



For, by and about the people of Antrim.

New England Summer

"O my gosh!" said the farmer at dawn,
"Here it's June and there's white on the lawn.
Is it really correct
That the greenhouse effect
Can make snow after winter has gone?"

SCHOLARSHIPS

This year the Antrim Woman's Club is offering two scholarships of \$500 each for Antrim and Bennington students who will be going on to college or technical school. Applications are available at the Tuttle Library in Antrim. Deadline for submission is July 1, 2003 and will be awarded by November 1, 2003.

THE REC DEPARTMENT

By Sam Harding

The Antrim Recreation office is now open again at the Antrim Memorial Town Gymnasium. The office and gym are both in wonderful new condition, and there are already many activities taking place.

Ongoing activities include Men's Basketball on Tuesday nights, Adult volleyball on Thursday nights, (both of these start at 7 PM), and Cardio Kick Boxing on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 5:30.

New and notable are two summer camp opportunities for kids ages 9 and older to learn theater and circus arts from some very experienced professional artists. The first theater camp is a one-week program led by Michael Zerphy, an artist who has years of experience both performing as a clown, puppeteer and juggler and teaching kids from elementary through high school. The camp will culminate with a performance designed by Michael and the kids. The second circus arts camp will be led by someone Antrim families already know and love—Trickster Fox. Trickster

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JULY 4TH CELEBRATION



8:30-11:00 AM

COFFEE & DONUTS BANDSTAND AT MEMORIAL PARK

9:30 AM

WITH THE
READING OF DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE



10:00 AM-2:00 PM

BOOK & BAKE SALE-TUTTLE LIBRARY MAIN STREET

10:30 AM

PARADE MAIN STREET

11:30 AM

SOAP BOX DERBY SUMMER STREET



12:00 NOON

GRAPEVINE AUCTION MAIN STREET

1:30 PM

PIZZA EATING CONTEST MAIN STREET

1:00-3:00 PM

WATER FUN AT GREGG LAKE

5:00-7:00 PM

ANTRIM IN THE EVENING CONCERT WITH THE

BURSITIS BROTHERS ROCK AND ROLL BAND

BRING A PICNIC DINNER MEMORIAL PARK

ANTRIM IN THE EVENING PRESENTS ITS 9TH SEASON

By Jonas Taub

The Randy Armstrong Trio will open the ninth season of Antrim In The Evening summer concerts on Wednesday, June 25, at 6:00 PM. The trio, featuring Randy Armstrong, Volker Nahrman and Marty Quinn, with special guest percussionist Jose Duque, performs new world music jazz, blending acoustic and electronic instruments with instruments from around the world. Randy, from Dover, NH, was the co-founder of the world renowned group Do, Ah. His new CD, "No Regrets", is being released this month. To sweeten the evening, fresh strawberry shortcake will be served by the Historical Society. Bring a picnic dinner, but save room for dessert.

July 4th will once again offer a day of fun and social activities. Festivities will begin with a Coffee and Donut social at 8:20 AM at Memorial Park. There will be parade along Main Street at 10:30 and a Soap Box Derby down Summer Street hill at 11:30. At noon, The Grapevine will hold its annual auction at Touchwood Square. If you prefer to cool off at Gregg Lake,

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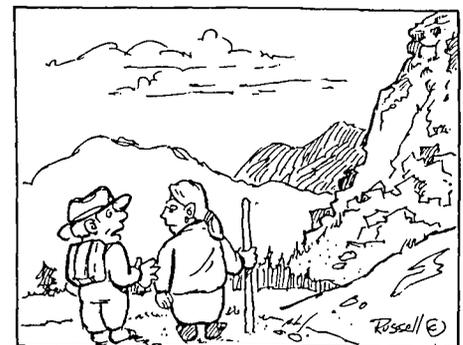
CHILDREN AND THE INTERNET

By Brian Brown, Chief

The internet is a great source of knowledge. It is a wonderful tool to enhance childrens' understanding of the world around them. It's a great way of learning to communicate, to write, and to meet new friends...or is it?

As parents and as our childrens' guardians, we need to understand that there are real dangers in allowing our children to be on-line unsupervised. Chat rooms are separated into many categories like age, interest, gender, etc. but *who* really is on

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"Old Man of the Mountain gone? Geez!
Seems like you can't take anything
far granite these days."

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NEWS DEADLINE



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

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A LETTER FROM LOIS HARRIMAN

Lois Harriman recently wrote to friends a letter about her health difficulties. She has given the Limrik permission to publish this remarkable document. —Editor

Dear Friends,

I have had several small heart attacks. Most of them damaged the heart, while some of them only stunned it. The left ventricle is not working completely and lately the mitral valve has not been doing its job. When blood is pushed out of the heart, the valve does not close so blood flows back into the heart. This means my heart needs to work a lot harder. The result of this is that my lungs fill up so that I can't get any oxygen.

I'm not a candidate for any invasive measures such as a bypass, transplant, pace maker, or valve replacement.

There are a couple of things that can be done to help the situation. One is the use of lasix twice a day, and the second is the use of plavix to keep the arteries from clogging up. Right now I am at Monadnock Community Hospital and expect to be home on Monday, May 19th.

I am comfortable and expect to use home health care shortly. There's still some life in the old gal, but I'm starting with des-ert anyway.

Love to you all.

Lois



TUTTLE LIBRARY

To be continued...help us write the next chapter!

By Sharon Dowling, Library Trustee

It was a dark and stormy night.... It was also a disappointing night for Antrim's library trustees who had worked hard to present to the town what they truly believed was the best plan for the much needed and long overdue expansion and renovation of the James A. Tuttle Library. And with bond rates at a historic low, it seemed that at this year's Town Meeting it was the best time for such a plan to pass. However, the bond did not pass, and the critical shortage of space for materials and people; a rapidly aging structure with overworked and outdated systems; and the knowledge that bond rates will most likely rise along with construction costs; are still problems that need to be solved.

Consequently, your library trustees are forging ahead, with the focus right now on fund-raising. Volunteers have already stepped forward with energy and ideas that will certainly add to the funds already existing in the Building Fund account. Doug Aborn sponsored a 50/50 raffle for the library for the month of May; a quilt and a cookbook are underway; a 4th of July Book & Bake Sale will be held on the front lawn of the library; and you can expect news of various other ways that the citizens of Antrim can help with time, service and money to help keep the project move forward.

We know there is a huge base of support for the library in Antrim. There is no other institution in town that serves everyone throughout the entire year, in the many ways that the library can and does. If you have not been in and taken advantage of what the library has to offer, please do so! And keep your eyes peeled for ways that you can help us...*write the next chapter!* ♣

LAND FOR RECREATIONAL NEEDS

By Sam Harding

We asked Sam Harding, chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission to comment on the recent Town Meeting vote against purchase of land for recreational needs. The land had been offered by the Fred Roberts family. —Editor

The Antrim Recreation Commission would first like to thank the Roberts family for the generous offer they made to the Town of Antrim. They offered their land at an attractive price and generous terms that were hard to resist.

It is our strong feeling that our current outdoor recreational facilities no longer meet all of the needs of our community. Shea Field and the other small pieces of grass provide us with some of the area required to serve our ever popular and growing programs in softball, baseball, and soccer. As the Recreation Center and School continue to develop new programs and activities, the current facilities are overcrowded and overused. The lack of areas for adult programs and events is also of concern. We see a need for expanding our Parks and Recreational area for children and adults alike that meet the needs of a town the size of Antrim. The Roberts land seemed like a location that fit these needs. Given an opportunity again next year, we feel we can address the issues and concerns expressed at Town Meeting.

The Rec Commission was very encouraged that the majority of the Town Meeting voted in favor of the proposed purchase of the Roberts land. We see need to develop land within the immediate village district that could be groomed as a park and recreational area for young and old alike. Many concerns were expressed during Town Meeting that told us that there is a lot of work to do if this or other opportunities present themselves in the future. We didn't see the vote as a failure of the article but rather as an opportunity to learn what areas of concern that need to be addressed. Issues like safety, access, economic impact, and proper development that fits the appropriate needs of Antrim are areas that will be studied further. With the help of the Board of Selectmen and concerned citizens, we look forward to doing that research. The Parks and Recreation Commission is committed to bring a new proposal before the town in the not too distant future.

Meetings and hearings to seek information about *all potential sites*, and related community feedback, are to be scheduled soon. Please look for our posted dates, times and locations over the course of the summer months and into the fall. We encourage your participation in the process. We will provide updates on our progress in future issues of the *Limrik*.

The Antrim Parks and Recreation Commissioners welcome all feedback on our current programs and ideas for new programs. Please feel free to stop in at one of our regular meetings and/or contact any of the commissioners. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the recreation office at the Town Gym. All of our meetings are open to the public and we are currently seeking members to join the Commission. ♣

Antrim Police *continued*



the other end of that conversation? Is it another ten year old, innocently discussing likes and dislikes? Has your child entered a chat room that has doors that go into other areas and allow adult access? These are all questions of great concern and can be quite dangerous to your child and to you as a family.

There are many predators roaming areas of the internet and looking for innocent victims. They build false confidence with false information and lure that person into whatever it is they want to accomplish.

As adults we need to strictly supervise our childrens' use of the internet and chat rooms. We need to be constantly aware of the communication that goes on between our child and other individuals. This type of supervision is no different than being aware when your child goes to another person's residence. You would first want to know the person who your child is visiting. The internet is no different.

With summer fast approaching and the availability of more time spent on-line by your child, the chance of a problem developing is great. I believe that because we live in a rural area we are more trusting and tend to believe in the good intentions of others, which is a great way to be. But we also need to trust our parental instinct and when we feel things in the family unit are changing, your child's use of the internet might be one area to explore. There are ways of blocking access with updated software and also blocking outside access coming in to your computer.

The Officers are here to help you and your child if you feel there is a problem developing on-line. You can call us at 588-6613 or write to us at PO Box 86, or just stop in when there is an Officer there. ♣

RURAL RIDES

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS BADLY NEEDED

Volunteer drivers are badly needed for the Antrim-Bennington Rural Rides program. This Red Cross-sponsored function provides rides for medical and other appointments both locally and as far north as Hillsboro and as far south as Peterborough. "Other appointments" might be, for example, the hairdresser or shopping.

Drivers work for a few hours on either Tuesdays or Thursdays one day a month. They drive their own cars without compensation except that the Red Cross pays 12 cents per mile for miles driven. Drivers become Red Cross Volunteers.

Ed Rowehl, 588-2831, the coordinator of schedules, would be most happy to discuss this program with potential drivers. Please call him if you are interested and can help.

People who need rides should call the Red Cross dispatcher in Keene at 800-244-2214 prior to noon of the day before the ride is needed. ♣

TOWN HISTORY REVISITED

H.W. ELDRIDGE AND
THE ANTRIM REPORTER

By Isabel B. Nichols

The Antrim Reporter, a weekly newspaper, was 10 years old when the name H. Webster Eldredge first appeared on the masthead in November, 1892. Weekly newspapers still serve small communities in many ways, but in no way can they match the importance they had in those pre-radio/TV days. Four previous owners had made their efforts to meet the needs of Antrim's populace, but Mr. Eldredge, with his newspaper experience and ability, had staying power, and he sat at the editor's desk for nearly 44 years until his sudden death in 1936.

He was 26 when he moved from Cape Cod, where the Eldredge name is widespread, and brought his wife and tiny son to Antrim. He had learned his trade working for small town papers in Massachusetts and Connecticut, and slowly but steadily made the changes that the *Reporter* needed to become a prime source of information in town as well as a record of local history for the next half-century.

The paper's format in 1892 was 4 very large pages, made up mostly of advertisements of local businesses and larger stores in nearby towns. On the front page the reader's eye was first drawn to a large ad glorifying the powers of Royal Baking Powder. The rest of the page was made up of syndicated fiction, odd items of interest from around the country, and two columns of small varied advertisements. On the inside pages were the larger spreads of Main Street stores expounding their latest offerings intended to titillate would-be shoppers.

Putney and Little, the 19th century Edmunds' store, was pushing men's and boys' suits from \$10 and up, as well as chamber sets and harnesses, but Harrington and Kibbey, located where Rick and Diane's Pizza is today, may have caused some eyebrow-raising when they advertised underwear at bottom prices. Competition ran high among the several stores on the west side of the street, so getting their messages out to the public was crucial, and they depended heavily on the *Reporter* for that.

The first years of Mr. Eldredge's editorship showed little change in the paper: Royal Baking Powder continued to rule supreme on page one, but gradually the inside gave over to news items from the town's five villages, East and South Antrim, North Branch, Clinton and the Center. Editorial comments on the national scene were expanded as well.

The big change came in 1903, no doubt inspired by the arrival of the twentieth century and modern times, and the number of pages was doubled to 8, while the size of each page was reduced, almost to tabloid size, making the paper much easier to handle while reading and relaxing in the morris chair after supper. Accounts of town meeting and public events took over the front page, and Royal Baking Powder was relegated to an obscure corner on the inside. Correspondents from the villages increased their newsy columns, and on the whole the *Reporter* now had something of interest for most readers.

In *Parades and Promenades* the late Dorothy Ellison, on page 31, writes of the fourth estate: "Under Mr. Eldredge's long aegis, the paper was blatantly and unabashedly pro-Republican, pro-law and order, pro-temperance, and very careful not to stir up any controversy. He obviously put out a paper which he thought would meet with the approval of the majority of the town's citizens. If he reserved the greatest space for enterprises of which he approved, he also printed letters to the editor in 'The People's Column' which must have pained him occasionally, although he rarely struck back."

The office of the *Reporter* was located in the Barrett Block across from the Library, and Goodell's workers especially found it handy when going or coming to work to drop in with bits of news about their families—new babies, illnesses and trips to the White Mountains or Boston. It was all part of the fabric of the *Reporter*, and in good weather Editor Eldredge sat comfortably in his piazza chair and gathered up these contributions for each Wednesday's edition.

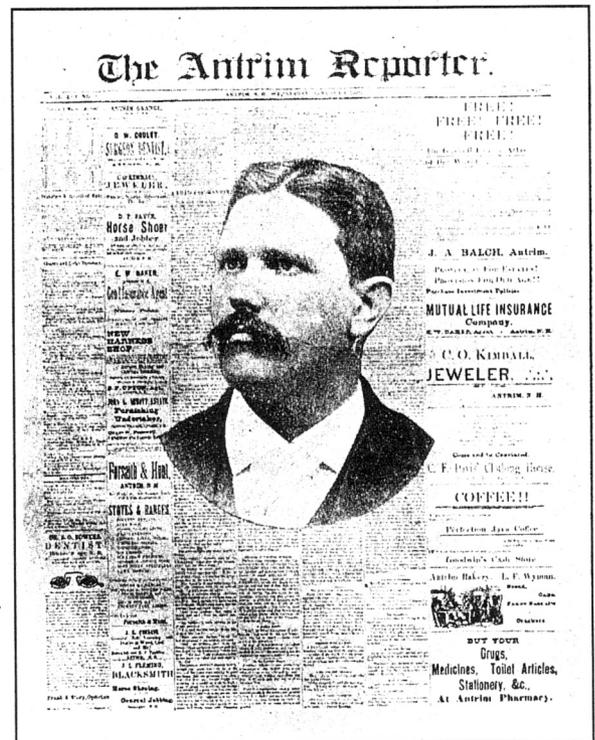
Obituaries were written with the deceased's contribution to the community in mind. A prominent citizen was eulogized with a headline and at least two columns on page one, while the last "writes" of less notable people would take a quarter column on page 4. But Mr. Eldredge always found something praiseworthy to say about each one. "The floral tributes were many and beautiful" was a favorite line.

Surprisingly, the end of World War I was treated in a rather off-hand way on Wednesday, November 13, 1918.

"ANTRIM HAS CELEBRATION"

"Street parade, speaking in Hall,
and a large amount of noise."

This was followed by a report of the evening's activities on Armistice Day. No banner headlines proclaiming peace in our



time, although an inside full-page ad shouted: "VICTORY! GIVE TO THE UNITED WAR WORK FUND!"

In the depth of the Depression two 10-year-old girls found a ladies change purse containing a lipstick and 47¢ on the sidewalk in front of the IGA store (now Edmunds'). They hurried right down to the *Reporter* office and showed it to Mr. Eldredge, asking him if he would put an ad in the paper to locate the owner.

"Who's going to pay for the ad?" he asked. The girls had no idea that ads had

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COUNTRY BOY

By Lyman Gilmore

It was early March and I was down to the Thunderbird one morning at 7:30 to get the paper and I run into my friend Platt the dairy farmer. I sort of fold and tuck my New York Times away under my arm so he doesn't see I'm not reading the Manchester Union Leader, and I sidle up casual, like men around here do, and say "How's it goin'?" We comment on this and that, like how the weather has turned balmy what with 35 degrees this morning, and then I do what I usually do and say a couple really stupid things. "Have ya started spreading?" I ask, following Marshall McLuhan's dictum to always meet your audience in the world of his experience. You know, when addressing a farmer, talk farm. Before the phrase was out of my mouth I realized that what with four feet of snow standing in his fields it would be completely impossible for him to even think of spreading manure for his summer corn crop. And then, hoping to recoup and save face, I stumble even worse when I ask him if he's seen any of the black bears that come to feed along the Contoocook River that flows by his farm. He looks at me curiously but not unkindly and says, gently, "The bears are sleeping just now."

Antrim is its history. But it is a state of mind too. Not being a native, I know I can't be a part of its history until I'm long gone, if then. But when I got here I believed I might be able to achieve its state of mind. In fact, I thought I had. I was wrong.

Flatlanders from New York and Connecticut, we moved to Antrim nearly forty years ago. Having always lived in cities or suburbia, I was excited to be in a real old fashioned country town with a historic knife factory, working farms, an ancient inn, forests all around, and neighbors whose families had been here for generations. For a little over seven thousand dollars we bought the old Poor farm, the last house on the right going up High Street. Hammered together out of old lumber by Arthur Poor many years earlier, it had a nice lived-in look with a little barn, an invisible septic tank with a rotted wood

cover one of the kids nearly fell through, the thin foundation remains of Poor's big chicken house, and deep woods, thirteen acres of which were ours. I had never even dreamed of owning my own woods. Soon I came to question the notion that you can ever "own" nature. Generally, it's the other way round.

Wanting to at least fit in, if not actually pass as a native, I was eager to surround myself with authentic New Hampshire backcountry relics. So for our first couple of years I went to every auction I could find where I bought lots of junk: three old saws, some badly worn out snowshoes, a wonderful stout peavey for rolling big logs, assorted useless fishing gear, busted-handle shovels and hoes, a dull pickax, a huge round grinding stone on a rusted axle, clawless hammers, an ancient five foot iron crowbar, a couple of bladeless wood planes, a massive iron vise, and a 32 caliber revolver that not only shot crooked but whose loose firing pin threatened to blow me up with every tentative shot. You get the picture. Just about anything rural and aged. I wanted to shed my identity as a soft-handed, effete, city-dwelling, know-nothing, fast-talking, stuck-up college professor and return to my frontier Nebraska roots where my forebears were Godfearing Scots Presbyterian dirt farmers and store keepers. I chose New Hampshire over Nebraska because Hawthorne College was hiring inexperienced effete, know-nothing professors that year.

Of course I had to have a wood stove, and I required myself to fell, buck, haul, split, and carry firewood from the maple, oak, and birch in our woodlot. My wife was chary about all the dirt and smoke, and the kids were less than thrilled to have to sleep in bedrooms just north of freezing. But I worked up an airtight sociological—or was it psychological?—theory of improved domestic life whereby, if there are only two heated rooms in a house (the others shut off by hanging shrouds), then everybody is forced to reside in close proximity, rubbing elbows and often knees, doing homework, washing dishes, correcting papers, a hopefully cheerful if mandatory family togetherness designed to bring communal feelings of mutual pa-

tience, respect, and love. Sure.

Dress was a problem. This was the early 1960s, the age of free love and communes, and I was smart enough to know that affecting farm clothes, like maybe old blue coveralls, would be a mistake. Guys working in the fields did wear such practical garb, but so did the back-to-nature hippies my next door neighbor Ray Grant told me should be shot with rocksalt, but just in the legs so as to scare but not actually kill them.

Of course, thinking myself a country boy at last, I was pleased when our daughter asked for a horse and somebody gave us a goat (who liked to cavort on the roof of our car). I built a rough stall in the barn and was gratified to be able to say in what I came to understand was a very bad local accent, "we have animals."

The problem was, of course, that all my phony attempts to be a real Antrimite were as external as was the significance of our down country, flatland Connecticut origins. Lots of the people I came to respect and like were born of local families, but many others, just as valued, are foreigners like me—and, by the way, farmer Platt.

What makes a true Antrimite? Well, it's not where you come from, or how you talk, or what you have, or how you dress. So, I guess I know what it's not, but I'm still working on what it is and how I can get there. I'll let you know. ♣

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

TOWN OF ANTRIM

The town of Antrim functions well because of citizen involvement. Now we need volunteers for our various boards—Parks and Recreation, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation, and Special Study Committees, etc. If you are an Antrim resident, we would welcome your involvement. Call the Town Hall at 588-6785 to give your area of interest (or just stop by).

— Bill Prokop
for the Board of Selectmen

DISPELLING AN UGLY RUMOR OLD BRICK CHURCH

By Nina Harding

I have spent many hours reading old record books gathering information about the history of a local church as old as the town of Antrim. When I first wrote this part of the town's history, I was sitting under my fan on one of the hottest days we had last summer. The thought came to me: "How did they stand the heavy clothes they wore in the old days?" Maybe they comforted themselves with the saying, "If you don't like New England weather, just wait a minute." Now, as I retype this, the temperature is 22 degrees and I'm looking out my window at six foot high snow banks!

I want to dispel an ugly historical rumor. Many tales have come down through the years regarding the demise of the old Presbyterian "Brick Church" up at Antrim Center. I have always been troubled when folks say, "They just blew it up," or to hear older church members say, "Oh, we can't talk about it." Most of the people saying these things only heard sensational tales from their parents.

The first church was a meeting house constructed on the top of Meeting House Hill in 1785. It was built by Scottish Presbyterians who were the first settlers of Antrim. In the early 1820s the Meeting House needed extensive repair, and as folks were beginning to move down the hill (and also into North Branch), they decided to build a beautiful new brick church. The Brick Church was erected in 1826 on what is now Route 31, just west of the Grange Hall, near the present Donald Chambers house. The red building to the west of the Chambers house was built sometime later as The Manse.

The Brick Church served the town well for sixty years, but when in the 1890s it began showing much wear and tear, and the majority of families were moving down to what is now the center of Antrim, the church fathers decided to build yet another church there.

Although some church members raised objections to the new location, the majority ruled and a new church was planned for its present location on Main Street. However, when the Presbytery of Boston

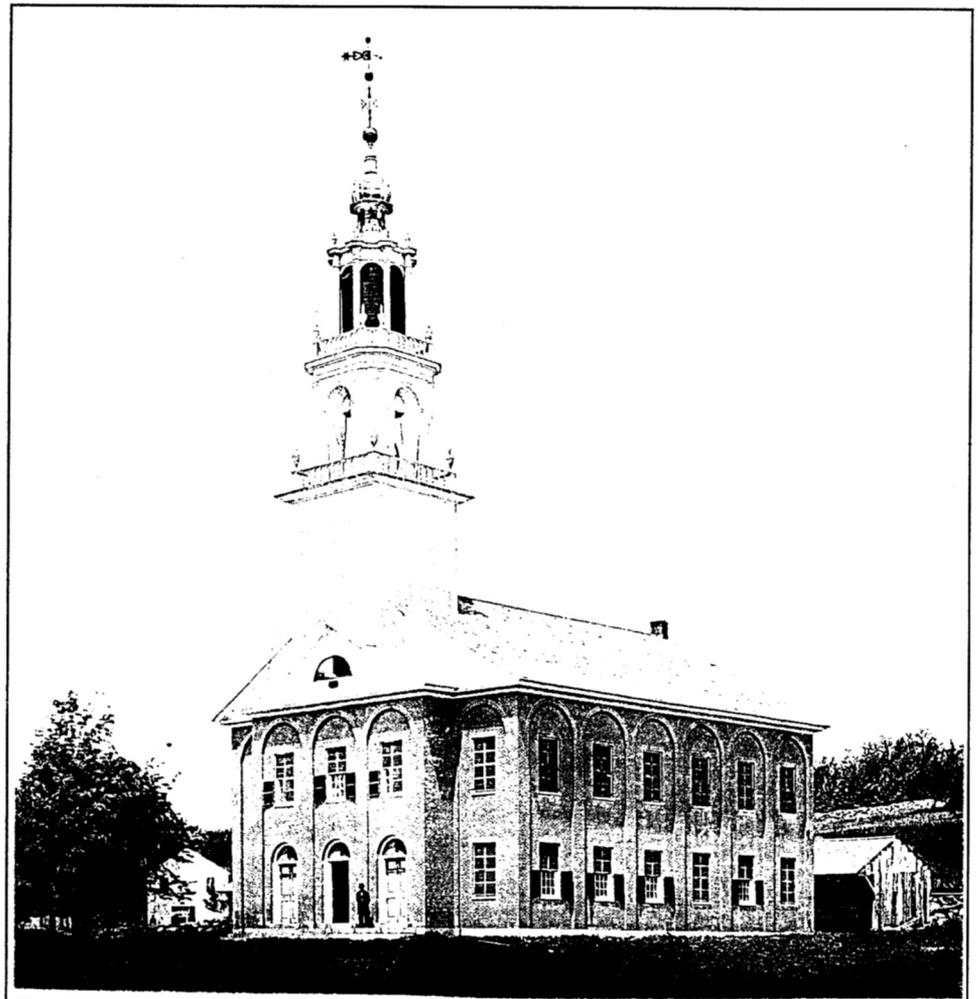
said there could not be two Presbyterian churches in so small an area, a few folks rebelled, claiming they had the right to keep the old church in addition to the new one. The case went to court which ruled against the rebels. If a new church would be built, the old church would have to be destroyed.

The rumor that has come down through the years was that members of the new church blew the Brick Church up out of spite. I have searched through the Sessions records, and the only mention of its coming down I have discovered was that a committee was formed to look into the demise of the church. Although the committee must have produced timely reports, I have not found any until a later date. But I have found in the annual reports two items that explain what happened to the old church. Apparently, members of the old Brick Church attempted to attract another denomination to use the church. In the spring of 1894 the Presbytery of Bos-

ton adopted "Resolution #2: The cause of another denomination coming into our field in Antrim and organizing another church out of our undismitted members and in our buildings and against our protest (made by moderator in proper form) was an unbrotherly act and an unprovoked breach of denominational courtesy." Then, on August 22, 1894, "Back came the committee to session: as long as the building could not be sold for another denomination, they asked permission to sell with the provision that it be taken down. Session granted permission to handle it any way they thought best."

The old church was not "taken down" immediately as might be expected. Our present Presbyterian Church had been built and was in use in 1893, but the evidence shows the old church was still standing. Here is a list from an old notebook found in the records of our present church about the selling off of items from the Brick Church:

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Old Brick Church *continued*

- 1895 paid for moving bell \$15.40 (brought down and sold)
- 1896 paid for church grounds to be surveyed \$4.90
- 1896 paid to advertise sale of church \$3.00
- 1896 court bills were paid
- 1896-97 many entries showing parts of the old church being sold: bricks, windows, doors, pews, stones from steps and foundation.

The church itself was sold to Orlando M. Lord who was the new pastor of the Stone Church, and he too sold bricks from the old church.

Now, I ask you, don't these entries dispel the ugly sensational rumor that "they just blew it up?" It sounds to me that they stripped and emptied the Brick Church of all usable and salable pieces, and then took the walls down and sold the bricks. I don't understand why this was not mentioned in any of the records. I also cannot imagine any Presbyterian of Scottish descent ever destroying anything that could be used.

Finally, new information that should dispel the ugly rumor forever came to light recently from Bud Hardwick. He has donated to the Historical Society a copy of the history of Antrim originally owned by the author, Reverend Warren R. Cochrane, who wrote in the flyleaf: "This copy is made of the several corrected and damaged proofs collected together and gratuitously bound for the author, Dec. 1880." Among the many other handwritten notes in the margins of several pages, I found the following one-liner: "Old Brick Church, built in 1826 taken down in 1896."

This note, along with the mention in the account books of parts of the church being sold, should put to rest the old rumor that "They just blew it up!" May all who have gone before who told or believed this rumor, now REST IN PEACE.



ANTRIM PLAYERS CHILDREN'S THEATER

"THE LAND OF OZ"

By Izi Nichols

The future of musical theatre in Antrim would seem to be assured if the recent production of "The Land of Oz" is any indication. Co-directed by Bill Harris and Becky Davison-Paquette, thirty-three local youngsters had no problem bringing five audiences to their feet after a rousing finale of "Ease on Down the Road". Kate Cochran as Dorothy set the tone of the performance with her captivating opening solo, "Over the Rainbow", and was soon followed by Nick Nannicelli as the Scarecrow, Jon Nichols as the Tinman and Patrick Demers as the Cowardly Lion, singing the familiar solos associated with those characters.

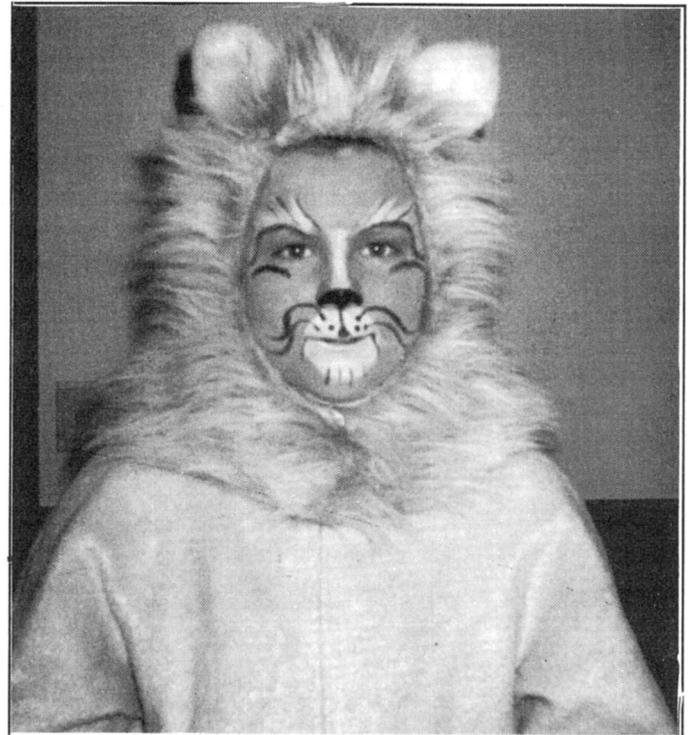
The opening scene featured Michelle Boule' as Auntie Em, wearing a relic costume originally seen in Antrim's Sesquicentennial pageant in 1927. Sam Baker-Salmon as Uncle Henry made the most of his opportunity to josh Miss Gulch, played by Erin Bishop, causing her much consternation. Rounding out this scene were three farmhands who had to make quick exits and costume changes to appear in the next scene as Munchkins.

Following Dorothy's trip in the tornado the proscenium curtain opened on a dazzling scene created by Darlene Sweeney, with much help from cast members and other adult Players, depicting Munchkinland, complete with yellow brick road. Here Dorothy received advice from the beautiful witch Glinda, played by Amanda Burke, and threats from the terrifying Wicked Witch, portrayed with vengeance by Emily Sawich, a worthy successor to Margaret Hamilton. But this scene really belonged to the chorus of nine Munchkins,

who in the assorted costumes—from nightwear to sparkly tutus—assembled by Kim Proctor and her committee, romped, giggled and sang with gusto, sending Dorothy off in search of the Wonderful Wizard of Oz.

A scene not familiar to movie aficionados included a cluster of Little Mice and their Queen (Abby Lawrence) who were endangered by a fierce wild cat (Jen Valley). The Tinman came to their rescue with his trusty axe, and the mice in gratitude helped Scarecrow to save Dorothy and the Lion from the hypnotic poppy field.

Then came the scary part. Dorothy was captured by the Wicked Witch's four



Patrick Demers as the Cowardly Lion.

frightening monkeys and imprisoned in her castle, watched over by four stalwart guards. Scarecrow, Tinman and Lion stormed the castle, and in the chaotic rescue attempt Dorothy managed to "liquidate" the witch, and our four friends escaped to safety and the protection of the Wonderful Wizard of Oz.

The Wizard, played with dry humor by Brandon Lawrence, turned out to be a genial old codger with the ability to grant wishes to everyone except Dorothy. But with the help of the beautiful Glinda Dorothy just clicked her heels and found her

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INTERVIEW WITH PEGGI BOYCE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINISTER

By Denise Holmes

I was greeted at the door of the Manse on Waverly Street by a lively and inquisitive dog and a woman with a warm smile. Ushered into the main parlor, Jackson, a handsome black lab, made me feel at home by giving me plenty of attention. His companion, Peggi Boyce, is the recently installed minister for the First Presbyterian Church in Antrim. I was immediately entranced by this vivacious and open woman.

We began talking about her coming to Antrim as minister and the obstacles which laid in her path on her trip to our town. Scheduled to begin preaching on Sunday, December 8, the death of her father delayed her ability to take on the duties of minister and a winter storm accelerated her need to move before her expected arrival on December 5. In recounting her story, it was evident that her faith supported her at the time of her father's death. He had been struggling with ill health for some time but his final moment came while on a trip to the grocery store with his wife. Entering the store he felt something wasn't right and he turned to his wife to tell her he wasn't feeling well. His last word to her was "Home". The belief that he went to his final home sustained Peggi's family and friends in their time of sorrow. Faith in God is part of the Boyce family history: seven generations have been Presbyterian ministers.

The death of Peggi's father was followed by a severe winter storm which necessitated her need to move to Antrim ahead of it. Due to arrive on December 5, she found herself forced to race ahead of the storm to arrive early and safely. In Antrim, she found her new congregation welcoming and accommodating. An interim minister graciously led services in her place while she attended her father's funeral. She was grateful that her new community was so supportive and felt it was an indication that she had found a good match in coming to Antrim.

In discussing what attracted her to this area, Peggi commented that she was looking for a town that was small enough to get to know the people, where they lived and worked, and their children. She found

an example of the small town flavor when she lost her keys. She went to the Post Office and asked for her mail, apologizing to the man behind her in line for taking up so much extra time. She didn't know this man but he was very understanding. The next day at the grocery store she heard a voice behind her ask "Did you find your keys?" It was the same man from the day before showing concern for her previous day's dilemma. You don't get around this area without seeing familiar faces every day.

She is sensitive to the opportunities present in living in Antrim. When leading the prayer before Town Meeting, she concluded the prayer "in the Name of Love and Light" acknowledging that everyone in town does not share the same faith. She agrees with the idea that we don't have to agree but we do have to get along.

Peggi has a unique background. She grew up in Mexico where her parents were missionaries. She lived there until she was in the 7th grade when she moved to Florida to live with an Aunt. After she graduated from high school, she attended Florida State University and graduated with a degree in humanities. From there she attended Columbia Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Georgia but dropped out after one year. After waitressing for two years, she returned to seminary and continued working until she earned her masters degree. Ordained in 1975, she was the 32nd woman minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.).

In speaking about where she has been, she believes she has had 45 different addresses in her lifetime. It may seem like she doesn't have much stability in her life path, but one anecdote she shared shows her perspective on the matter. She was moving from Nevada to Wyoming but was sidetracked with some business that took her on a trip between Eastern Tennessee through Louisiana to Texas. She stopped in Shreveport for gas and the station attendant, noting the Nevada license plates, asked in his southern drawl "Where are ya'll headed?". She told him Wyoming. He looked puzzled and responded slowly "Aren't ya'll off your map?". It may seem that she is a bit off her map at times, but she has great confidence that God has got her map and knows where she is going.

I was delighted to share a morning with this engaging woman. I enjoyed my visit with Peggi and Jackson and came away feeling very fortunate that we have this new neighbor who is so appreciative of others, and is open and down to earth. ♣

Children's Theatre *continued*

way home. And as we all know, "there's no place like home".

Director Bill Harris has a knack for finding the right people for the right jobs, and the crew of experienced Players (including some teenagers) and talented and devoted parents provided a high quality environment for these young Thespians, in which they could practice skills that will last a lifetime. Becky Davison-Paquette's professional training was especially evident in the handling of large groups of children on stage, and Izi Nichols tickled the ivories for one of her favorite children's plays.

This is the fifth annual Players' children's production, and they just keep getting better and better. Be on the lookout for another treat about a year from now. ♣

PROJECT LIFT

AT THE TUTTLE LIBRARY

Project Lift (Literacy for Today) which provides tutoring for people seeking a GED, or to improve reading skills, is active at the Tuttle Library. This free education service maintains an office at Fuller Public Library in Hillsboro and is in its 10th year of operation. It helps people for whom, say, English is a second language, or who may have dropped out of high school, or who need stronger reading skills, etc.

Students of ages, roughly 18 and older, meet with their tutors once a week for one to two hours. Antrim students meet at the Tuttle Library.

At the moment, the program is in desperate need of math tutors.

Materials and training and student assessments are provided by the LIFT coordinator, Judy Fournier. Says Judy, "No professional teaching experience is necessary. It's a great opportunity for someone who would like to teach, likes people and has the time."

For more information call 464-5285.

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THEATER REVIEW

"TWELVE ANGRY MEN"

By Isabel B. Nichols

"Twelve Angry Men" by Reginald Rose. An Antrim Players production; directed by Bill Nichols. Antrim Town Hall, May 16, 17, 23 and 24.

Twelve angry men make up the jury that has been called together to hear the facts presented in a murder trial, and to declare a 19-year-old man guilty or not guilty of stabbing his father to death. They are angry for a variety of reasons; for some the trial has rekindled unpleasant memories, some feel that the trial has taken too much time out of their lives, and others just become angry with those who disagree with them. The entire play takes place in the jury room, and the opening remark, made by the guard, is that the kid hasn't got a chance. But when the first vote of the jury is taken, there is one dissenting vote—not guilty. For the next hour and a half the testimony is rehashed and evalu-

ated as the anger increases until reason takes over (for they are all reasonable men) and the young man is acquitted of the crime.

The production was flat-out brilliant!

This is a drama at its most intense. The Antrim Players have long entertained local audiences with comedies and musicals, but for the most part have shied away from anything serious. "The Miracle Worker" and "Mr. Roberts" were two dramatic exceptions that were successful, but they played over 30 years ago.

The play "Twelve Angry Men" is so tightly written that the seven veteran Players and six newcomers to the Town Hall stage were never tempted, as one veteran put it, to "goof off". The actors met this new challenge to their concentration with alacrity and aplomb.

The director's decision to stage the play in the round presented even more challenges, which were well met. The floor of the auditorium became the stage, with the

actors seated around a long table in the center, and the audience on raked seating around the perimeter of the hall. Surprisingly the director found many ways of bringing action to the scene, other than just having the jurors pace around restlessly, and on several occasions the audience was heard to gasp at the intensity of the action.

Brothers Dean and Hal Proctor are 3rd generation members of the Antrim Players, and their heritage served them well during an altercation between their two characters. Their handling of the fast-paced dialogue could be favorably compared to that of professional actors.

As always, the cast and the director received help with the production from many sources, not the least of which was the support of loyal audiences. The town of Antrim is indeed lucky to have such a fine performing area available to all local organizations. ♣



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there will be water games to increase the splash quotient. Come back to the bandstand at 5:00 PM for some great rock and roll performed by *The Bursitis Brothers*. For more information about these and more activities on July 4th, see other articles in this issue of The Limrik.

The Wednesday evening concerts continue on July 9 with an evening of Irish/Celtic music from the *Black Thorn Band*. July 16 will be a **Grapevine Family Night and BarBQ**, featuring singer, songwriter *Kathy Lowe*, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. This is a participatory evening of song and rhythm. Call 588-2620 to make a reservation for the BarBQ, and bring a side dish to share.

July 23 will be a great night for dancing, with *Tom Foolery*, an 8-piece R&B band. There will be an **Old fashioned Ice Cream Social** that evening, too. This concert is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Homicz and Perry Family Dental Care. On August 6, *Jazz Insight*, a quintet featuring vocalist Laura Pierce and saxophonist Michael Kolodny will return to Antrim. And on August 20, *Off The Cuff*, an acoustic quartet, will bring its special blend of swing, blues, folk, rock, and world music to the bandstand.

Two very special performance artists will bring their talents to Antrim this summer with camps for children. For the week of July 28 thru August 1, theatre and mime artist *Michael Zerphy* will be in Antrim, culminating in a performance by the kids participating in the camp on Friday August 1, at 6:00 PM. Later in the summer, *Trickster Fox* will offer a 3-day camp in clowning, unicycling and other circus skills. She will be here from August 11 thru August 13, finishing with a performance by Trickster and the kids at 6:00 PM on August 13. For more information about these camps, or to register your child, call Antrim Rec department at 588-3121.

The final show of the summer will be an evening of **Blues and Pizza**, August 31 at 5:00 PM, featuring the driving blues of *Otis and the Elevators*. Rick and Diane's Pizza will be available for \$1.50 a slice. The evening's show is sponsored by Rick and Diane's Pizzeria Restaurant.

Missing from this summer's schedule is the 39th Army Band. Antrim has usu-

ally been high on their tour schedule for the summer. This summer, they will be doing some performances out of New Hampshire, and are also trying to go to NH towns where they have not previously performed. We will miss them this summer and hope to have them back next year.

All Antrim In The Evening shows are at 6:00 PM, unless otherwise noted. In case of rain, concerts will take place in the Antrim Town Hall, which is wheelchair accessible. Antrim In The Evening is made possible entirely by the generous donations of local businesses and individuals. If you would like to support this summer of concerts and performances with your donation, please send your check, payable to Town of Antrim, to Jonas Taub, 22 Summer Street, Antrim, NH 03440. All contributions are tax deductible. If you have any questions about Antrim In The Evening, call Jonas at 588-6208.

Have a great summer, and we'll see you at the Bandstand! ♣

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Denise Holmes and Rich Morel

Finally! The original portion of the Antrim Elementary School which has been recently renovated is occupied with eager students and teachers ready to make use of the bigger, brighter and safer space. They moved into this wing in late winter and now have sufficient elbow room. This concludes the final phase of the multi-year effort to update all of the schools in the Conval School District.

PRESCHOOL

First Friends Preschool has joined the rest of the elementary school in the new building. They moved from the First Presbyterian Church to their new classroom at AES in March. The church has accommodated the Preschool for some time in a large basement room. With the move to AES, First Friends now has a corner room with lots of windows for natural light, a separate entrance, and a fenced in play area. They have also attended the school-wide Friday morning assembly. The transition from preschool to kindergarten should be easier since they are already

familiar with the building and some of the staff. The specialists who work with the children with special needs will have one less building to travel to, saving time. While they miss the one large room at the church, the many positive changes have made this move a benefit to the children.

SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

Part of the function of the school board is to review programs to be sure that they are addressing the educational needs of students and fulfilling their original intent. In reviewing the preschool program, the obligation to provide preschool services to students with special needs is being met at several different sites throughout the district. First Friends provides help to students who need it early so that they can be more successful in their later school years. These children are placed in a classroom with children who are developing at a typical pace so that they are not made to feel like they can't succeed. First Friends is giving children the opportunity to make the most of their abilities.

THE BUDGET PROCESS

Communications has been a topic that the school board has been discussing lately. One area we will be working on is helping citizens understand how the budget process works. We are very grateful for the citizens who have come forward with questions about how we arrive at the final budget. We will be looking closely at how we can do a better job.

If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, we have updated our e-mail addresses. You can contact Denise Holmes at denise.holmes.sb@conval.edu or telephone 588-3098. Rich Morel can be contacted at rich.morel.sb@conval.edu or telephone 588-3326. ♣

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The ZBA board currently has openings for three alternate members. Volunteers are needed! For information, please contact Paul Vasques, ZBA Secretary, at the Antrim Town Office; phone 588-6785.

GOODBY RYNBORN

By Lyman Gilmore

The fact that Doug Aborn is moving Rynborn to Keene makes me sad. When I went down and talked to him about the move I came away thinking, if only we'd eaten there more often maybe he wouldn't have to go. He told me that for sixteen years he has been wrestling with the restaurant, struggling to make it a financial success. It always came close, but the restaurant never quite did enough business to offset overhead and provide a decent living. Between the Rynborn and the other good local restaurants there simply aren't enough people in Antrim to go around.

At the end of June Rynborn will close here and be reborn about July 9th in the beautiful brick building adjacent to the Colony Mill Marketplace off West Street in Keene. Recently the home of the Union Mill Chop House, and before that The Millyard Restaurant, the building is surrounded by the Colony Mill parking lots. According to Beth Butler at Colony Mill, the new Rynborn home, which was originally built in 1831, burned down along with the rest of the mill in 1838 and was rebuilt. It served as a warehouse where raw materials for the mill operations were stored.

Head Chef Doug and Assistant Chef Jamie Tussing will be manning the stoves in the new kitchen which is three times the size of their current one. (It is a marvel that such good meals could come from so tiny a space, not much bigger than a broom closet.) Doug says the basic menu will remain the same, with several new additions and a fresh wine list. He plans to combine the best of his present equipment with equipment already in the Keene building for a vastly improved kitchen.

With the help of his friends Jimmy and Robin Cook, and his partner Mark Ryan, Doug opened the Rynborn in Antrim July 20, 1987. Soon it became famous throughout New England as a leading blues club, considerably helped along by blues great, Luther "Guitar" Johnson who decided to live in Antrim. Robin Cook remembers coming up from their home in Westchester County, New York, to paint and scrub sand and pound nails. In fact she and Jimmy hadn't intended to move to Antrim

until one night after a long day working to get the restaurant ready, they stood out back looking at the dark pond and smelling the clean air and feeling the soft breeze and hearing the sound of crickets. They decided on the spot that Antrim was where they wanted to live. She declares that they came to Antrim because of the smell!

What will happen to the Rynborn space after Doug leaves? Craig Grimes, who owns the building that houses the restaurant and Wayno's grocery store, says that he is negotiating with another chef and

plans to renovate the building to house a bar and restaurant where the current dining room, indoor sun porch, and the outdoor deck are located, closing off for other purposes what is now the bar and music area. Grimes add that the grocery business is for sale.

And so the end of an era. We'll miss the fine meals, the friendly bar, the wonderful music, and most of all, Doug and his terrific crew. I wish them good luck and bon appetit! ♣

THE HUMMING NOISE

Many in Antrim have reported hearing a bothersome humming noise but there is no agreement about its source. Various possibilities have been mentioned such as high tension wires, the Paper Mill, a very large vacuum cleaner, Frameworks, a faulty hearing aid, a chainsaw in the Deering hills, a CIA drone spy plane, etc.

In the interest of establishing once and for all where the noise is coming from, a committee was appointed consisting of prominent Ghosts, including James Aiken, Antrim's first settler; David Goodell, Antrim's only State Governor; Bob Caughey, noted Antrim inventor; Clarence Darrow, the celebrated lawyer; and the magician, Houdini. A record of this committee's only meeting follows:

HOUDINI: The noise is an illusion. Don't believe rumors about it. I can make such a noise any time I want to.

CAUGHEY: Really? Let me see you do it. (Houdini makes the noise.)

DARROW: Just because he makes a humming noise doesn't mean there isn't another one out there.

AIKEN: Anyway, I never heard any noise.

GOODELL: I propose that anyone making a humming noise be exiled to Hillsboro immediately.

AIKEN: I've lived here longer than anyone and I've never heard such a noise.

CAUGHEY: Have you had your hearing tested?

AIKEN: What did you say?

CAUGHEY (louder): I said, Have You Had...?

DARROW (interrupting): We're getting nowhere.

HOUDINI: Let's start all over. (He makes another humming noise.)

GOODELL: I quote the State Legislature's Rule 42: "All persons making humming noises shall have their heads chopped off..."

AIKEN: What did he say?

CAUGHEY (shouting into Aiken's ear): You're Going To Have Your Head Chopped Off!

DARROW: I move we adjourn.

The committee gave its report to the authorities after which humming noise rumors abated. It has been suggested that the noises have either been obliterated by the roar of trucks going back and forth to gravel pits or that we have merely gotten used to them.

Since the above was written, a Limrik staff member has established that a large exhaust fan at the Paper Mill makes a pronounced humming noise and that this fan has been in operation for years.



ABOUT TOWN

JULY 4TH AT THE BANDSTAND **THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**

WITH COFFEE AND DONUTS!

The Historical Society invites everyone to the Bandstand in Memorial Park on the morning of July 4th for coffee and donuts, from 8:30 to 11:00. Members of the Antrim Players will read the Declaration of Independence at 9:30, arriving by Colonial conveyance.

When cleaning out attics and other places of storage, please remember the Historical Society and don't throw away anything that might be of value to our collections. We love pictures of the old days, programs, and artifacts of items made in Antrim during the heyday of industry. For further information, call Izi Nichols at 588-6581. ♣

SOAPBOX DERBY

JULY 4TH

It's time for the annual Antrim Soapbox Derby race—July 4th at 11:30 AM. This event, sponsored by Antrim In The Evening, is open to all Elementary and Middle School children. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories, so come join the fun.

Registration forms are available at the Tuttle Library, Antrim Town Hall, and the Recreation Department. For more information contact Monica Dunton or David Lemaire at 588-2124. ♣

THE NURSE IS IN

Home Healthcare is offering a free clinic at Antrim Village, Tuesday June 17 from 11 AM to noon. No appointment is necessary. A registered nurse will check blood pressure and answers questions about cholesterol, high blood pressure, Lyme disease, heat stroke, etc. ♣

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

By Rick Davis

Antrim will celebrate the Fourth starting with a parade at 10:30 AM. The parade will be led by a marching band, the Fire Department and the American Legion. Lots of floats will give it a local flavor as well as a bit of honor. The soapbox derby race cars will roll with the parade to give us a preview of the race to be held at 11:30 AM on Summer Street. Anyone who wants to participate in the parade should call Ted Brown at 588-2886 or Rick Davis at 588-3388.

The annual Grapevine Auction will start at 12 noon with a preview of items at 11:30 AM.

At 1:30 PM Rick & Diane's will be sponsoring a Pizza eating contest. This will be an event for all ages with two divisions, ages 12 and under and ages 13 and older. The cost is \$5 and you must pre-register at Rick & Diane's. This is the first time we've ever tried something like this; it should be a lot of fun for all.

Antrim in the Evening will cap off a great day with a concert at 5 PM. ♣

WARM SUCCESS AT COLD RAINY FISHING DERBY

By Lyman Gilmore

Dave Wilson and Steve Schacht have done it again! Who else could get fifty sleepy kids with parents and the occasional grandparent out at 7:45 AM on a miserable Saturday morning? But on May 24th we were out there, and despite the fact that the trout weren't biting very enthusiastically, we all had a terrific time. Prizes of fishing gear went to Aaron Mitchell for the first fish caught, Ian Stevens for the first kid to catch his limit, and Eric Leonard for the biggest trout, a thirteen and one quarter inch beauty!

Everybody who loves fishing or kids owes Dave and Steve hearty thanks. ♣

FOLK TALES THE U.S.N.S. GEN. MEIGS

By Fred Roberts

Built in the closing months of WWII, designed as a 600 foot freighter, the U.S.N.S. Gen. Meigs plied her trade between the US west coast and various ports of call in the Orient. As a function of her design, the MEIGS could carry up to 5,000 military troops in her outfitted holds and in two weeks time deliver them to far east ports.

During the Korean War the MEIGS was called to duty to deliver 5,000 Marines (called a Replacement Draft) on a rotating basis. My first encounter with the MEIGS was as a member of the 22nd Replacement Draft which was loaded at the San Diego Naval Base and delivered to South Korea two weeks and one typhoon later.

After spending one year in Korea it was time to be rotated out and sent home. I had not thought about the MEIGS since I left her a year before, so I was surprised to see that the ship I was loading on looked somewhat familiar and was indeed the MEIGS. I was soon discharged from the Marines and promptly forgot the MEIGS—or so I thought.

Several years later a news story caught my attention. There was the MEIGS again! She had been mothballed for several years and then sold to a scrap iron dealer and was being towed from Seattle to Oakland by a seagoing tug. They had hit some rough weather off the Oregon coast and the MEIGS had broken loose, then broken apart and sunk. This time I think she is gone for good; and I will forget her again. ♣

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CHURCH NEWS



Antrim Presbyterian Church

Rev. Peggi Kephart Boyce
588-2209

Sunday Worship (JUNE) 10:30 AM

Sunday Worship (JULY-AUG) 10:00 AM
(nursery available for 4-year-olds and under)

Adult Sunday School 9:15 AM (JUNE)

Sunday School 10:30 AM (JUNE)

(K-4th grade during worship service)

Youth Ministry 11:45 AM (JUNE)

(5th graders and up)

July 14-18 9-11:45 AM Vacation Bible School. For children entering grades K-6. Call 588-2209 to register.

July 20 10 AM Union Service

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Baptist Church

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588-6614

June 15 Summer Worship 9:30 AM
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July 14-18 9-11:45 AM Vacation Bible School. For children entering grades K-6., at the Antrim Presbyterian Church. Call 588-2209 to register.

Antrim Antrim Church of Christ

Pastor Lawrence Warren
588-3491

Sunday Schedule

Bible Study 10:00 AM

Worship 11:00 AM

Bible Study Ladies 7 PM Tuesdays

Saint Patrick Church

Rev. Richard A. Smith
588-2180

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.

Rec Dept *continued*

will work with the kids for three day, focusing on Unicycling, juggling and balancing. These are just two of many exciting camp programs, all of which are listed below. The registration period for all camps will begin on June 2. Registration is available by mail or drop-off at the Antrim Town Hall. Brochures for the summer programs will be available at the Town Hall, Tuttle Library and the Recreation Office. The prices for camps is yet to be determined. It is the department's goal to keep all programs very affordable, and please remember that reduced registration fees are always available.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

- June 23-June 27 Tennis lessons for ages 11-15 years
- June 30-July 3 Day Camp for ages 6-10 years
- July 7-11 Gymnastics Camp: afternoons
- July 7-18 and Aug 4-15 Swim lessons
- July 21-25 Nature Camp for ages 6-10 years
- July 25 Family Camp-out at Gregg Lake
- July 28-Aug 1 Theater Arts/Clown Camp for ages 8 years and older
- July 28-Aug 1 Soccer Camp (Ketchums Kickers) for ages 5-10 years
- July 28-Aug 1 Basketball Camp with Heather Borges; full day
- Aug 4-8 Art Camp for ages 10-15 years
- Aug 11-13 Circus Arts Mini Camp for ages 9 years and older
- Aug 18-22 Basketball Camp with Heather Borges for younger kids
- Aug 18-22 Soccer Camp (Ketchums Kickers) for 5th - 8th grade kids

BUS TRIPS

- July 18 Bus trip to the White Mountains
- Aug 15 Bus trip to Water Country in Portsmouth

GREGG LAKE BEACH OPENING DAY

The beach will open with Lifeguards on duty on Friday June 20 at 1:00 PM. Lifeguards will be on duty every day, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. If the weather is

very rainy, call the recreation office at 588-3121—we may be holding an open gym.

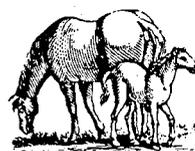
Please remember these safety and health rules that are enforced at the beach:

• No flotation devices allowed in the guarded area except by children participating in swim lessons and at the time of the lesson.

• No dogs are allowed on the beach or the Point.

• No diving from the raft. The water level at that spot is less than 8 feet, and the risk for injury is very high.

For more information, please call the Antrim Rec Department at 588-3121. ♣



HOT TO HOT 4-H CLUB

By Beth Merrill

Caitlin Campbell attended the State 4-H Hippology Contest, placing sixth and earning a second runner-up position on the State Hippology Team that will compete in Kentucky in November. Abby McGurty also attended the state competition, but is not yet old enough to qualify for a Kentucky team.

At the Hillsborough County 4-H Activities Day, Rachel Raposa qualified to compete in the horse demonstration contest at State 4-H Activities Day in May. Her performance there could earn her a spot on the State Horse Communications Team going to Kentucky in the fall. Making her first attempt in the public speaking arena was Marielle Twerdy who prepared and presented an action exhibit at the County Activities Day. Brigitte Gutgesell also attended and worked as a room hostess volunteer.

Club members eagerly greeted the arrival of a new foal, born to TRM Gemini Star. Gem came to Antrim seven years ago to be a club project for members to learn the process of breeding, foaling and raising a young horse. Due to safety reasons, plans were put on hold until last year, when the decision was made to have the mare bred. Gem and her foal can be visited at Rainy Day Farm on West Street.

The club will not be sponsoring a horse show this summer. ♣



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

“READING ROCKS THE GRANITE STATE”

Would you like to “dig up” a good book? Well, there is a mountain of good reading to explore at the James A. Tuttle Library this summer. Why not put on your hiking boots and hike over to the library and sign up for the 2003 Summer Reading Program, “Reading Rocks the Granite State?” This annual statewide program is sponsored by CHILIS (Children’s Librarian of New Hampshire) to encourage year-round reading by children, and is underwritten in part by Citizens Bank.

Children may register at the library beginning the week of June 16. Storytime will be offered throughout the summer. Kids who complete the basic reading program will receive certificates and awards on Friday July 25 at 1:00 PM.

For a complete schedule of events and more information about the program, please call the library at 588-6786. Discover a treasure of reading!

PROGRAMS

- **June 5 2 PM** *Homeschool Support Group*
- **June 5 7 PM** *Herb Gardening Workshop* with Master Gardener Mary Wardman
- **June 16** *Summer Reading Program* registration
- **June 28** *Harry Potter Party* 11 AM kick-off for the Summer Reading Program
- **June 29 2 PM** *Genealogy Discussion*
- **July 11** *Storytime* 11 AM Summer Reading Program
- **July 18** *Storytime* 11 AM Summer Reading Program
- **July 25** *Party* 11 AM Summer Reading Program awards
- **July 27 2 PM** *Genealogy Discussion*

STORYTIME AT THE BEACH

Join us for storytime this summer during morning swimming lessons at Gregg Lake! Every year we offer this opportunity to families who are too busy at the beach to do anything but swim. We bring storytime to you while other family members have swim classes. So bring your suntan lotion and sunglasses, and share the fun! Watch for signs at the beach and the library.

HOLIDAYS

The Library will be closed on Friday July 4 Independence Day.

NEW BOOKS: FICTION

Dan Brown *The DaVinci Code*; Sandra Brown *The Thrill of Victory*; Jennifer Chiaverin *The Quilter’s Legacy*; Jacquelyn Mitchard *Twelve Times Blessed*; James Patterson *The Jester*; Matthew Pearl *The Dante Club*; Jodi Picoult *Second Glance*; Nora Roberts *Birthright*; Anita Shreve *All He Ever Wanted*; J. ne Smiley *Good Faith*; Nicholas Sparks *The Guardian*; Kathleen Woodiwiss *The Reluctant Suitor*.

NON-FICTION

Herbert Asbury *The Gangs of New York*; Martin Gilbert *The Righteous: The Unsung Heroes of the Holocaust*; Dara Priest *The Mission*; Queen Noor *Leap of Faith*.

MYSTERIES

Rita Mae Brown *The Tail of the Tip-off*; Michael Connelly *Lost Light*; Robert Crais *The Last Detective*; Carolyn Hart *Engaged to Die*; Robert Parker *Back Story*; Aimee & David Thurlo *Tracking Bear*.

CHILDRENS’ BOOKS

J.K. Rowling *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*—expected publication date: June 21.

BOOK & BAKE SALE

July 4th—from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM—on the Library lawn, join the Trustees and Friends for a book and bake sale. Fill your mind, fill your appetite, and help fill our building fund! ♣

SKATEBOARDING

By Janet McEwen

There is a new organization in town, The Antrim Affiliates. We are an enthusiastic group of Antrim youth, dedicated to the sport of skateboarding and other forms of wheeling. Sponsored by the Antrim Friends of Recreation with the support of adult volunteers Barbara Reynolds, Monica Dunton, Janet McEwen and Brent Hautanen, our group was formed to assist in the process of selection and set-up of the 4 pieces of introductory skateboard equipment recently purchased by the Antrim Parks and Recreation Commission. The equipment was set-up at the Memorial Park basketball court.

The Affiliates are committed to ensuring a positive and successful introduction of the sport to the community. We developed the rules for safety and to ensure the site will be available for skaters of all ages and abilities. At present, skaters and basketball players will need to co-exist in the same vicinity, with the basketball area being reduced to half court.

In the future, we hope (through support of the Town of Antrim, fund-raising, sponsoring youth activities, obtaining grant monies and donations from individuals and community groups) to expand and resurface the site to accommodate both a full size basketball court and a larger skating area. We will be selling our custom logo tee shirts and raffle tickets as our first fund raising venture.

If you are interested in learning more about our group or becoming involved, please contact us through the Antrim Rec Department at 588-2131. ♣

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Friday 9–2 PM

Saturday 9–5 PM

ANTRIM GRANGE

By Beth Merrill

DICTIONARIES

The members of Antrim Grange have been very busy since the last report in the Limrik. A total of 53 dictionaries were presented to the third graders at Antrim Elementary School and Pierce School in Bennington. The Dictionary Project (www.dictionaryproject.org) is a national program that has been initiated in New Hampshire by Pemigewasset Valley Pomona Grange, which assists and encourages other Granges to participate in this six-year commitment, with the ultimate goal of providing a dictionary to every third grade student in the state. The Antrim and Oak Hill (Francestown) Granges plan to expand this project in the next school year to cover the entire district.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

The annual Community Awards Night was held in May, with six members from the community and one Grange member

being recognized for their service. This event is a favorite project of Antrim Grange and members, neighbors, and friends alike enjoy the chance to honor and celebrate the wonderful service work which abounds throughout Antrim and the surrounding area.

Several Antrim members are attending rehearsals for the NH Grange youth drill team competition scheduled in conjunction with the New England Grange Youth Conference in Dudley, MA on July 5.

Antrim Junior Grange, for children ages 5-14, has been meeting with a small membership who have enjoyed participating in organized activities and crafts. Members are looking forward to the NH Junior Grange camp weekend at the 4-H Youth Center in New Boston in early June. New members are always welcome. If interested, please call Renee Mercier at 588-2334.

ART EXHIBIT

New on the list of Grange projects this summer is the Spotlight on Community

Art Exhibit. Amateur and professional artists from Antrim and Bennington have been invited to exhibit their work at the Antrim Grange Hall June 13-15. The exhibit has a two-fold purpose: to encourage local artists by providing an exhibit environment and to engage the local community in supporting and patronizing local artists. To promote community fellowship for viewers and artists, we will celebrate the Opening Night Gala on Friday evening, June 13, from 7-9 PM with refreshments and musical entertainment. General viewing is available Saturday, June 14, from 10 AM to 3 PM and Sunday, June 15, from 1-4 PM. The members of Antrim Grange cordially invite the public to take advantage of this opportunity to view a wide variety of local talent as well as the newly refurbished Grange Hall.



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THE GRAPEVINE

By Kristen Vance, Director
THE NEWLY RENOVATED
AIKEN STREET BARN

We at The Grapevine are delighted to report that our "Summer at The Grapevine" programs will take place at our center in the newly-renovated Aiken Street Barn. Thank you to the many, many people who spent countless hours on the renovation project, from those involved in writing the Community Development Block Grant proposal back in 1997 to those who moved our offices to the new center in May. Call 588-2620 or drop by for a tour of Antrim's new family and community resource center.

SPRING INTO SUMMER

Our "school year" programs for children and parents end Friday, June 20. Children in Better Beginnings playgroups will spend part of the remaining days creating and running a make-believe fruit and vegetable stand, with inspiration from Miss Rumphius, Growing Vegetable Soup, and The Carrot Seed. The Learning Vine will close the year with a family picnic.

Summer at The Grapevine begins Monday, June 30 with the following weekly schedule:

- **Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 AM Better Beginnings for Toddlers and Preschoolers** and 3:00 to 5:00 PM **Young Parents and Children Playgroup**
- **Tuesdays 9:30 to 11:30 AM Better Beginnings for Toddlers and Preschoolers**
- **Wednesdays 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Better Beginnings for Babies**
- **Thursdays 10:00 to NOON Drop-in Story and Play Time**

SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS

July 4 4th Annual Grapevine Benefit Auction at Touchwood Square. Viewing begins at 11:30 AM, bidding begins at High Noon.

July 16 Rhythm and Music with Kathy Lowe, co-sponsored by Antrim in the Evening and The Grapevine.

August 8 Queen Bee Puppetry performance followed by finger puppet-making for children and adults, beginning at 4

PM.

August 8 Grand Opening of The Grapevine's New Center at The Aiken Street Barn, 5 to 7 PM.

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROFILE

The Grapevine, in conjunction with a group of folks from Antrim, Bennington, Frankestown and Hancock, has hired UNH Cooperative Extension to facilitate a Community Health Profile for the four towns this fall. On Monday, June 2 at 3:30 in the Antrim Town Office meeting room, Judy Bush of UNH will be on hand to talk about what it takes to plan and run a profile. For those of you who remember "Antrim Next," the process is similar. The focus of this event, scheduled for October 17 and 18, is the health and well-being of the citizens of Antrim, Bennington, Frankestown and Hancock, and the community's role in caring for its citizens. Topics discussed to date by the 4-town local group include elder care, transportation, health insurance, and housing/homelessness.

All interested residents of the four towns are encouraged to participate in the June 2 meeting. For more information, call Kristen Vance at 588-2620.

... AND A RELATED STORY

Several folks representing Antrim organizations have been meeting monthly since February to talk about Antrim's "human assets" and to work together to strengthen the caring capacity of our community. Sydney Wilson-Smith, The Grapevine's parent group facilitator, organized the first meeting of representatives from the Police Department, the Presbyterian Church, the Baptist Church, Tuttle Library, the Recreation Department, Great Brook School, the Girl's Shelter, and The Grapevine. To date, discussions have focused on recreational and social activities for adolescents, housing/homelessness, support and shelter for victims of domestic violence, and how Antrim groups can work together to address these issues.

Organizations or individuals who would like to participate are invited to call Sydney at The Grapevine. We anticipate that this group will have a great deal to contribute to the Community Health Profile.

SUMMER OF "LOVE OF LEARNING"

Early literacy and our community environment are the focus of Grapevine parent-child programs this summer. All parents know that children are, by nature, curious and eager to learn about the world around them. What we parents often struggle with, in our busy lives, is summoning the "creative juices" to come up with activities for our children that are fun, stimulating and simple. Grapevine staff, together with some of our parents, have created many such activities that are designed to foster a child's natural love of learning and give a "boost" to a child's developing self-esteem. Here is a sample of our summer parent-child activities:

- **Lit Vine Packets:** Children's books are being organized, packaged and accessorized with "story stretching" activities and directions to create literacy packets. Parents will have an introduction to the packets in parent groups, and will be invited to contribute ideas and create their own literacy packets. Parents can take the packets home and experiment with coordinating crafts, cooking, outdoor exploration and other activities that will "bring the stories to life" for their children.
- **Thursday Morning Story and Play Time:** Parents and children are invited to drop in and join staff and other families in read-alouds, finger plays, circle songs and, in nice weather, outdoor "reading picnics." Outdoor play equipment, toys, play dough, a water table, painting and crafts will be available for parent-child play. This is a fun and informal morning, a good time to drop in if you've never visited a children's program. And a good time for "veteran" Grapevine families to meet new friends. Begins July 3 at 10 AM.
- **Parent-Child Library Field Trips:** The Grapevine is fortunate to have the Tuttle Library for a neighbor, and to have Kristin Readell, who co-teaches our children's programs and works at the library. Kristin will lead library tours, with a focus on the children's area. If you're looking for a great children's book, just

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tell Kristin your child's age and any theme and she will find the perfect book!

Books at the Beach: In collaboration with the library, The Grapevine will offer read-alouds at Gregg Lake beach, with sand castle building, songs and sand art.

Older siblings are welcome to participate in weekly summer programs, and special activities and games will be on hand.

AUCTION

The 4th Annual Grapevine Benefit Auction will take place July 4 from 11:30 AM to 3 PM at Touchwood Square. Many exciting items have been donated or promised so far. Here is a sample:

- Personal Pizza Twirling at your place by Rick Davis of Rick & Diane's Restaurant
- Bedtime Story performed in costume, at your home, by Kathy Stacey
- Works by local artists, including Bobbie Jane Lindsay and Ann Haggett
- Massage services from a growing number of area Licensed Massage Therapists
- 2 Passes for the Isles of Shoals Cruise
- Family pass for Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum
- Passes for Mt. Washington Auto Road
- Passes for Cog Railway
- Family pass for Fort #4 at Charlestown
- Lots of great outdoor equipment from EMS
- Custom gift baskets by Grapevine parent groups and local businesses and organizations.

Once again, there will be a Children's Activity Tent and refreshments on sale. Winners will be drawn at the auction for the 50/50 raffle and (we hope) a kayak raffle. Tickets for the 50/50 raffle are on sale at The Grapevine, and there is already a substantial pot.

The auction is The Grapevine's biggest fund raising event of the year, and an important source of income for our children's programs. Please call 588-2620 to donate services, gift certificates, antiques, art works, crafts, and new or gently-used goods.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL FALL 2003

The Grapevine is making plans to resume its Before and After School Program in the Fall of 2003 for Antrim Elementary and Pierce School students. In order for the program to run, we need a minimum of 10 to 12 students enrolled in both the before school and after school sessions. If a minimum of 10 children need care during school recesses, we will make plans to provide that as well.

The morning program runs from 6:30 AM to bus pick-up and offers a nutritious breakfast, quiet play and reading, outdoor activities on nice days. The afternoon runs until 5:30 PM and includes a nutritious snack, homework help, games, outdoor activities, and field trips to the library and other locations in town.

The fee for the before school session is \$6/day; after school is \$7/day. Some financial assistance is available and, as always, The Grapevine will work with families who cannot afford the full fee. Call 588-2620 for more information or to pre-register (no financial commitment is required to pre-register).

THE LEARNING VINE COOPERATIVE PRE-SCHOOL FALL 2003 PRE-REGISTRATION

Parents with children who will be 3 ½ to 4 ½ years of age by September may call The Grapevine now to pre-register for The Learning Vine 2003/2004 school year. Enrollment is limited to 10 children.

The curriculum used at The Learning Vine is based on High/Scope, a language-based developmental program. The Learning Vine fosters a love of learning in an environment of acceptance and mutual respect. The teacher, Carol Lunan M.Ed, is a veteran early childhood educator who also runs the Wol's Nest program at the Harris Center in Hancock. Before coming to The Grapevine in the fall of 1999, Carol was co-director and teacher at Happy Valley School in Peterborough for 8 years.

Learning Vine parents assist Carol in the classroom, plan field trips, and develop special activities. The cost of the program is

very reasonable due to parent involvement. Financial assistance with tuition is available.

ABOUT OUR FUNDING

The Grapevine is a nonprofit organization serving the people of Antrim, Bennington, Frankestown, Hancock and nearby towns. Grapevine supporters include Monadnock Paper Mills, Hillsborough County Incentive Funds, NH Children's Trust Fund, Monadnock Community Hospital, Division of Children, Youth and Families, BridgeBuilders Foundation, The Robin Colson Memorial Foundation, NH Ball Bearing, New England Presbytery, Granite Bank, NH Division of Alcohol Prevention and Recovery, the First Presbyterian Church of Antrim, and many businesses and people in Antrim and nearby towns. Numerous community members and businesses donate time, talents, and supplies.

Thank you for supporting your local family and community resource center.



LIMRIK VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Limrik needs a new staff person to handle ads! The work can be done at home. Solicitation is not required.

For details, please phone Sophia Milano at 588-3072.

WHO'S AT THE DOOR

A new pastor was visiting the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote "Revelations 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door jamb.

On the following Sunday when the pastor was checking the offering plate after the service, he found that his business card had been returned. Added to it was written: "Genesis 3:10". The pastor broke into gales of laughter for he knew his Bible. Do you? Revelations 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock..."

Genesis 3:10: "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked..."

BARBARA SHEA'S ANTRIM COLORING BOOK

By Janet MacLachlan

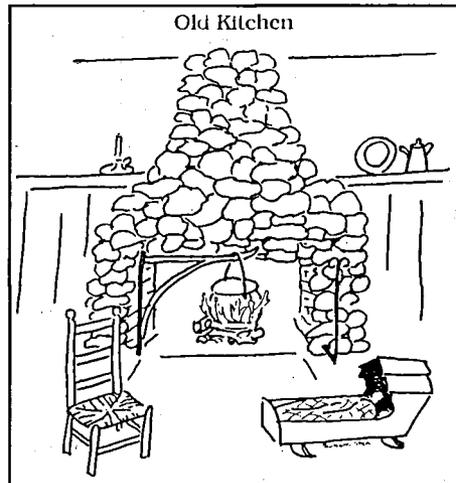
The Antrim Coloring Book is coming.

A few years ago Antrim artist Barbara Shea was asked by a member of the Historical Society if she would draw some scenes depicting the early days in Antrim and how those early settlers lived. This was a favorite task for Barbara. She had been creating pictures since only a few years after she was born in 1914 on a farm in Hancock. As a young girl she was fond of entering poster contests and admits that she won them all. In 1933 Barbara married the late John Shea and came to Antrim to reside in the former Methodist Church building which had been converted into four apartments and was located next to the Baptist Church on Main Street. Perhaps because it was such a busy place, it was referred to as the "beehive".

Raising their daughter and living in the heart of downtown Antrim, Barbara was a keen observer of Antrim life and she put it all down in black and white line drawings which the Historical Society is undertaking to make into a coloring book. Each page makes Antrim's early days come alive and meaningful. There are pictures of what an early homestead in the 1700 or 1800s would have looked like, an old kitchen with its enormous fireplace for cooking meals, the butter churn, an old cookstove, the snow roller which preceded our present day snowplow, men mowing with a scythe, cutting hay to feed their animals in the winter, some of the mills on Great Brook, and other items of interest. It is a trip down memory lane for old time residents and a good history lesson for youngsters. The Historical Society also believes the local schools will find it an interesting teaching aid when studying local history.

Pursuing her artistic talents, Barbara studied with Ruby Allen and attended classes at the Manchester Institute of Arts and Sciences, Sharon Arts Center, and the Jaffrey Civic Center. During the 1960s Barbara taught silk screening and created greeting cards which were sold through the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen. She also taught crewel embroidery and designed for the well-known needlewoman Elsa Williams.

Participating in numerous craft fairs, she was a familiar face in towns around the state for many years. Her ornaments were displayed at the Concord State House at Christmas during the Sununu administration and also in the Blue Room of the White House in Washington, DC in 1993. Perhaps her most recent claim to fame came in 1994 when she designed and painted the mural of the churches of Antrim that hangs on the Town Hall tower. Still at home in the beehive on Main Street, Barbara enjoys a quiet life of painting,



working in her garden, attending antique auctions with her daughter, and visiting with friends. She is a treasure of which Antrim is very proud.

The Antrim Coloring Book should be available for purchase in the fall and would make a unique and special gift for Christmas. The Historical Society will be announcing in a future issue of the *Limrik* how the book may be obtained. ♣

Town History *continued*

to be paid for, nor did they have any money. His solution: if anyone claimed the purse, she would pay for the ad. If no one claimed it, he'd keep the 47¢, and the girls could have the purse and lipstick. When the ad appeared in the paper, the rightful owner claimed the purse and paid Mr. Eldredge, and the girls received a brand-new lipstick in the mail from a grateful lady who lived in Massachusetts.

By 1936 the paper sported a full page of funnies, including the popular "S'matter Pop", a comic strip based on the trials of a long-suffering father. A family dynasty had been formed, with the two Eldredge sons now assisting their father in Antrim,

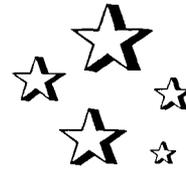
publishing a paper in Winchendon, MA, as well as owning local papers in Hillsborough and Henniker. Then came the crushing blow.

Parades and Promenades, page 144: "A violent storm followed an unusually hot spell in July (1936). Trees were uprooted, antennae knocked down, and gardens damaged. On this night the town also lost a valuable citizen, Hiram Eldredge, the editor of the *Antrim Reporter*. He had been at work as usual that day, and after taking his regular afternoon break with the other men who worked in the vicinity of the Barrett Block, he was suddenly taken ill, and died a few hours later. He had served the community as town clerk and school board member, and had been an active member of the IOOF and the Methodist church. As motor vehicle examiner he administered the driver's tests in his deep soothing voice, giving the nervous drivers assurance. Stopping and starting again on Depot Street hill had dire possibilities, but Mr. Eldredge never exhibited alarm." (As a sixteen-year-old our editor, Dick Winslow, was a first-hand witness to this calm treatment in the face of fear.) "Since 1892 he had provided a weekly record of life in Antrim, which has been an invaluable resource to the writers of this book, and an immeasurable contribution to the town."

The *Reporter* struggled on after his death, helped by his long-time assistant and type-setter Elop "Vic" Dahl, and various managers, but it was never the same. After 1940 it was combined with the Hillsborough and Henniker papers, with a central office in Hillsborough, but eventually the *Reporter* name was dropped from the masthead, and the paper was officially dead. The Eldredge sons, Burr and Cranston, realizing the wealth of historical information contained therein, presented the town with bound volumes of the paper from 1892 to 1940, and they are available for research upstairs in the Tuttle Library. The yellowed and brittle pages won't stand many more years of handling, however, and local researchers will then have to resort to reading the *Reporter* on microfiche, or in some other form, at the New Hampshire State Library. It won't be quite the same thing as settling down in the morris chair for a good read. ♣



Antrim in the Evening 2003



Concerts at the Bandstand and More
All shows are 6:00 to 8:00 PM except as noted

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Friday, July 4

8:30 – 11:00 AM Coffee and Donuts at the Bandstand &
9:30 AM Reading of Declaration of Independence
10:30 AM July 4th Parade – Main Street
11:30 AM Soap Box Derby – Summer Street
(Call 588-2124 for information about entering or building a racer)
Noon Grapevine Auction
1:00 – 3:00 PM Water Fun at Gregg Lake
1:30 PM Pizza Eating Contest
5:00 – 7:00 PM Concert – Bursitis Brothers
Rock and Roll – Bring a Picnic Dinner

Wednesday, July 9

Black Thorn Band – Irish/Celtic Music

Wednesday, July 16

6:00 – 7:00 PM Kathy Lowe – Singer, Songwriter
Grapevine Family Night & BarBQ. Bring a side dish to share.

Wednesday, July 23

Tom Foolery – 8 Piece R&B Band
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Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Friday, August 1

6:00 – 7:00 PM Michael Zerphy
Theatre and Mime Artist
Performance by kids participating in a week-long residency with Michael (588-3121 to register)

Wednesday, August 6

Jazz Insight – Quintet
Laura Pierce on vocals and Michael Kolodny on sax.

Wednesday, August 13

6:00 – 7:00 PM – Trickster Fox
Juggling, Unicycling, Magic and more
Performance with kids participating in 3-day residency with Trickster (588-3121 to register)

Wednesday, August 20

Off The Cuff – Acoustic and Vocal Quartet

Wednesday, August 31

5:00 - 7:00 PM Blues and Pizza
Otis and The Elevators Blues Band
Rick and Diane's Pizza Night – \$1.50 a slice.
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In case of rain, shows will take place in the Antrim Town Hall.

For information, call Jonas at 588-6208.



Help us keep the music playing in Antrim in 2003!

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ANTRIM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June

- 2 JUNIOR GRANGE MEETING • Grange Hall
- 4 ANTRIM COMMUNITY GRANGE MEETING • Grange Hall
- 5 HOMESCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP • Tuttle Library • 2 PM
- 5 HERB GARDENING WORKSHOP • Tuttle Library • 7 PM
- 11 HOT TO TROT 4-H MEETING
- 13-15 ART EXHIBIT • Grange Hall
- 16 SUMMER READING PROGRAM REGISTRATION • Tuttle Library
- 16 JUNIOR GRANGE MEETING • Grange Hall
- 17 HOME HEALTHCARE NURSE • Antrim Village • 11 AM
- 18 ANTRIM COMMUNITY GRANGE MEETING • Grange Hall
- 20 OPENING DAY • Gregg Lake Beach
- 25 HOT TO TROT 4-H MEETING
- 28 HARRY POTTER PARTY • Tuttle Library • 11 AM
- 29 GENEALOGY DISCUSSION • Tuttle Library • 2 PM

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ANTRIM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July

- 1 **SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE** • Antrim Woman's Club
- 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION** • see schedule on pg 1
- 11 **STORYTIME** • Tuttle Library • 11 AM
- 14-18 **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** • Presbyterian Church • 9-11:45 AM
- 18 **STORYTIME** • Tuttle Library • 11 AM
- 20 **UNION SERVICE** • Presbyterian Church • 10 AM
- 25 **SUMMER READING PROGRAM PARTY** • Tuttle Library • 11 AM
- 27 **GENEALOGY DISCUSSION** • Tuttle Library • 2 PM

August

- 1 **MICHAEL ZERPHY - Theatre & Mime Artist** • Antrim in the Evening • 6 PM
- 6 **JAZZ INSIGHT - Quintet** • Antrim Presbyterian Church • 7 - 9:30 AM
- 13 **TRICKSTER FOX** • Antrim in the Evening • 6 PM
- 20 **OFF THE CUFF** • Antrim in the Evening • 6 PM
- 31 **OTIS AND THE ELEVATORS** • Antrim in the Evening • 5 PM



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