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PUMPKINS

In some towns they grow hardly any,
But Antrim produces so many
That, taken together,
It's hard to know whether
To buy them from Chauncey or Tenney.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

It is hard for us to believe that we are more than half way through the year and that before we all know it, summer will have passed. There have been many improvements in Town and we feel we should highlight them for you.

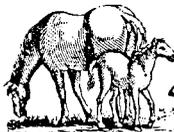
AIKEN STREET BARN RENOVATION

This project is now basically complete and the Town has a new facility to use for meetings and other events. It is also the home of The Grapevine, a unique family resource center for Antrim. The entire project was finished on schedule and within our established budget. The Aiken Barn Committee was very pleased with the work of the construction company on the project. Please stop by and take a look at the "New Aiken Barn".

TOWN GYM AT A.E.S.

Many of you saw most of the renovations that took place at our town gym when you attended Town Meeting. However, since then the basketball hoops and the bleachers have been installed. Our recreation department has been busy with programs to maximize the use of our gym, beach, and town parks. In addition our Recreation Department has installed a "test" skateboard area at the Town Park. This was done to satisfy the demand from the community at large. The Town is trying to build the recreational facilities that we need as Antrim grows. We have also installed a new fence at Goodell Park to improve safety and appearance. Our thanks go to all those who helped in creating the facilities and the programs that go along with them.

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THE BIRTH OF A FOAL HOT TO HOT 4-H CLUB GREET'S NEW ARRIVAL

By Caitlin Campbell

TRM Gemini Star is a Morgan mare that came to Antrim seven years ago as an intended breeding project for the Hot To Trot 4-H Club. That plan was put on hold when it became apparent that Gem was still a foal at heart herself and would require lots of training and handling to ensure a safe environment when caring for her. Club members worked side by side as they gained skills and knowledge of training methods, and established a schedule in which everyone kept track of and contributed to Gem's schooling. Two years passed by before she was seasoned enough to ride, and even then Gem's trainers were careful and thorough in her development. After several more years of continuing hard work, Gem and her 4-H lessee, Caitlin Campbell, were able to attend some local shows, win a few ribbons, and ultimately earn a spot on the Hillsborough County 4-H riding team. Many obstacles

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ANTRIM'S FORTUNATE TRIAD

By Dick Winslow

Antrim now owns a Fortunate Triad, at the juncture of Main and Aiken Streets, consisting of three contiguous properties—Tuttle Library, the Aiken House lot and, behind it, the Aiken Street Barn and lot.

This is a richness for the town, thinking of the Library's beauty and function, the sufficiency of land for future expansion, particularly by the Library, and the stunningly renovated Barn.

Ownership of the complete Triad is both recent and of remarkable origin.

Prior to 1995, the historic Aiken House next to the Library and the Aiken Street Barn behind it were privately owned buildings being used for tenements. But in that year,

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THE GRAPEVINE REVISITED

IN THE AIKEN STREET BARN

By Janet MacLachlan

A visit to The Grapevine in the newly renovated Aiken Street Barn seemed a good trip to make one warm summer day in August. A meeting with the director, Kristen Vance, was arranged in order to have a preview of the new playrooms, offices and meeting rooms. Upon entering from the large parking lot, I found myself in a corridor leading through double doors into a light, bright foyer. Various rooms opened off this space, such as offices, and my eyes followed another corridor which seemed to be leading me on to a large playroom on my left—but also on the right the corridor started to turn and then slanted down and around until I found myself at the back of the building, looking out to a grassy playground with colorful pieces of equipment. I could imagine children coming down this ramp in happy anticipation of being outdoors and playing together.

Back inside again I noticed that certain old timbers from the original barn had been retained and were still used as supporting

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The Grapevine

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Antrim's Fortunate Triad continued

Jim and Carol Rymes bought the Aiken House and made a gift of it to the town. A committee was appointed to plan its use and consider restoration. Meanwhile, the Grapevine rented space in it for Grapevine activities.

Then an application for a \$350,000 State/Federal Block Grant to restore the Aiken House was initiated by Bob Bernstein. A problem was how to provide assurance that such renovation would not block needed parking space for future Library expansion; without solving this, the Grant was probably doomed.

A possible solution emerged when the owner of the Aiken Street Barn, Charles Jackson, put it up for sale. Town ownership of this could provide space for all kinds of expansions. Ownership would provide site control.

But—would the town buy the Barn before it was sold elsewhere? Purchase would require a vote at town meeting and the next town meeting was nearly a year away. The clock was ticking. What to do?

Three Antrim men, Bob Bernstein, Dave Penny and Ben Pratt asked themselves that very question one evening as they stood outside the Barn. Bob had a suggestion. "We could form a corporation and buy it," he said, adding that surely such a corporation could obtain a loan from the Community Loan Fund and the rest could be raised through individual gifts and loans.

So they moved fast and formed the Aiken Barn Trust with David Penny, president, Ben Pratt, treasurer, Bob Bernstein, secretary and members Carolyn Gilmore, Carole Webber and Ruth Zwirner. This group secured a loan from the Community Loan Fund and then raised the necessary remaining money by persuading individuals to make gifts and loans. And the Trust bought the Barn for \$67,750.

The Grapevine promptly rented space in the Barn.

Subsequently, the town did buy the Barn (and used it for office space while Town Hall was being renovated). The Trust sold it to the town for slightly under cost—but still had enough money left over (from rental income) to make gifts of \$1,160 each to the Library and the Grapevine.

While all this was happening, the \$350,000 Block Grant for Aiken House renovation had come through but had collided with contractors' bids that were much higher than the amount of the Grant. So if renovation were to be done, the town would have to provide upwards of an additional \$100,000. This led to a town vote, after much soul searching and vigorous debate, not to renovate the historic building but, rather, to tear it down.

What now to do with that handsome Block Grant? Permission was sought from the town and the State to use the money for renovation of the Aiken Street Barn instead of the Aiken House. Permission was granted.

So the Barn was renovated, using designs by Peterborough architects Rick and Duffy Monahan and the workmanship of the American Construction Company of Marlborough. This renovated Barn, with its bright, airy, functional spaces stands as testimony to the foresight and energy of a number of Antrimites who envisioned the Fortunate Triad.

When Tuttle Library's much needed expansion is made, a splendid setting for it is assured. ♣

NEW POLICE CRUISER

In case you did not notice, we have a new police cruiser. Our insurance company totaled the last new one after a passing car ran into it while it was parked in front of the Town Hall. Our police department is very happy with the new vehicle.

RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

A new committee has been formed to investigate the long term recreation needs of the Town, and to determine what land would be available to purchase to meet these needs. This committee will make a recommendation to the selectmen as to what the needs are and the recommended site that they feel should be pursued by the Town for acquisition. A plan for this will then be prepared to be presented to all of the taxpayers at Town Meeting next year.

TIFF DISTRICT PAINT PROGRAM

The downtown improvements have begun and we are all seeing new paint and facade programs starting in and around Main Street. This, we hope, will be the first step in starting our downtown revitalization. We should start to see some engineering activities on our sidewalk project beginning soon.

TOWN BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

The **Fire Station** on Route 31 will start the construction of a garage in the next few weeks. In the meantime, Chief Beauchamp has informed us that there will be no major investments needed at the fire department in the next few years, except for a new roof, which was delayed last year. The **Town Garage** will see the construction of a new storage shed in the next month as we start to get ready for our winter season. The **Library** will need some major maintenance done in the basement area. This will include improving the drainage, upgrading the electrical panels, and reviewing the heating and humidity control requirements, in addition to some minor construction work to improve access and safety. The **ARTS Center** will be planning some layout and building improvements for the upcoming year. This will then provide for more efficient handling of our waste materials.

TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS

We have completed phase one of making the Town Hall more energy efficient by replacing some windows and fine tuning all the mechanical systems. In addition, we have just had an energy audit done by PSNH as part of the New Hampshire Saves Program. This program will make recommendations as to additional savings that could be made and will provide funding to accomplish them.

The town-wide revaluation of all property is now in its final stages. We had forty property owners request abatements for various reasons. The assessors and the selectmen have been in the process of reviewing these requests. At the present time, there are only a few that remain unsettled. When this is done, Antrim's property values will be at 100% of market value, which meets the new state requirements.

You can now go to Town Hall and view any property card at the counter, at a computer terminal that is easy to use. We will be fine

tuning all our systems and all Town Hall employees will be receiving additional training on these systems.

We have made these investments in computer software and hardware to be able to keep up with additional state and federal regulations, and to provide the most efficient operation of the administrative functions of the Town.

YOUR INPUT AND SUGGESTIONS ALWAYS WELCOME

Antrim is growing and changing. We are trying to plan for and manage our growth and the cost that comes with it. We welcome your input as to services or facilities that we need to provide, as well as areas that we need to reduce cost in. Our goal is to keep Antrim a town that we are all proud of, and happy to live in.

—Bill Prokop

For the Board of Selectmen

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It was a wonderful parade—and I have remembered it for fifty-eight years! My in-laws, Adolph and Mary Ullman had purchased "the Henderson Place" on the old Middle Hillsboro Road (now Smith Road) in 1944. The property consisted of a main house, a barn, several small buildings, and a few apple trees. Papa hoped to turn it into a working farm "after the war." They named it "Northeastern Farm" and I was spending a few weeks with them. My husband, Albert Ullman, was serving in the U.S. Navy.

On August 15, 1945, Antrim celebrated the end of World War II, the announcement having come over the radio the evening before. Adolph, Mary, their housekeeper, Annie Gaudin, my 18-month old son Stephen and I drove to town (using very precious rationed gasoline) to join in the festivities.

The parade formed down at the Goodell Company and proceeded through Town up Main Street. The bystanders were few—no more than twenty people standing in front of the First National Store (which became the location of Wayno's).

Parade participants included a few World War I veterans, some in partial uniform, three or four musicians including a drummer, a proud flag bearer, some Boy and Girl Scouts with an adult leader, and a few Antrim servicemen, home on leave.

The whole procession passed in five minutes. But the event was unique because, while applauding enthusiastically, most of the observers were in tears—the emotions of relief, pride, hope and regret shone on their faces.

I have searched for year to find a photo of this event, as well as someone who had also been there, but to no avail. Is there anyone out there who remembers August 1945 in Antrim?

Althea Ullman

(Am I still one of the "summer people"?)

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THE GENTLEMEN'S QUILT OF ANTRIM

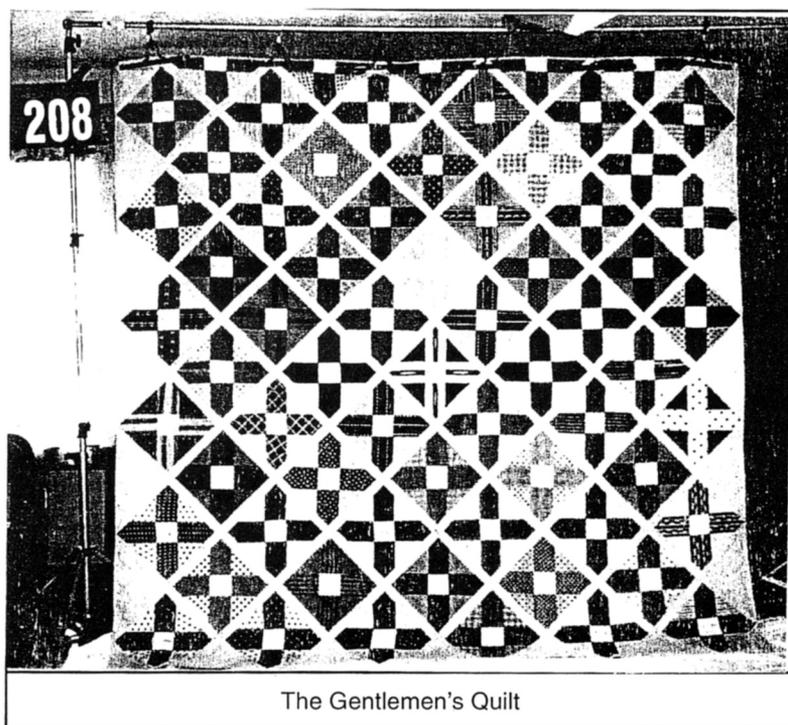
By Janet MacLachlan

You've heard the expression "he'd give you the shirt off his back"? Well that is exactly what the gentlemen of the old Presbyterian Church in Antrim Centre did in 1875. Pieces of their shirts were given to Mrs. W.R. Cochrane, the minister's wife, who used them to create quilt blocks. Several men made their own squares and each square in the quilt bears the signature of a man from the church. The quilt was known as the Gentlemen's Quilt and was donated in later years to the Antrim Historical Society.

In July of this year the quilt was taken to Washington, NH for a New Hampshire Quilt Documentation Project which is undertaking to record all the quilts in this state made before 1975. The quilts are photographed, examined by experts who can determine the age of the quilt by the fabrics used in its making, and then it will be included in a documentation book to be published on completion of the project. This quilt was determined to be in very good condition. The individual blocks had been pieced together

by hand and then the quilt itself had been hand quilted. The shirting material has blues, browns, and reds on a white background. The photograph shows what an attractive quilt it is. You may see it on display in the Antrim Historical Room on the second floor of the Tuttle Library which is open to visitors when the library is open, Monday through Saturday.

The Historical Society has four other old quilts which were documented at this time. The Antrim Grange has loaned a quilt bearing the names of its members in 1930. Another is a crazy quilt with the initials embroidered on each block by brides whom Rev. W.R. Cochrane had performed marriages for over the years. The materials used in the quilt were donated by the brides from their wedding dresses. In the 1800s, wedding dresses were not usually white but were made from colorful silks, satins or brocade and would have been something the woman would have been able to wear to other functions during her married life. Our ancestors were much more practical than present day brides who store away their beautiful white gowns. ♣



The Gentlemen's Quilt

SCHOOL BOARD

By Denise Holmes and Rich Morel

Curriculum work in the Conval School District is being done in a five-year cycle. We have recently seen implementation of new science and math curriculums, supported by training for teachers. This summer, teachers and administrators have worked to review and revise the Language Arts curriculum. There is a lot of work to do before new curriculums are implemented and we are happy that our staff is doing a thorough job to ensure that we have programs which benefit all of the students in the district. Social Studies and Guidance will soon follow on this five-year review cycle.

Remember that the impact of the increase in the school budget approved by voters last March will be seen in your December property tax bill. Many of us saw increases in our July bills because of the revaluation of property in Antrim. It isn't often we see hikes in two tax bills in a row, so it would be advisable to be prepared.

The school board's Budget and Property Committee is reviewing the budget in a year long process. Recent meetings have focused on the possible impacts of the No Child Left Behind legislation, a review of the district's 10-year budget history, and a discussion of what needs to be considered in long range planning. We have asked for more information about food service and how we can make improvements and reduce cost. We will be looking at a variety of topics which can be found on our agendas on our website along with meeting dates.

All sub-committee meetings are open to the public. They are advertised in the newspapers and can be found on our website. If you cannot attend a meeting but have a comment or an idea to share, contact one of your board members, 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. ♣

*The blackbird whirled in the autumn winds.
It was a small part of the pantomime.*

—Wallace Stevens

THE FIELD SCHOOL TURNS ONE

By Jane Forrestal

It has been one year since Antrim's new alternative middle school, located on Old Hancock Road, opened its doors to students. The *Limrik* wanted to check in on The Field School, to see how its first year went, and what plans the school has for the future.

Founded in August 2002, as a non-profit alternative middle school, The Field School reports a highly successful first year of operation. According to Stacey Sweet, the school's director, teacher, and one of its founders, the 2002-03 school year met and exceeded all expectations.

Along with co-founders Tom and Mary Meyers of Antrim, Stacey had set out to create a school that emphasized cross-curricular, project-based learning, in an integrated, multi-age environment. Their dream to create an alternative to the public middle school experience, is now a firm reality in the hearts and minds of the school staff, its board of directors, and its students. The school model which has been successful across the country, enabling a small group of students to focus on and take charge of their learning (maximum enrollment is ten students) under the tutelage of well-trained, enthusiastic educators, proved to be an exciting and viable choice for children from Antrim and the region.

To dispel any confusion about what "alternative" meant, Mary and Stacey explained that the school would remain small enough to really meet each child's needs, taking into account their age, developmental level and style of learning, whatever special needs they may have, and the like. The intention was that the student body would resemble a group of neighborhood children playing together, with differing ages and personalities joining to make school a dynamic, exciting place to be. Key to its success, says Stacey, is that the children are encouraged to respect themselves and to treat each other with respect.

Last year a total of eight students, five boys and three girls, attended the Field School. Their studies were based on the New Hampshire Curriculum Frameworks as recommended by the state's Department of Education, which included reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. "But the school's manner of presenting subject mat-

ter to the students, and engaging them in it through well-crafted activities and projects, caused the students to take greater ownership over what they were learning and how they wanted the school to be," say Ms. Sweet, "which is exactly what we hoped would happen."

What makes this possible? Clearly, the instructor/student ratio is pretty hard to beat. Last year's eight students were taught by one full-time teacher, one full-time aide, and one part-time aide. These were complemented by several guest teachers, including retired English teacher, Margaret Carlson, who taught poetry, Heidi Schweiger, who taught French and drama, and a host of other visitors.

Students and staff took field trip to places like Boston University's Sargent Camp, and the Sharon Arts Center, and individual students were encouraged to take on challenges that satisfied personal learning goals. One student wanted to know how to make maple syrup, so he researched the process, including visiting an Antrim sugar house, and created a photojournal of his learning. Another student completed a scuba diving course, and gave an oral and visual presentation of his achievement.

High praise is given to director Stacey Sweet, who is a bright, talented educator. Her credentials include an M. Ed., with certification in both Special Education (K-12), and elementary and early-childhood education. According to one parent, whose child found great enjoyment in going to school for the first time in years, "she's a natural."

The school's year-long project was to design and construct a clubhouse on the school property. Students learned about design issues of size and spacial relations, how to lay a level foundation of cinder blocks, how to measure, cut, hammer, shingle—all the while dreaming of how they would use the clubhouse, and how they would take care of it in coming years. (For an in-depth look at this project and the math, science, design, social and other skills utilized, readers may visit the school web site: www.myschoolonline.com/NH/thefieldschool.) By putting thought and hard work into building the clubhouse and acquiring some wonderfully practical skills they can use for the rest of their lives, the structure became truly their own. It's a gift from these first-year Field School students

to all those who will attend in the future.

And the future is not far off. Stacey has spent the summer planning the coming school year, and she looks forward to welcoming old and new students in September. The children already know they will be adding to and enhancing their clubhouse this coming year.

Last year's students can't wait to return to school in September. They're up to the challenge of learning, and equally excited about helping their school continue to grow.

Note: The school is open to students entering grades 4 to 8. Tuition for the full year is \$5,000. There is some scholarship assistance available for families who demonstrate financial need. For more information, contact The Field School at 588-2828. ♣

DOROTHY FRANK

1914-2003

Dorothy Frank, a very-long-time summer resident and Antrim benefactor died last March at the age of 88. Throughout her buoyant career as a mother, social activist, teacher and artist, she systematically supported our Tuttle Library, Rescue Squad and the Antrim Players.

Her non-Antrim life was in Jacksonville, Illinois where her husband, the late Charles Frank, was a professor of English at Illinois College. The astonishing range of her activities there is suggested by the fact that in 1993 Illinois College awarded her an Honorary Doctorate of Letters in recognition of her manifold contributions, civic, educational and artistic.

During her youth, Dorothy had frequently visited her aunt, Alta Grace Ellis, in her summer cabin at White Birch Point on Gregg Lake. When her aunt died in 1935, she left the cabin to Dorothy. In 1941 Dorothy married Charles Frank and the cabin became the summer home for them and, later, their five children.

In 1939, Dorothy painted scenery for an Antrim Players production of "The Pirates of Penzance". When in 1982 the Players again did "The Pirates of Penzance", guess who again painted scenery: of course, Dorothy Frank. ♣

FLYING THE BIG JETS

A VIEW FROM UP FRONT

By Bill Newbold

Antrim's Bill Newbold is a veteran American Airlines captain who currently flies Boeing 777 aircraft from Boston to London. On such flights he is responsible for a crew of 14 and 245 passengers. The Limrik invited him to write about his long experience in aviation.

—Editor

My name is Bill Newbold and I live in Antrim with my wife Helene. We've lived here about 23 years now and consider this to be our home. Helene and I are native Californians and both grew up in the San Francisco bay area. However, I do have a New Hampshire connection in that my Dad was born in Milford, NH. We used to take family trips from SFO to BOS for our summer vacations and would come up to stay in Milford at my grandparent's place. I loved New Hampshire as a kid, but even more, I loved to fly in the big airliners, TWA's Constellations. It was incredible to me (and still is by the way) that we could go coast to coast in less than a day.

From our house in South City/South San Francisco, I could see and hear the planes which sounded quite different in those days with their huge reciprocating engines and propellers (Constellations, DC 6s and DC 7s, Convairs, Martins and Pan Am's Stratoliners) heading West from SFO airport on the "Gap Departure". That is, the planes took off into the prevailing westerly breeze and headed for a gap in the hills surrounding the Bay Area right over Daly City, the next town north of South City. Eastbound flights would reverse course and turn East just off shore near Half Moon Bay and Pacifica. Anyway, as a kid I turned into somewhat of an airplane junkie. One really big event that served to get me hooked on flying and airplanes was the opening of the new San Francisco International airport in the 1950s. We had a family friend who worked for the FAA as an air traffic controller who took us out to the new airport prior to its official opening and gave us a tour including a trip to the control tower. The opening ceremonies of SFO airport included a great airshow with the Navy's Blue Angels flying their F-9 Cougars. What a thrill for a young boy! Anyway, both I and my brother John (who now flies for Delta Airlines) were hooked.

GETTING STARTED

During college there was a threat of being drafted and going off to war in Southeast Asia (if for some reason or other you lost your student deferment). I had managed to loose my student deferment but a friend told me about a program offered by the U.S. Navy called AVROC (Aviation Reserve Officer Candidate). This program allowed you to join the Navy during college, go to Pensacola, Florida in the summer for Aviation Officer Candidate School, get commissioned as an Ensign after graduation from college and then proceed to flight training. This was just what I wanted. Not that I was interested in flying in combat or bombing the jungles and people of Southeast Asia; I wanted to fly! I guess I lucked out by getting an assignment as a flight instructor in Pensacola after getting my wings (graduating from flight school). After flying as an instructor in Florida and Corpus Christi, Texas, I was assigned as a station pilot at the Naval Air Station Cubi Point in the Philippines. I thought that this assignment was probably the end of life as I knew it. Once again I lucked out. Not only was there no limit to our flight time but also I was introduced to this cute young civilian girl, Helene Johnson, who had grown up in the San Francisco area. We hit it off pretty good and decided to get married upon returning home to California.

LOOKING FOR A JOB

I got out of the Navy in 1975 and tried looking for a flying job, but I was in for a shock. This was just after the Vietnam war and the first fuel crunch hit our country. Not a good time for the airlines. I got a rating as a civilian flight instructor, filled out a million applications and sent resumes to every company that had pilots. No luck! Then, on somewhat of a lark, I applied to American Airlines as a flight attendant (steward) hoping to move to a job as a pilot when things turned around. During my year and a half working as a flight attendant, based in Boston, I was constantly talking to the pilots trying to find out when pilot hiring would resume. I also continued my search and quest to be a commercial pilot by obtaining my FAA Airline Transport Rating and doing some flying for a small commuter and charter outfit in Lawrence, Massachusetts, Merrimack Valley Aviation. Sure enough, this ploy worked. In the fall of 1977 I was hired as a pilot (flight officer) by American Airlines. I just couldn't believe this luck!

AMERICAN AIRLINES

I started with American as a flight engineer on the Boeing 727 and was based in Boston. The flight engineer on these planes does not actually fly the airplane but is responsible for operating and monitoring aircraft systems (electrical, hydraulics, fuel, air conditioning and pressurization) and is responsible for maintenance logbook requirements, preflighting the exterior of the plane and acts as kind of a technical advisor to the Captain. After doing this job the flight engineer (*plumber* or *wrench* as he is sometimes called) is eligible to move up to a first officer (co-pilot) position where he actually flies the plane. Captains and First Officers share flying responsibilities. One will do the flying on one leg or flight and the other flies the next leg. You move up in position based solely upon your seniority and available openings in the next position or category. These openings occur due to retirements or increases in the company's flights or expansion.

MOVE TO ANTRIM

In 1980 my wife and I and new daughter, Jenny, moved from Nashua to Antrim. During my career I have seen the industry go through many ups and downs. I have been fortunate enough to avoid being furloughed (that is losing your job) during the downturns in the economy and consequently my industry. As I mentioned our jobs are based on a seniority system and everything we do is predicated on that important seniority number. Advancement opportunity as well as downgrade positions are all predicated on what your seniority number entitles you to. During poor economic times (such as now) airlines always downsize and those who were last hired are the first to be furloughed. Thankfully I never had to consider a job as a writer!

POST 9/11 SECURITY

I know that many of you are interested in the safety aspects of flying in today's post 9/11 environment. I can assure you that you can relax. The vast majority of men and women that I have worked with during my 27 years as an airline pilot are professionals who take their jobs seriously, knowing that their own safety as well as that of the folks in the back depends on taking the job seriously and paying attention to the matter at hand. As for security, I'm sure that many of you who travel by air feel that the emphasis

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on checking what and who is getting aboard is a big nuisance, but I'm also sure that if one crackpot can be detected prior to boarding it is worth any inconvenience we might suffer. I have to admit, though, that I get tired of taking off my watch and shoes, removing pens and coins from pockets just so that I can do my job. The biggest improvement that I can see of late is using explosive detection equipment on all checked bags. While we have spent lots of money, hired many new people and caused lots of waiting in lines, I know that in reality a determined terrorist is nearly impossible to thwart. We now have Federal Air Marshals and a few armed pilots on our flights as one more layer of protection against terrorist activities in our aircraft cabins. I have gone back and forth on the merits of arming our pilots and have, on my own, taken a course in handgun familiarity and close-quarter firearm use. Right now with our improved and bulletproof cockpit doors I have elected not to go on to become a Federal Flight Deck Officer. (I couldn't tell you anyway if I did.) My job, as I view it, is not to attempt to get involved in a cabin disruption but to get the aircraft safely on the ground as soon as possible should the situation warrant.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

During my time as a pilot for American Airlines I have never had and hope never to have a dire emergency involving a mechanical problem with the aircraft. This really tells a lot about the quality of our maintenance

and the engineering safety of the planes that I fly. The only emergencies that I have experienced have been in the flight simulators while going through recurrent training (every nine months now) at our flight training academy in Dallas-Fort Worth. There we practice engine failures, fires, windshear escape maneuvers, high speed aborted takeoffs and rejected landings as well as other aircraft system failures. These simulators are amazing in their reality and enable us to become proficient at handling situations that we probably will never have to handle as we go about our jobs. I can say that over the course of my career I have had my share of less than perfect work days while diverting around thunderstorms, holding for improving weather conditions in Chicago or waiting to be de-iced prior to takeoff in Boston.

PILOT SCHEDULING

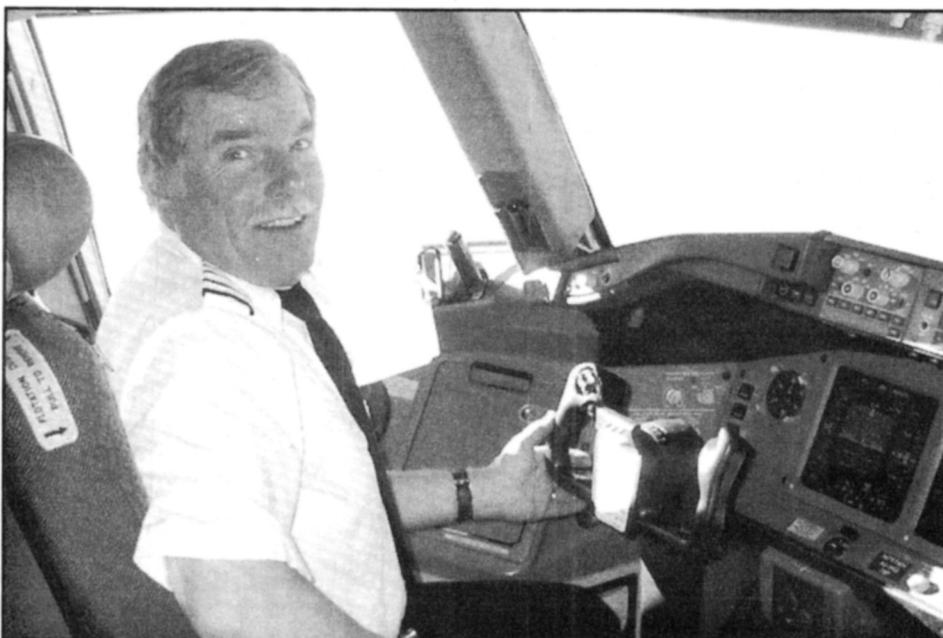
My job especially after doing it for 27 years is pretty straight forward. Understanding the schedule and all the nuances of our work rules is not quite so simple. Our schedules are varied and change every month. Each month we bid for our schedule based on what the company is offering for flying at our particular base and aircraft type and what our seniority allows us to fly. The most senior pilot in each position, captain and first officer on each aircraft type, B-777, 767, 737, MD-80, etc., gets first choice of schedules for the month and for vacations and such. Those at the end of the list, junior pilots, get the leftovers or are on reserve for the month. Being on reserve is like being

on-call to cover flying left open when a pilot calls in sick or to cover other contingencies that arise when the scheduled pilot is delayed due to weather. Our schedules usually have us working 9-17 days in a month and range between about 65-80 flight hours. This doesn't sound like much work to most folks, but I know that sometimes after a 3-day trip with odd hours, time zones changes, etc., I'll need a couple of days home in Antrim just to get back to feeling like I'm not a zombie.

THE VIEW FROM UP FRONT

Flying the big jets is, as a routine, unbelievably great! The view from up front is usually spectacular. During cruise flight we are normally on top of most cloud layers and at times circumnavigate huge thunderstorms which can build up over the continental U.S. and Caribbean waters to altitudes that far exceed the limits of our aircraft. These massive storms (seen from a safe distance), sunrises, sunsets and even the night sky with spectacular star shows and northern lights are treats that are unbelievable to most folks. Takeoffs and landings are, of course, the most interesting and though challenging are usually fun for pilots. Our airplanes are now capable of landing by themselves, that is, using the autopilot system. When the weather is very poor with bad visibility due to fog or rain we use the autoland capability of the aircraft and allow the plane to "land itself". This way the pilots can monitor system (autopilot) performance, make important decisions (should we continue this approach or abandon it to go somewhere else or start over?) and be ready to take over controlling the aircraft manually should a malfunction occur.

Anyway, after over 27 years as a commercial airline pilot, I'm still amazed at those wonderful machines we call airliners and where they can take us and allow us to do. I really have travelled the world and been paid to do so since the 1970s. Besides flying all over our country, I've flown into Hong Kong, Taipei, London, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Geneva, Zurich, Munich, Dusseldorf, San Juan, St Thomas, St Maarten, Barbados, and Caracas. There are probably a few others that I can't recall at the moment, but of all these places, though I don't get paid to go here, I like Antrim, New Hampshire the best! ♣



TOWN HISTORY REVISITED

By Isabel B. Nichols

Listen, my children, and you shall hear
How the men of Antrim marched without fear
In response to the call of the Minute Men;
Then turned right around and marched home again.
(*Apologies to the poet Longfellow.*)

'Twas the 18th of April in '75—1775 that was—when Paul Revere made his famous ride from the shore of the Charles River in Charlestown, across the rude bridge that arched the flood in Concord, rousing the Minute Men in every Middlesex village and farm “to be up and to arm”. The British troops stationed in Boston were on their way to seize the contents of an arsenal in Concord, and the much-tried patience of the patriots was at an end. Our local historian, the Rev. Warren Cochrane claims “this brave expedition terminated in utter defeat” for the British. Other historians might not agree completely, but nevertheless “the embattled farmers stood and fired the shot heard round the world”, as the poet Emerson expressed it.

This was the beginning of the American Revolution, for immediately after hearing of the battle at Lexington the Massachusetts Provincial Congress sent out a call to the neighboring colonies for help. Paul Revere was only one of several dispatch riders who fanned out from Middlesex County to spread the alarm, so exactly when the word reached Society Land, as this area was then called, is not recorded. But the response was swift and far-reaching. Men came from Deering, Hancock, Greenfield and Bennington to meet with the men of Antrim at the home of James Aiken, where they elected Isaac Butterfield of Greenfield as their captain and immediately started to march toward Lexington, a good 75 miles away.

William Smith and John Gordon were the only men left in Antrim. Smith was 60 years old and too old for the long march, but he proved his patriotism the next day when he followed the men with a wagonload of provisions which the womenfolk had put together during the night.

Gordon, however, had mixed feelings about taking up arms against his King. As a schoolboy in Scotland he had been pressured into joining the King's army, and was sent to this country to fight in the French and Indian War (1756-1763). Upon his discharge he found his way to Antrim, living with the Aikens for three years before starting his own farm at North Branch. He eventually

resolved his loyalty and enlisted in the American army for the remainder of the Revolutionary War.

Smith, with his needed supplies, did catch up with the company from Antrim. They had marched as far as Tyngsborough, Massachusetts, which is just over the state line from Nashua. There they were met by General John Stark, arguably New Hampshire's most celebrated soldier, who informed them that the battle was over, at least for the moment, and that there were men enough near Boston to hold the British soldiers down. “Go home and plant your corn,” he advised the company of farmers, “but hold yourselves ready to march at a moment's warning. However rusty your guns may be, I know of no men with whom I would sooner trust my life in the hour of battle.” Or so was the message repeated by the deflated company that trudged back over the long forty miles from Tyngsborough to Antrim, with only Stark's words to bolster their spirits.

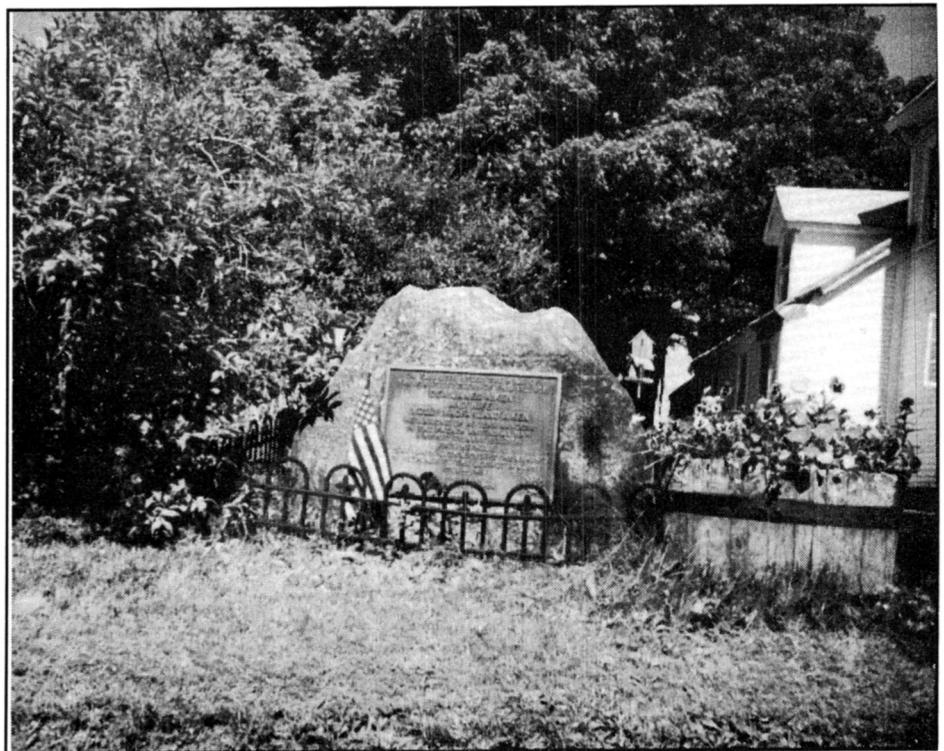
On their return the men organized into a militia and met regularly to drill. And of course they planted their corn. As the war dragged on for the next eight years there was plenty of opportunity for soldering in battles throughout New England and New York. But the surge of patriotism that inspired the spontaneous march toward Lexington probably

never again reached the height it had in April of 1775.

One hundred and thirty-five years later the local Daughters of the American Revolution strove to immortalize this courageous band by erecting a memorial stone at the top of Depot Street Hill. The plaque on the stone reads:

On this site stood the home of the first settlers of this village,
Deacon James Aiken and wife,
Molly McFarland Aiken.
He was one of Rogers Rangers in the French and Indian War; a Revolutionary soldier. From his home every man in Antrim except one marched in response to the Lexington alarm.

Ed and Sybil Herbert now own the property where the stone is located. They are devoted gardeners, and this season they have decorated the area with plants, flags, and a small black fence like those seen in old cemeteries. Over this display, in good weather, two large flags are flying: the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes (Sybil is a native of England). John Gordon, for one, might be glad to know that Great Britain and the United States are now allies exemplified by the Herberts, who are making a (sometimes-ignored) tribute to these early citizens. The memorial stone is worthy of a trip to observe and admire. ♣



SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITY ARTISTS

By Liz Robertson

Antrim Community Grange recently held a very successful first annual public Arts Exhibition for Antrim and Bennington area artists.

Professional display panels were set up with help from Tom Meyers, professional glass artist, Grange members, and willing workers from the community.

The exhibit ran for a three-day weekend (June 13-15) with a festive opening gala on Friday evening.

This Spotlight on Community Artists and Artisans included over twenty people from the greater Antrim area. There were excellent program notes about each artist. The artists were: Cindy Lou Bauer—Stained Glass Panels, Chauncey and Deb Berdan—Functional Stoneware Pottery, Tracy Bishop—Pottery, Joanne Elliot—Pastels, Diane Gutgesell—Unique Acrylic Painting, Ann Hagggett—Pastels, Janelle Jette—Hand-made Books, Victoria Kearney—Prints, Phebe Lewan—Photography, Pamela Matthews—Oli Paintings and Monoprints, Beth Merrill—Photography, Thomas Meyers—Laminated Glass Mosaics, Richard Millard—Painted Glass, Hope Ann Phillips—Pastels, Barry Proctor—Oil Paintings, Liz Robertson—Watercolors and Wood Sculpture, Giffin Russell—Watercolors, Russ Russell—Oils, Pastels, and Watercolors, Chris Baker—Salmon—Glass, Mary Sawich—Pastels, Elsa Voelcker—Photography and Portraiture.

After the show as artists gathered to dismantle the exhibit, next year's bigger show was on their minds.

Everyone seemed pleased with the Grange Hall space for the show. Special thanks go to Tenney Farm for flowers, Shelley Nelkins and Mildred Slater for bouquets, Tom Meyers for display panels, Elsa Voelcker's planning help, Izzy Nichols' piano renditions, young Nellson Perry's saxophone solos, support from the Penny family, and certainly all the attendees.

More information about the Grange Hall Art Shows and Artists may be obtained by calling 588-2562. ♣

ANTRIM RECREATION

By Rick Wood

Thanks to all the families who participated in our summer programs. The summer was fun, with well attended programs, and lots of activities. Please note the following programs, registration dates, and other upcoming recreation news.

• **Lego League:** Science, Technology and FUN. Teams formed for local competition, grades 4–8. Call Rec office for more information.

• **Dance at Gregg Lake** for 6, 7, and 8th grade on Friday September 5. Call 588-3121 for time.

• **Friday Family Fun Nights:** games, music, crafts and fun at Town Gym on the first Friday of each month starting October 3, from 6–8 PM. Free.

• **Halloween Window Painting Contest:** Friday October 24. Four divisions: Family, 2nd–4th grade, 5th–8th grade, 9th–12th grade. One 'Grand' prize per division and many awards in each division.

• **Basketball Sign-Up:** Tuesdays October 14 and 21 from 6–8 PM; Saturday October 18 from 9–11 AM at the Town Gym. Programs for youth in 1st grade through 8th grade and run from November through February.

• **Tree Lighting** on Sunday December 7 at 4 PM at the Gazebo.

MISSION TO MARS

The Antrim Parks and Recreation department along with the New Hampshire Society in Technical Education (NHSTE) will be co-sponsoring two local teams of 9 to 14 year-old students to participate in this year's First Lego League's "Mission to Mars" challenge.

BUILDING ROBOTS

This is an 8-week program from October through November that challenges 4th–8th grade students to design, build and program robots to accomplish specific missions using computers, programming software, robots, Lego pieces and most import teamwork. The challenge coincides with NASA's two missions to Mars and should give kids an experience that will last a lifetime. The program culminates in local, state and national tournaments in November and December. Over 1200 teams will compete nationwide and many more in five foreign countries.

In last year's rookie venture for the Antrim teams, we participated in two New Hampshire State tournaments with one of

the teams gaining the valued distinction as "The Rising Stars" of the tournament. This year's core group of returning veterans have some pressure to do even better. Each team consists of a maximum of 10 and students from Antrim, Frankestown and Hillsboro have already expressed a desire to participate. We will be looking for even more to join the challenge.

We could also use parents, teachers and older students as mentors or guest lecturers. If you think you may be interested contact the Antrim Rec Dept at 588-3121. We want to make this year's team's experiences eclipse the stars.

For more information about the Mission to Mars program go the their website at www.firstlegoleague.org. ♣

NEW RECESS AREA FOR GREAT BROOK SCHOOL

By Kathleen Bigford

Behind GBS just a little to the west of the baseball diamond lies the beginning of a new recreation area. This is an area of woods (about 2 acres) that was disturbed by a tornado a few years back.

Fed by reports of overcrowding on the present playground shared by the middle and elementary schools, sixth grade teacher, Kathleen Bigford, and her class began making plans last winter to use the destroyed area for recreation.

The process began with taking the idea to the faculty and staff for approval. The idea was well received. Planning started with finding the school property boundaries and mapping the area. Decisions were made about what to clear and what to leave standing. A local excavator came in to consult about the best way to handle the area that was planned for clearing.

Final maps were drawn up for approval by the school board in early June. Approval was granted and in July David Desauniers of Pine View Excavation (a former GBS student) cleared about an acre of "slashy" woods to become the new playground. Grass was planted and is growing well due to the tropical weather conditions during August.

The new playground includes this cleared space and a wooded area. As of this writing there is still a little work to be done before it can be used by students. Mrs. Bigford is hoping her new class will be enthusiastic about helping to get the playground ready to use this fall. ♣

HOW SKEEZE CAUGHEY BROUGHT SCIENCE TO ANTRIM

By Lyman Gilmore

In 1964, when I began teaching at Nathaniel Hawthorne College in North Branch, I had no idea that the college had been preceded by another, more enlightened institution with a very serious mission and a staff of highly committed scientific experts. From 1956 through 1959, what had been the Flint Farm on the North Branch of the Contoocook River, became The Mondanock Research Institute. The story of MRI and how it came about is the story of Antrim's Caughey family.

Winslow "Skeeze" Caughey was responsible for MRI's appearance in Antrim. Born and raised in Antrim, Caughey had gone on to a Ph.D. in chemistry and a research position at Johns Hopkins University. At Hopkins, he says: "We focused on the highly specialized area of research that involves porphyrins," and our lab "was one of the very few labs in the world with expertise in this area."

Porphyrins are difficult to get your mind around. The name comes from "porphyra," the Greek word for the color purple. Porphyrins are pigments that occur in plants and animals, and, as Caughey says, they "make the blood red and the leaves green." Porphyrins occur in all of us, and they are essential to life. They allow us to utilize oxygen from the atmosphere by absorbing it in the lungs, carrying it throughout our bodies in the bloodstream, and then releasing it to create energy for our muscles. For those readers of a more technical bent, here is a scientific explanation: "Porphyrins are the chemical basis of hemoglobin, which carries oxygen molecules throughout the bloodstream of animals; of chlorophyll, which is the fundamental molecule mediating photosynthesis in plants; and of the colors that many animals display." (*Encyclopedia Britannica*, 22, 966 (2002))

Caughey and his colleagues liked the laboratory at Johns Hopkins, but they felt their work might be more productive if they were to create an "institute." The lab contained only chemists, but an institute would have "investigators with diverse backgrounds, each approaching the over-all problem from his point of view or specialized field." Also, they wanted to get away from the crowd and clatter of Baltimore to a location where they could work in spacious quiet. Ideally they hoped to find a place in

the country. (*Chemical and Engineering News*, Vol. 36, August 25, 1958, p. 32)

Caughey writes that Antrim came immediately to mind: "Of course Antrim was *home* for me, and although working elsewhere, my wife Helen and I always spent a portion of each summer in Antrim camping at Gregg Lake and visiting with many relatives. Through my parents I learned of the availability of the 'Flint Place.' It had several buildings suitable for laboratory and living space with 1,000 acres of land!"

Caughey knew about the Flint Estate because his father, George "GH" Caughey had been interested in it since the early 1900s when the Flint family, then living in Milwaukee, began an extensive remodeling of the buildings and grounds. As a boy in the late 1800s GH and his friend Henry Pratt used to ride their bicycles from their homes in Waltham, Massachusetts to visit relatives at the Alabama Farm during the summer. Later, about 1912, GH came to Antrim to build the dam on the North Branch River that created Steele Pond and provided the Goodell Company with electricity. After GH completed the dam, Wyman Flint, the owner of the Flint estate, hired him to help with the remodeling of their grounds along the north bank of the river upstream from Steele Pond.

For Winslow Caughey and his colleagues, Antrim's Flint Farm was perfect. As the journal article reported: "Along with a beautiful colonial-style mansion, they fell heir to five homes (now housing staff members), a huge barn (now centrally heated and sectioned off into research laboratories), a chapel (serving its intended function mainly, but used on occasions for conferences), and a school house (converted to living quarters for staff members). Not even the silo was spared. Staff members, exercising typical Yankee ingenuity, now are busy setting up distillation columns in it." (*Ibid*; p. 34)

A grand house in the Georgian style, the Flint Mansion was built on the Flint Farm about 1817 and was remodeled by Wyman Flint as a summer home in 1913-14. When Winslow Caughey and his family moved into the mansion in 1956 they became aware of the work that his father had accomplished on the property many years earlier. The east-west "Keene Road" that had passed close to the main house had been moved down the hill to the north bank of the river. GH and his crew, including several Italian immigrants who had been expert stone masons in Italy, constructed the huge stone walls along the north bank of the river and around the

main house. Winslow Caughey reports that the gardener for the estate, Billy Linton, "had beautiful roses growing all along the wall when we moved in and he reminded Helen frequently about all the things that had to be done to those roses if they were to prosper. Billy had also nurtured ivy on a round stonework fake well about four feet high in the lawn back of the house. On first seeing this well GH told us 'You must take off that ivy immediately; it covers my stonework.'"

Wondering about the fate of the stone walls, GH's well, and those old roses, I visited the Flint Farm main house in mid-August of this year. The stone walls are still massive, the well remains solidly impressive, but there was no sign of the roses among the overgrown weeds. However, when the new resident and soon-to-be owner of the house came out with her infant daughter and learned of my quest, she led me to several ancient and scrawny rose plants growing close to the east side of the brick mansion, perhaps Billy Linton's hardy survivors despite their neglect. Nicole and William Corbett Arnold, who recently moved to the Flint Mansion from Salem, Massachusetts, have already begun grooming the property. He is in the process of moving his business, the Wm. Corbett Construction Company, to North Branch from Salem.

[There was an additional consequence of GH Caughey's relationship with Wyman Flint that has been important to Antrim. During the period when GH was remodeling the Flint Estate, Wyman Flint traveled to England where he met S. S. Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scout movement. Flint returned and explained the movement to GH who then created the first Boy Scout troop in New Hampshire. He constructed a Boy Scout camp at the south end of Gregg Lake, consisting of a lodge with a large fireplace and tent platforms. The camp was named for one of GH's sons and Winslow's brother, Byron, who died suddenly of spinal meningitis as a boy. The camp has burned down, but the Caughey family continues to own the land and camp there summers. Richard Jennison, the current Scoutmaster, says that for years Antrim had "New Hampshire Troop Number One," but that in the 1930s the charter was allowed to run out. Now we are "Troop Number Two."]

In a telephone interview from his home in the Bitterroot Mountains of western Montana, Winslow Caughey, explained the significance of MRI's work in Antrim. His

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Skeeze Caughey continued

group created porphyrin compounds that helped them understand how the body is able to utilize oxygen. "The data allowed us to know what goes wrong, what is the cause of tissue damage, and what can be done to prevent strokes, heart attacks. We now believe the research we did at 'Monadnock,' as we called it, can be helpful in treating Alzheimer's Disease. It even has applications in the production of dyes for automobile paints."

Caughey describes their work: "We made hundreds of these compounds at MRI. All were tested for slowing cancer growth with some showing promise. These compounds have proven extremely useful for my research and for use by many others. I have a freezer full that went first to John Hopkins Medical School, later to Colorado, now to Rocky Mountain Labs (RML) in Montana. More recently at RML we have shown some porphyrins to be effective drugs for the treatment of mad cow disease and chronic wasting disease, for which no treatments have proven effective for these always fatal diseases."

In response to a question about what sort of contacts the MRI people had with North

Branch residents, Caughey reports: "We interacted extensively with the community in a way that was certainly beneficial to us and, hopefully, to others. The chapel served a very important purpose as a meeting place for many and frequent community activities, including Christmas parties, suppers, and Sunday services. I periodically started up the old fire truck we found in the garage adjacent to the main house upon moving in. Someone, I forget who, told me it was my job to keep it available for use at a moment's notice. (By the way, I wonder what happened to that old fire truck.) In this way we found it remarkably easy to enjoy the friendship and ready hospitality of the North Branch folk."

Although Winslow Caughey and his MRI colleagues produced important porphyrin research and greatly enjoyed their residence in Antrim, by 1959 it was clear that the institute would have to close. They discovered that while the funding they had was considerable, it was insufficient for the sort of research they wanted to do. In order to continue they would have to change their objectives and Winslow would have to spend most of his time as a manager and fund

raiser. As he says, "I wanted to be primarily a scientist and not a businessman."

What finally forced his decision to leave was an offer that he could not refuse. He was invited to join the Johns Hopkins Medical School faculty where he would have "ultra-modern new laboratory facilities and equipment, a nearly unlimited budget to support my research, and an opportunity to introduce new teaching areas to medical and graduate students. Choice of my research area was my choice alone. A dream opportunity at one of the best, arguably the best medical school in the world."

Winslow Caughey concludes: "Nevertheless, it was a very difficult decision for all of us. MRI was great fun while it lasted!"

Inspiration for this article came from Nina Harding, and much of its information from Izi Nichols. In January 2003 Izi had contacted Winslow Caughey, asking him questions about MRI for a Historical Society presentation on the history of North Branch. Caughey wrote back, providing fascinating responses to her queries. I have taken the liberty to paraphrase and quote extensively from his responses. ♣



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ABOUT TOWN

A.R.T.S. UPDATE

By Dotti Penny

Why has the land behind the A.R.T.S. been cleared? No, it's not to build a house overlooking the transfer station! The State of New Hampshire has informed the town of Antrim that we need to move brush and compost piles away from land that borders on wetlands. They will be moved onto cleared land behind the Swap Shop, as will other recycled materials such as metals and tires.

It is hoped that running water will be installed at the station during the autumn.

The A.R.T.S. committee asks all Antrim residents to be aware of the bright red trailer near the swap shop. This is where all computers, monitors, and TVs must go. Please refer to the yellow flyer for fees and to review what materials must be recycled at A.R.T.S. The flyers are available at the station and the Town Hall.

Please remember that shoes *must* be worn at the transfer station.

We are sorry Lester Foote is currently unable to work at the Swap Shop. The past few months he did an incredible job of keeping the shop organized and clean. We hope his health continues to improve and we thank him for the many hours of volunteer work he put into A.R.T.S. Please do your part to be sure the Swap Shop continues to provide the service it was set up to do—allowing residents to put reusable things in and take out things they need. Swap shop items are to be picked up for personal use only.

Beginning September the A.R.T.S. will be closed on Sundays and be back on its regular schedule of hours open. ♣

THANK YOU

The *Limrik* thanks the Monadnock Paper Mills for their generous donation of paper for the printing of this newspaper.

GIRL SCOUTS

By Jeana White

Registration for Antrim Girl Scouts will be Wednesday, September 10 at 6 PM at the Presbyterian Church on Main Street.

For many years we have been fortunate to have a strong Girl Scouting program in Antrim. Last year we added troops in Bennington, and this fall we will be starting up a troop in Francestown, and hopefully in Hancock as well. These new troops along with the existing Antrim and Bennington troops form the basis for the Great Brook Service Unit, serving all the girls in the Great Brook School area.

For the first time in many years we will have all levels of Girl Scouts represented—starting at Daisies for the Kindergartners, up to Seniors for the High School girls.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

In addition to traditional troops, we will be offering something new this year. We are introducing a number of Girl Scout sponsored community events which will be held throughout the year. These will be open to all girls, whether or not they are in a troop. We think these events will be lots of fun and a great way for new girls to try out Girl Scouting.

Our first event will be a Harvest Festival at Memorial Park on Saturday, October 4 from 10 AM to 12 NOON. We will be making scarecrows, pressing cider, playing games, and much more!

In November we will have a Holiday workshop, with older girls preparing craft stations for younger girls to make holiday gifts. Look for information on this and other fun Girl Scouting opportunities in the coming months.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Although we have strong leaders and support team members, we are in serious need of adult volunteers. Please consider joining our team. There are many ways to help, whether you are male or female, parent, grandparent or child-free.

For more information please call 588-3014 or e-mail Jeana White at: jeanawhite@comcast.net. ♣

CADETTE AND SENIOR GIRL SCOUTS

By Sharon Dowling

Greetings! Cadette troop 2706 has grown, and those girls who are now in 10th grade and above will be forming a new Senior troop. They will be meeting at times with the Cadettes, and at other times on their own. At this time we have room for a few new Cadette-age girls (grades 7, 8, and 9).

Girl Scout registration is scheduled for September 10 from 6–7:30 PM at GBS. If you cannot make registration night, there are other opportunities to join. If you have any questions about Cadette and Senior Girl Scouting in Antrim, please call Sharon Dowling at 588-3459. As always, we are looking for adult leadership from the community. Help us make a difference! ♣

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The display committee of the Antrim Historical Society is putting out a call to all local artists and artisans. The committee would like to have a small sample of each person's work donated to the permanent collection. A description of the method used to produce the work, as well as a brief bio of the artist is also desired. There are many artists and craftsmen at work in the area, and it's important for future generations to be able to see what was going on in Antrim in the 21st century. Please call either Dotti Penny at 588-6605 or Jacque Cottle at 588-6358 to arrange for your work to be shown in the Historical Room at the Tuttle Library.

Meanwhile, a display of china and quilts of historical interest is on view; make a visit upstairs during library hours. ♣

WELCOME

We wish to extend a welcome to Pam Caswell and Hope Phillips to the staff of the *Limrik*. Pam is taking over the responsibilities of Advertising Manager. She has an able assistant in Hope Phillips who produced the centerfold ads for this issue. We are grateful for their volunteer spirit. ♣



CHURCH NEWS



Antrim Presbyterian Church
 Rev. Peggi Kephart Boyce
 588-2209

Sunday Worship (SEPT 7) 10:30 AM
 (nursery available for 4-year-olds and under)

Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM (SEPT 14)

Sunday School 10:30 AM (SEPT 14)

(K-4th grade during worship service)

Sept 7 Rally Sunday

Oct 8, 15, 22, 29 12 NOON Harvest Luncheons. Bring a bag lunch, beverage and dessert provided. Enjoy Christian fellowship and listen to a different guest speaker each week.

Sundays 7 PM AA Meetings

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Baptist Church

Pastor Charles V. Boucher
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 588-6614

Sunday Worship (Sept 14) 10:30 AM
 (Nursery and junior church provided)

Sept 10 Pre-school through high school mid-week programs begin. Call 588-6614 for more information.

Sept 14 9:15 AM Sunday School Rally Day

Oct 8, 15, 22, 29 12 NOON Harvest Luncheons. At Presbyterian Church, bring a bag lunch, beverage and dessert provided. Enjoy Christian fellowship and listen to a different guest speaker each week.

Oct 18 5-7 PM Church Supper. Adults \$6, Children (5-12 yrs) \$4, family maximum of \$20. Call 588-6614 for menu.

Antrim Antrim Church of Christ
 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.

CHILDREN'S LITERACY FOUNDATION GRANT

AWARDED TO TUTTLE LIBRARY

Antrim Elementary School students were recently treated to a community celebration and presentation by Duncan McDougall, executive director of the Children's Literacy Foundation. Duncan talked to the children about the joys of reading and writing and shared stories with the children. Included in the event was the presentation of more than \$1300 worth of children's books to the Tuttle Library and the town's children, which were left at the elementary school to be enjoyed by the students until the end of the school year. The books were then added to the library's permanent collection. They were given to the library after Library Director Kathy Chisholm applied for the grant from CLiF and funds for the books were donated by the Sands family in memory of their grandparents, Jack and Courtenay Sands.

During the presentation at AES when Duncan asked who liked to read, almost every child raised a hand!

Public libraries are the primary source of books for thousands of children who live in rural communities but due to shrinking budgets and rising costs, many children have difficulty accessing books. The Children's Literacy Foundation is dedicated to nurturing a love of reading and writing among children in rural areas throughout New Hampshire and Vermont.

The Foundation also works with children's book authors and illustrators to provide free presentations to children. The Tuttle Library was also awarded an author/illustrator visit which will be held this fall at Antrim Elementary School. ♣

THE NURSE IS IN

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services will offer a FREE "The Nurse Is In" clinic at Antrim Village, Tuesday September 16 from 11 AM to NOON. No appointment is necessary. Have your blood pressure checked. Ask our registered nurse about cholesterol, high blood pressure, lyme disease, heat stroke and other health concerns. The nurse will answer your questions or refer you to your local health professional. For more information, call Working for Wellness at HCS at 352-2253 or 800-541-4145, or visit our website at www.hcsservices.org. ♣

IN NEW YORK THEATER JENNIE MCINNIS A YEAR LATER

By Isabel B. Nichols

When news about Jennie McInnis appeared on these pages a year ago, she was quoted as saying she would not consider working as a stage manager in a New York City theatre—"too big." This has all changed, because she has spent 3 months doing just that, and loving it.

As a junior theatre major at Denison University in Ohio, Jennie decided to apply for an internship in the New York Arts program sponsored by Ohio Wesleyan. She was accepted and as a result spent the second school semester living in the Chelsea section of the Big Apple, with over 50 other student interns from mid-western colleges, and working as a production assistant at an off-Broadway theatre called "Primary Stages". The goal of this non-profit Equity theatre is to present new works of American playwrights, and Jennie worked on two of these plays: "One Million Butterflies" by Stephen Belber, whose work has been seen on HBO, and "Romola and Nijinsky" by Lynne Alvarez. The fact that neither play was too well-received by the critics in no way dampened the experience for Jennie backstage. She spent long hours at rehearsal, learning the professional demands on stage managers, and she found the production staff to be good teachers who were more than willing to explain and answer her questions as the plays progressed.

The amount of paperwork needed after each day's rehearsal was a surprise to Jennie. For example, Equity, the actors' union, demands meticulous accounting of how rehearsal time is spent, for the protection of the actors, and this falls into the stage manager's hands. As a result of all this, she has decided to take as her senior project the writing of a Handbook for Stage Managers, a needed addition to her college's theatre collection. In this way she will share her New York experience with other theatre majors, giving them some idea of what it's going to be like out there in the real world of make-believe.

When asked if she would go back to New York if the right job should arise, she responded: "in a heartbeat." The Antrim Players are pleased to count Jennie as one of their alumnae who is moving on to higher stages. ♣

**PROGRAMS**

- Sept *Month-long Bookmark Challenge for Kids*
- Sept 4 7 PM *Bountiful Garden* with Master Gardener Mary Wardman
- Sept 5 2 PM *Homeschool Support Group*
- Sept 28 2 PM *Genealogy Discussion*
- Oct 2 7 PM *Gifts from the Garden* with Master Gardener Mary Wardman
- Oct 3 2 PM *Homeschool Support Group*
- Oct 18 11 AM *Scarecrow Contest*
- Oct 25 11 AM *Halloween Storytime* with storyteller Andy Davis
- Oct 26 2 PM *Genealogy Discussion*
- Nov 6 7 pm *Cosmetics from the Garden* with Master Gardener Mary Wardman
- Nov 7 2 PM *Homeschool Support Group*

HARRY POTTER PARTY

Our Harry Potter Party which took place on Saturday, June 28 was a huge success, with 23 kids from pre-school age to 22 years, plus 9 parents and 5 volunteers and 3 staff member in attendance. Despite the sweltering hot weather, children and library staff arrived in various costumes inspired by the books and movies. Of particular delight for library regulars was the appearance of Library Director Kathy Chisholm, showing her true nature in a colorful long flowing cape (with the universe sprinkled all over it) and blue-spiked hair to match. Enthusiastic participants made their own magic wands and Harry Potter eyeglasses, and enjoyed a "Golden Snitch" scavenger hunt. A no-pressure Harry Potter trivia game became a true test for those whose memory for details is a particular delight. Refreshments featuring the dreaded "Dragon Snot Punch", turned out to be a great hit down to the very last drop! A copy of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" was awarded to a lucky young winner as a door prize, as well as a Harry Potter carousel depicting four scenes from the Hogwarts School of Magic.

An annual party celebrating the arrival of each successive publication of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter books is a distinct possibility.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

More than 85 eager children participated in our Summer Reading Program entitled,

"Reading Rock the Granite State." Many thanks go to Sharon Otterson, AES Principal and Ginny Mierins, AES Librarian who made time in their busy summers to be with our children for Storytimes. Their active public support of our summer program has proved invaluable to the success of summer reading for children and is greatly appreciated.

The staff enjoyed the continual enthusiasm for our weekly guessing games (with prizes) and drawings for free books. In celebration of the completion of the Summer Reading Program, a party was attended by 18 excited children who painted and decorated pet rocks, panned for gold, made Old Man of the Mountain coin rubbings, and their own rock tumblers. Certificates signed by the governor and state and local library officials were awarded to each individual who signed up for the program. Those who were unable to attend the party are encouraged to pick up their certificates along with their reading logs.

Our raffle for the Hard Rock Cafe t-shirts will be ongoing; don't forget to ask at the circulation desk for tickets.

CURRIER MUSEUM PASSES

We are pleased to announce that we now have library passes available for patron use for the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester. Each pass will provide free admission for up to 4 adults (children under 18 years are always admitted free), including free admission to Family Days and Sunday Concerts. Passes may be checked out on a weekly basis to our registered patrons. Be sure to take advantage of this exciting opportunity.

HOLIDAYS

The Library will be closed on Monday September 1 Labor Day, Monday October 13 Columbus Day, Tuesday November 11 Veterans Day, Thursday November 27 Thanksgiving.

NEW BOOKS: FICTION

Elizabeth Berg *Say When*; William Bernhardt *Death Row*; Dan Brown *Angels and Demons*; Dan Brown *Deception Point*; Dan Brown *Digital Fortress*; Tom Clancy *The Teeth of the Tiger*; Mary Higgins Clark *The Second Time Around*; Catherine Coulter *Blindside*; Clive Cussler *White Death*; Barbara Delinsky *Flirting with Pete*; Jack Higgins *Bad Company*;

Alice Hoffman *The Probable Future*; Dean Koontz *The Face*; James Patterson *The Lake House*; Sharon Kay Penman *Time and Chance*; Danielle Steel *Johnny Angel*.

MYSTERY

Philip Craig *Vineyard Killing*; Sharyn McCrumb *Ghost Riders*; Marcia Muller *Cyanide Wells*; Lawrence Sanders *McNally's Dare*; Elizabeth George *A Place of Hiding*; Faye Kellerman *Street Dreams*.

NON-FICTION

Hillary Rodham Clinton *Living History* (Biography); Robert Dallek *An Unfinished Life: John F. Kennedy* (Biography); Maria Flook *Invisible Eden*; Jon Krakauer *Under the Banner of Heaven*; Jane Stern *Ambulance Girl* (Biography).

TRUSTEES ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Saturday October 11th—from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM—on the Library lawn. Join the Trustees and Friends for our annual Columbus Day holiday weekend book sale where you will find lots of reading to fill your mind and at the same time help to fill our building fund! ♣

INADEQUATE NUDE ACTORS**ANTRIM PLAYERS
CANCEL "OH CALCUTTA"**

The Antrim Players' plan to mount "Oh Calcutta", Kenneth Tyman's drama requiring nude actors, has been cancelled, apparently because of a failure of nerve. Actors were told to come to tryouts in their birthday suits but, according to sources, the only ones who showed up were 3 men and 3 women from a nudist colony on Turner Hill Road. The same sources have leaked it that director Bill Nichols was dissatisfied with their acting ability ("couldn't act their way out of a paper bag" is the way he put it), but would have gone ahead anyway if a fourth man, required by the script, could have been located. When the only candidate, a veteran actor with a beautiful speaking voice, turned out to look like a cross between a scarecrow and a Mexican jumping bean after he took his clothes off, Bill threw in the towel.

"Maybe next year," he reportedly said wistfully. ♣



GREAT BROOK SCHOOL NEWS

By Barbara Black



REILLY SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

By Lloyd Henderson

Sometimes when you grow up in a small town and go off to the big city, you do pretty well for yourself.

Antrim native Joseph B. Reilly, the son of Robert and Nellie (Brzozowski) Reilly, is a good example.

Reilly received a new honor last Thursday morning when he was recognized as this year's Small Business Person of the Year by the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce. The award is given annually to "an individual who shows staying power; expands his company's job base, sales and volume; and actively works with civic-oriented projects."

An award breakfast to recognize Reilly, attended by about 100 people, was held June 18 at the Event Center at C.R. Sparks in Bedford. The event featured a talk by Giovanni Coratolo, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's director of small business policy.

Reilly, a resident of Bedford, has over 22 years experience in New Hampshire's banks, and has served as President and CEO of Bedford-based Centrix Bank & Trust since it was started. As President and CEO, he is responsible for the overall direction and coordination of the bank's efforts. Centrix is a bank which focuses on the needs of the community, and when a number of Greater Manchester business people and community leaders got together to form a new community bank in 1998, Reilly was chosen to lead the start-up effort.

Last year, Reilly was elected Treasurer of the New Hampshire Bankers Association and in June 2000, he received the New Hampshire Bankers Association "Community Banker of the Year Award" at the Association's Annual Convention.

Reilly attended schools in Antrim and graduated from ConVal Regional High School in Peterborough in 1974. He attended the University of New Hampshire in Durham, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree and an MBA from the Whittemore School of Business and Economics.

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FOREIGN LANGUAGE EXPLORATORY PROGRAM

Great Brook School will welcome two new teachers among its staff this year to support a new foreign language exploratory program for students in grades 5-8. Diane Goodman will be transferring from South Meadow School to teach Spanish. Suzanne Roy from Saint David, Maine was recently hired to teach French. Ms Roy taught English classes last year to French middle school students in Cours La Ville, France. Great Brook is fortunate to have both these talented professionals and look forward to their working with GBS students this year.

NEW RECESS AREA

This summer, GBS broke ground for a new recess area behind the school building. This work is part of a special landscaping project with sixth grade teacher Kathleen Bigford and her class. Throughout this coming year, Ms Bigford and her class will work to develop this area for student use. This project is just one of several service learning projects planned for the 2003-2004 school year.

NEW CURRICULA

GBS will begin its third year with the district's new science and math curriculum initiatives. In addition, it will begin implementation of the new language arts curriculum which several Conval teachers worked to refine this summer.

A group of teachers also spent three weeks working on the district's technology curriculum. As a result of their fine work, a booklet was created outlining curriculum standards for technology literacy for students grades 5-8.

We thank our teachers for their hard work and dedication to improving learning for all students.

WEATHER MONITORS

The sixth grade team will begin their fall science program with a study of the weather. Students will explore what creates different weather phenomenon and will track weather systems. In addition, several classes plan to create mini weather stations on school grounds.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Great Brook School's Parent Advisory Council met with school administrators this summer to develop a plan for greater parent and teacher involvement in PAC. We are proud to announce PAC will be hosting round table/open discussions on school topics important to parents and students. Parents are encouraged to suggest topics to be included. A list of topics and dates will be listed in the school newsletter (available online) and in future issues of the *Limrik*. Please join us!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH REVAMPED

Like all great programs that have been in existence for a while, the Student of the Month program at Great Brook School was due for some "freshening up". Academic and community service requirements remain the same. The process has been streamlined to better recognize student's hard work and successes.

In order to help students meet the four hours of community service requirement, Great Brook will organize community service projects on school grounds each Monday after school.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Assistant Principal Marc Edelheit is looking for ways to match students with community groups which need help. If your group needs workers, please call Marc at GBS (588-6630) and explain the type of activity, date, time, place, and number of workers needed. He will announce the opportunity to students and create a sign up sheet in the office. He will then telephone or fax you with the names of students who wish to participate. Don't let this great source of volunteers go untapped—call today!



Birth of a Foal continued

were conquered and goals met. One that Gem has yet to overcome is her fear of being in a trailer. Maybe she's taken to her Antrim home and wants to stay. With few horse shows within riding distance, her days of being in the "big ring" ran short. The phoenix then rose from the ashes, bringing back ideas of breeding her for a club project. Ideas were put into action.

The club went about playing matchmaker and found for Gem the stallion of her dreams, Equinox Beaubrook. Like all love stories there was a conflict. He was in Vermont, she in New Hampshire. She didn't like road trips and wasn't about to start a long distance relationship, so in June 2002, several members set out on an excursion to Beau's farm to watch the collection of semen. They then made an on-site withdrawal from the sperm bank. Back in Antrim, the vet came to perform an artificial insemination. Talk about your blind date gone wrong! Gem didn't conceive on the first try, but settled on the second attempt later that week. Lucky for her, FedEx does express deliveries!

Dr. Patronagia's jeep became a familiar sight in the barnyard as routine checkups and vaccinations were performed over the next ten months. In her eleventh and final month of gestation, Gem was showing signs that all the extra food she was consuming was actually feeding an extra heartbeat.

Evidence that the new "club member" was soon to arrive prompted a phone tree of excited members and friends and two cold nights out in the barn. But signs can be deceiving and no foal came. At Wednesday night's scheduled 4-H meeting, old business, new business and girl talk filled the hour and a half meeting. Afterward, everyone strolled across the street into the barn. Gem stood in her extra wide stall looking back at her visitors. There was a different atmosphere in the barn—it was time.

Gem's neck was sweaty and she moved about the stall with unsure direction. She lay down only to stand back up again. Cell phones were dialing frantically to inform parents and neighbors. While Gem was unsure about what was going on, this being

her first foal, the club was sure of one thing: everyone wanted a good view. To prevent Gem from giving birth into the stall door, it was opened and the foal entered its new world in the aisle surrounded by 4-H members. Club president, Brigitte Gutgesell announced that the foal was a filly, and everyone wanted to touch this small wet miracle. It took a long time to happen, but all important things are worth waiting for.

When the excitement simmered down we took our eyes off the filly to share this moment with our other members. Where had all these people come from? Parents, friends, local horse people and just passersby were all gathered in a horseshoe around the filly. What started as seven members and a leader had turned into an audience of twenty-three spectators. Gem and her baby bonded their first night together and woke up the next morning to celebrate Gem's very own birthday.

Weeks later a name for the filly was still in the rough. Baby or Monster are used, depending on her mood. A lot of thought goes into naming a horse, especially if you're going to register your horse as this one will be registered with the American Morgan Horse Registry. Rainbeau Jewel was left in the sifting pan when everything else drained through. "Rain", for Rainy Day Farm where she was born, "Beau", for Equinox Beaubrook, her sire, and Jewel is just a chip off the old gem. The learning process will continue for these two horses with the help of 4-H members, and Gem will be the first to warn her filly about blind dates! ♣

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IN MOROCCO

THE ENCOUNTER

By Kim Dionne

Kim Dionne, Antrim's representative to the NH State Legislature, was recently sent on a trip to Morocco by the American Council of Young Political Leaders. (The ACYPL has conducted political exchanges with more than 90 nations since 1966. Delegates are chosen from a bipartisan field of candidates who are 25–40 years old and who have shown leadership in public or private service.) Along with getting a rich education in Morocco's customs, values, political procedures, etc., Kim's crowded schedule included an astonishing encounter with, of all things, a huge cockroach! Here is her account.

—Editor

One of the funniest incidents on my trip was at a Five Star hotel. As I went into the bathroom to clean up for bed, I saw the biggest cockroach I had ever seen. It was as big as a limo, at least in my eyes. I ran to the front desk and told them what I saw. They did not understand one word I was saying, so I proceeded to write "bug bug bug" over and over on a piece of paper. Not making much headway, I wrote "insect" and drew a picture. By this time 20 minutes had passed. I knew I had locked that roach in the bathroom, so I figured I was going to get some help. Instead the guy reaches down behind the counter and hands me an aerosol can. I almost died; I had to go kill this giant limo-sized cockroach myself. I headed back to my room with a full aerosol can of some sort of insect killer. I slowly opened the main door, then proceeded to open the bathroom door. There it was, the bug and I. I sprayed and it ran. That thing was moving. He was fast, but I stayed on him, spraying, ducking, jiving and spraying some more. The roach flipped on its back, and the antennae slowly moved back and forth. I quickly shut the door to the bathroom. I went through all my bags, shook out all my clothes, packed up and watched CNN all night. I figured where there is one, there are more, and I was not taking any chances by closing my eyes. I was ready for check out at 3 AM! ♣

Grapevine Revisited continued

beams here and there, making an attractive contrast with the white walls and ceilings. There were new doors, windows and carpeting. Kristen showed me the delightful children's bathroom designed to look like the inside of a child's playhouse. There are two large playrooms, carpeted and well lighted by windows. An area near the kitchen, furnished with small tables and chairs, was where the arts and crafts programs are held. Lots of finger painting and pasteups must go on there.

Along another corridor I met with Sydney Wilson Smith, Parent Group Facilitator, and Kristin Readel, Children's Educator, in a very comfortable meeting room which is used for the parents' group. About 50-60% of those attending come from Antrim with the balance coming from the surrounding

towns of Hancock, Bennington, and Frankestown. The Grapevine is part of a larger network of Rural Family Support Groups all over New Hampshire. Sorely needed in these times of widely separated families and grandparents, the parents have a place to seek guidance, education, and support for their concerns about their children, themselves, and their marriages. Beside the staff mentioned above, there are visiting professional caregivers who come for appointments with parents.

The Grapevine had a grand opening for this new center on August 8. Many townspeople came to visit and expressed pleasure at seeing how cozy and welcoming a place the Aiken Street Barn has become. It complements beautifully The Grapevine's wonderful service to this community. ♣



Tracy McCaffrey, her son Kevin, and Jack Vance

COMMITTEE FOR ANTRIM DAY

Last 4th of July we had a parade along with other activities in town. Everyone enjoyed the day and we hope that it will mark the beginning of an annual **Antrim Day**. We're looking into the possibility of a starting a tradition perhaps on a different date such as Labor Day weekend.

We invite anyone interested in an **Antrim Day** committee to join us. Please call Rick Davis at 588-3388 or visit him at Rick & Diane's Pizzeria on Main Street. ♣

GRANGE NEWS

By Beth Merrill

Devyn Young was recently presented with Antrim Grange's Youth Citizen Award as well as a scholarship. Her activities, recited glowingly by her advisor, Mary Lou O'Neil, proved her to be well worthy of this honor. The members of the Antrim Grange wish Miss Young well as she starts her studies at Middlebury College this fall.

Plans are underway to participate in the Dictionary Project again this school year. Every third grade student in Antrim and Bennington will receive their very own dictionary from Antrim Grange through this program.

As is tradition each fall, Antrim Grange will present exhibits at the Hopkinton State and Hillsborough County Fairs. The third annual Antrim Grange Holiday Fair is tentatively set for Saturday, November 29.

Antrim Junior Grange, for children ages 5-14, will start meeting soon. A variety of organized activities and crafts is planned as well as earning merit badges, and learning leadership skills and patriotism. New members are always welcome. If interested, please call Renee Mercier at 588-2334. ♣

FOLK TALES THE CELEBRITY

By Fred Roberts

The evening air seemed to have a special feeling for those people who were standing in small groups in the courtyard of the American Stage Festival. This summer theatre in Milford, NH was about to see the most famous actress Milford might ever have in its midst.

Word had spread like wildfire that Katherine Hepburn was coming to see her niece who was an apprentice at the theater and would be performing that evening; and certain procedures needed to be observed so that all people at and in the show would be entertained.

Therefore, Ms Hepburn would not allow any interviews or pictures to be taken. Other than a greeting, all conversations would be initiated by Ms Hepburn.

The reason Ms Hepburn was in New Hampshire was that she was filming "On Golden Pond" in the Lakes Region and so she had a limo available to whisk her off to accommodations in Boston or to her house in Connecticut. ♣

THE GRAPEVINE

By Kristen Vance

After four moves in 7 years, The Grapevine is finally home in the Aiken Street Barn at 4 Aiken Street, behind the library. The many folks who attended our open house in August were pleased and impressed with the renovated center. We at The Grapevine are honored to be part of the community that made this happen.

If you haven't had a tour, come on by. And if you have ideas about new programs we might offer, or are looking for a place to hold a community group meeting, please call Kristen Vance. Activities for seniors has long been on our list of "things to do" in the new center, and we hope to offer Age in Motion (through Home Healthcare Hospice and Community Services) by winter.

COMMUNITY SUPPERS

Last winter, a group of citizens from Antrim, Bennington, Francestown and Hancock began meeting together with The Grapevine to take a look at the health and well-being of people in our towns. We talked about how many people—especially our elders and our young people—are isolated, are not connected to the "center" of the community. Ben Pratt spoke of delivering hospital beds to elders in our towns, and how the visit was more welcome than the bed.

The group came to the conclusion that the first step in improving community health and well-being is bringing people together, offering a community gathering where people can connect with each other, meet their neighbors, maybe talk with someone they might not otherwise have met. To "build community," both in our towns and between our towns. Our plan is to begin by organizing community suppers in each of the towns.

Antrim will host the first supper Thursday, September 18 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. The weekly suppers will be free and open to all. A delicious and nutritious meal will be prepared and served by volunteers. If you wish to help out, please call The Grapevine.

So spread the word, and plan to come for good food and good company.

GRAPEVINE FALL PROGRAMS

Our fall parent-child programs begin September 8, with a weekly schedule as follows:

- **Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 AM Better Beginnings** playgroup (18 mos. to 2 years)
- **Mondays 3 to 5 PM Teen and Young Parents** playgroup
- **Tuesdays 9:30 to 11:30 AM Better Beginnings** playgroup (3 and 4 year olds)
- **Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 AM The Learning Vine**

• **Thursdays 9:30 to 11:30 AM Better Beginnings** playgroup (mixed ages)

• **Fridays 9:30 to 11:30 AM 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 or his child's age group meets. If this is your situation, please talk with us and we'll work it out.

Better Beginnings for Babies: Last year's babies grew up and moved on to playgroups, and so we are forming a new "baby group" for infants and parents. The first meeting will be Thursday, September 4 at noon. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch, and we will provide the beverages and dessert. At this meeting, the group will decide the best day and time for the group to meet each week. If you are unable to come to this meeting but wish to bring your baby to the weekly group, please call and let us know.

Learning Vine Fall Registration: This fall, The Learning Vine will enter its fourth year with teacher Carol Lunan M.Ed. At this writing, there is space for 1 child in this experiential learning program for children 3½ to 5 years old. The Learning Vine, a parent-initiated, parent-cooperative early childhood program, offers young children hands-on classroom learning and adventures into the community. Call The Grapevine for more information.

Teen and Young Parents: If you are a teen or young parent (to age 25 or so) and you think you might like to get together with other parents your age while your child plays, please give us a call at The Grapevine or drop in Monday afternoons at 3pm. An informal group of young parents and their children meet weekly at The Grapevine to talk about the unique joys and challenges young parenthood brings. If Mondays at 3pm doesn't work for you, call The Grapevine and ask for Kristen Vance.

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.



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• **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. Sliding scale fee.

• **Family Conflict Resolution** offered by Milford Area Mediation Services by appointment. Free.

Call The Grapevine at 588-2620 for more information about the above services or to register for programs. We welcome visits.

THANK YOU

Thanks to the hard working volunteers who moved The Grapevine to the new center, including: Ben Pratt, Kevin Clark, Sam Young, Jim, Marie and Jon Tuttle, Kristin, Don, Richard, Ryan and Heather Readell, Zach, Abe and Su McKinnon, Don Winchester, Carolyn Gilmore, Wayno Olson, Christina Martin, Dave Kirkpatrick, Dave Penny, Juli Kelly, Zac Santerre, Kitihi Utter, Celia Oliver, Mary Seeberg, Lee Bruder, Robin Lindsay, Andrea Gilbert, Michelle Worthington, Sydney Wilson-Smith,

Kristina and Allie Burnside, Heather and Erin Lawless, Catrina Young, Kristin Laviolette, Paul Brown, Auralee Burchette, Kathleen Crawford, Dan Heffernan, Kelly Davis, Mina Cowie, and John Vance.

And thank you to Reade & Woods and Knapton Insurance agencies for their gently-used office furniture; Antrim Flooring for carpet that was not in the budget; Landsite Corp. for volunteering to level and surface our play yard; and Eastern Mountain Sports and Don Winchester for a full day of painting, including prep work.

WISH LIST

- Good, sturdy vacuum cleaner
- Play yard fence (please call for specifications)

• Portable dishwasher

We're looking forward to refining the landscaping and would welcome "worker bees" and gardeners with hardy perennials and ideas to share. Other items on our wishlist as we develop our outdoor areas include: Windchimes and pinwheels, a water feature, climbing equipment, riding toys,

bird bath/feeders, small skiff or boat for playing on or around.

ABOUT OUR FUNDING

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization funded by grants and charitable contributions. About 45% of our annual funding comes from this community.

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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. ♣

About us:

- O'Neil's Realty has been serving the real estate needs of the area since 1972
- Wayne & Maureen DeKoning have owned the Agency since 1988
- We have raised our five children in Antrim, since relocating here in 1970 from Long Island, NY
- Wayne & Maureen both have the REALTOR designation of Certified Residential Specialists and are both graduates of the Real Estate Institute
- Maureen was honored as REALTOR OF THE YEAR for 2002 for the Contoocook Valley Board of Realtors
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ANTRIM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September

- 4 BOUNTIFUL GARDEN Workshop • Tuttle Library • 7 PM
- 5 HOMESCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP • Tuttle Library • 2 PM
- 5 DANCE AT GREGG LAKE • Antrim Rec Dept for 6, 7 and 8 grades
- 7 RALLY SUNDAY • Presbyterian Church
- 10 GIRL SCOUT REGISTRATION • Presbyterian Church • 6 PM
- 10 CADETTE & SENIOR GIRL SCOUT REGISTRATION • GBS • 6-7 PM
- 14 RALLY SUNDAY • Baptist Church • 9:15 AM
- 16 THE NURSE IS IN • Antrim Village • 11 AM-12 NOON
- 18 THE GRAPEVINE COMMUNITY SUPPER • 5:30-6:30 PM at the Presbyterian Church
- 28 GENEALOGY DISCUSSION • Tuttle Library • 2 PM

October

- 2 GIFTS FROM THE GARDEN Workshop • Tuttle Library • 7 PM
- 3 HOMESCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP • Tuttle Library • 2 PM
- 3 FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT • Antrim Rec Dept • Town Gym • 6 PM
- 4 Girl Scouts HARVEST FESTIVAL • Memorial Park • 10 AM-12 NOON
- 8 HARVEST LUNCHEON • Presbyterian Church • 12 NOON
- 11 BOOK SALE • Tuttle Library • 10 AM-2 PM
- 14 BASKETBALL SIGN-UP • Rec Dept • Town Gym • 6-8 PM



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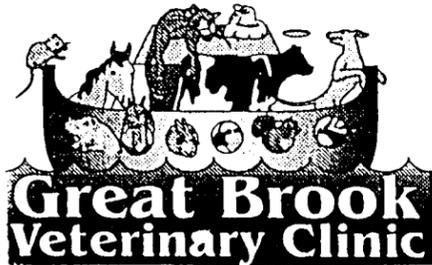
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ANTRIM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October

- 15 HARVEST LUNCHEON • Presbyterian Church • 12 NOON
- 18 SCARECROW CONTEST • Tuttle Library • 11 AM
- 18 CHURCH SUPPER • Baptist Church • 5-7 PM
- 18 BASKETBALL SIGN-UP • Rec Dept • Town Gym • 9-11 AM
- 22 HARVEST LUNCHEON • Presbyterian Church • 12 NOON
- 24 HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING CONTEST • Rec Dept
- 25 HALLOWEEN STORYTIME • Tuttle Library • 11 AM
- 26 GENEALOGY DISCUSSION • Tuttle Library • 2 PM
- 29 HARVEST LUNCHEON • Presbyterian Church • 12 NOON

November

- 6 COSMETICS FROM THE GARDEN Workshop • Tuttle Library • 7 PM
- 7 HOMESCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP • Tuttle Library • 2 PM
- 8 LIMRIK Copy Deadline

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