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ARCHAEOLOGY IN ANTRIM

LOCATING NATIVE AMERICAN SITES

Archaeologists are working in Antrim to learn about Native American peoples of the Monadnock Region. Dr. Robert Goodby, an archaeology professor at Franklin Pierce College, is leading a research project to locate, excavate and understand Native American archaeological sites in this region. The project focuses on the river courses to study human settlement from 12,000 to 300 years ago. Archaeology students and Dr. Goodby conducted a field school along the banks of the Ashuelot and Contoocook Rivers. Antrim archaeologist, Martha Pinello, joined up with the team as a field assistant. Dr. Goodby and she had worked together years ago at an excavation along the Merrimack River in Manchester.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

We have made great strides in developing and implementing many of the plans and programs that we wanted to accomplish in 2002. We have adopted a new Personnel Policy and Wage and Salary system for all Town employees. We also received notification that our "Downtown Sidewalk Improvement" grant request was approved by the Governor's Council with plans for construction to take place in 2004-2005. We received Federal and State clearance for taking down the Aiken

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Labor Day

Gosh, how the summer has fled!
(About *that* there is this to be said:

The mosquitoes have gone,
We don't work on the lawn—

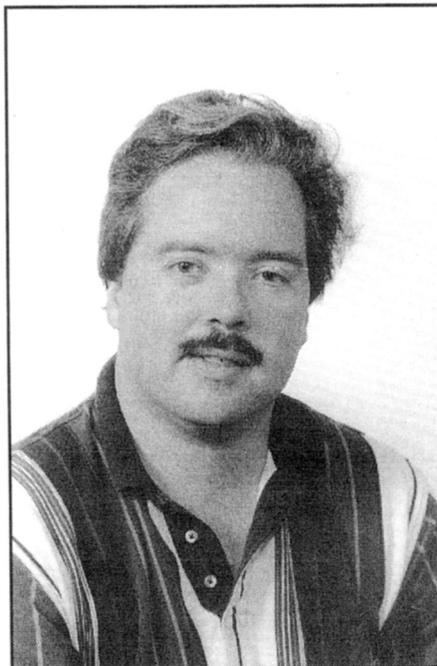
And there's geese honking south overhead.)

DAVID ESSEX

POINT MAN FOR THE SELECTMEN

David Essex will serve as "point man" representing our selectmen on issues relating to the Aiken House demolition scheduled for this fall. These issues include demolition regulatory rules, the impact on next-door Tuttle Library and the Aiken Barn, and the use of the Aiken House land once the building is gone.

David comes to this role with long experience in Antrim affairs. Not only was he a member of the Planning Board for 10 years but also he has contributed vigorously to Antrim's award-winning enhancement of Main Street. (The Office of State Planning recently gave Antrim an Award of Merit for this), It was David who, to quote Lloyd Henderson, "took on the responsibility of unraveling the federal and state regulatory processes" leading to a large federal grant for sidewalk reconstruction scheduled for preliminary engineering in 2004, with construction in 2005.



DAVID ESSEX

TOWN PROPERTY REASSESSMENT

PROGRAM UPDATE

We are very close to finalizing all of the details on the Town-wide property reassessment program. The consultants that we hired, Earl's & Associates, expect to have all their work done by the end of this month.

The reassessment is part of a program mandated by the state, and is being done in every NH town and city. The basic purpose is to insure that all property is assessed at "fair market value" and is updated every five (5) years. Since our last revaluation was done almost ten years ago, we expect to see a major increase in the value of all property Town-wide.

The Selectmen have been very involved in the entire process. We have met with the consultants and our state monitor from the Department of Revenue Administration on several occasions to be sure that there is complete agreement on the final report.

We will be sending a booklet to all property owners in early September. This will list all the properties in Town and you will be able to look up your valuation and compare it to those that you feel are similar to your own. You will have the opportunity to have an informal meeting with the assessors if you have any questions on the "fair market value" of your property or any other questions. You will be given a telephone number to call and a time for your meeting will be scheduled. All of the meetings will take place at Town Hall.

If you, as a property owner, are not satisfied with the results of your informal meeting with the assessors and you feel that you are being unfairly assessed, *after* you receive your new tax bill you may file an appeal in the form of an abatement request, in writing to the Board of Select-

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The Selectmen *continued*

House—this is now scheduled for the fall, and we have accepted a bid for the renovation of the Aiken Street Barn—this is also scheduled to begin in the fall. We have accepted delivery of our new police cruiser and the new highway department dump truck. In addition, Antrim received a state award for its community efforts in the improvement of its downtown. Several new programs have been started at the A.R.T.S. center, such as a new paper-recycling program, and we will soon be installing a baler for the cans and plastic bottles.

We greatly appreciate the strong support and encouragement that we receive from the people of Antrim and from our outstanding staff. The town staff, in all departments, continues to provide top-notch service for us. We are always very appreciative of all their efforts. We are fortunate to have many long-term employees who know and understand the needs of our Town.

Mr. Bill Lang, the Boss at our A.R.T.S. center, submitted a letter to the Board of Selectmen advising us of his desire to retire as of 12/31/02. The Board has accepted his letter. We have thanked Bill for his years of service and the excellent job he has done in managing the A.R.T.S. center for all these years. We do, however, understand his desire to retire and enjoy more time doing things that he and his wife enjoy. We know that Bill will be hard to replace, but we have asked the Solid Waste Committee to draw up a new job description for the position that will cover our needs for the future. We will begin our search for a replacement in the early fall. This will enable the new person to have some time working with Bill to learn the operation.

Overall, the Town has made great strides in developing and implementing many of the plans and programs that were approved at our last Town meeting and our overall financial condition is in good shape through the first half of the year.

We wish to once again express our “thanks” to the many volunteers who serve so generously on our boards, committees, and other activities. This is especially true of David Essex, who has been a totally committed volunteer, to see through all the requirements of the sidewalk project and finalization of the Aiken House project. We always welcome your comments and questions. We look forward to continuing to serve the needs of Antrim.

—Bill Prokop for the Selectmen

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

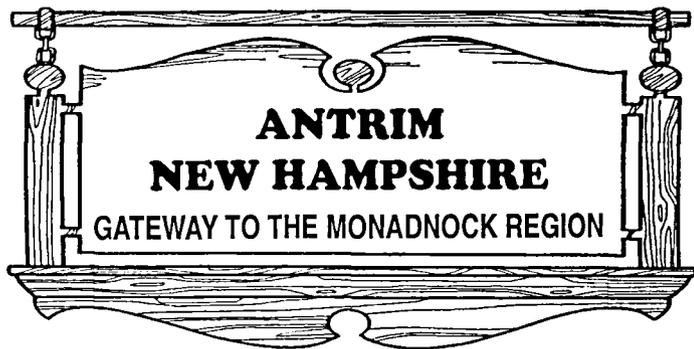
GATEWAY TO THE MONADNOCK REGION?

As I was driving back to Antrim from my job in Concord the day that the new Hillsboro bypass opened, I was struck by the exit sign that read: "Antrim-Peterborough Exit 1 Mile". Wow, we've really made our mark now! And as I swung around that Indy-like ramp that emptied me out at the intersection by McDonald's and Rite Aid, I felt like I was really entering the Contoocook Valley and the last-leg toward home.

Proceeding on 202, with Hedge Hog Hills and fertile fields on my left, and the Gibson-Riley Mountain range on my right, it occurred to me that I was entering a different world from that between Concord and Hillsboro. I was entering the "Monadnock Region", a most beautiful, special place to us all.

And so, I'd like to propose that Antrim adopt it's own motto. Why not put on our town border signs "Antrim, New Hampshire-Gateway to the Monadnock Region" and let visitors and locals alike know they have come into a very special part of this great state.

— Peter Moore



Property Reassessment *continued*

men. Forms for this will be available at the Town Hall. If you are dissatisfied with the Selectmen's decision you may appeal to the State or Superior Court.

We urge all property owners to remember that the assessment is bringing your property to "fair market value". The property tax impact cannot be determined at this time. The actual property tax rate can only be determined after everything is reviewed by the State Department of Revenue Administration. A new tax rate will be established in October.

At this time we are *estimating* that if your assessed value has increased 40%, your 2002 tax bill will be about the same as 2001. If your assessment increased more than 40%, your tax bill will be higher, if under 40%, the tax bill will be lower. *Please understand the above figures are for estimating purposes only.*

We feel that this process in the long term will be good for the Town. It will, over the next few years, put the towns in the Conval School District on a comparable level and will insure that our tax burden is properly allocated to all the properties in town regardless of value. Thank you for your understanding and for your continued support and encouragement.

—Bill Prokop for the Selectmen

ANTRIM WOODS PROJECT

By Peter Moore
Antrim Conservation Commission

At the March Town Meeting, \$40,000 was appropriated toward the purchase of 58 acre Antrim Woods, situated close to downtown. The Conservation Commission has been actively seeking additional funding.

The project has already received \$15,000 from the Hurlin Environmental Fund and \$5,000 from the Gilbert Verney Foundation. Application has been submitted for a "challenge" grant from the McCabe Environmental Fund for an additional \$15,000 with the condition that we raise another \$10,000 from local citizens and organizations. If we are fortunate enough to receive it, our in-town fund-raising effort will become evident and we hope you will support it.

And finally, in the grant-realm, the commission will again seek money from the Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), Round 3, which opens the first week of September and is awarded mid-October. As some will remember, we were unsuccessful in getting the \$75,000 LCHIP Grant in Round 2 last year, but this time we will be seeking a lesser amount, \$55,000-\$60,000, and because we now have more matching resources and more momentum our chances will be better.

The conservation commission has assembled a talented ensemble of Antrim residents to help guide this project. Along with members of the conservation committee, the Antrim Woods Planning Group will consist of Karen Bennett, Barbara Black, Josh Brown, Melissa & Andy Chapman, Joyce Davison, Jay Hennessy, Maria Isoti, Andras Lazar, Donna Lyons, Barbara Murray, Craig Oshkello, Nathan Schaefer, and Dave Thompson. If you are interested in getting involved in some way, please contact me.

Our hopes are that we can wrap the acquisition phase of the Antrim Woods project by the end of this year; certainly the land owner would like to complete the transaction. If we are successful in receiving the above mentioned grants, we will still need to raise between \$18,000-\$23,000.

For more information, location maps, logo contest results, and photographs of the Antrim Woods please visit our website at: www.AntrimWoods.org. Tax-deductible contributions can be mailed to: Antrim Woods Project, c/o Antrim Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 517, Antrim, NH 03440. Thank you for your interest. ♣

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INTERVIEW WITH JENNIE McINNIS

FROM STUDENT REPORTER
TO STAGE MANAGER

By Isabel B. Nichols

You may be familiar with Jennie's smiling face as seen behind the counter at the T-Bird, or you may remember her from her summers as a lifeguard at Gregg Lake; in her twenty years she has made herself visible in a variety of ways, in Antrim and beyond.

While a student at Conval High School Jennie was involved in a writing project that led her to become a LIMRIK reporter for a short time, interviewing other students and covering class trips. This experience led her to her student job at Denison University, in the public affairs department, where she writes press releases.

When asked what led her to choose Denison in Granville, Ohio, Jennie responded: "I wanted to get out of New England, and I didn't want to go to a really large college." Denison has 2000 full-time students, offering 39 majors. A two-day visit to the campus convinced Jennie that it was the place for her.

She eventually decided on a theatre major, with a minor in communications. Her interest in acting began in elementary school when she made a stellar debut as the intractable "Lucy" in a play based on the "Peanuts" comic strip. This was followed by other starring roles until she entered Conval High, where the competition was stiffer. Her participation in such plays as "Our Town" and "Once Upon a Mattress" was mostly in the chorus or small parts, although "Wiley and the Hairy Man" took the Conval cast as far as the New England Drama Festival in competition, no doubt a broadening experience.

The most persuasive experience Jennie had as a high school Thespian, in regard to making a career choice, was as a member of the Improv Team with Kathy Manfre, a professional actress. Here she not only learned how to project her own personality when on the stage, but how to use theatre games, an important tool in children's theatre.

Jennie first performed with the Antrim Players as a sixth-grader in Dick Winslow's "Alice" as one of the children's chorus, and in three years she had advanced to a very adult role, that of a seductive maid in "Out of Sight, Out of Murder". She has since been seen in two musical revues, in one of which she lost her shorts backstage, and had to sing from the wings. These things happen and we cope: that's part of the fun of community theatre.

At Denison Jennie has become involved in the production of plays, rather than acting in them, and has advanced from stage crew and dresser to the important and demanding role of stage manager. She has taken part in the production of such prestigious plays as "The Tempest", A.R. Gurney's "The Dining Room", and "Everyman", a classic morality play. Her most recent job was that of stage manager for "Perdita Gracia", written by playwright-in-residence Caridad Svich, and based loosely on Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale". In addition to the backstage work Jennie found herself acting as communicator between the playwright and the director and other staff members. When asked about her qualifications as stage manager, Jennie thoughtfully replied, "I'm organized. Sometimes," she added with a giggle. "I like to follow through on a job myself and know that it's done right. I'm not good at delegating."

Her long-range plans after college include working with a traveling company, and eventually settling in a city like theatre-rich Minneapolis. "Not New York," she says, "too big." Children's theatre is also a possibility; she has helped Bill Harris with his Antrim Players Children's Theatre productions calling herself an "enforcer of rules". At Denison she volunteers in an after-school community program for lower-income kids, teaching theatre games and basic skills.

Jennie has already had the experience of working in three levels of theatre: high school, community and college. "This combination has helped me to understand the politics of theatre," she says. Next step: the professional world. No doubt Jennie will be ready for it. ♣

"They Even Picked up the Grapefruit Tree"

On the afternoon of August 2nd, thunder and lightning were so fierce that Kristen Vance, at home on Smith Road with her 3-year-old son Jack, was alarmed. She unplugged the computer and TV set. Then—BAM! The whole house shook, a living room table seemed to explode as it toppled over and so many things fell from shelves and window sills that Kristen feared an earthquake was in cahoots with the thunderstorm.

A suspicious hot smell drifted up from the basement. So Kristen rushed young Jack out through the pouring rain to place him safely inside the family car, then phoned the Antrim Fire Department.

Within five minutes the fire truck and support vehicles appeared (thrilling Jack!) and the firemen quickly established what had happened:

Lightning had struck the artesian well in the yard, destroyed the submersible pump, then travelled through the system into the house's basement where it blew the top of the water storage tank off and upwards with such force that when it hit the ceiling things went nuts in the living room above.

All's well that ends well. There was no fire and damage was largely restricted to the water supply system.

Kristen is most grateful to the Antrim Fire Department both for its super-quick response to her call and for its overall helpfulness. "They even picked up the grapefruit tree in the front yard," she said. For the lightning had shaken not only the house but also the earth around it.

POSTSCRIPT: Sam Harding wonders how exactly, lightning blew up the water storage tank. A phone conversation went like this...

Reporter: Sam, what actually happened?

Sam: Remember, I wasn't there. I'm only working with what I've heard. But I believe the lightning hit the well, then ran into the cellar and fused the pressure switch on the water tank. The pump therefore had nothing to shut it off, so it just kept pumping, building up pressure in the tank until it blew apart.

Reporter: I thought the lightning had already blown out the submersible pump.

Sam: Whoops! There goes my theory. ♣

THE ANTRIM PLAYERS **Annie Get Your Gun**

Review by Sherry Phinney

Annie learns that "You Can't Get a Man with a Gun" and the Antrim Players demonstrated, once again that "There's No Business Like Show Business" in their recent production of Irving Berlin's *Annie Get Your Gun*. During the course of the show, the audience was treated to the combination of talent, energy, and fun that we have learned to expect from this long-standing community theater. The show also marks a return to what was, for many years, the traditional summer musical involving as many children as possible in addition to the adult actors. The show was a great success, and the staging is made more effective by the recently refurbished stage, a part of the massive Town Hall renovation project.

At the show opening, Colonel Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show begins its standard touring procedure of challenging the best marksman in town to a contest with its star, Frank Butler. Local proprietor Foster Wilson is not thrilled with the potential trouble and damages from having a traveling company descend on his hotel, but he is pulled into the fray when he backs Annie Oakley, a naïve sharpshooter, against Butler. The rest of the show follows the ups and downs of the competition, and growing love, between Annie and Frank. A huge part of the appeal of this production came from two newcomers to the Antrim Players: winsome Christina Hamilton who plays Annie with style and sparkling personality, and Jon Roth, whose wonderful voice and million-dollar smile made Frank Butler irresistible.

Stalwart members of the Players provided the backbone of the company and of this production. Dean Proctor gave a strong acting, as well as singing, performance as Charlie Davenport, manager of the Wild West Show, and Sheila Haley was hilarious as Butler's assistant, Dolly Tate. Tom Dowling continued to demonstrate how smoothly he sings and acts, and his blustering Buffalo Bill was a great match-up with his fierce competitor, Pawnee Bill, played by the upbeat Andy Paul. Betsy Olson, Jane Winslow and Dan Holmes were Indians of the Wild West, and they were especially amusing in the tongue-in-



The Fourth of July, 1976, Antrim

By Betty Winslow

The American flag has surely never been more beautifully displayed and honored than it was on this evening, hanging amidst the trees across Gregg Lake and reflecting into the water. As it began to get dark and we were waiting for the fireworks, the flag was still there, softly lit in the trees and in the water.

This, along with the hills and half moon, was the background for the most glorious surge and fall of fireworks that I have ever seen. A thousand stars fell to their reflection in the water; with each explosion you heard the echo from the hills on either side; and then came the opening up of reds, blues, greens, whites, forming a great circle that filled the sky between one hill and the other.

I have never been particularly moved before by fireworks, and that is why I want to write about this occasion. The whole evening was beautifully planned with a

cheek Death Defying Indian Rattlesnake Dance. The Indian cast became even funnier with a powerful performance by newcomer, Chester D. Heinzman, Jr. as Chief Sitting Bull. And one of the most amazing newcomers was Jan Perrett with her stunning rope-twirling tricks. She had performed in small rodeos, and was part of the Will Rogers Follies at Mt. Wachusett, and she stole the show. It was also great to see talented children like Gabe Sawich, Emily Sawich, Jon Nichols, Elizabeth Grisafi, Emily Fernandes, and Drew Young on stage.

Irving Berlin's score is a treat, and it's astonishing to realize how many old chestnuts were newly created in this show. It's hard not to hum along with *The Girl that I Marry*, *You Can't Get a Man with a Gun*, *They say Falling in Love is Wonderful*, *I Got the Sun in the Morning and the Moon at Night*, *Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better*, and of course *There's No Business Like Show Business*. The company did a great job with all of these numbers, showing energy and talent. One of the best musical numbers was the *Moonshine Lullaby* sung by Annie to her younger sib-

The N.H. Sunday News recently ran a N.H. Lakes contest with weekly winners. This essay was such a winner. It had been submitted by Izi Nichols with the following note:

This is a tribute to Gregg Lake in Antrim, written by Betty Winslow at the time of the national bicentennial celebration. Betty Winslow has been a victim of Alzheimer's disease for more than 15 years and is no longer able to communicate verbally. Should you choose to print this tribute as a contest entry, it would be a meaningful reminder to her family and friends of how thoughtful she once was.

chicken barbecue, a background of rock music, and Boy Scouts singing across the lake. It was a small town celebration, no mobs of people, and the atmosphere was one of community and friendliness.

It was a real tribute to our country, and I hope it will happen again.

lings, and then joined by a male ensemble. The harmonies and tempo seem anachronistic to the late 1800's, but are a perfect example of the quality of music created in the mid-twentieth century. Millie Vigneault returned, doing wonderfully as pianist, and Tom Holmes did a great job as drum accompanist.

With this performance, Bill Nichols cemented his excellence as a Director, and added Musical Direction to this. He is from the stalwart Antrim Players line of Butterfields and Nicholsons, and he may be the strongest talent of the family. He had ably pulled together a large cast, 22 musical numbers and many technical challenges into a cohesive and charming show. Bruce Dodge's many set designs and Kim Proctor's complicated and effective costuming contribute greatly to the overall quality of this fine production.

According to the late Dot Proctor, the Antrim Players' first production was a Red Cross fund raiser in 1918. The Players have been wonderfully contributive to Antrim ever since.

—Editor

THE SPIRIT OF ANTRIM: IS THERE A THERE THERE?

By Lyman Gilmore

Several weeks ago our *LIMRIK* editor Dick Winslow called and asked what I thought the spirit of Antrim is. Right away I knew he was trying to lure me into writing an article for our next issue. He wondered, where is Antrim's spirit to be found, in its churches, perhaps along Main Street, its hills and ponds, maybe its excellent schools, the Tuttle Library? That is, when you come to some towns you find them ordinary and faceless, there is nothing there. Yet others possess so unique a spirit that when you arrive instantly you know you are there. Then Dick quoted the poet Gertrude Stein who said about Oakland, California, "There is no there there." He asked me, "Is there a *there* here in Antrim?"

Well, that sounded impossibly abstract to me, and my immediate reaction—although I didn't mention it at the time—was that I didn't want to go there. But his question nagged me over the next few days, and I got to thinking about what makes the spirit of a town. Two books helped me, one published in 1835, and the other two years ago.

The earlier book asserts that New Englanders engage in cooperative community activities, volunteering their time and effort for the enhancement of the town and its inhabitants. Alexis De Tocqueville was a young French aristocrat who visited our new country in 1831, just fifty-five years after the American Revolution, and wrote an extraordinary book about what he saw here, *Democracy In America*. (There is no record that he came through Antrim, but according to *A Stroll Through Antrim*, if he had he might have witnessed our early industrialists like the Abbotts whose "interests were another mainstay in Clinton, having manufactured a range of products from coffins to cradles" or Benjamin Sargent who in 1796 "started a carding and fulling mill on Great Brook.")

What caught my eye in Tocqueville's book were his observations about the cooperative, participatory spirit in New England towns:

In America, not only do municipal bodies exist, but they are kept alive and supported by town spirit. The township of New England possesses two advantages, which strongly

excite the interest of mankind,...namely, independence and authority. ...The New Englander is attached to his township, not so much because he was born in it, but because it is a free and strong community, of which he is a member, and which deserves the care spent in managing it....The native of New England is attached to his township because it is independent and free: this cooperation in its affairs insures his attachment to its interest; the well-being it affords him secures his affection; and its welfare is the aim of his ambition and of his future exertions. He takes a part in every occurrence in the place; he practices the art of government in the small sphere within his reach...

(pp. 59-61)

Is Antrim an example of the towns Tocqueville observed whose spirit is characterized by its citizens' civic engagement, participation in community affairs, and willingness to volunteer?

My first reaction is that Antrim is very much like the engaged towns that Tocqueville wrote about. Ever since we moved here in 1964 I have been impressed with the way people participate in the community, working together to help one another and the town, far more than in the other places I've lived. I cannot cite all the examples I have noticed, but a few come to mind. (Please forgive me if I leave you out.) The volunteers of the Fire Department and the Rescue Squad have to head the list. Then there are the 4H and the Grange supported by the Beth and Arthur Merrills among others, the "Over The Hill Gang" who constructed the Gazebo and Mill Pond Park, including Carter Procter, Pat Webber, Bruce Cuddihy, and Bob Allison, the volunteer drivers of Rural Rides coordinated by Ed Rowehl, the Main Street Centennial under with leadership of Sara Edwards, the Recreation Committee led by Sam Harding, Jonas Taub's wonderful Antrim In The Evening summer music programs, the Antrim Players currently directed by Bill Nichols, the many folks who came out to help when the terrible fire destroyed Edmunds and the old Firehouse, the Parent Teachers Organizations at GBS and AES, the Girl Scouts which is growing and includes Antrim's first Cadette Troop, Antrim's Historical Society which does so much to

keep our heritage alive, David Essex and the many citizens who have given their time to revitalize Main Street, and the volunteers helping The Grapevine and the Tuttle Library run so smoothly. When Mush Cook's garage burned down it was like an old fashioned barn raising as a group of friends and neighbors pitched in and built him a new building. Volunteers staff the Presbyterian Church Revival Shop and the Baptist Church Food Pantry providing clothes and food to people in need, and a large number of our neighbors turned out to make the Antrim Celtic Celebration a huge success. And of course it takes volunteers to activate our crucial standing committees beginning with the Selectmen themselves.

I can think of many individuals who give generously of their time and energy to make Antrim work, but I shall mention just two people whose attitudes exemplify our force of volunteers. First there is Nina Harding, who has done so much for the town over the years, and who has just been named "Community Builder of the Year"

by the large Masonic Lodge covering several towns in the region. And second, Dick Jennison started working with the local Boy Scout troop when his children were involved, but unlike most of us who go on to other things when our kids grow up, he has

stuck with the Scouts from 1969 to the present. He is disappointed that membership has fallen off and attendance dropped for scheduled events—a recent hike drew nobody but his own grandchildren and another leader—but he stays committed. He says he is from a family of ten boys whose mother was divorced when he was a child. They knew hard times, but there was always someone who helped them out. He says "I've always felt I want to give something back to the community, and so I continue with the scouts." Nina and Dick are examples of folks who just go on giving.

So, while our community engagement and volunteerism are significant, do they represent the true spirit of Antrim? Or is Antrim an example of the second, more recent book that I read which says America



has become a place of declining social engagement, less participation in community affairs, and increased personal isolation. In 2000 Harvard sociologist Robert Putnam published a fascinating, thoroughly documented, and influential study, *Bowling Alone*, in which he concluded:

In the last third of the century...active involvement in face-to-face organizations has plummeted...active involvement in clubs and other voluntary associations has collapsed...Many Americans continue to claim that we are 'members' of various organizations, but most Americans no longer spend much time in community organizations—we've stopped doing committee work, stopped serving as officers, and stopped going to meetings...In short, Americans have been dropping out in droves, not merely from political life, but from organized community life more generally. (p. 63-64)

What about Robert Putnam's assertion that in towns all over America people are dropping out, becoming socially disconnected and disengaged, less willing to participate in community activities and organizations? Do we fit into this ugly picture? Clearly there is evidence that we do.

Participation in the Boy Scout troop is

at a low point, the Chamber of Commerce and The Lions Club are inactive for the most part, the Girl Scouts have girls who want to be members, but few mothers volunteer as leaders. The Women's Club membership is declining, the Odd Fellows has nearly disappeared, and the Rebeccas are gone. For years The Friends of the Library had a core of active members, but now it is pretty much defunct. The Celtic Celebration had volunteers last year, but this year's event has been cancelled for the lack of someone willing to lead. Formerly the active centers of the community, our churches' membership and attendance are down.

Perhaps most distressing of all, our Town Meeting, once the heart of participatory democracy throughout America, and now barely alive in only a few New England villages, is dwindling in Antrim. Out of approximately 1400 registered voters in Antrim, only about 150 to 200 come to Town Meetings.

Long time Selectman Eric Tenney understands better than most people what Tocqueville saw as the spirit of New En-

gland towns. He told me that more and more people have moved to Antrim who have been living in larger towns and cities under largely anonymous municipal governments. When something goes wrong they tend to blame Town Hall. He says that some residents—including a few who have lived here all their lives—don't realize that it is their responsibility. He tells them, "It's you! If you want things changed, get involved." But, he says sadly, the pool of people who are willing to work for the community is getting smaller and smaller, substantiating, at least in part, Robert Putnam's grim findings in *Bowling Alone*.

Of course, there are serious and legitimate reasons why many people cannot participate as much as they would like. When I talked with local people for this article several mentioned problems such as families in which both parents work, the powerful seduction of television, computers, and video games, and single parent families in which the parent simply hasn't the time. Times are hard.

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Rick ~  ~ Diane's

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PROTECTING YOUR LAND

CONSERVATION OPTIONS FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE LAND OWNERS

As we begin to see land-use changes around New Hampshire generally, and Antrim in particular, it is important for those concerned about it to know what options are available to save some of those open spaces and special places.

New Hampshire has led the Northeast in population increases every year for the past four decades and that trend, according to the Office of State Planning, continues. Residential and commercial development, resource extraction from our forests and agricultural land, and the building of new roads is putting unprecedented pressure on our diminishing land, our fragile aquatic systems, our native plant and wildlife species, and the very quality of New Hampshire life as we know it.

PROTECTING YOUR LAND

There are several options for protecting your land from some of the above mentioned conversions. You may elect to "gift" your land or sell to a land trust, conservation organization, or a municipal entity such as your local conservation commission. There are many people who have done it. But there is another way which allows one to retain ownership of land and protect it for future generations, and that is the "conservation easement."

CONSERVATION EASEMENT

If you own land, your ownership extends to the soil, minerals, trees, and vegetation on it; and you have certain rights to use or modify these resources. Such rights include the right to grow and harvest trees or other crops, to sell or otherwise transfer ownership of the land, and the rights to mine, subdivide, and develop.

A conservation easement is a legally binding agreement between a landowner (*grantor*) and a land trust, established conservation organization or local municipal commission (*grantee*), whereby the owner keeps the land and its resources but gives up the right to exercise more intensive uses such as residential or commercial development or mining. The effect of this agreement is to ensure permanent protection of open space while leaving its use and management in private hands.

Land under easement is still privately owned and managed. Typically it is used for agriculture, forestry, wildlife habitat, scenic views, watershed protection, recreation, and education. Working together, the landowner and the grantee determine the appropriate land uses, which are then detailed in the easement deed.

While this process and the resultant conservation of land and its resources is not for everyone, there can be advantages, both financial and intrinsic for the grantor. Land protection agreements can offer donors substantial income and estate tax advantages, and agricultural and forestry activities are permitted and encouraged on most easement-protected land. These include managing the land to improve wildlife habitat, changing the topography of the land for farming or forestry; and building structures such as bridges, signs, barns, sheds, or even a second family home-site.

There are some costs for the land owner associated with creating a conservation easement on their land, but done correctly, financial advantages can be realized, not to mention the protection placed on that special land forever.

For information and conservation easement options in more detail, feel free to contact me, Peter Moore at 588-2331, or by e-mail at: beappy@hotmail.com. ♣

TOWN HISTORY REVISITED

BUILDING THE ANTRIM MEMORIAL COMMUNITY GYMNASIUM

By Isabel Nichols

The Antrim Elementary School expansion and renovation project is now in full swing, and completion is expected by late fall or early winter, according to school board representative Denise Holmes.

School expansions are nothing new—they take place everywhere all the time. But this project is unique because it includes improvements to the adjacent Antrim Memorial Community Gymnasium. For nearly 50 years the gym has been the property of the town, used for a variety of activities besides sports: high school graduations, hospital aid fairs, dances galore and even Antrim Players productions. It has been on lease to the Conval school district with no money involved.

Both the Selectmen of Antrim and the Conval School board are in agreement that the thirty-year-plus lease is in need of review and updating, and such a procedure is in the works.

But the gym and the land it stands on do indeed belong to the Town of Antrim, and will continue to do so, regardless of any improvements made to the building.

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"It's tough staying in business for yourself these days."

How the gym came to be is described in *Parades and Promenades* on pages 174–175. Fifty years ago Antrim celebrated its 175th anniversary as an incorporated town, with many and varied activities including an old-fashioned promenade and dance at the Town Hall. The hall was far too small to accommodate all those who wanted to get in. “This pointed up the need for a community building, long a project of sports-minded Antrimites,” writes Dorothy Ellison. The Antrim High School basketball team of 1950–1951, comprised of starting five Bruce Cuddihy, Jack Munhall, Don Dunlap, Joe White and Barry Claflin had accomplished great things under Coach John Lawson (see *Parades and Promenades* page 285), which included playing in a New England tournament in Boston Garden. Their only local venue in which to practice and play was the Town Hall, the size of which must have made the Boston Garden seem a bit daunting. Nevertheless their loyal cadre of followers took the train from Nashua to Boston to support them in this unprecedented event.

This, then, became a moving force toward building a community gym. Dot Ellison continues:

“The problem was how to finance it...Ellerton Edwards [a devoted sports fan] came forth with an attractive and promising proposition. He offered to build a ninety by sixty-foot building complete with bleachers, hardwood floor, heating plant, electrical wiring, and plumbing for \$25,000, surely a bargain. Goodell’s and Abbott’s, through their president William Hurlin, immediately pledged twenty-five percent of the cost. A committee was formed to raise another twenty-five percent from private individuals. It was argued that if the town provided the remaining fifty percent, this would raise the tax rate a paltry \$6.70 per thousand, or an average cost of twenty dollars per taxpayer. There was plenty of land available between the new school and the ball field, land already owned by the town....

“A house-to-house canvass brought forth both small and large pledges. Local organizations gave according to the health of their treasuries. Banquets were held, the

proceeds going to the ever-growing fund. A cardboard thermometer outside the Antrim Pharmacy measured the sums collected, and indicated the amount still to be raised...At the town meeting in March, 1953, the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of \$12,500 as the town’s share for the community building. It was agreed that the sewerage filter system already serving the elementary school could also be used for the gymnasium.

“Edwards & Son, acting as their own architects, drew up the plans, and by summer their crew was hard at work on the actual construction. After the building was completed, the townspeople once again contributed volunteer labor to do the unskilled work necessary to finish the structure. Carrol Nichols directed the job of sanding and varnishing the floor. Many willing amateur painters waterproofed and painted the cement blocks.

“In October there was a gala Hallowe’en ‘Gym Day’. Ballots, available in stores and businesses, were cast and collected to see who should be crowned Queen-of-the-Gym. The winner was Miss Betty Brown, with the runners-up serving as her attendants. The PTA donated an electric scoreboard. Practically all the town attended, and when the revenues were totaled, the gym fund had increased by \$620. As with most building projects, the eventual cost exceeded the estimates. The Edwards firm absorbed the deficit.”

During the long hot summer of 1953 Bruce Cuddihy, by now an A.H.S. alumnus, worked along with other young men for \$1.25 an hour on the construction of the gym. “Bill”, as the head of the Edwards Construction Company was familiarly known, was not only a good man and role model to work for, but a man who believed in doing the job right, no matter what the profit to his company might be. Bruce remembers one instance that might have had disastrous results. He had been instructed by Bill to use 5 nails to a bracket and drive them in to the hilt; another boss decided three nails, not driven in to the hilt would be strong enough. Unfortunately it was not so, and a high-up piece of the building came crashing down on some workers below. They were not seriously hurt, but the incident pointed up Bill’s skill and old-fashioned dedication to his work.

“COMMUNITY EFFORT BUILDS COMMUNITY CENTER” was the attention-getting headline in the roto section of the Boston Sunday Globe of November 22, 1953. This was accompanied by several pictures of local townspeople at work on the gym and at money-making activities; they all seemed to be having a good time. What inspired the Globe to send a reporter and photographer to do a big spread on a small-town project is not known, but a good guess would be that Ralph Little pulled some strings. Ralph had recently retired to Antrim, the home of his ancestors, from a prestigious job in Boston and was putting his sales skills to work.

The first high school basketball games in the new gym were played in the winter of 1954, with Wayno Olson as the current crowd pleaser. Many townspeople took a renewed interest in the sport now that there was a proper place to sit and enjoy the game.

At town meeting that year it was decided to call the new building the Antrim Memorial Community Gymnasium, “in honor of the citizens of Antrim who served their country, World War II, 1941–1945”, and a bronze tablet inscribed with all the veterans’ names was installed on an inside wall in the southeast corner. A dedicatory service was held on September 4, with everyone believing that the gym would be a permanent World War II memorial.

Ironically the plaque was removed forty years later, with suitable ceremony, and placed in Memorial Park, where it was rededicated along with plaques honoring veterans of subsequent wars. Perhaps it’s a more lasting place for veterans’ names than in a building that must undergo change from time to time.

But the gym will continue to be called the Antrim Memorial Community Gymnasium, and will always be a reminder of the citizenry of those years, 1952–54, when a building was raised in true volunteer fashion for the benefit of the community, with local corporate and individual donors alike giving the most they could, and without requesting any help from the government or outside private foundations. It was a proud moment for Antrim.





ABOUT TOWN

FOLK TALES

THE DAY I MET TED WILLIAMS—ALMOST

By Fred Roberts

The First Division, USMC has been on line for about a year in the battle for North Korea. They were in need of some well deserved rest along with training to sharpen the troops for future battles. Meanwhile the US Army was finishing up on some of its own. It was decided to swap territories—the Marines to the south, the Army to the front in the north.

The Navy/Marines were in need of fighter pilots, so a bulletin was sent to all units in reserve asking for volunteers for this program. At this time when the Marines were in reserve status, things were quiet so it seemed to me a good time to see what the pilot training program had to offer. To participate one had to have a physical which was given on the hospital ship "HOPE", anchored off the coast of South Korea. To get to the ship a helicopter flew from the mainland and landed on the ship. Once on board I was subjected to a battery of tests including an eye test that required my pupils to be dilated. A corpsman led me back to the helicopter landing pad because I couldn't focus enough to see where I was going. There was a tall slim man standing near the pad. The man looked familiar so I asked the corpsman who he was. "That's Ted Williams" he said. "He is on board the "HOPE" because he crashed his fighter jet and is getting a checkup before going back to his unit." I was about to speak to him when the helicopter arrived and I was ferried back to the mainland.

I never did get to speak to Ted Williams and I never got to pilot training either but they were both long shots anyway. ♣

NINA HARDING

COMMUNITY BUILDER'S AWARD

Each year the Masonic Lodge in Hillsboro chooses one recipient for the district **Community Builder's Award**. This year's recipient is Antrim's Nina Harding, chosen for her vibrant participation in numerous community functions such as the Presbyterian Church, the Historical Society, the Rebekkahs, the Town Hall restoration committee, and so forth.

Nina received a certificate reading: "Presented to Nina Harding in recognition of outstanding service to the community. This award is given and heartfelt gratitude is expressed for significant efforts toward making our community a better place in which to live." It was presented by Harmony Lodge #388 Free and Accepted Masonry of NH and was signed by Mark F. Downing, Worshipful Master.

The Masonic district includes Antrim, Hillsboro, Deering, Washington, Henniker and Weare. ♣



TRUSTEES' BOOK SALE

TUTTLE LIBRARY
OCTOBER 12

The Board of Trustees of the Tuttle Library will hold their annual Book Sale on the Library lawn on Saturday October 12 from 10 AM to 3 PM. We would be happy to accept your donations of books, videos, CDs (please no textbooks) and would be especially happy to accept your help hauling and setting up the many boxes of books we hope to have. Check it out, you may find a rare book or first edition. Stock up on winter (yes, winter) reading materials.

Does anybody have a tent we can borrow? ♣



WOOL ARTS TOUR

OCTOBER 12 & 13

The 19th Annual Wool Arts Tour will be held on Columbus Weekend, October 12 and 13, from 9 AM to 5 PM in Antrim, Hillsboro, Washington and Henniker. This popular self-guided tour of fiber farms and studios includes the animals—sheep, angora goats and rabbits, llamas, alpacas—and the many ways to turn fiber into a finished product: spinning, dyeing, knitting, crocheting, weaving, felting, rug-hooking.

There will be opportunities to chat with animal-raisers and pasture tours; talk with the demonstrators and "hands-on" trial of spinning, knitting and weaving for beginners of all ages. Crafters will find supplies for sale and others will find hand-crafted gifts made locally. It is fun for all and a great way to enjoy a weekend in the Fall.

Stops in Antrim: **The Wool Room**, 18 Pleasant Street, including Nancy Benda's "The Spinning Bunny"; **Chauncey Farm**, 3 Old Concord Road, including Mary Sawich's "Ma's Mohair". Also, Antrim's Carol Karsten shows alpacas and Louise Darrow gives an alpaca knitting demonstration at Mirage Alpaca in Washington.

For more information and a Tour Guide, call The Wool Room at 588-6637.



THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS RIGHT!

A man called, furious about a Florida travel package our agency had arranged for him. I asked what was wrong with the vacation in Orlando. He said he was expecting an ocean-view room. I tried to explain that it's not possible, since Orlando is in the middle of the state. He replied, "Don't lie to me. I looked on the map and Florida is a very thin state."



CHURCH NEWS



Antrim Presbyterian Church

Rev. Norman de Puy

Winter Schedule as of Sept 8

Worship 10:30 AM

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

Sept 8 Rally Sunday

Sign up for Sunday School

Sept 15 First Day of Sunday School

Sign up for Sunday School

Oct 9, 16, 23, 30 Harvest Luncheons

12 NOON

Christian Fellowship and discussions co-sponsored with the Antrim Baptist Church. Bring a bag lunch, beverage and dessert provided.

Antrim Baptist Church

Pastor Charles V. Boucher

Cherryl Boucher, Associate Pastor

Winter Schedule as of Sept 15

Worship 10:30 AM

(Nursery and junior church provided)

Sept 11 Club Adventure

Children K-6 3:30-5:00 PM

Sept 13 Youth Group (grades 8-12)

Pre-teen Group (grades 6-7) 6:30 PM

Sept 19 Adventureland

Preschool group 9:30-11:00 AM

Sept 28 Roast Beef Dinner 5-7:00 PM

Adults \$6, Children (6-12 yrs) \$4, children 5 yrs and under n/c, family maximum of \$20

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Oct 26 Harvest Dinner 5-7 PM

New England Boiled Dinner

Adults \$6, Children (6-12 yrs) \$4, children 5 yrs and under n/c, family maximum of \$20

Oct 26 Auction Gift Certificates,

Crafts, Services, Tools, etc.

Preview 6:45 PM Auction 7:00 PM

Nov 16 Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 PM

Adults \$6, Children (6-12 yrs) \$4, children 5 yrs and under n/c, family maximum of \$20

Antrim Church of Christ

Pastor Bill McInch

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, 10:30 AM-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 1/2 hour before all

weekend masses and by request



THE MAPLEHURST INN

ALIVE AND WELL

Word that the Maplehurst has closed its dining room is only partly true. Leslie Crowell says "We still do meals for small functions such as Baby Showers, Wedding Anniversaries, Family Gatherings, etc. We no longer run an open dining room, for two reasons: Workmen's compensation has gone sky high, and help has been very hard to find." She mentioned as characteristic the person who was hired on a Friday and quit on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the Bed and Breakfast function flourishes. Rooms are used a great deal and sell out completely on weekends.

Cooking and serving for both small functions and breakfast are done by the Crowell family, so Workmen's Comp is not an issue.

—Dick Winslow

CUB SCOUTS PACK 2

ANTRIM/BENNINGTON

Sign up for the Antrim/Bennington Cub Scout Pack 2 at the Bennington Fire Department on Wednesday September 4 at 6:30 PM.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

By Denise Holmes

Antrim School Board Representative

While the students of the Conval School District have been on summer vacation, the construction projects at Conval High School and Antrim Elementary School (AES) have continued and are expected to be completed on schedule. Conval High School students will see a new, expanded cafeteria and library, a new Life Skills area and several new classrooms. At AES, an addition that joins the existing school building to the Antrim Community Memorial Gym and the renovation of the Gym should be completed by Thanksgiving. The renovation of the existing school (the windows have already been replaced) will take place after Thanksgiving.

Prompted by the renovation of the Town Gym, the Antrim Board of Selectmen met with the Antrim representatives of the School Board, a representative of the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Superintendent and Business Administrator of the Conval School District to discuss the use of the Gym. The Conval School District has a lease for the Gym which expires in 2037. The terms of the lease are broad and it was suggested that an agreement be reached that would clarify the duties and responsibilities of all parties using this facility. A letter of agreement is currently being drafted which will cover such issues as accessibility, scheduling events, maintenance and repair. A clear agreement should benefit the Town, the School District and all the citizens of Antrim who use the Gym.

I thank those parents and community members who have spoken to me about issues concerning the schools. It is important for your representatives to hear your comments and concerns. I can be reached at 446-7015 or by e-mail at: d_holmes@conknet.com. Rich Morel can be contacted at 588-3326 or by e-mail at: gig622@msn.com. For more information about our schools you can log on to the Conval website at: www.conval.edu.



PROGRAMS

- Sept 22 *Genealogy discussion group*
2:00 PM
- Sept 25 *Container Gardening Through the Season* Mary Wardman
7:00 PM
- Oct 12 *Trustees' Annual Book Sale*
10 AM – 3 PM
- Oct 27 *Genealogy discussion group*
2:00 PM
- Oct (tba) *Halloween Storytime*
- Nov 24 *Genealogy discussion group*
2:00 PM
- Nov–Dec *Amateur Community Art/Photography Exhibit*

SCHOOL SESSIONS

We look forward to welcoming AES students' visits this fall. Parents: *please fill out any application cards sent home with new students.* We are eager to have your children participate fully with school/library visits.

LIBRARY WEBSITE

Visit our new library website (generously donated by Bitwizard Web Design of Antrim) at: tuttlelibrary.conknet.com

We are so grateful and excited about the new site that details our hours, services, and mission statement. The site also provides the opportunity for our busy, computer savvy patrons to renew books by e-mail.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Our Summer Reading Program, "Lions and Tigers and Books, Oh My", was an enormous success this year with over 85 participants of all ages. Weekly storytimes were held by Schatze Moore, Pamela Matthews and Sharon Otterson. We were honored to have these wonderful readers who brought their own personalized atmosphere with them, delighting all in attendance. There were 35 attendees at our end of program party (expertly planned by Kristin Readle) on July 26, with games, arts and crafts, chalk drawing, and refreshments. Certificates of participation signed by Governor Shaheen were distributed along with final reading logs. If you were unable to attend the party come to the library to pick up your certificate.

STORYTIME AT THE BEACH

A wonderful time was had by all when storytime was once again transported by "the Library Lady" to Gregg Lake during swimming lessons. A small crowd of intent young listeners gathered on the beach blanket as others continued to play in the sand and water, craning their necks to see the pictures. This has become such a pleasurable event that we look forward to continuing this tradition every summer.

FUND-RAISERS

Along with our "suncatchers", crafted by Chris Baker-Salmon and available for \$8, we are now offering a nicely bound book entitled, *Books to Check Out: a Journal* for \$11. Included are ample pages to record "books to read, favorite books/passages, books borrowed/lent", with a handy pocket on the back cover for a library card. This makes a delightful gift item for yourself or any bookworm dear to your heart...with the proceeds going to our building fund.

WHAT'S NEW

- Come use our new "handy-dandy" bicycle rack, an item purchased in response to suggestions made by our patrons who filled our survey.

- We now have educational "thematic units" available to parents of young children who want to provide fun "hands-on" activities based on popular picture books. A likely hit with parents who homeschool their children, although we hope all parents who enrich their child's early education will check out these items.

- Both *Harry Potter* and the *Sorcerer's Stone* and *The Lord of the Rings: the Fellowship of the Rings* have made it to the library in video and DVD format. Based on books which enjoy a high circulation, we are please to be able to provide several copies of each.

HOLIDAYS

The library will be closed on the following holidays:

- Mon Sept 2 Labor Day
- Mon Oct 14 Columbus Day
- Mon Nov 11 Veteran's Day
- Thurs Nov 28 Thanksgiving

NEW BOOKS: FICTION

Elizabeth Berg *True to Form*; James Lee Burke *Jolie Blon's Bounce*; Tom Clancy *Red Rabbit*; Mary Higgins Clark *Mount Vernon Love Story*; Clive Cussler *Fire Ice*; Barbara Delinsky *An Accidental Woman*; Jan Karon *In This Mountain*; Robert Ludlum *Robert Ludlum's Paris Option*; Larry McMurtry *Sin Killer*; James Patterson *The Beach House*; Amanda Quick *Don't Look Back*; Nora Roberts *Face The Fire*; Danielle Steel *Sunset in St Tropez*; Joanna Trollope *Girl From The South*; Barbara Vine *Face The Fire*.

NON-FICTION

Michael J. Fox *Lucky Man: A Memoir*; Barbara Kingsolver *Small Wonder: Essays*.

MYSTERIES

M.C. Beaton *Agatha Raisin and the Day the Floods Came*; Philip R. Craig *Vineyard Enigma*; Diane Mott Davidson *Chopping Spree*; Janet Evanovich *Hard Eight*; Marcia Muller *Dead Midnight*; Jodi Picoult *Perfect Match*; Kathy Reichs *Grave Secrets*; Dana Stabenow *A Fine and Bitter Snow*.

When in doubt, ask a librarian.



GREGG LAKE ASSOCIATION

A phone call to Gene Woodworth, an officer of the Gregg Lake Association, provided reassuring word that milfoil, the scourge of some lakes, is not to be found growing in Gregg Lake at all and that, indeed, the water quality is superb. She said that although hot weather noticeably increased road traffic it never was really bad. Jet skis sometimes "got a little crazy" but by and large they adhered to the rules—nothing over 150 horsepower, travel counter clockwise on the lake staying at least 150 feet from shore, and observe a "no-wake" speed in the launching area.

Along with canoes, rowboats and sailboats, there were 9 motorboats on the water July 4th. ♣

THE ANTRIM QUILTERS

By Janet MacLachlan

An old scrapbook recently was given to the Antrim Historical Society, an organization which keeps alive the history of bygone days in our town. In this scrapbook were old newspaper clippings chronicling the activities of a group of women who came to be known as the Antrim Quilters. In the 1960s a small group of women in the Ladies Circle of the Antrim Baptist Church were meeting informally to sew quilts for each other. About 1967 a new member introduced the women to handquilting rather than the tied quilts they had been doing. When the word spread that the women did this hand quilting, people began to appear with quilt tops, often old ones found in their grandmother's attic or trunk, to have them quilted by these women. And so the Antrim Quilters group was founded.

The Baptist Church, where they met and set up their quilts on the large frames, was in debt with a mortgage to pay. The women saw a chance to help the church and used the income from their quiltmaking to pay the debt, buy chairs and contribute to other church expenses.

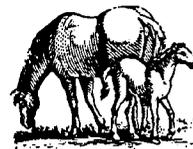
In 1970 a small ad placed in Yankee magazine brought over 200 inquires. This was an encouraging sign and they never had to advertise again, as the requests for their quilts kept coming in from near and far. Orders were filled from over thirty states and several foreign countries.

About 25 quilts a year were completed, featuring colorful designs such as Grandmother's Flower Garde, the Irish Chain, Mariners Compass, the Double Wedding Ring, Hawaiian designs, and many others. Some were large bed size and some were crib size for new babies. Some were made up to order as new quilts and others were completions of old quilt tops which had been started and never finished. The group's success was based

on its reputation for turning out beautiful quilts with tiny stitches, and it maintained this quality.

The original Antrim Quilters were Mrs. Edna Hollis, Mrs. Helen Johnson, Mrs. Doris Watson, Mrs. Florence "Dee" Newsom, Miss Leah Dearden, Mrs. Ethel Laliberte, Mrs. Mildred Slater, and Mrs. Merna Young. In time they took on apprentices who wished to learn to quilt: Mrs. Virginia Rowehl, Corrie Morrill, Susan Taylor, and Janet MacLachlan. All had different tasks, such as cutting and piecing the fabrics and sewing on the quilts. It was a very harmonious group who met Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at the Baptist Church to work together, exchange news and discuss the happenings of the town and world as they sat around the quilting frame. As they sewed, the quilt which had been stretched on its frame was rolled under and became smaller. The tradition is that the best gossip was saved for the end when the quilters were so close together no one else could hear what was said. Working with the older quilters was a learning experience, and we apprentices felt very privileged to be included. As the years went by, some of the older ladies passed on and it was a smaller group which gathered around the quilting frame.

In the late 1990s The Antrim Quilters retired. The frames were stored away or given to the younger quilters and the church hall no longer echoed to the sounds of sewing talk. In appreciation of their generous contributions, the Baptist Church had a plaque created with the quilters' names inscribed for all to see and know that they had once existed there. It marked an era that has passed but there are many ladies still quilting who were inspired by those creative Antrim Quilters and the needles they plied through their beautiful quilts. ♣



HOT TO HOT 4-H CLUB

By Beth Merrill

The ninth annual Hot To Trot 4-H Open Horse Show was held August 4th at the Rainy Day Farm riding ring on West Street. The judge for the day was John Toli, of Franklin and the trail judge was Beth Lyons of Bennington. The efforts of the Antrim Fire Department to wet down the ring early in the morning were greatly appreciated by all competitors and spectators.

The Michelle Willet Pleasure Championship class was a special feature of the show. A stenciled wall shelf and champion rosette neck ribbon was presented to the winner of the class, *Miss Bliss*, ridden by Josie Dearborn of Weare.

Division champions for the day were: ADULT Ryan Richard and *JW Peppermint Patty*, Deep River, CT; SENIOR Josie Dearborn and *Miss Bliss*, Weare; JUNIOR Erin Morrison and *Lotto*, Alstead; BEGINNER WALK-TROT Michelle Willette and *Luka*, Alstead; BEGINNER CANTER Kaylie Chaffee and *Luka*, Alstead.

The club thanks all the following sponsors for their financial support: Needles and Pins, Trends of Fashion, Pomeroy Farm, PB+H Equipment Inc., Harris 202, Antrim Video, Common Place Eatery, Trow Logging, Lori Hardwick Stable Care, Mon Ami, Jaffrey Auto Service, Great Brook Vet Clinic, Edmunds Hardware, Rymes Heating Oil Inc., Lees Lawn Service, Theodore Renna, M.D., Caron's Restaurant, Sunswept Farm, Shearlocks, McGurty Maintenance, T-Bird Mini Mart. A special thanks goes to the Cheshire Horse in Keene for their help in coordinating the purchase of the trophies for all the regular classes.

Note: 4-H cookies will be on sale in September, with delivery in time for National 4-H Week in October, celebrating the 100th anniversary of 4-H! ♣



GREAT BROOK SCHOOL NEWS

By Barbara Black



NEW STAFF

Great Brook School welcomes several new staff members this fall. Assistant Principal Marc Edelheit brings a wide variety of experiences. Most recently Reading and Writing specialist in Somersworth School District, Mr. Edelheit also has experience in special education. In Rochester he worked with grade 1-3 students. He was program facilitator for the Pre-Vocational Program in the Franklin School District. The program provided a wide range of life-skill, academic, and behavioral instruction/support for students with moderate to severe disabilities. Mr. Edelheit has also coached football, baseball, soccer, and volleyball as well as being a published poet and author.

Richard Newman will coordinate computer technology for Great Brook School. Former CEO/President of Diversified Computers in Keene, Mr. Newman has experience with both Macintosh and PC systems. His experience in education includes both technical support for Keene High School and conducting numerous computer workshops throughout New Hampshire and Vermont.

There will also be several new faces in the classrooms. Pat Berry is the new Special Education Coordinator for the seventh grade, and Sam Abrams will be teaching eighth grade science. Rebecca Paquette is the new assistant in the Reading Center. Julie Murphy will be the Special Education Assistant for the eighth grade.

KEENE STATE COLLEGE INTERNS

This is the second year Great Brook School will be part of the Keene State College Principal Residency Network. Principal Rick Nannicelli will be Laura Stoneking's mentor as she develops administration skills through practical on-site experiences. Mrs. Stoneking graduated from Keene State College with honors. She has taught physical education at a private school in Keene and recently taught two years at an inner city school in Tempe, Arizona.

There will also be a number of Keene State Interns working on their Masters of Education Degrees at Great Brook this year. Ed Clark from Spofford, Curt Robinson from Salem, Damien Millas from Greenfield, and Daniel Suse Sr. and Erik Levine of Keene will participate in a year-long residency program. Interns will work directly with veteran staff to provide quality education for students as they develop their own teaching skills.

Keene State College professors will provide support for both interns and veteran educators as together they develop strong programs and techniques to meet the needs of students in the twenty-first century.

HELP FILL THE VOID

Do aquatic invertebrates tickle your backbone? Does the sight of hawks heading south make you want to soar? Do heavenly celestial bodies put a twinkle in your eye? Do autumn trees get the sap going in your veins? Does the sight of vernal pools make you croak? If these (bad) puns make sense to you, the fifth grade team would like your help.

For many years the Harris Center for Conservation Education has worked with students grades 1-5 in the ConVal school system to explore the wonders of nature, to develop skills and knowledge necessary to encourage responsible stewardship of our environment. Limited space due to construction and economic issues has forced the center to eliminate the fifth grade portion of their program for at least this year.

The fifth grade is hoping community members will be able to help fill the void created by the discontinuation of the fifth grade Harris Center program. We are looking for people with experience in conducting aquatic invertebrate samplings, flora and fauna identification, bird migration, astronomy, or vernal pools. You could work with one class or several classes, this fall or later in the year; whatever time you have available will be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Barbara Black at GBS (588-6630 ext 6109).

THEN AND NOW

Anne Kenney and Barbara Black are looking for old photographs and stories about Hancock. Knowing the close ties Antrim residents have had with Hancock over the years, hopefully some people have historical treasures in their attics or as part of their family lore. The two fifth grade classes will be involved in year-long research similar to that which created *A Stroll Through Antrim's Changing Landscape: South Village* a few years ago.

The students' book will follow a similar format to Jane Yolen's book *House, House*. On opposite pages of their book students will juxtaposition old pictures and stories with current photographs and interviews for each house/building studied.

Copies of Hancock history and the book *House, House* (which is out of print) are needed as well as photographs and personal narratives. If you can help or know people who might, please call Anne Kenney at Great Brook School (588-6630 ext. 6108).

This project is partially funded with a grant from the Walker Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Antrim Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday September 25 at 6 PM in the Presbyterian Church. Special guests will be the artists who painted the Town Hall murals in 1994. Everyone is welcome to come and meet and thank them. The supper will be potluck, and membership dues will be collected at \$5 a person. ♣

ANTRIM WOMAN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

The Antrim Woman's Club announced the awarding of scholarships to two outstanding Antrim students: Heather Lawless, sophomore at Wheaton College in Massachusetts and Christina Matthes, freshman at Georgia State in Atlanta. ♣

ANTRIM RECREATION

Summer programs sponsored by the Recreation Department were very successful. Programs included nature and art, theatre, swim lessons, gymnastics, building camp, soccer, and basketball. All programs were well attended, and the kids seemed to enjoy themselves. The Recreation Department also scheduled some bus trips.

AN UNEXPECTED ADVENTURE

A notable adventure unfolded on our trip out to the seacoast. Our agenda included a morning visit to Odiorne Point and the Seacoast Science Center, followed by an afternoon of fun in the sun at Hampton Beach. After a peaceful morning spent tidepooling, we headed off to the sandy shore at Hampton Beach State Park. The trip-goers were just packing up belongings when Hampton Beach was struck by extraordinarily high winds (news reports stated 55 mph) and pelting rain. More terribly terrific than the rain, however, was the wall of sand that picked up and required traversing in order to reach the relative safety of our chartered bus. All 27 attendees of the trip made it safely through the sand and windstorm, and were accounted for on the bus. The recreation coordinator is grateful to have been accompanied by very competent chaperones—thanks go out to Kathy Maguire, Desiree Golson, Kristin Readell, Marie Tuttle and Trish Murphy. Many other groups and families on the beach were separated from each other by the sudden and blinding storm, but our group did very well. It was quite an experience!

FALL PROGRAMS

• **Great Brook Soccer League:** a recreational league for kids in grades K–6; season runs Sept. 16–Oct. 25.

• **First Lego League:** a program to foster interest and critical thinking skills in science and technology. We hope to have two teams of kids who will build and program Lego robots. Grades 4–8. This program will start in late September and meet through December. An information night is tentatively scheduled for October 8 at 6 PM. Call the recreation office to confirm time and location.

• **Friday Family Nights:** starting once the Town Gym reopens. Monthly activity nights for elementary school children and their families.

• **After School Gymnastics:** we are hoping to schedule this program for the end of October.

• **Holiday Craft Program:** special programs in November and December.

The Recreation Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Town Hall. In recent meetings, the commission has considered and approved a new policy of no smoking at Gregg Lake Beach, and at Shea Field. These areas are already off limits for dogs, and the commission would like to take this opportunity to remind people that these are youth recreation areas. We are taking steps to preserve the health and safety of these areas. As we head into soccer and football season, we urge people to keep their dogs off the playing fields next to GBS and AES. Dog feces on these fields, especially the small field next to GBS, is a huge problem and we need your cooperation to preserve the already limited space our youth have available to them for athletic fields.

In other news—the commission is working on plans to update and repair facilities at Memorial Park where new benches have been installed. Also, new sand has been delivered to the beach, and the Girl Scouts have accomplished some very impressive landscaping improvements at Goodell Park, and they are generously donating a bench to that area. Antrim Friends of Recreation, a group of volunteers that organize activities including holiday tree lighting, meet once each month. Call Nancy Blair or Kathy Maguire for more information. The recreation programs thrive on the help we receive from volunteers. Call 588-3121 for more information on any of our programs.

—Celeste Lunetta

GARDEN CLUB

The August meeting of the Antrim Garden Club was canceled due to illness. The members wish Doris Bryer a speedy recovery. The next meeting will be held on September 24 at Martha Brown's and includes a luncheon. ♣

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RECYCLING UPDATE

By Dotti Penny

It is expected that the cost of disposing Antrim's trash will significantly increase this fall due to an increase in hauling and dumping charges. The A.R.T.S. committee has been working hard with the A.R.T.S. staff to find ways of cutting this cost.

Recently a trailer for clean mixed paper was added to the facility, which has allowed for a major decrease of paper going into the waste stream. Any clean paper that tears can go into the trailer, with the exception of corrugated cardboard, which will continue to be collected separately.

Employees are now separating all Vermont returnable cans and plastic bottles, which will generate revenue for the town.

Antrim has received a matching grant up to \$3,000 for a baler which we hope to purchase and have running in September to bale plastics, corrugated cardboard, tin and non-returnable aluminum cans. Baling these commodities will increase the revenue we receive for them.

The compost bin program was well received. We sold over 40 bins and their use will help reduce trash tonnage. We hope to sell these bins annually.

We plan to look into a lease with an option to buy for a compactor. Currently we are renting the compactor but we feel it would be more economical in the future to own it.

Household Hazardous Waste day will be in October and our committee is working with surrounding towns to help insure its success. Be sure to keep your eyes open for posters and articles about this day if you have hazardous waste to dispose of. Advance sign-up is required.

We know the Selectmen will be busy this fall between negotiating with waste firms for the best price to dispose of our trash and looking for a replacement for Bill Lang, who recently gave notice that he is retiring at the end of the year. Our goal is to work with the ARTS staff and the Selectmen to help make these transitions as cos-effective and smooth as possible.

Please remember that recycling is mandatory in Antrim and that the more we work together to keep recyclable materials out of the waste stream, the better it will be for all of us in many ways!

Archaeology *continued*

The four-week field school was the first phase of fieldwork for the project. Students will continue to study the chipped stone tools and pottery from this summer and previous excavations, including the Tenney site in Antrim. Many readers will remember Howard Sargent and his excavations near where the town wells are located. Students will look for evidence of Native American lifestyle with Pinello when they examine soil samples for ecological conditions of the site. A team will return to the field this fall and next summer to discover more finds. Several local landowners have generously permitted the archaeologists to study their land for the project. The project is sponsored in part by a three-year grant from the Monadnock Institute of Franklin Pierce College.

Antrim residents of all ages are learning about Native American culture and artifacts through lectures by Dr. Goodby at the McCabe Forest and the Antrim Historical Society. Dr. Goodby is also working with Antrim's school children. The 4th graders were privileged to tour the Archaeology Laboratory at FPC. They learned how archaeologists conduct their research and examined stone and pottery artifacts themselves. They also had a conversation with Native American students about being a Native American today. The 5th graders learned what archaeologists do when Native American burial sites are found and what can happen when sacred Native sites are threatened.

Please contact Martha at 588-3761 or Dr. Goodby if you have information about local Native American sites or artifacts.

—Martha Pinello

The Spirit of Antrim *continued*

But times were hard in 1831 when Tocqueville visited New England, and citizens did participate in their communities as they do not now. Of course, I cannot predict the future of Antrim's spirit. Will we continue to drop out, fall away, disengage, and disconnect from active participation with our fellow residents, thus realizing Robert Putnam's dire descriptions in *Bowling Alone*? Or will we return more vitally to the picture Alexis De Tocqueville drew one hundred sixty five years ago in *Democracy In America*, as an engaged, connected, volunteering, caring community?

So yes, in answer to Dick Winslow's question, I do believe, there is a there here in Antrim. But it is threatened. I hope we never have to say of our town:

"There is no there there."

THE LIMRIK is interested in your responses to the question of Antrim's spirit as discussed in this article and will consider publishing your comments in our next issue.

Note: If you want to read more of Tocqueville's *Democracy In America* and Putnam's *Bowling Alone* (and discover what the title means), both books are available at Antrim's Tuttle Library.



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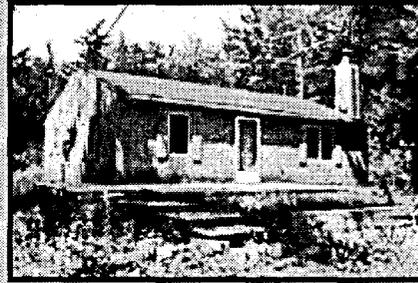
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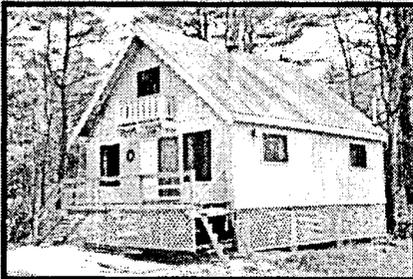
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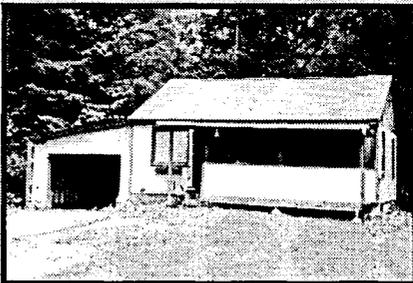
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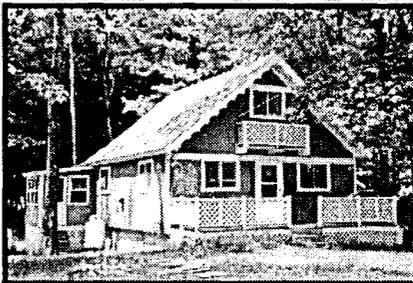
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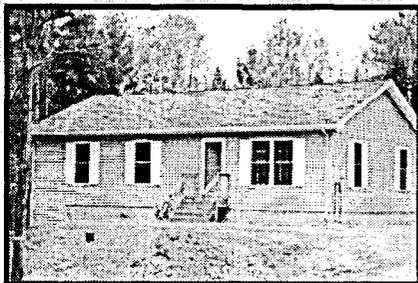
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THE GRAPEVINE

By Kristen Vance

TEMPORARY RELOCATION

If you're looking for The Grapevine, you won't find it in the Aiken Street Barn. The Grapevine is temporarily offering its programs and services from two churches in town, while the barn undergoes long-awaited renovations. Our new before and after school program for Antrim elementary and kindergarten students is located in the basement of the **First Presbyterian Church**. All other programs and services, including Monadnock Family Services counseling, Southern NH Services fuel and electric assistance, and Milford Area Mediation, are housed at the **Church of Christ**.

The Aiken Street Barn renovation is expected to be completed by the end of February, at which time The Grapevine will move back in to this new-and-improved community center.

At this writing, staff and volunteers are preparing for the move to the churches. The Grapevine is grateful to the congregations of both churches for sharing their space, and we look forward to the promise of new relationships and other good things to come.

FAREWELL GRAPEVINE SUMMER

Summer at The Grapevine was a festival of music, crafts, stories, puppetry and outdoor play. Our playgroups enjoyed field trips to Gregg Lake and the Friendly Farm, and parents created decorative masks and stepping stones. Queen Bee Puppetry played to a full house, and families sang and danced at the bandstand with singer/song-writer Kathy Lowe. Our Thursday morning story and play time was enjoyed by parents and children alike. A family barbecue followed by Becky Mercier's bandstand performance topped off the summer fun.

HELLO GRAPEVINE FALL

The Grapevine "school year" for parent-child programs follows the ConVal school calendar, with the following weekly schedule:

- **Mondays** 9:30 to 11:30 – **Better Beginnings** playgroup (ages 3 & 4)
- **Tuesdays** 9:30 to 11:30 – **Better Beginnings** playgroup (ages 18 months to 3)
- **Wednesdays** 9:30 to 11:30 – **The Learning Vine**
- **Wednesdays** 11:00 to 12:30 – **Better Beginnings** baby group
- **Thursdays** 9:30 to 11:30 – **Better Beginnings** playgroup (mixed ages)
- **Fridays** 9:30 to 11:30 – **The Learning Vine**

Although we try to create playgroups for specific age groups, we understand that often there are older or younger siblings, or a parent cannot attend on the day her child's age group meets. If this is your situation, please call us and we'll work something out.

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 1 child in this experiential learning program for children 3 1/2 to 5 years old. The Learning Vine, a parent-initiated, parent-cooperative early childhood program, offers young children hands-on classroom learning and adven-

tures into the community. Call Charlotte at The Grapevine for more information.

The Grapevine Before & After School. The Grapevine is pleased to be able to offer before and after school care for Antrim elementary and kindergarten students this fall. Nancy Sweeney M.Ed. will head the program staff. The morning session, 6:30 AM to bus pick up, will include a nutritious breakfast and quiet play or reading. The afternoon, bus drop off to 5:30 PM, will begin with a nutritious snack and an opportunity to talk about the day. Homework help, structured activities and games, community field trips and outdoor play will also be offered.

As this article was written prior to the program open house and registration, it is possible that there is space left for additional children. Program tuition is \$13 per day or \$2,340 per year, based on the 180-day school year, with an additional \$50 enrollment fee. Families may register for morning only at \$6 per day, or afternoon only at \$7 per day. Thanks to a grant from Monadnock Community Foundation, financial aid is available for 3 full tuitions, or 4 or more partial tuitions, depending on need.

The Grapevine is seeking community volunteers to enrich the program with crafts, activities, community projects and other offerings. This is also an excellent opportunity for community service for mature, enthusiastic 8th grade students who enjoy interacting with younger children. For more information about the program or about volunteering, call The Grapevine at 588-2620.

Parenting Children with ADD, ADHD, Autism and Asperger's: September 20 and 27, October 4 and 11.

Parents and caregivers are invited to attend a free series of lectures and discussions led by pediatricians, child psychologists and early childhood professionals who will offer information about these disorders, including what they are, how they are diagnosed and treated, and new research. Participants are encouraged to bring questions. The evenings will begin at 5:30 PM with a pizza supper, with the talks beginning at about 6 PM. Childcare will be available. Space is limited, so register as soon as possible. Registration deadline: September 16.

Teen and Young Parents: Two young women have expressed interest in a playgroup for young parents and their children. If you are a teen or young parent (to age 22) and you think you might like to get together with other parents your age while your child plays with other children in a well-equipped, safe play space, please give us a call at The Grapevine.

A big Thank You to all who helped The Grapevine move to the church this summer, and to Rich, Ryan and Heather Readell, who helped out with our summer programs.

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.

• **Family Conflict Resolution** offered by Milford Area Mediation Services by appointment. 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 temporarily located at the Church of Christ at 100 Main Street. We welcome visits.

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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.

THE GRAPEVINE SURVEY

Are you 55 years of age or older? If so, we would appreciate it if you would complete this survey.

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 Other (please list) _____

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 Walking/hiking Martial arts Nutrition
 Other activities or programs not listed above? _____

3. Would you need transportation? YES NO
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- 4 **CUB SCOUTS PACK 2** • Bennington Fire Dept • 6:30 PM
- 11 **CLUB ADVENTURE** (children K-6) • Antrim Baptist Church • 3:30-5 PM
- 13 **CLUB ADVENTURE** (grades 8-12 and grades 6-7)
Antrim Baptist Church • 6:30 PM
- 17 **GBS • 5th Grade Family Picnic** • 6 PM
- 19 **ADVENTURELAND** (preschool) • Antrim Baptist Church • 9:30-11 AM
- 22 **GENEALOGY GROUP** • Tuttle Library • 2 PM
- 24 **GBS • Musical Instrument Rental night**
- 24 **GARDEN CLUB Meeting** • at Martha Brown's • Luncheon
- 25 **HISTORICAL SOCIETY Meeting** • Presbyterian Church • 6 PM
- 25 **CONTAINER GARDENING** with Mary Wardman • Tuttle Library 7 PM
- 28 **ROAST BEEF DINNER** • Antrim Baptist Church • 5-7 PM



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- 12 BOOK SALE • Tuttle Library lawn • 10 AM-3 PM
- 12-13 WOOL ARTS TOUR • 9 AM-5 PM
- 16 HARVEST LUNCHEON • Antrim Presbyterian Church • 12 NOON
- 23 HARVEST LUNCHEON • Antrim Presbyterian Church • 12 NOON
- 26 HARVEST DINNER • Antrim Baptist Church • 5-7 PM
- 26 AUCTION • Antrim Baptist Church • 7 PM (preview 6:45 PM)
- 27 GENEALOGY GROUP • Tuttle Library • 2 PM
- 30 HARVEST LUNCHEON • Antrim Presbyterian Church • 12 NOON

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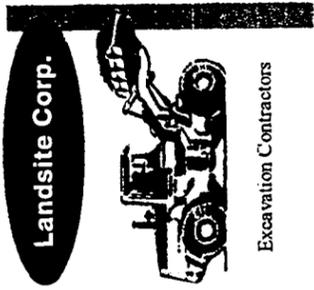
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