerks was Aaron Edmunds, the great-grandfather of the present proprietor, Rick Edmunds. With another change of hands in 1937, the IGA became the Red and White Store, managed by Fred Raleigh again, with a new partner, Charles Coolidge. Following World War II the new owner was Charles Wood, who maintained the alliance with the Red and White chain, and became the most enduring proprietor since the store opened in 1845.

When the Edmunds family bought the store in 1962 many changes had taken place over the years, not the least of which was the disappearance of the grocery department. No longer a general store in the nostalgic sense, it is nevertheless much more than a standard hardware store, catering to the needs and whims of a walk-in patronage. Dick Winslow, in the December 2001 LIMRIK describes the extraordinary inventory, calling it a community-sensitive operation.

Pictures on pages 36 and 37 in *A Stroll Through Antrim NH* show this local fixture from horse-and-buggy days to the pickup truck era. The 1986 fire may have altered the outward appearance of the store, but the importance to the modern community shows no sign of diminishing. ♣

makes it uniform across departments. As of this writing, it has not been finalized since we await comments from our employees. In addition to the Personnel Policy we have been reviewing our Employee Benefit Package. The package is currently administered by the New Hampshire Municipal Association's Health Trust Program and our contract with them renews in July. We've been looking at various options that will allow us to reduce the financial impact of the ever-increasing cost of health insurance while broadening the choice of benefits to our employees. We have also begun developing a graded merit pay system, which we would like to consider for implementation in the next fiscal year. This system will establish wage scales for various classes of positions in the town. This will allow an employee to have an understanding of the range of salary that is available for each position and reward them for good job performance.

2. Code Enforcement: We are working with Building Inspector, Jeff Parsons, to respond to citizen and Planning Board requests to tighten up the enforcement of our Zoning, Subdivision and Site Plan regulations. While it is the job of the Planning Board to approve subdivisions and site plans and the Board of Adjustment to hear requests for variances and special exceptions to these regulations, it is the Selectmen's responsibility to enforce the regulations and decisions of these Boards. We have asked Jeff to issue "friendly reminder" letters to people who are not in compliance and hope that we will not have to go to the next step of issuing summonses.

3. Antrim Recycling and Transfer Station: We have appointed a committee to assist us in administering the operation of the ARTS center. This committee was established in the original warrant article, which created the center, but was never appointed by our predecessors. The committee members have been hard at work visiting other transfer stations and seeking advice from

various state agencies to help them come up with a plan to improve our recycling and reduce the amount of waste placed in the disposal compactor. Our goal is to minimize the financial impact we are expecting when our solid waste disposal contract is renegotiated in November.

While all of these projects are long overdue and are being embarked upon for the good of the Town, we realize that some changes may be difficult for some people. We hope that we will have the support and cooperation of everyone in the community as we make these changes. Antrim is a wonderful town and it is our pleasure to serve as your selectmen. ♣

BUILDING INSPECTOR, ETC.

A CHAT WITH JEFF PARSONS

Antrim has a Health Officer, Code Enforcer and Building Inspector all rolled into the person of Jeff Parsons. He is on the job up to 28 hours a week and may be reached at the Antrim Town Office (588-6785) Mondays through Wednesdays, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

A chat with Jeff reveals a mixture of his admiration for the codes by which Antrim maintains order, along with concern about certain problems. For instance, he finds strength in the Town's having adopted in 1986 the BOCA building code; and thinks the Town has been and remains exceedingly fortunate in the high quality of citizens who serve as Selectmen, as members of civic committees, as School Board representatives, Library Trustees and the like. (He is, by the way, not an Antrim resident and thus has an objective view.) On the other hand, he is concerned about such nagging problems as the illegal possession and disposition of junk cars. As code enforcer, he notifies owners of such cars of their code infringements. When an owner does not correct the problem, Jeff seeks action from the Town Attorney who issues an injunction. If still no correction is made, the matter may end up in court, which can incur substantial expenses for the Town.

BUILDING EXPLOSION

There has been a minor explosion of building in Antrim. Jeff reports that since January of 2001 he has issued 101 build-

ing permits of which 21 are for new houses. Of these 21, 5 are for relatively low-cost modular houses, 1 is for a very substantial modular house and the remaining 15 are for more expensive traditional structures. There is a continuing interest in building sites from out-of-towners who seek an attractive rural life. Jeff believes that the "aesthetics" (his word) of Antrim have a lot to do with who chooses to build here—schools are important; the library is important, and the condition of Main Street and the appearance of homes throughout.

PROPERTY TAXES

Partly because of the above, Jeff is concerned about property taxes which he fears may rise and create severe hardships for even moderate-income residents, not to mention low-income.

Those with concerns about Building Codes, quality of drinking water, septic system standards and the like should contact Jeff Parsons at the Antrim Town Office. He is exceedingly knowledgeable and more than willing to talk things over.

— Dick Winslow

ARTS SUMMER HOURS

RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION

Memorial Day through Labor Day

Sunday 1–5 PM

Wednesday 2–7 PM

Friday 9–2 PM

Saturday 9–5 PM



LEASH LAW

It's almost summer and *everyone* wants to be outdoors, including your dog. 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."

Be a good neighbor—*please!*

MAIN STREET REHABILITATION

Antrim's Main Street rehabilitation project has reached a midpoint in its progress, waiting for final approval by the governor and council. Because of all the various state and federal procedures to be cleared, David Essex, member of the TIF (Tax Increment Finance) district committee who submitted the application, says we shouldn't look for work to begin until 2003 or 2004. When it comes through, the project will reconstruct Routes 202 and 31 sidewalks and drainage to improve downtown pedestrian facilities.

There will be 0.6 of a mile of granite curbing on the west side of Main Street from Prospect to West Streets and on the east side from Aiken to West Streets. Concrete sidewalks will run the entire length of the west side of Main and on the east side from Route 202/31 fork to West Street, replacing uneven and broken asphalt. The other east-side asphalt sidewalk from the bank to Aiken Street will remain but with the new granite curbs to improve their appearance.

New crosswalks will be added; one at Aiken Street and another at the Route 202/31 fork which will be a two-part divided walkway to safely direct pedestrians. No more jaywalking to Dunkin' Donuts!

The old street lights will be replaced with brighter, more energy-efficient units, and an additional 6 or 8 decorative lamp posts will be placed along the walk from the Tuttle Library to Touchwood Square.

There will be new grass on the east side, and shrubs and other landscaping.

The new benches which were put in place last year were a start in this rehabilitation.

The state has allocated 80% of the cost of the project, \$337,090. The townspeople voted at town meeting 2002 to fund the remaining 20%, \$84,273. When Antrim receives approval to go ahead, a project manager engineer has to be appointed and local construction companies will be hired.

The wheels of government can seem to work exceedingly slow, but perhaps in another year we shall be enjoying the benefit of all the hard work and planning that has gone into this improvement of our Main Street.

— Janet MacLachlan

ANTRIM RECYCLING & TRANSFER STATION

AN UPDATE FROM THE ARTS COMMITTEE

The ARTS Committee continues to look at ways to improve the programs at the Antrim Recycling and Transfer Station. The current trash removal contract with Waste Management was negotiated a number of years ago and costs-per-ton of trash removed have more than doubled since then. Due to the new contract's expected increased costs in late 2002, the committee is researching ways to reduce the tonnage of trash hauled and ways to increase the recycling programs.

BALER

The committee is pleased to announce that the town has received a grant from **New Hampshire The Beautiful** to cover up to \$3,000 towards the cost of a baler. (The rest of the cost will come from the ARTS budget.) A baler will crush and bale plastics, aluminum, cardboard and possibly, mixed paper. These baled recyclables will be removed from our Transfer Station at a reduced cost to the town and could reduce the tonnage of trash hauled by Waste Management.

COMPOST BINS

The sale of backyard compost bins has been brisk. Pick up is from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on June 15 at the Transfer Station for those residents who have ordered one. Increased composting can dramatically reduce the tonnage of trash hauled.

MIXED PAPER RECYCLING

We are working toward adding mixed paper to our recycling program. Any paper product (newsprint, magazines, junkmail, etc.) would be brought to ARTS in brown paper bags. **NO STRINGS OR PLASTIC ALLOWED** in the mix. Basically, any product that can be ripped would go into the mixed paper bin/trailer, except cardboard. Cardboard would still be collected separately.

STORAGE TRAILERS

The ANT/RIM Committee is researching the purchase of used storage trailers where baled materials, mixed paper and other items can be stored.

— Ruth Benedict

TOWN WEBSITE

By Tom Mangieri and Jen Cunningham

In April, the Selectmen called together town departments, committees, and interested residents to discuss the needs of Antrim Town for better communications. The Selectmen asked all what could be done to improve communications. A comprehensive town website was enthusiastically suggested several times.

As we own and operate a web design company, Paxamo Designs, we met with selectmen Bill Prokop and Dave Penny and volunteered to conduct a survey of town departments, committees, and other groups. The primary purpose of the survey is to discover how (and if) each group could use and benefit from a town website. Another purpose is to learn how town residents and others might benefit.

One theme we are hearing frequently is that a web site would serve as an excellent communications tool and enhance the already strong and vigorous Antrim town spirit.

Newcomers could find information about housing, schools, recreational activities, and services. The site could help clear up confusion about whether to go to the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, or the Building Inspector. Town ordinances could also be put on-line. The web site would provide information on services such as the food bank, the wood bank, and rural rides. Townspeople needing other types of services could find a list of local businesses and links to those who have web sites. All of this information is currently available, but the web site would make this centralized and easy to use. For those who are not online, the Tuttle Library has a public access computer with Internet access.

Any town residents who would like to comment on this project are welcome to e-mail us at:

AntrimSurvey@PaxamoDesigns.com
or call 588-2589 up to 9:00 PM. ♣

Many thanks to Arthur Bryer who has retired from the Antrim Transfer Station after five years of service. His presence there has been much appreciated!



ABOUT TOWN

ANTRIM RECREATION

By Celeste Lunetta
Director

Antrim Youth Baseball and Softball is fielding 7 baseball teams and 6 softball teams this year. Thanks to Bryan Hebert and John Vest, as well as all coaches: Roger Murray, Tony Burke, Brian Murphy, Janet McEwen, Patrick Battaglia, Allison Wildes, Richard Reilly, Jonas Taub, Robin Mansfield, Charlie LeVesque, John Leonard, Steve Busch, Rich Salito, Hal Proctor, Shelley Gardner, Todd Breyer, Rick Davis, Jean Nanicelli, Darleen Fox, Julie Murphy, and Carrie Whittimore. We also have great sponsors to thank—Antrim Lumber and Rick & Diane's Pizzeria, both sponsored two teams, other sponsors are Dugre's Auto Repair, Cook's Garage, Maplehurst Inn, Edmunds', Keating Insurance, and Cheshire Oil Co.

The Recreation Department, and the Antrim Baseball program, sponsored a **Home Run Derby** fund-raiser, which went well for the first year. Attendance was good, at approximately 200 people. All money raised at this program will be processed through Antrim Friends of Recreation. If you made a pledge to one of the players, please get your money to that player. Any check can be made out to Antrim Friends of Recreation. Suggestions for use of the funds include tickets and bus to a Nashua Pride game, a softball pitching machine, and a lightning detector for the fields. Special thanks to Clark Craig for helping us stay clean, to the Antrim Fire Department for the delivery and use of their dunking tank, Chris Baker Salmon for the use of his trailer for a stage, and to Richard Morel, Jonas Taub and Brian Murphy for playing live tunes for us. Also thanks to Brian Brown for measuring the speed

of pitch after pitch. We are very grateful to our talented chefs, Pam Caswell, Kim Proctor, Jean Nanicelli, Connie Cody, Erica Leonard, and Lois Essex. Thanks to this enthusiastic crew, our crowds were well fed.

Seven baseball and softball coaches participated in and passed **Sports Safety** training, a Red Cross program taught at the Rec Center in April. Special thanks to the Antrim Ambulance Company for letting Celeste use their CPR mannequins.

The annual **Fishing Derby** was a great success, with around 50 kids fishing. Thanks so much to Dave Wilson and Steve Schacht for continuing this important tradition.

Beach cleanup and opening weekend will be June 9 from 1–5 PM. Lots of volunteers are needed to assist with the floating of the raft, the placement and painting of picnic tables and clearing of brush and debris. Please join us. Lifeguards will be starting at the beach on the weekend of June 15.

Several summer programs are currently confirmed; more will be listed in the recreation program brochure which will be available in the first week of June. If you have an idea for an adult, young adult or children's program, please call Celeste soon at 588-3121.

SUMMER PROGRAMS 2002

CALL 588-3121 FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Toddler Swim Lessons: June 24–28
- Guard Start Swim program: Fridays, July 26, Aug 2, 9, 16 4:30–6:00 PM
- Youth Bus trip to Franconia Notch State Park: Tuesday July 2
- Independence Field Day (family games and crafts) at Gregg Lake: July 4 1:00–4:00 PM
- Afternoon Swim Lessons: July 8–19 Levels 1–5 1:00–6:00 pm
- Morning Camp including a visit from Audubon: July 8–13 9:30 AM–12:30 PM

- Gymnastics Camp: a tumbling camp for elementary aged kids: July 22–26 10:00–11:30 AM
- Youth Bus Trip to Odiorne State Park and Wallis Sands: July 23
- Morning Swim Lessons: July 29–Aug 9 9:30 AM–12:30 PM
- Tuttle Library Story Hour at the beach: 10 AM July 31 and Aug 7
- Theatre Camp for 6–8 year olds: July 29–Aug 2 1:00–3:00 PM; August 2 4:00–8:00 PM
- Builders Camp: August 12–16 1–3 PM; August 16 intro to First Lego League 7–8 PM
- Soccer Camp for 1st–5th grade: Aug 5–9 9:30–11:30 AM
- Basketball Morning Camp: August 12–15
- Basketball All Day Camp: August 19–23
- Family Bus Trip to Canobie Lake: August 20
- *Trickster Fox* instructive juggling and balloon sculpture program: August 21
- Evening Soccer Camp for 5th–8th grade: August 26–30 5:00–7:00 PM

This summer, the Town Gym and AES will be undergoing much needed renovation. Please keep this in mind as you plan activities for your children. Park areas that are open and free from construction dangers include Memorial Park, with a basketball and tennis court, and Gregg Lake, which has swings, tetherball and a volleyball net.

Also, a reminder about town regulations for skateboarding and scooters: these activities are permitted on Jameson and Highland, but are not allowed on West or Summer Street. We advise all riders to wear proper safety equipment, including helmets and elbow or knee pads. If you need to get a helmet for your child, contact Celeste at the Rec Office for some inexpensive but very cool options. ♣



CHURCH NEWS



Antrim Presbyterian Church
 Rev. Norman de Puy
Sunday Summer Schedule
as of June 9

Worship 10:00 AM

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

July 15–19 Vacation Bible School
 at the Antrim Baptist Church
 Register by calling 588-2209

**July 21 Joint Service of Baptist
 and Presbyterian Churches**
 9:30 AM

Antrim Baptist Church

Pastor Charles V. Boucher
 Cherryl Boucher, Associate Pastor

Sunday Summer Schedule
as of June 16

Worship 9:30 AM

(Nursery and junior church provided)

July 15–19 Vacation Bible School
 Register by calling 588-6614

**July 21 Joint Service of Baptist
 and Presbyterian Churches**
 9:30 AM

Food Pantry open every Saturday from 10
 AM to 12 NOON.

Antrim Church of Christ

Pastor Bill McInich

Sunday Schedule

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 11:00 AM

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 to
 12 NOON.

Saint Patrick Church

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
 weekend masses and by request

SAMUEL DOWNING HISTORICAL MARKER

ON THE MAPLEHURST INN LAWN

The date was May 5, 2002, a beautiful Sunday afternoon, but those gathered in Memorial Park in Antrim, might have thought they had stepped back in time to the late 1700s. A band of eight men in Colonial uniforms, carrying muskets and flags, marched over the Memorial Park bridge. They were followed by women and children in Colonial costumes. It was a reenactment dedicating the new historical marker for New Hampshire's last soldier of the Revolution, Samuel Downing. This marker has been erected on the side lawn of the Maplehurst Inn.

Born in Newburyport, MA, in 1764, Samuel Downing was brought to Antrim by Robert Aiken as an apprentice to learn the spinning wheel trade. He lived and worked with the Aiken family for six years before running away to Hopkinton to enlist in the Continental Army in 1780. He was turned down as being too small and young but they directed him to try Charlestown, NH to which he walked and was able to join the 2nd New Hampshire Regiment. He served to the end of the war and in 1783 returned to Antrim, married and raised six children. His farm was on land near the present Rabideau home on Elm Avenue. In 1794 he moved with his family to Edinburg, New York where he settled permanently. At his death in 1867 he was 103 and the oldest recorded pensioner of the Revolution.

The men and women taking part in the historical reenactment were members of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. They perform often for historical events in New England, feeling it keeps alive an important time in our history. William and Pat Starck of New Hampton were among those present. Captain Starck who belongs to the 2nd New Hampshire Light Infantry Regiment, spoke of the life of Samuel Downing and acknowledged Bud Hardwick's part in bringing the historical marker to Antrim. A volley from the old muskets rang out across the millpond, scattering the ducks and bringing to a close another page in our history.

More details of Samuel Downing's life may be found in the book *The Last Men of the Revolution* by Rev. E.B. Hillard and in *Cochrane's History of Antrim*.

– Janet MacLachlan

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SUMMER 2002

Strawberry shortcake at the Bandstand on June 26 at 6:20 PM.

Coffee and donuts at the Bandstand on July 4th, 9:00–11:00 AM where *the reading of the Declaration of Independence by members of the Antrim Players will take place at 9:30 AM.*

A meeting with the **Antrim Grange** on Friday, August 16 at 7:00 PM at the Grange Hall, to hear the history of the Grange.

SOAP BOX DERBY JULY 4

The return of the racers...all interested elementary school/middle school age children are invited to construct their own soapbox cars to race on the 4th of July. The racers are asked to build their cars with minimal adult assistance. Parents, however, are expected to supervise and advise for safety in design. Parental permission will be required to participate in the event. All derby vehicles should be constructed with a working brake, a safe steering mechanism and a seat belt. The hill racers must wear helmets and demonstrate control of their cars under parental supervision prior to the race.

Racers will meet at the Great Brook School parking lot at 10:00 AM for registration, vehicle inspection and flat race trials. Flat racers will need to have a 1-2 person team. The hill race will take place at 11:00 AM on the lower half of Summer Street. Prizes will be awarded in a number of categories including speed, vehicle design, originality, etc. All vehicles will be brought to the bandstand for final viewing and awards.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with: helping children with car construction, setup, registration, and judging. For information about the event and registration forms contact Janet McEwen and Paul Boule' at 5886151.

Suggested internet web sites for ideas are: All-American Soap Box Derby: www.aasbi.org and Go Kit: www.gokit.com. ♣



PROGRAMS

- June 22 *Poets Tea 10:00 AM*
- June–July *Summer Reading Program*
- May–October *Gardening Series with Mary Wardman*
- July 31 & Aug 7 *Storytime at the Beach 10:00 AM*

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

“Lions and tigers and books...oh my!”

The Library invites your child to explore the depths of the jungle and rainforest by participating in the 2002 Summer Reading program, “Lions and tigers and books...oh my!” This annual program is designed to encourage reading for pleasure in a relaxed environment, far from the pressures of the classroom. Registration for the program begins on June 20, and kids may start right away. Children will receive a bookmark and chart to record their reading progress, a reading patch, and the opportunity to participate in Storytimes, weekly contests, a final raffle, and an end-of-the-program party.

LIBRARY STAFF

Kim Pfeil, one of our Library Assistants, has left us after five years because she and her husband have adopted a baby boy from Guatemala. Dylan Pfeil arrived at his new home in mid-March, and while we will miss Kim, we are all thrilled for them. Polly Pierce has joined us from the Goffstown Library, with many years of library experience, as well as her years in the Conval School District office.

GENEALOGY CLUB

Are you interested in tracing your roots? Don't know where to start? Have you already begun, but hit a brick wall? Did you know that genealogy is the fastest-growing and most popular hobby in the U.S. at the moment? The Library is starting a genealogy group for people interested in the subject, who want to get together and discuss and share information and techniques on who/what/where/when, and even more importantly *how*, with other amateur genealogists. Ethnic origins may differ, but the process is the same whether your ancestry is English, Irish, Russian, African-American or anything else.

Kathryn Chisholm, Library Director, is an amateur genealogist who is currently working toward certification as a professional. She has many years of experience

in researching her family tree(s), and is the Clan Genealogist for the Clan Chisholm Society, U.S. branch. The first meeting will be on Saturday, June 30 at 2:00 PM at the Library.

LIBRARY WEBSITE

Bitwizard Web Design of Antrim has been working on a website for the Library. We will be in cyberspace in the near future.

NEW BOOK DISPLAY UNIT

Many of you have noticed our new “New Book” display unit. We were able to purchase this through the generous contributions and pledges from the following: Rick Davis of Rick and Diane’s Restaurant; Frank and Jean Berry; Anne Hennessy of the Wool Room; Madeline Dusky of Christmas Tree Farm; Doug Aborn of the Rynborn Restaurant; Diane Chauncey of Chauncey Farm; Craig Grimes of Wayno’s; Ron Haggett; Bill Prokop; Paul and Laurie Hardwick of Appleshed Realty; Homicz, Perry and Weigand Family Dental Care; and Pam Bagloe of At Wit’s End. Many thanks for your donations and support.

CATCH THE SUN

Chris Baker-Salmon of Old Hancock Glass has created a lovely suncatcher to commemorate the Library. Two colors are available—a lovely amethyst or turquoise—and they are only \$8 each. The proceeds will benefit the Library’s building program.

NEW BOOKS: FICTION

Chris Bohjalian *Buffalo Soldier*; Jeffery Deaver *Sone Monkey*; Stephen King *Everything’s Eventual*; James Patterson *Second Chance*; Sharon Kay Penman *Time and Chance*; Anita Shreve *Sea Glass*; Donald Westlake *Pt a Lid on It*; Michael Palmer *Fatal*; Jack Higgins *Midnight Runner*.

MYSTERIES

Mary Higgins Clark *Daddy’s Little Girl* (also in large print); Elizabeth Peters *Golden One*; Michael Connelly *City of Bones*; Richard Stark (aka Donald Westlake) *Firebreak*; Stuart Woods *Short Forever*; Robert Barnard *Bones in the Attic*; Robert B. Parker *Widow’s Walk*; Rita Mae Brown *Catch as Cat Can*; Jeanne Dams *To Perish in Penzance*; Joanne Fluke *Blueberry Muffin Murder*; Anne Perry *Southampton Row*; J.D. Robb *Reunion in Death*; Aimee Thurlo *Changing Woman*. ♣

LYME DISEASE

“NOW I’M A BELIEVER”

By Dr. Tom Dowling
Great Brook Vet Clinic

Are you ever skeptical about things? In this “information age” we live in, it is easy to be that way. How can you separate fact from fiction, truth from lies? Confusion is a definite reality for many of us. Even professionals in the medical field can get befuddled by the avalanche of information falling down on us.

Epidemiologists, people who study disease trends in populations and geographical areas have been reporting an increase in Lyme Disease in our area. However, no obvious clinical cases have been presented to our clinic thus far.

We’ve known that the Lyme bacterium is carried by deer ticks, and that other ticks such as the American dog tick and the Brown dog tick (the tick is brown, not necessarily the dog!) can possibly carry and transmit the organism as well. We’ve known of the common clinical signs of Lyme Disease in dogs, typically high fevers with severe lameness, with the acute (rapid onset) form of the disease. Now we learn that dogs can have subclinical and chronic forms of Lyme Disease.

The latest technology for testing for Lyme in dogs employs an early screening test, and is done in our clinic in conjunction with the annual heartworm blood test. Our test results have shown that about 8-9% of the dogs which we have tested were positive for exposure to the Lyme bacterium!

This screen test is very valuable in helping with Lyme disease prevention. If a dog tests “positive” for Lyme and has no signs or symptoms yet, we can protect it with a Lyme vaccination program, as well as something that kills the disease carriers, like the Preventic collar available at veterinary hospitals.

The best remedy for those of us who are skeptics is solid proof. The best prevention for Lyme Disease is to vaccinate. Now I’m a believer! ♣

Foodie Alert *continued*

stores are actually planning to build, or whether they are posturing to discover whether one might back out. Taylor said he didn't know. This question—one or two new supermarkets—appears to be an important one for the smaller stores that already exist in Antrim and the west side of Hillsboro.

Manager of the attractively refurbished T-Bird in Antrim, Debbie Barr says she is not concerned about the new stores because her business is mostly local gas and convenience item customers. Aside from the attractive renovation and enlargement of the building to accommodate a Dunkin' Donut franchise, she says she has not made many changes in her operation. She has added several new products, including popular sandwiches made by the Common Place restaurant in Bennington, but with the addition of Dunkin' Donut she has lost "a great coffee business." But the Dunkin' Donut coffee is excellent, she says, and when she feels stressed out about how crowded the store is she treats herself to a cup of French Vanilla. All her employees are handling the new combined business "perfectly," including her two daughters who work closely with her in the store, Chyla and Adrienne.

Antrim's Wayno's is a town institution, and its owner Craig Grimes says he plans to keep it that way. But there will be some changes if any "big box stores" come to Hillsboro. Wayno's has already been altered by local events. Craig reports that his business increased both temporarily during the three months T-Bird was closed, and permanently as well. "Their customer base got used to us while they were closed, and now it is a win-win situation." Some of their customers still come to Wayno's, and Dunkin' Donuts is attracting new people to T-Bird. As for the Hillsboro supermarkets, Craig believes there is a "big if" whether one or two are built. If one large store comes in, he plans to maintain his current number of products but slowly concentrate on reducing prices by sticking to fewer brands of merchandise and ordering in bulk quantities from his current vendors. He is apprehensive that if both Shaws and Hannaford are opened they will compete with each other so ferociously that smaller stores in the region

will have difficulty surviving. Incidentally, Craig offers a product unique to food markets, new furniture. Before he bought the store from its original owner Wayno Olson, Craig worked with his family's business, Athol Table in Massachusetts, and he continues to carry their line.

I know Paul Dugan because he used to be the meat man at Wayno's, and we saw him on stage with the Antrim Players. Now he has opened Dugan's Quality Meats & Deli off Hillsboro's West Main Street, a specialized meat, seafood, and deli market in the building where the old Hillsboro Lumber Yard used to be. He prides himself on giving customers personal service and quality meats, never anything less than "Choice" or "Prime" grades. Customers can ask for whatever cut of meat or type of seafood they want and Paul and his crew will cut and package it to order. When asked about the impact of the big stores on his market, Paul said "I'm thrilled. I can't wait! If they bring a hundred new people a week to shop in town and four or five come into my store, it will be fine."

Possibly the store that will be most affected by any new supermarkets on the west side of Hillsboro is Cricenti's. I reached Bob Cricenti by phone at his New London store, and while he isn't ignoring the threat, he is optimistic. "We have talked with our employees and we are going to stay." I mentioned how impressed I have been with the helpfulness of the Cricenti workers, whether the check out people, the baggers, the deli team, the butchers, or the customer service folks. He said, "Yes, our people are friendly. We have to do better. We've tried hard to be the place where people in Hillsboro come for their weekly shopping, and this seems to be working." When asked about the consequences of the big new supermarkets down the street, Bob admitted, "I don't understand the economics of all this. I know we are about half the size of the smaller of the two proposed stores." He wonders how the region can possibly support two such huge operations. He says with the purchasing power of the three Cricenti stores, in Hillsboro, New London, and Bristol, "our prices are in line with theirs." He is confident that by continuing to offer friendly service and keeping his prices low, "We are going to be here!"

After my survey of the stores I rely on to fuel my foodie feasts, I am confident that these dedicated people are committed to dig their heels in to survive whatever challenges the big guys present. ♣

CADETTE TROOP 2706

By Sharon Dowling

The Girl Scouts in Troop 2706 have had an exciting Spring! In March we spent an overnight at the "Cadette Camp-In" at the Boston Museum of Science—a lot of fun and a great chance to learn, as well as an opportunity to be with 600 other Scouts from the New England area. The girls got to see several shows, including an awesome movie on caves in the OMNI theater; explore the museum exhibits on their own and at their own speed; and participate in science based workshops.

In April the Troop visited Harborside/Pheasantwood Nursing Home for the first of their Saturday community service projects. The Activities Director, Don, was able to give us a tour, orient the girls to the facility and basic protocols, and then turn them loose! Four hours later, after helping with Bingo, delivering mail, visiting with individual residents, serving ice cream and helping with Sensory activities in the Alzheimer wing, a very tired but gratified troop decided they were definitely returning in May and June.

The end of April also saw one more cookie booth sale—this one at Keene State College, where the girls hoped to find many hungry college students who did not already "have a freezerful of cookies"! Well, they did sell a lot of cookies, but not as many as they could have if the students had not been "broke" as well as hungry. The girls were very interested to note that college life does not look like "school" as they know it. A quick shopping trip to Colony Mill capped off a productive and fun day.

Several special events are planned for May, including a visit from a counselor from the Women's Crisis Center in Keene. Robin will be discussing "healthy vs Toxic relationships", as well as safety issues regarding dating and parties.

Hard to believe the year is winding down so quickly—it has been a great year with these Cadettes. Anyone wishing further information on the troop activities can call Sharon Dowling at 588-3459. ♣



GREAT BROOK SCHOOL NEWS

By Barbara Black



INTERDEPENDENT LIFE FORMS

Mrs. Bundy's fifth grade students spent three weeks in May at the Hancock Depot. They were engaged in studies and projects covering three broad areas: water, birds and Native Americans of the Abenaki Tribe.

Water study began at Great Brook with vernal pools. These ephemeral bodies of water are essential for the survival of certain specific species. In our area the spotted salamander, wood frog and fairy shrimp are the species that require vernal pools. The salamanders return to the pool of their birth to reproduce. Students made two trips, one in April and one in May, to a pool in McCabe Forest to make observations and collect data. The presence of wood frogs and spotted salamander eggs verified its status as a vernal pool.

On May eighth, students investigated a vernal pool near the Depot. Since then, groups of students have worked with Ms. Beth Frost, director of the Depot Project, testing the pH, dissolved oxygen and turbidity of the water in Bear Brook and Norway Pond. Students have recorded the number of macroinvertebrates found at each site. Students will examine their findings to compare the conditions in the three water habitats: vernal pool, stream and pond.

Since May is the peak month for bird activity, this stay at the Depot presented the perfect opportunity for students to sharpen their observation skills in the natural world. Bird identification is often detective work where one must use the process of elimination. Students incorporated what song or call they heard with the colors and behaviors they observed. The specific location and habitat of the sighting were also needed to determine the species of bird. Each student researched one species. The information will be incorporated into a bird guide for visitors to the Depot to use.

Another project was the research of the culture of the New Hampshire Abenaki tribe. Cecilia Clark, a local expert on the Abenaki, visited and taught the students about the Abenaki history and customs. One of the stories of Gluscabi, a trickster-

hero character in many Abenaki tales, captured the students' rapt attention. She challenged the fifth graders to see if they could determine where the local Abenaki trails were. Students enthusiastically followed streams to experience where these paths could have been. Under the leadership of Dick Hebert, physical education teacher at Great Brook, and Betsy DiPrima, educational assistant at the Depot, the students engaged in trust activities as they explored. Mr. Hebert and Mrs. DiPrima also taught the fifth graders lacrosse and archery, two sports with connections to Native American culture.

Each day the students spent silent time outdoors at a special spot that was theirs alone. They went with a specific observation to make or writing assignment to complete. During this time students focused on their senses and surroundings to observe closely and intently.

Throughout their time at the Depot, students revisited the importance of variety in Nature and the connections and interdependence of all life forms.

DIME-A-DIP

Once again, the Great Brook School Parent Advisory Council is sponsoring the ever popular annual Dime-A-Dip dinner. A low key fund-raiser for the Parent Advisory Council, no millions made here but lots of fun for everyone. There'll be entertainment—top secret at this time—and a chance to hob nob with your neighbors.

Here's how it works! Each family brings its own dishes and utensils **and a dish to share pot luck style**. Then eat as much as you want - it's just a dime-a-dip (large spoonful). Beverages will be available for purchase.

Bring the whole family June 5th at 6:30 PM to the Great Brook School Dime-a-Dip extravaganza.

A HEARTFELT THANKS FROM SHELLEY CUTTER AND FAMILY

It has been my great fortune to work in the ConVal School District for six years. I have always known it was a special place to work. Whenever I walk down the halls

of GBS, I can feel it in the air. During the past two weeks, I have come to really know just how truly lucky I am to be involved in such a wonderful school, community, and school district.

It almost feels beyond my capabilities to express how grateful and amazed we are for the outpouring of generosity, thoughts, and prayers sent our way after our recent house fire. We all have been deeply touched by your cards, donations, and concern. It has been so much more than the food and the donations, it's the true caring and compassion that has struck us the most. We feel very blessed to be surrounded by such wonderful people. Thank you for your incredible generosity.

(Editor's Note: Shelley Cutter is a 6th grade teacher at Great Brook School.)

BOOK SEARCH

Parents, do you need another reason to encourage your middle schooler to clean under his/her bed and hoe out those cluttered corners? The GBS library officially closed on June 1st. All books need to be returned IMMEDIATELY!

Great Brook School is converting to an automated catalog. Instead of going to the library to search through the card catalog, students will be able to use any computer in the school to search for sources. In addition, students will have access to books located in any library in the district, including the high school, via the web.

Before the the automation can take place, Librarian Jane Gnade will have to inventory the entire GBS library collection and physically check each book on the library shelves. Please help by encouraging a house-wide search for those forgotten library books.

Interested in summer reading lists for your children? Check out the following web sites: Education World at: <http://www.educationworld.com/acurr/curr244.shtml> or Learning Network at: <http://www.teachervision.com/lessonplans/lesson-6099.html> or American Library Association at: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awards.html>.

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FLAG DAY

By Mickey Tempone & Kyle Crafts
Great Brook Students

On June 14, we celebrate Flag Day. Flag Day marks the birthday of the first U.S. flag. Many of you may not know about Flag Day. Well, in a nutshell, it is the birth of our flag.

It all started on June 14, 1777. The Continental Congress proposed the United States have their own flag instead of the British one. The 13 stripes represented the 13 colonies, and the stars would represent the states. The first official Flag Day was celebrated in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1877

On August 3, 1949, President Harry S. Truman proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. The President proclaimed the commemoration yearly. He encouraged all U. S. citizens to display their love for the flag and hang it from their homes and businesses.

This year marks the 225 birthday of the "Stars and Stripes." People all around the USA will hang their flags with great pride, for on this day not only was a flag created, a nation was born. So when you put your hand over your heart, think of June 14, 1777 because that was the day the flag was made. ♣

SCHOOL OF COSMETOLOGY

Antrim now has a licensed, degree-granting school of cosmetology. It is called CK's Characteristics School of Cosmetology. "CK" stands for Cynthia Kettle, proprietor. The school is at 31 High Street.

Students work toward a School of Cosmetology diploma and tuition is \$650 which includes all supplies, books, student kit and lab coat needed for the course. Some scholarships are available.

Of immediate interest may be the very low prices offered for hair care needs (adult cuts are \$5, for example). Services are provided by students who have at least 200 hours of study and are monitored by a professional. "Your visit may be longer than at a usual hair salon" (from the school's brochure) because of frequent check points made by the instructor, but these are deemed necessary to achieve a quality result.

More information may be had by calling the school at 588-3518. ♣

TAE-KWANDO AT ANTRIM ELEMENTARY

Some 25 third graders at Antrim Elementary School were initiated into the first steps of the Korean Tae-Kwando martial art this past winter. Each day from 2:30 to 3:10 starting in February, the children were taught by Judith Parsons, a faculty member who is herself an advanced student of the art. The children, who were required to wear white uniforms, developed an intense enthusiasm for the process. According to Sharon Otterson, Elementary School Principal, the results were simply wonderful.

The school's theme for the year had been "Asia" with a focus on Korea, so the Tae-Kwando fit right in. Quoting Sharon Otterson: "Judith had the idea to offer Tae-Kwando lessons and just ran with it. I wish you could have seen the quiet and respect amongst the children during the classes. It was awesome; incredible."

As a result of the students' enthusiasm for this Asian discipline, Judith Parsons (with her husband Jeff Parsons) is offering classes through July at Antrim Town Hall, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 4-6:30 PM. Children pay \$35 a month and also must own the white uniforms. For information, phone Judith Parsons at 525-4153.

— Dick Winslow

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The Antrim Woman's Club is awarding two scholarships—one for \$300 and one for \$400. Applications are available at the Tuttle Library. They should be filled out and submitted by July 1, 2002 and will be awarded for the second semester. ♣

THE WELL-MADE BED

By Schatze Moore

The grass is high and needs to be cut. Today is a perfect day for outside chores. The mowing equipment had winter residence in the old horse stall and my husband went to pull the mowers out of the barn while I set to work on the flower beds.

"I found a nest," I heard him call. I looked up from the perennial bed I was clearing of winter's debris. He was walking toward me with an old feed bag in his hand. He had used it as a cover for one of the mowers and it had a kind of ballooned look to it. No nest inside the bag where my eyes had been eagerly searching. I had to stand to see what he had to show.

On top of the bag was a swirl of hay about 12 inches all around. Next was a sheeting of long auburn hairs from my old mare's winter coat. The nest itself was about the size of a tennis ball. It was spun of a downy gray fur. Interwoven with the mother's soft undercoat were different colored threads from old towels I keep in the barn. More of those long red hairs were draped across the top of the silvery gray fluff.

"Do we dare look inside," he asked. We decided we did. As with a curtained opening, he spread the veil—gently, we anticipated wee creatures nestled safe and snug inside. Empty! The little cavity was vacant except for small droppings we concluded were mouse.

Just as well to find the nest empty and the inhabitants gone about their business. We, too, had to turn ourselves back to our business and get the overgrown lawn mowed. ♣

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"The next time I catch you throwing money across the river, you can kiss your allowance good-bye!"

— George Washington's Mother

— ♣ —
"The vast majority of our imports come from outside the country."

— George W. Bush
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Entered the outer case they were in and left shrapnel right in the powder. I had to go down below and get that magazine full of 40mm and toss it out quietly. If it hit a percussion cap we all would have been blown out of the ship."

NARROW ESCAPES

Speaking of narrow escapes, Bob says that his ship didn't have any battles at sea with enemy ships but that they were cut in half by a tanker. "It was a Swedish tanker. Our fault. We ran without lights at night. There's a lot to that story too, (he was not aboard) because that morning they transferred me off the ship. They needed to send men for 30 days to the electric hydraulic school in Norfolk (VA). So I wasn't on the ship when it was cut in half. Forty of my buddies were lost." He adds that the destroyer was welded back together and he returned to it.

Another episode. Bob describes going swimming in the Bay of Iran. "A German submarine got left in the harbor. Anyway, we had a swimming party, that's how secure we felt. But this submarine fired on and sank 5 ships. We lost a battleship. We stayed in the water overnight and the sub sunk some ships again the next day. We didn't lose anybody or get hit. Too busy swimming, I guess." He adds that he'd read that the skipper of that German sub got an Iron Cross.

The interview concludes as Bob comments "As I say, I spent 6 years (in the navy). The biggest sight of the whole time was waking up one morning and there were ships as far as you could see. This was the invasion of Normandy. We had to take out a shore battery. They hit us with a shell—killed three guys in the aft. Came back to the States after that. We had so much damage." ♣

**NORTHERN LIGHTS
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SUMMER CLASSES

Modern dance classes will be offered by Northern Lights staff this summer on Wednesdays for two age groups: ages 9–11 from 6:30-7:30 PM and ages 12 through adult from 7:30-8:30 PM. Class schedule is as follows: July 10, 17, 24, and 31. Cost is \$25. Call Renee Blinn at 588-6136 for more information or to register. The dance classes are open to anyone interested in strengthening, stretching, and simply having fun moving to music!

Classes will be taught by Mandy Brightman, former Northern Lights dancer and current assistant teacher and choreographer for the Northern Lights modern dance performing groups which operate throughout the school season.

Northern Lights is also seeking new dancers for its Apprentice group, ages 10-13. Apprentices will rehearse every Monday after school at the Antrim Town Hall, and will be included in major Northern Lights performances throughout the year. All Northern Lights members must also take at least one technique class during the week at The Moving Company Dance Center in Keene. Apprentices should have some prior experience in dance or a related movement discipline. For more information or to discuss the program, please call director Renee Blinn at 588-6136. ♣

THE GRAPEVINE

By Kristen Vance, Director

The Grapevine is moving ahead with plans for Summer at The Grapevine as we wait to hear when the renovation of our home, The Aiken Street Barn, will begin. Over the past several months our staff has visited several local sites which have been offered as temporary homes for our programs and services, and the final decision will be made when the construction start date is known.

The Grapevine "school year" will come to a close on June 20. Summer programs begin July 1 and run through August 9, with the following weekly schedule:

- Mondays 9:30–11:30 AM *Better Beginnings* playgroup (toddlers to age 4)
- Tuesdays 9:30–11:30 AM *Better Beginnings* playgroup (toddlers to age 4)
- Wednesdays NOON–2:00 PM *Better Beginnings* baby group
- Thursdays 10:00 AM–NOON *Story Time* and open play room (toddlers to age 5). The first hour of this new Grapevine program will begin with story time, followed by crafts, activities and games designed to bring the stories to life. When story time is over, parents and children are invited to stay and play in our well-equipped play room and outdoor play yard.

Although the above programs are geared for the age group indicated, older siblings are welcome to attend and enjoy activities for school-age children.

SUMMER CREATIVE SERIES

The Grapevine Summer Creative Series for Families presents Barbara Damron of Queen Bee Puppetry on Wednesday, July 10 at 3:00 PM. Barbara brings beautifully handcrafted puppets and scenery, and delights her young audiences with African folk tales, stories that stretch the imagination, and her famous Story Apron.

The Grapevine welcomes back singer/song-writer Kathy Lowe on Wednesday, July 24 at 3:00 PM. Kathy perform original and traditional children's music, blending rhythm and sing-a-longs while engaging children in an exploration of sound and

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movement. Kathy, who is from a family of musicians, has led children's music groups in New Hampshire for many years.

The Grapevine 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.

BABY-SITTING AND CPR COURSE

The Grapevine, in conjunction with Great Brook Middle School will be offering a baby-sitting, infant and child CPR course by the American Red Cross for children ages 11 to 15 on July 9 through July 12, 2:00–4:30 PM at the Grapevine. Fee is \$50. Registration is July 1.

Students who complete the 4-day course and pass a CPR test will be awarded certification by the Red Cross. The class is limited to 12 students. Financial aid is available. Call The Grapevine or talk to Mrs. Blair at Great Brook for more information.

Students intending to take the course who wish to be considered for a childcare internship at The Grapevine this summer may call Trish Murphy, M.Ed., our early childhood educator, at 588-2620.

3RD ANNUAL AUCTION

Don't miss the Third Annual Grapevine Benefit Auction on Thursday, July 4, from NOON to 2:00 PM at Touchwood Square. Featured items on the auction block include a new kayak, a hot air balloon ride for two, outdoor gear from EMS, original works by local artists, a Bedtime Story by Kathy Stacey, and much more. Paul Dugan of Antrim Players fame will once again summon his theatrical talents to auctioneer this year's event, which promises to be entertaining and fun for the whole family. Free children's activities will be offered in an adjacent tent, and hot dogs, chips, drinks, snow cones, cookies and more will be on sale.

The Grapevine will gladly accept donations of antiques, art, crafts, gift certificates, services, events tickets, and other desirable items right up to auction time (but donate earlier if you can). Call Carolyn at The Grapevine at 588-2620 to make a tax deductible donation. All proceeds will benefit our programs for children and families.

LEARNING VINE FALL REGISTRATION.

This fall, *The Learning Vine* will enter its third year with teacher Carol Lunan, M.Ed. At this writing, there is space for 4 children in this kindergarten-readiness program for children 3 ½ to 5 years old. *The Learning Vine*, a parent-initiated, parent-cooperative early childhood program, offers young children hands-on classroom learning and adventures into the community. *The Learning Vine* meets Wednesdays and Fridays from 9–11:30 AM, and follows the Conval calendar. Call Charlotte at The Grapevine for more information.

SERVICES AT THE GRAPEVINE.

Information & Referral: Information about area resources for financial assistance, food, childcare, legal assistance, clothing, health and dental care, and other needs.

Wood Bank: Free firewood for families and individuals who use wood to heat their homes and cannot afford to buy firewood.

Heating Fuel & Electric Assistance for eligible families, provided by Southern NH Services from October through March.

Child & Family Counseling provided by Monadnock Family Services by appointment Monday, Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday. Sliding scale fee.

Support and Resources for families with children with developmental delays or disabilities, ADD & ADHD, and chronic illness, offered by Monadnock developmental Services. By appointment.

Family Conflict Resolution offered by Milford Area Mediation Services by appoint. Free.

Help for Women experiencing domestic abuse offered by 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 east of the Tuttle Library (follow the library driveway to our parking lot). We welcome visits.

ABOUT OUR FUNDING.

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization funded by grants and charitable contributions. Our largest annual contributors are Hillsborough County Incentive Funds and Monadnock Paper Mills, \$15,000 and \$10,000 respectively. We receive smaller-but-critical contributions from several other supporters. The Grapevine relies on local support—including contributions from the Mill, other businesses, and the people of Antrim and nearby towns, as well as revenues from The Grapevine Annual Benefit Auction—for about 50% of our \$100,000 annual operating budget.

A portion of our local support comes from program fees, which are based on a sliding scale. In this way, families help to cover the cost of the programs to the extent they are able, and no family is excluded due to the inability to pay.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the people who responded to our March LIMRIK article by making charitable contributions to The Grapevine, including Ben Pratt, Norma Bryer and Wayno Olson, who each contributed \$1000.

Other Grapevine supporters include the NH Children's Trust Fund, Monadnock Community Hospital, BridgeBuilders Foundation, Ronald McDonald House Charities, The Robin Colson Memorial Foundation, NH Ball Bearing, New England Presbytery, The Bishop's Summer Fund of the Manchester Diocese, Granite Bank, NH Division of Alcohol Prevention and Recovery, the First Presbyterian Church of Antrim, Antrim Baptist Church, SDE, Hillsboro Ford, and the Town of Bennington. Many other community members and businesses donate time, talents, and supplies.

Contributions to The Grapevine are tax deductible, and can be mailed to PO Box 637, Antrim, NH 03440. Thank you for supporting our families and our community. ♣

* ANTRIM IN THE EVENING 2002

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

All shows are at 6:00 pm unless otherwise stated.

- June 26 **RANI ARBO and DAISY MAYHEM**
Strawberry Shortcake Festival
Served by the Antrim Historical Society
- July 4 **COFFEE and DONUTS • 9 AM**
SOAP BOX DERBY RACERS ON DISPLAY • 10 AM
SOAP BOX DERBY • 11 AM
GRAPEVINE AUCTION • 12–2 PM
WATER GAMES at Gregg Lake Beach • 1–3 PM
IVY LEVYNE and CHUM Concert • 5 PM
- July 10 **JAZZ INSIGHT** Jazz Quintet featuring Laura Pierce (vocals)
and Michael Kolodny (Saxophone)
- July 17 **CAROLYN PARROTT** Stories and Songs for Children and Families
- July 24 **CLUB SODA** Dance Night in Antrim—wear your dancing shoes!
Ice Cream Social
- July 31 **BECKY MERCIER** Songs and fun for kids.
- Aug 7 **THE ONE NIGHT STAND BAND**
Good Time Rock and Roll from a group of Antrim Musicians
- Aug 14 **39th ARMY BAND • 7:30 PM**
- Aug 21 **TRICKSTER FOX** Trickster is back with more fun and laughs for
all ages. (Learn juggling and balloon sculpting from Trickster—time TBA)
- Sept 1 **“BLUES and BAR BQ” • 5 PM** (Rain date Monday Sept 2)
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JUNE

- 3 GBS • Parent Orientation for Incoming 5th Graders
- 4 GBS • 5th Grade Fly-Up Day
- 5 Early Release Day • GBS Dismissal at 11:30 AM
- 5 Great Brook School • Dime-a-Dip Dinner • 6:30 PM
- 9 Gregg Lake Beach Cleanup • 1-5 PM
- 12 GBS Student of the Year Overnight at Ossipee
- 18 GBS 8th Grade Graduation • 7 PM
- 19 Last Day of School • GBS Dismissal • 11:30 AM
- 22 Tuttle Library • Poets Tea • 10 AM
- 24-28 Toddler Swim Lessons • Gregg Lake
- 30 Genealogy Club • Tuttle Library • 2 PM

JULY

- 1 Antrim Woman's Club Scholarship Deadline
- 2 REC DEPT Youth Bus Trip to Franconia Notch State Park
- 8-13 REC DEPT Morning Camp • 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
- 8-19 Swim Lessons Levels 1-5 • Gregg Lake • 1-6 PM
- 9-12 The Grapevine • CPR Course with the Red Cross • 2-4:30 PM
- 10 The Grapevine • Queen Bee Puppetry • 3 PM
- 15-19 Vacation Bible School • Antrim Baptist Church
- 22-26 REC DEPT Gymnastics Camp • 10-11:30 AM
- 23 REC DEPT Youth Bus Trip to Odiorne State Park and Wallis Sands

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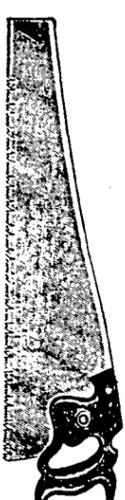
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JULY

- 24 The Grapevine • Kathy Lowe singer/song writer) • 3 PM
- 26 REC DEPT Guard Start Swim Program • Gregg Lake • 4:30-6 PM
- 29-Aug 2 REC DEPT Theatre Camp • 1-3 PM (Aug 2 4-8 PM)
- 29-Aug 9 Swim Lessons • Gregg Lake • 9:30 am-12:30 PM
- 31 Tuttle Library Story Hour at the Beach • 10 AM

AUGUST

- 2 REC DEPT Guard Start Swim Program • Gregg Lake • 4:30-6 PM
- 5-9 REC DEPT Soccer Camp • 9:30-11:30 AM
- 7 Tuttle Library Story Hour at the Beach • 10 AM
- 8 LIMRIK News Deadline
- 9 REC DEPT Guard Start Swim Program • Gregg Lake • 4:30-6 PM
- 12-15 REC DEPT Basketball Morning Camp
- 12-16 REC DEPT Builders Camp • 1-3 PM (Aug 16 First Lego League 7-8 PM)
- 16 HISTORICAL SOCIETY Meeting • Antrim Grange • 7 PM
- 16 REC DEPT Guard Start Swim Program • Gregg Lake • 4:30-6 PM
- 19-23 REC DEPT Basketball All Day Camp
- 20 REC DEPT Family Bus Trip to Canobie Lake
- 26-30 REC DEPT Evening Soccer Camp • 5-7 PM

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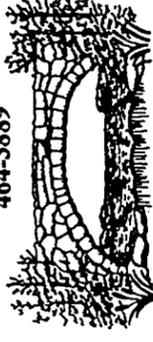
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