

# The Limrik

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For, by and about the people of Antrim.

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## ANTRIM IN THE EVENING

### MEMORIAL PARK BANDSTAND

By Brian Murphy

As the weather improves we can look forward to being outside for our entertainment. This year we've moved the performance start time to **6:30 PM** with an exception on August 4th when the program will start at 7 PM.

This year we will have a talent night on July 7th. Call 603-770-9693 to sign up. All you need is a couple of songs and a little bit of nerve.

We are always looking for people to help. All performances are free, but donations are encouraged and sponsors coveted! Schedule on page 27. ¶

## POLICE RIFLES

### SHOULD WE CALL IT PROGRESS?

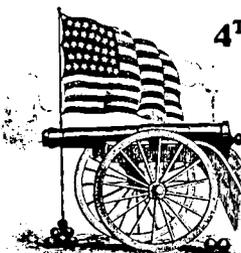
By Brian Brown, Chief

A country-western singer, Travis Tritt, wrote a song titled "Country Ain't Country No More". When I hear the song, I think it may be a description of what this region is experiencing with it's current growth. Along with this growth is the adjustment of safety service to provide the appropriate level of coverage. A case in point with the police department is the purchase and utilization of tactical rifles in each of the police cars. As the Police Chief, I resisted these for several years. It wasn't until we experienced situations where rifles would assist the Officers and aid in a successful outcome that it became apparent to me that they were a necessary part of our equipment needs. With that comes the appropriate training for the individual officers and the understanding of the rifle's use. That has been accomplished and the rifles were put into service last year.

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## GREGG LAKE BEACH

Gregg Lake Beach will have lifeguards on duty from June 19–August 28. Guards are on duty from 10:15 AM–5:45 PM. As a reminder, children under 12 years old must have an adult supervisor when at the beach. In the guarded areas, flotation toys and devices are not allowed. Also, dogs are not permitted on the beach or the point. Dogs are only permitted at the boat launch. An end of the season Beach Party, with barbeque, DJ, music, kayaking and games will be held on Friday August 20 from 4–9 PM. ¶



## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

The Fourth of July is the day to come to the Bandstand between 9–11 AM for coffee, donuts and sweetrolls. At around 9:30 the Declaration of Independence will be read by familiar orators from the Antrim Players. Also, a very special event is in the works for that morning. Look for further announcements as the day approaches. ¶

## HOME AND HARVEST DAY

SEPTEMBER 18

By Rick Davis

The first annual Home and Harvest Day, September 18th, will begin with breakfast at the Presbyterian Church and end with fireworks behind Tenney's farm stand. Events include a Fun Run road race, Parade, Sidewalk Sales and Flea Market, Soapbox Derby, The Grapevine Annual Auction, Library Trustees Annual Book Sale, softball tournament, Ham & Bean supper, and concert. We are still working on the schedule and the committee would love added participants.

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## SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

### STILL A PROBLEM

The Board of Selectmen wants to make everyone aware that the formula for school funding is still a major concern for all of us in Antrim (you may recall that, last March, Antrim voted overwhelmingly against a motion to change the present formula.) As of the writing of this article, there is a bill in the State House of Representative, H.B #1281, that, if passed in its present form, would mean an increase in school taxes to Antrim of \$755,618 per year. This would mean a tax rate increase of \$4.50–4.80 per \$1000 of assessed value on your property. The Board would like to appoint an active committee to study and participate in coming up with a proactive plan that will look into all our education issues, including new funding possibilities. This is a statewide problem, but we have to be prepared to be heard from at the local level. If you are interested in serving on this new committee please contact our Town Administrator, Bill Prokop, at the Town Hall. ¶



"It's called an impatience plant, dear. No one knows why—you hearing something?"

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## NEWS DEADLINE

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## EDITORIAL

### JONAS TAUB - AN APPRECIATION

This summer will be the first since 1995 that *Antrim In The Evening* concerts have not been organized by Jonas Taub—who is passing the baton, so to speak, to Brian Murphy. Jonas took the lead in establishing these concerts and organizing them—signing up splendid performers, seeing to logistics, doing public relations, getting funding, etc. He's the first to say that indispensable help came from others—at random, Brian and Mary Sawich, Dotti Penny, Ruth Benedict, Izi Nichols, Nina Harding, Andy Paul, Andy Chapman, Brian Murphy—but Jonas has taken the lead and done a great job.

The concerts grew out of Antrim's 1994 Main Street Centennial Celebration which had featured the creation of a new Bandstand in Memorial Park. When Jonas proposed continuing concerts on this new bandstand, the Centennial committee said "Go Ahead!" *Antrim In The Evening* is the fortunate result.

Jonas and his wife, Ruth Benedict, moved to Antrim in 1987, having previously lived in Washington DC. They live with their daughter Emily and son Aaron on Summer Street.

Antrim is proud of the *Antrim In The Evening* series and grateful to Jonas for his major role in its success. ☘

## ANTRIM RECYCLES!

By Mark Reynolds

When you've gotten all the good use out of an item and don't want or need it any more, you just throw it away and forget about it, right? Well, not exactly.

Since our town moved its waste disposal from the old landfill in Bennington to the new Antrim Recycling and Transfer Station on Goodell Road, recycling has been a big part of how we deal with our waste. Recycling is good for the environment and the Antrim economy (read: lower taxes), and it's mandatory.

The town of Antrim has to pay per pound for everything that goes into the trash compactor. So, the more you throw in, the more Antrim (that's YOU, the taxpayer) has to pay to have it hauled away. And that's why the town makes it possible, and as easy as possible, to recycle a variety of discarded material.

Here's the list:

- Any plastic container that bears a #1 (PETE) or a #2 (HDPE) stamped on its bottom. That includes plastic soda bottles and milk jugs—two of the most common disposable plastic items.
- Glass bottles and jars. And you no longer have to separate them by colors! Now, that's handy!
- Aluminum. This includes beverage cans, food tins, and foil.
- Tin (steel) cans and aerosol cans.
- Paper. That includes anything clean that you can tear, including magazines, newspaper, cereal boxes, kleenex boxes, junk mail, and your old love letters.

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## SELECTMEN

By Michael Oldershaw  
for the Board of Selectmen

This year as the Selectmen prepared the department budgets for the 2004 Town Meeting in March, the backup information and positive communication we and the Town Administrator received from all department heads was very positive. Every department head was well prepared with documentation needed for the budget process. Along with the help of the Town Administrator, the presentation of the budget by the selectmen and department heads made for a very productive and open Town Budget hearing and Town Meeting.

The selectmen would like to thank all employees, volunteers, and town residents who helped with this year's budget. We hope for continued input to help with daily decisions needed to give Antrim real "Home Town Pride".

The Town's finances at the end of the first quarter were very positive, with all departments following their approved budgets. By continued good budget control and selective purchasing by department heads, it appears that the Town will not have to borrow monies this year in anticipation of taxes in the second quarter.

The Board has approved a new Building Permit Fee Schedule following the advice and research conducted by our Building Inspector, Jeff Parsons. We are also very committed to having Jeff, as our Code Enforcement Officer, take the necessary measure to enforce the ordinances that we do have on our books. All fee schedules and ordinances are available at the Town Hall.

This is the time of year to clean out driveway culverts. We can see what damage can be done by looking at what happened around Town during the April floods. We can all do our share by making sure that driveway culverts are clear of debris and in good operating order.

Remember, you are always welcome to attend the Selectmen's meeting. Your comments, concerns, and questions are always welcome. Our meeting schedule for the summer months will be: June 21, July 19, and August 2. All meetings start at 7 PM and are held at the Little Town Hall. ☿

## SCHOOL BOARD

By Denise Holmes and Jan Goolbis  
IMPORTANT VOTE ON JULY 8

When the voters of the Conval School District turned down the proposed contract between the Conval School Board and the Conval Education Association by a narrow margin, the negotiating committees met to look at what kind of a proposal they could bring back to the voters. The School Board and the teachers' union will have a proposal ready for you to vote on Thursday July 8. Please watch for more details about this contract and take advantage of your opportunity to be more fully informed, ask questions, and share your ideas at District Meeting Part 1 on Wednesday June 9 at Conval High School. Be sure to come to Town Hall to vote on July 8. This will be the only item on the ballot, so it won't take much time. Your support means a lot to the teachers and the School Board.

### NEW STUDENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The Conval School District began a new student assessment program in May. Grades 2 through 10 are being tested district-wide in math, reading, and language arts. The tests are taken using a computer and run from 45 minutes to one hour. This initial test given this spring will be used as a base-line from which we can then measure academic progress

This new assessment is intended to help us in a variety of ways. It is easy to administer and provides quicker feedback than the traditional standardized tests. It is computerized and is designed to automatically customize itself to each student. It will identify the beginning point of each student's academic level and will measure the academic progress of each student. With this information, teachers and parents will see individual academic growth and know where help or further challenge is needed. This assessment will provide information to administrators and the School Board which will be useful in determining where we have been successful in enhancing student achievement and where we need more work or a different approach. We will monitor this program to be sure that we are getting the information we need to make decisions which will benefit students.

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## SHEA FIELD UPGRADE

This summer will see a great effort by the commission to improve the field conditions at Shea Field on West and School Streets. This is the town's only playing field and it is used by both recreation and school programs. Work slated for this summer includes construction and installation of a storage and concession building and installation of water on site. The field will also be aerated and seeded. A study of the field by UNH Cooperative extension revealed that the loam onsite is sufficient and the above mentioned treatments should provide the improvement needed. A goal in place for the enduring quality of the field is to irrigate. Space will be sold for signage/advertising as a way to raise funds for the ongoing improvement of the field. If your company is interested in this opportunity to have your business banner on the field or concession building, please contact the project manager, Peter Lamb, 588-3063.

The Antrim Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for community members who want to join the board. They meet once a month on the second Tuesday at the Antrim Town Gym. We are looking for people who want to support the development of recreation programs and lands. We are especially interested in having representatives for the senior and teenage-20's age groups. For more information, call the recreation office at 588-3121. —Celeste Lunetta

IN THE 50's AND 60's  
**THE SPORTING LIFE**

**GROWING UP IN ANTRIM**

by Steve Brzozowski

*Steve Brzozowski, son of Maddy and the late John Brzozowski, came to Antrim as an infant and grew up here. He graduated from the old Antrim High School in 1968 and from Syracuse University in 1972 with a major in Political Science. He presently lives in Goffstown, but works in Chelmsford, MA where he is senior buyer/planner for Rockwell Automation.*

—Editor

Looking back now, it was a peaceful, easy time, growing up in Antrim in the Fifties and Sixties. As a kid in this small town, we had time on our hands. So we spent a lot of our time living 'the sporting life'. The sporting life played itself out in many forms: the thwack of a wiffle ball being hit, or bicycles clacking down the street with baseball cards stuck into their tires with clothespins, and the whirring wheels of 'buggies' we would build and ride recklessly down Elm Street. Sometimes we kids would pester my Dad enough and he would take us up to the Legion Hall to shoot pool. Years later there was more pool, Friday nights as a teenager at the Odd Fellows Hall over the hardware store with a transistor radio in the window blasting out the new Beatles songs. Other times we would meet at our neighbor friend Larry Nay's house and play basketball in the big high ceiling room above his barn. Larry called that space the barn-o-attic and it came complete with peach baskets nailed up as goals. One favorite sports image is our high school basketball coach Chick Hamel leading us into the locker room at half-time. It didn't matter if we were winning or losing, the first words out of his mouth were always the same, 'you cotton pickin' guys'. That's as harsh as the language got with Coach Hamel. Other images from that time have more flash, but few are as vivid. That's what the sporting life meant to a small town boy— fun, friendship, with a dash of inspiration.

**MOVING TO ANTRIM**

To bring up their family in a small town was a choice my parents made. John and Madeleine Brzozowski moved to New

Hampshire to start their new life in 1950. Dad built our house on Concord Street in 1951, and that red house became home to my Mom and Dad and their seven kids. They gave their children popular Fifties names: Robert, Stephen, Catherine, Richard, Ruth, Jeanne and Margaret. We had great neighbors on Concord Street: Red and Jo Nay on the town side, Ross and Miriam Roberts on the other side. Helen Hammond and her five children lived across the field in back of our house. We kids played in that large open field, in the woods on the field's edge, or down at the brook between our house and Nay's. Today Mom still lives in that house that Dad built for his family, and when I go home now, some parts of the house and even some of the scenery, still look the same. But the back yard has changed a lot, with grass growing all around. As kids, we wore it down to a dirt patch with our wiffle ball games. We would have great competitive games there, playing for hours in the spring and summer. Besides our family, some of the wiffle ball regulars were Larry Nay, Bill Davies, Jim Putnam, Howard Pihl, Brian Reilly, Olin Forman, and the Hammond boys, David, Don, and Jim. A ball hit over the wood pile about 20 yards from home plate was an automatic home run. We kept track of how many home runs we hit each season. A couple of propped up pallets behind home plate formed the backstop. First base was the back porch bottom step, a rock around midfield was second, and third base was another rock up an incline. The game ended when it got too dark to see the ball, but that was OK. We would come back the next day and start playing all over again.

**LITTLE LEAGUE**

As we grew older baseball was still king, and Little League baseball became our passion. But life wasn't always predictable, and baseball wasn't always just fun and games. I remember distinctly sitting on the bench at practice up at the field in the summer of 1962 when someone broke the news that Marilyn Monroe was found dead in California. Before JFK, RFK, and MLK, Marilyn's was the first death of a public figure that I remember. And I'll never forget the day when I was riding my bike up West Street to practice, and Olin told me that our coach, Rupy

Wissell, had just had a heart attack and died at the ball field. Olin and Bill had been right there when he died. I couldn't believe it, until I continued pedaling up the hill to the field and saw Rupy's green Studebaker, parked there all quiet and alone.

Jimmy Woods became our coach after Rupy, and he was a whole other ballgame. Jimmy was a young guy who drove a sporty green Chevy convertible. With his loud and friendly but gruff manner, older than us kids but not as old as our parents, Jimmy combined great baseball skills with innate motivation techniques. We played hard, we hustled all the time, we really wanted to win for him. When I look at the picture of that team I see friends like Larry, Rocky Rockwell, and Charlie Elliott. What really stands out for me is that of twenty-one players on the 1962 team, twelve were pairs of brothers: Bill and Bruce Davies, John and Fred Doleac, David and Steve Jones, Ken and David Woods (Coach's brothers), David and Steve Cutter, and my brother Dick and me. That's home town, family togetherness, a small town team in the early Sixties, packed with brothers.

**SHEA FIELD ON WEST STREET**

I can still picture the scene at the ballpark in those days. Before the game, fans would line their cars up on the first base side of the field, big radiator grills facing the field, tail fins pointing away. People would either sit on the hood of the family Ford, or maybe spread out a blanket on the grass, so they could picnic or just relax while their little kids horsed around nearby. When a home team player made a good catch in the field or got a good hit or scored a run, the spectators would honk their car horns up and down the line. You could hear those horns all over town, hear them downtown on Main Street, even down at our house on a clear night. That cacophony of car horns was music to the ears of the knowing fan and would bring a smile to your face, even if you were not at the field. It meant that something good had happened for the team from Antrim. Alright now!

**PROCTOR'S STORE**

As baseball players, we observed game day victory rituals. When the team would return from a Little League game played

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**The Sporting Life** continued

in another town — either in Greenfield, Frankestown, Bennington, or Peterborough — and we had notched a win, we celebrated in a special way. Sitting together in the back of a pickup truck, the team would go into a chant as we came up Goodell Hill: ‘we won, we won, we won’, louder and louder and louder as we came closer to downtown. Then the truck would stop in front of Bub Proctor’s store at the end of Main Street. Proctor’s Store sign had a simple one word greeting and call to the hungry: ‘Eat’. We’d tromp inside as a team, sit on stools at the lunch counter, and wait our reward for winning. Bub would dig out frosty mugs from a freezer and fill them with ice cold draft root beer, right from the tap. We’d replay some of the game highlights for Bub, drinking in the root beer and the victory.

Yakking, and bragging, and making a racket — feeling our Wheaties — we enjoyed those good times.

**FISHING**

A family sport gave us some really special outdoors times. Dad had told us stories of how when he was a kid in Hillsboro, he would walk to Pierce Lake to fish with his brother Joe, or of how he used to pester his neighbor just to let him row the boat while the neighbor fished. Since Dad loved to fish for trout, family tradition demanded that we all give it a try. The plan was for Dad to wake us up early in the morning on the first day of trout fishing season, usually the last Saturday in April. Since Dad had become friendly at church with the local game warden, John Frain, he usually had a line on where to go, where the fishing was easy and the probability of luck was high. We

always had to set out early in the morning, because that was when the fish were biting, according to Dad. Even though I would wake up real early that day because I was so excited about going fishing, I would always stay in bed and wait for Dad to come into the boys’ bedroom to get us up. I’d hear his footsteps approaching. The tangy smell of his aftershave and Old Spice grew as he drew nearer. He’d walk softly up to the side of my bed and lean down real close to my face. Then the words, in a whisper, that I’d longed to hear, ‘Steve, time to get up and go fishing.’ We kids would pile into the station wagon and head down past Maplewood Cemetery to the Leonard Farm, on the left just before Elm Avenue. Dad would station us around a particular pool of water just off the road, a spot without too many

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**THE 1962 TEAM**



Left to right: 1st row seated: Steve Brzozowski, Dick Brzozowski, Alan Avery, Kennny Wood, Bill Davies, Fred Doleac, Gary Cole, Rocky Rockwell, Larry Nay, Peter Pratt. 2nd row standing: Steve Jones, Charlie Elliott, David Jones, John Doleac, Bruce Davies, David Wood, Steve Schacht, Steve Cutter. Peter Jones, Bobby Murtaugh, David Cutter. 3rd row: Bernie Lamb, coach, Jimmy Wood, manager.

• **Corrugated Cardboard.** But please flatten it.

• **Flourescent bulbs.** All sizes..

(Please rinse the residue from your recyclable containers and dispose of the caps.)

There's also a big dumpster for your old **metal items**, such as bicycles, car parts, metal roofing, pipe, empty and dry paint cans, pots, pans, and nails. And there's a brush pile where you can toss **compostable branches and yard clippings**, as long as you don't include tree limbs that are over 5 inches in diameter.

ARTS will also take your **fire ashes** (make sure they're completely cooled) and your **rechargeable batteries**.

And don't forget the Swap Shop, where you can drop off anything that you don't have a use for, but someone else might, like books, toys, tools, your old Elvis LPs, and that stationary bike that's been serving as an unsightly towel rack for the past five years. Your clean, still usable clothing can go into the big donation bins next to the Swap Shop.

Yes, it might be easier to go back to the old days and just throw everything—recyclable or not—into a garbage bag and be done with it, but, as sad as it may be, those old days are gone. Again, recycling in Antrim is not only the right thing to do, IT IS MANDATORY. If you're caught throwing recyclable material into the dumpster, you may be asked to open your garbage bags, separate your trash there at the Transfer Station, and dispose of it according to the Station's rules. Believe me, it's much easier to do the separating at your house, long before you get to ARTS.

So do the right thing for yourself, your town, and your environment—PLEASE RECYCLE! ☿

## MARY MCGRORY

### THE ANTRIM CONNECTION

By Izi Nichols

Pulitzer prize-winning journalist Mary McGrory of the *Washington Post* died in that city recently, at the age of 85. But her final resting place is in Antrim's Maplewood Cemetery (right next to Og Mandino on Writers' Row). She had adopted Antrim as her hometown because of her long love affair with Gregg Lake which began when she was a girl in the early 1930s. Her aunt, Emma Jacobs, owned a cottage on White Birch Point and Mary often came from the Boston area to visit her and never found another place with so much attraction for her, unless it was Italy.

Labor Day was her favorite time to be at the Lake where she was a devoted member of the White Birch Point Association. But as a political columnist she began to take an interest in small town government around 1975, making friends with many of the town's leaders.

Her opportunity to put Antrim on the national political map came in 1982 when Town Meeting had a dichotomy of articles in the warrant concerning nuclear warfare. Article 10 had to do with granting hometown status to the USS Antrim, a nuclear warship; Article 30 asked the community to support a nuclear weapons freeze between the United States and the Soviet Union (both articles passed). Although the month was March, Mary came here for the meeting, staying at the Maplehurst Inn and bringing along Rick Friedman, a photographer from *Newsweek*, which is a companion publication of the *Post*.

Not only did Mary get two articles for her widely-syndicated column out of the occasion, but a picture of our town officers appeared prominently in the magazine, later to be copied and published in a history textbook, denoting democracy in action.

The seven-hour meeting held another article of interest for Mary. When Chief Brian Brown ("lean and steady-eyed") informed the voters that the police department's office space was adequate and they needn't spend money to renovate and provide more room, Mary was stunned. "Since I have spend much of my life listening to senators and congressmen whining about the hopelessness of conducting their business in anything less

than 20-room suites, I was simply floored by the whole episode," she wrote, continuing: "But it was merely for me the high point of the town meeting, which, to tell you the truth, I found the finest political gathering I have ever attended. I liked everything about it, the good humor, the purposefulness, the way Dorothy Lang, the wife of the postmaster, would fling up her hand to second a motion without missing a stitch in her knitting."

When Mary came to New Hampshire to cover national elections like our infamous first-in-the-nation primaries, the weather was not always conducive to staying at Gregg Lake ("It's a crystal gem wrapped in green hills, its silky waters fed by mountain springs.") and her second favorite place to stay was at the Maplehurst Inn, and the Crowell family came to look upon her as a favorite aunt come to visit.

Memories of Mary in Antrim from some of her friends:

When Martin Nichols was Town Clerk, he and other officers were invited by Mary to have lunch at the Maplehurst to meet Walter Cronkite, an unexpected honor. "And then," Martin goes on, "I remember the night all the restaurants in town were closed so she took us to Francestown to a baked-bean supper!" Small-town girl, after all.

From Mary Allen, newspaperwoman and avid Democrat:

Mary A.'s introduction to Mary M. came at a rather inopportune time. An appointment with an unknown reporter had slipped her mind and she was in the midst of that chaotic time of trying to get wee children to bed. Comes a knock on the door, to be opened by a harried housewife and two birthday-suited boys. Mary M. said she had come to interview the most dedicated Democrat in Antrim, so after subduing the boys (temporarily) Mary A. willingly pontificated about democrats in New Hampshire. After a while she said, "I'm sorry, I've forgotten your name—what paper did you say you write for?" "Mary McGrory—the *Washington Post*."

If only the earth could have opened up and swallowed Mary A.! Thereafter whenever the two Marys met at Democratic functions, Mary M.'s first question was, "How are your two boys?"

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### NEW SUMMER HOURS at A.R.T.S.

June 16 to Sept 4

Wed. 2 – 7 PM

Fri. 12 NOON – 6 PM

Sat. 9 AM – 5 PM

(Sorry, no Sunday hours)

From Eric Tenney, purveyor of fruits and vegetables:

"She loved peaches! She was always here in August and around labor Day, and she'd be in here every other day and get a load of peaches. Gawd, she musta eaten about a dozen a day, her and Rachel Reinstein. Of course she'd talk politics, too—she seemed to think because I was selectman I'd know something about state politics. But, boy! Mary did love peaches!"

From Pat (Harold) and Carole Webber:

Mary came to their house for drinks with Tom and Ruth Donahue, new neighbors across the street, whom Mary had known in Washington, and as Mary could do so well, she managed to draw out the political opinions of everyone present, for use in future columns.

The Webbers made the column with one slight change: "Up on the hill in an old house that commands a view of the surrounding Monadnock Mountains, the Harold Lewises are a divided household. Mrs. Lewis, vivacious mother of seven is defecting from the Republican ranks (in an upcoming election). Her husband, a Pan-Am flight engineer, who commutes to New York, smiles and says he'll stay with the Republican candidate."

"We didn't care," the vivacious one says, "because people who know us will recognize us from the description, and those who don't know us—what does it matter what she calls us?"

But a local lady who strongly supported the Republican party took offense and wrote to the New Hampshire Sunday News: "There is no Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lewis, living in Antrim anywhere, surrounded by Anything. We don't mind outsiders coming in to write about us, but they at least could get the names straight."

Wayno Olson, former owner of the "finest supermarket in the country" says, "She was a super person, very down to earth, with a great interest in Antrim. Sometimes she'd invite me to sit on the porch at the Maplehurst, just to chat with her."

From Senator Robert Flanders: Rather than going out to lunch with him Mary preferred having a sandwich in Bob's kitchen so she could watch the birds in the backyard. "We were on opposite ends

of the political scale," says Bob, "so once I took her to Concord and introduced her to all the Republican senators." Mary would appreciate that—wonder if the senators did?

From Dotti Penny on saving Camp Sachem: In 1987 the Boy Scout Minuteman Council of Massachusetts was ready to unload Camp Sachem which they had owned and operated for 60 years, and they wanted top dollar for the spectacular property on the west side of Gregg Lake. Mary wrote some "Golden Pond" articles deploring the prospects of high-powered developers "at large in our quiet corner of the world, with condos driving out the loons and herons."

Says Dotti: "When the Boy Scout officials realized that they were being put to shame all over the country—Boy Scouts are supposed to be conservationist—they began to back down. They eventually lowered their asking price so that the Girl Scouts were able to buy the camp. Of course a drop in the real estate market at that time affected their decision, but in my mind it was Mary who saved Camp Sachem." Now called Camp Chenoa, it has been greatly improved by the Swiftwater Council, and the loons and herons are happy in their old habitat.

Brian Brown remember Mary as kind and intelligent, with a special ability to relate to all kinds of people. "Mary gave me my 15 minutes of fame when she wrote the Associated Press article about the Antrim Town Meeting," he says. "She mentioned my name and I got calls from all across the United States—people who knew me from my days in the Marines, some of my California police friends, and some complete strangers in Florida."

On having lunch with Walter Cronkite at the Maplehurst: "I was sitting at the table with my back to the entry when I heard a familiar voice say, 'I think we should sit over here.' Without turning around I knew it was Walter Cronkite. We got to meet him that day, and I'd just like to say, 'And that's the way it was!'"

This writer's favorite memory is of Rachel Reinstein's 80th birthday party at the Maplehurst. Mary wanted to sing "Wouldn't it be Lovely" from *My Fair Lady*. After some trial and error this pianist found the right key to support her deep contralto (read baritone) voice, and she leaned on the piano, chanteuse-style, and entertained the other guests.

She was our fair lady, indeed! ❧

**The Sporting Life** continued

trees on the sides. That way he wouldn't have to spend too much time untangling our lines from the nearby branches. Dad would advise us that we would probably have better luck if we threw our line out far enough so we couldn't actually see the worm resting on the bottom, but we wouldn't always listen. We would stand there and catch the newly stocked trout. In our inexperience, inattention and sleepiness, we missed catching a lot of them too, which kind of evened things up for the fish. The cool moist air would feel so good, with just a little snap of cold mixed in with the new warm spring breeze. Even now in early spring, when the new air smells fresh and full of promise, I'm carried back to that time, to those glory days, and the fun we had living the sporting life. ❧



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## REMEMBER MILT ATTRIDGE

By Lyman Gilmore

This article grew from an interview with Milton Attridge for the Antrim Oral History Project. The interview was conducted on 4 April 2004. People consulted for this article include: Ben Pratt, Eric Tenney, Isobel Nichols, George Edwards, Dick Winslow, Martin Nichols, Nina Harding, Bud Hardwick, and Bruce Cuddihy. The idea for the interview came from Richard Cottle.

By all accounts, Milton Attridge is an extraordinary individual. Lots of people knew this even before he jumped out of an airplane last year at age ninety-one in a spectacular free-fall parachute sky-dive. (More about this in a minute.) Antrim wouldn't be what it is if it weren't for Milt, although not as many folks know this as should. If your house is hooked up to Antrim's water system, every time you fill a glass or take a shower or give your garden a drink, you ought to thank Milt. You might think of him gratefully whenever your family enjoys the town beach at Gregg Lake. If you own rural land in town you probably realize that at one time or another, Milt surveyed it. And if you've been around town for a while, maybe you remember Milt as Scoutmaster of the local Boy Scout troop in the 1950s.

Milt, who was a forester and land surveyor in Antrim from the mid 1940s to the early 1990s, now lives in York, Maine. I wanted to write about him because people who knew him spoke of his sharp wit and good humor and his many contributions to the town. Richard Cottle claims that Milt is about the most interesting person he's ever known and says he has great respect for him. Dick Winslow remembers him as a brilliant and fascinating man, and Ben Pratt says he is very fortunate to have worked with Milt and that he changed Ben's life. Since I never knew Milt, I couldn't resist driving over to York to meet him.

On an afternoon in early April I found Milt in his new house among pine trees and stone walls built by his youngest son Bruce. Milt, who had been released from the hospital the week before after a serious illness, sat in a chair in the sunny living room wrapped in a blanket. "I had walking pneumonia, and actually I was

in the York hospital three different times. They let me out too early." As we talked, two parakeets chirped pleasantly in a corner, and Milt's son Dale paced nearby keeping a protective watch on his father and me. I asked Milt what he remembers about Antrim.

### MILT BRINGS WATER TO ANTRIM

"Ben Pratt and I were on the Water Commission together, along with Carroll Johnson. Carroll was the son of Hiram Johnson who owned the house you live in on Highland Avenue. We had particular interests there. We were very close. Another thing too, we were responsible for finding a source of water for the town. I spent quite a bit of time looking for a source of water for Antrim and tried different places close to the river and some isolated places away from the river. The people we had doing the job knew what they were doing. They kept pointing to the gravel bluffs on a hill above the river in North Bennington. They wanted to get over there. Well, finally we did. We put in a test well, and there were millions of gallons of water there. We put in a well maybe a hundred feet down on Harvey land and it was an excellent supply of first class water."

Milt's memory is pretty good for a man of ninety-two, but as he was a little shaky on a few of the details, I asked Ben Pratt to fill in some of the gaps. Back in Antrim, Ben picked me up in his pickup and we drove across the Depot Street bridge to the well-shed on the river side of the old railway bed in North Bennington, just south of Smitty Harriman's equipment yard.

Ben explained that since the early 1900s Antrim's water came from Campbell Pond near Riley Mountain north of town. The water was carried by wooden pipes in a hand dug trench six feet deep and three miles long. In the early 1960s a series of droughts made it necessary to obtain a backup water supply, and that is when the Precinct Commissioners, Milt, Carroll, and Ben, began their search.

Ben said that since he and Carroll Johnson had regular jobs back in 1965, Milt had done almost all the work in obtaining a water source for Antrim. He had test wells dug all over town, expecting to find a good source up on Patten Hill near the Webbers' farm, but none was suitable.

Milt thought they had found the perfect spot when a test well in one of Stanley Tenney's fields near the river produced a prodigious amount of beautiful water. It tasted fine, but when they boiled it the water "looked like coffee." (Carroll added a little whiskey to a glassful and said the mixture was terrible!) Too much mineral. That is when Milt and the well crew went across the river to Harvey Balch's farm and discovered our present well.

Milt was instrumental in securing adequate land around the wellhead to protect the water. He undertook the difficult task of surveying the old Balch Farm to establish its boundaries so the town could buy a forty acre plot around the pump house. In the old days surveying was not very scientific, and sometimes it is impossible to locate the iron pins—or sometimes a tree or a large stone—that marked property lines. But, Ben said shaking his head in a sort of reverential awe, "Milt had an uncanny instinct for finding old land borders. He could put himself inside the head of somebody dead for a hundred years and go right to the markers. He found all the corners of the Balch Farm."

To get the water across the river Milt enlisted the aid of construction man, George Edwards. "George had a lot of practical ability, and he put that line across the river. That's not to say nobody else could do it, but he did it! (Chuckle) Until 1988 the North Bennington well was a secondary source, but when in 1988 the huge 5000,000 gallon storage tank was constructed up on Pleasant Street, the well became our primary source.

### MILT THE FORESTER AND HISTORIAN

Back in York, Maine, I asked Milt where he was from originally. "I was born and raised in Pepperell, Massachusetts. I studied forestry at the University of Maine in Orono and graduated in 1934. During World War Two I did some work for the war. I was a Special Forester, and I was located in—I moved around quite a bit—in the Ozarks. We had a cottage on the lake there, and I had a job of production for a company that made wooden supplies for the war, bomb boxes."

"I came to Antrim because I had a good friend and classmate at the University of Maine, Malcolm Goodwin. He was from

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Acton, Massachusetts, and he'd provide me with transportation in several instances back and forth to school."

"I have special interests up here in York because I have a person here who wrote his thesis at Bowdoin College about Sir William Pepperell and did a wonderful job. When I moved to Maine I made a contact with him, and we met several times. He was very cooperative about his book. He had no reservations about my using part of it to bring out some things I have a great interest in.

(Milt asks his son Dale to find the book, which he does: *Sir William Pepperell of Colonial New England*, by Neil Rolde. Dale also brings a manuscript written by Milt. Milt hands me a photograph of two men, one of whom I recognized as the poet Robert Frost. The other was the poet's cousin, Joseph William Pepperell Frost to whom Milt was introduced by his author friend Neil Rolde. This picture of Joseph William Pepperell Frost reminds Milt of an incident. "To make a long story short, I went in Shaw's grocery store, I was looking for a small package of lettuce, and this young lady was standing in front of me. She didn't see me, and I didn't take a good look at her face either. I said "I'm looking for a small package of lettuce. I'm single and that's what I want. And she says, "Well, I'm single too." (hearty laugh!) So, we were there for four or five minutes maybe, in the same area, and when she left, she gave me a big wave. And I was, you know, wonderin' who the world it was. But the more I thought about it, the more I thought that I knew her. She was the daughter of Joseph William Frost. I met her at his house, and it all went together, finally."

As a professional forester, Milt has had a long historical and scientific interest in the white pine. He is fascinated by the way early settlers used huge, straight white pine trees for the masts of sailing ships, and he has written an essay about these masts. They would cut the trees far inland and then haul them, one tree at a time, across country to the seaports. (Mast Road in Manchester is one of the paths the masts took.) He found the book on Sir William Pepperell helpful in his research: "Neil Rolde gave me permission to use a lot of

information from his book that I've quoted here. It's a mixture of things in there people don't know a whole lot about. People don't know too much about the mast trees.

As for science, he has written an important paper: "A Study of White Pine Weevil Control Through the Association of White Pine and European Larch," by Milton Attridge. He says, "Well, it's just a theory, and time will tell just what comes of it. I have some studies already started down where I have the Christmas trees. I put in about ten thousand trees on twelve acres." (Dale chimes in, "All by himself. A couple thousand a year.")

Milt's thinking about Christmas trees reminds him of another Antrim venture: "My wife Florence thought I had enough Christmas trees there in Antrim. I had about fifteen thousand there, out there in East Antrim, next to Platt Farm up on the hill there. The people there now made the comment, they had been buying Christmas trees there for twenty years, and now they own the place. (Chuckle.) They had a picture taken of them in a sleigh. I had the place built by Bob Dunlap." Remembering Antrim, Milt says, "Well, I did some work for Arthur Poor, and I supervised timber sales for the Verneys. And I went to the Presbyterian Church."

#### MILT THE SKY DIVER

Asked about his famous sky dive, Milt replied: "I had an awfully good partner, Mike. He made it pretty easy (chuckle). It took place in Lebanon, Maine, off of 202. I wasn't scared." Here is a quotation from the Portland Herald whose reporter was there:

Ninety-one year old Milton Attridge ... jumped out of an airplane on Monday to draw attention to the plight of prostate cancer patients. He made a tandem jump from 2 1/2 miles in the air with Michael carpenter of Skydive New England ... reaching a speed of 120 mph during the minute before he opened his parachute.

Dale comments that "Dad wanted the newspaper to write an article about the prostate cancer organization in Michigan,



PAACT, that had encouraged him to try the hormone treatment that has kept him alive for ten years, but they didn't seem to be too interested. They put it off, and so this parachute jump was an opportunity to bring attention to it."

Milt interrupts: "Yes, they weren't interested until they knew I was going to sky dive." Asked where he got the idea to sky dive, Milt said, "It just added up. I knew I would get some publicity if I did the sky dive. I got a front page spread out of it. And the Associated Press picked it up and it appeared in international press."

Other Antrim memories:

#### MILT HELPS BUILDS THE BEACH

Another of the good works Milt is known for in Antrim is the "new" public beach at Gregg lake. In the 1960s the west end of the lake was pretty much a swamp, and the only place townspeople could swim was a tiny spit of sand close to the road at a privately owned inlet on the northeast shore. As Milt says, "Well, you know, there was just a small area with very little parking. We expanded it a whole lot."

That expansion turned into a whole new swimming area as the swampy north-west corner of the lake was filled in to create a fine beach and picnic area. The

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## TOWN HISTORY REVISITED

### ITS A BANDSTAND—NOT A GAZEBO!

By Isabel B. Nichols

It was ten years ago, the summer of 1994, when over a hundred local people were joyfully engaged in putting together a 12-day celebration in honor of the 100th anniversary of the flowering of Main Street. Four prominent buildings came into use in 1894: the Presbyterian Church, the Town Hall, the Firehouse, which burned in 1986, and the Bandstand.

Bandstands, although not built to last forever, were a necessary adjunct to all small towns in the Gay Nineties. Every town had a band (Antrim had two), and concerts were a favorite entertainment on summer nights, before the advent of movies, radio and TV.

Antrim's bandstand was dedicated on August 3, 1894. It was built for a modest \$75 and located on the spot now occupied by the T-Bird Mini Mart. The land was loaned for five years by N.W.C. Jameson, a prominent citizen whose impressive Victorian home was next door, where the Granite Bank is now. The proprietorship of the structure is vague—did it belong to one of the bands, or the Improvement Society which had promoted its creation, or to Jameson himself? In any event it was the scene of much pleasure for townspeople over the next 40 summers. But time marches on, and customs change.

From *Parades and Promenades*, page 144: "The bandstand on Concord Street was moved to the ball grounds in August

(1936). It had already shown signs of old age and the broken lattice work around the bottom provided good places for games of hide and seek. The removal did not do it any good, and eventually it succumbed to the rough treatment of weather and overactive children." Nothing lasts forever.

From the souvenir program of the 1994 Main Street celebration: "That first bandstand is gone, but it has not been forgotten. Our 1994 building committee—Bruce Cuddihy, Carter Proctor, Sr., Bob Allison, and Pat Webber—worked from old photographs to recreate and improve on the 1894 model." Recreating the curved and shingled roof presented such a challenge that the builders called on Bob Caughey, creative engineer superlative, who helped them solve their problems. To everyone's sorrow, Bob died suddenly a month before the celebration and the completion of the bandstand in Memorial Park.

Every summer since 1994 Jonas Taub and his "Antrim in the Evening" committee have brought a variety of musical artists to the park to entertain enthusiastic audiences; these concerts are generously sponsored by local organizations and businesses, and summer evenings at the bandstand have captured the enjoyment that was found by Antrim folks back in the summer of 1894.

But please don't call it a gazebo—it's a bandstand! ❧

**Police** continued

### EQUIPMENT

The Antrim Police are now researching and attempting to determine whether equipment that is called "less than lethal force" is necessary. The equipment that is being looked at is part of the *force continuum* that becomes necessary in safely affecting an arrest. It is used when the situation has escalated to a point where pepper spray or an expandable baton are not appropriate or safe, or have been deployed and failed to successfully accomplish the arrest. This equipment is designed to prevent a situation from requiring the use of deadly force. Types of equipment are many and varied. There are Tazers which are electrical shock weapons, bean bag rounds delivered by the use of a shotgun, or a pepper ball round with the deployment system of a shotgun round, which are just a few of the available types.

### SPEED MONITORS

The Antrim Police are also applying for financial assistance through traffic safety grants for the possible purchase of a traileered speed monitor. This piece of equipment will allow the monitoring of traffic on specific streets and will allow the drivers to view their speed and at the same time record times and speed which can be used to regulate police patrol patterns to maximize effectiveness in regards to traffic safety.

Even with population growth, the most effective way to maximize community safety is still by citizen participation such as reporting any suspicious activity in your neighborhood or reporting inappropriate driving. Such things can be called in at 588-6613, which is the number for the Antrim Police Dispatch, if you feel 911 is not appropriate. Knowing and caring for your neighbor is probably one of the reasons we all are choosing to enjoy country living in the first place.

Our children will be out of school soon and on EVERY street in town, so let's slow down and stay safe. ❧



### Milt Attridge continued

new beach was a Lions Club project, explains Bud Hardwick who was an active member in the 1960s. The Lions men did most of the work, but it was Milt who made the project a reality by surveying the area to straighten out property lines and determine ownership. His biggest task was going to Massachusetts and successfully negotiating a difficult transfer of land from the Boy Scout of America council that owned a significant chunk of the needed land, to the Town of Antrim. Izzy Nichols reminded me that you can find a brief description of the new beach, which was completed in 1969, in *Parades and Promenades* on page 179.

### MILT MOVES TO MAINE

After forty years in Antrim, Milt and his wife Florence decided to move to Maine, first to Kittery, later York Beach. Milt's daughter Patty and sons Larry, Dale, and Bruce remain very close to their father who still, in his ninety-third year, has plenty of irons in the fire. According to Nina Harding, when Florence died, Milt donated a beautiful conference table and chairs to the Presbyterian Church where they remain in regular use today, like his other gifts to the people of Antrim. ❧

## EXPERIENCING BLINDNESS

### BARBARA BLACK

By Dick Winslow

Barbara Black, a long-time Great Brook School teacher and *Limrik* correspondent for G.B.S. activities, suffered a severe heart attack on March 22nd that (a) left her unconscious for five days; (b) got her sent first to Monadnock Community Hospital, then to Catholic Memorial Hospital in Manchester, then—for fear she'd need a heart transplant—to Tufts Medical School in Boston; (c) engendered a stroke that created blindness.

Good News: Barbara is making a sturdy recovery. Her mind is as alert as ever, basic heart functions are normal and, very gradually, her vision is returning. When she first regained consciousness, she could distinguish only the difference between light and dark, day and night. After a few days she began to see colors. After that she could make out shapes—such as the outline of a person's face; then details, such as the eyes and nose of a face. As of this writing in early May, she can even make out alphabet letters if they are made large enough.

A remarkable optimism prevails when one talks with her. Presently she is living in Bow, NH with her brother, Harvey (King) Black in order to be near Concord's Health South Rehab Center where she goes twice weekly for therapy. The therapy includes exercises to stimulate connectors between the brain and sight

mechanism, as well as exercises to learn how to type without seeing. Barbara expresses admiration for the effectiveness of these therapies, as well as for NH Rehab Services that assist her in re-learning skills of daily life—things she'll need to be able to do before she returns to Antrim to live.

When I asked her how it felt to have emerged from unconsciousness and discover she was blind, she said "it was never particularly upsetting because I always believed I would see again." It was, however, confusing and challenging. "People have to do stuff for you and some things are frustrating. But improvement is exciting. Each little thing I re-learn to do makes me feel exhilarated, like a child who has just learned to ride a bicycle."

When I commented on her buoyant spirits, she mentioned her pleasure in the support she has received from her three brothers and their families, from her aunt Lois Harriman and uncle Smith Harriman, as well as from colleagues and students at Great Brook School

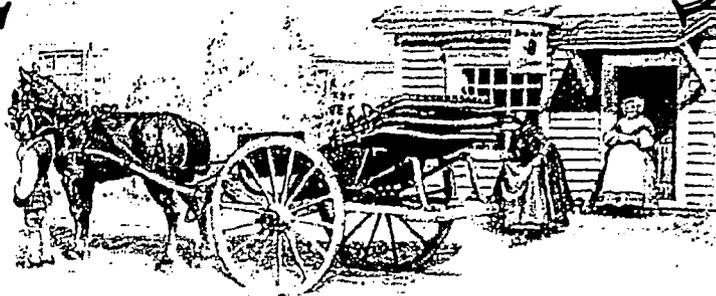
Does she hope to return to teaching? She certainly does. But she adds, "it depends on how much of my sight I get back."

We hope you get it all back, Barbara!

*Note: This article was written in early May. Hopefully, by June when the Limrik appears, Barbara's progress will be even more impressive.*

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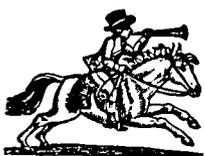
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# NEWS ABOUT TOWN

## ANTRIM VILLAGE

By Nancy Crowne

Retired school art teacher Dorothy Ascunsa offers free art lessons to Senior Citizens and home-schooled children as well as retired and working people. Dot moved to Antrim Village senior citizen resident apartments last year where she immediately set-up an informal art instruction program for Antrim Village residents. Generously offering her time and comprehensive art expertise, Dot teaches basic drawing principles, all painting and rendering mediums as well as wood crafts. She is an enthusiastic teacher who believes that all people can release and express the artistic creativity hidden within themselves. Her classes are conducted on an informal basis which encourages students to interact creatively and critically. Dot's current art project is preparing Antrim Village senior art students for the Antrim Grange's Art Exhibit, June 16 through June 20.

Her art classes are held at Antrim Village's Recreation Room. For more information, phone Dot at 588-3574. ☼

## THE NURSE IS IN

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services offers a FREE "The Nurse Is In" clinic at Antrim Village on Tuesday June 15 from 12 NOON to 1 PM. 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](http://www.hcsservices.org). ☼

## HEARD ABOUT TOWN

History books don't record this but it is rumored that George Washington's mother said to him, "The next time I catch you throwing money across the river, you can kiss your allowance good-bye!"

## SHARON DOWLING

HONORED BY GIRL SCOUTS

By Dick Winslow

The April 14th meeting of the Girl Scouts, held at Antrim's Presbyterian Church, featured an announcement of something known in advance to everyone there except Sharon Dowling. The gathering included scouts and leaders of the Great Brook Service Unit (girls K-12 from Antrim, Bennington, Francestown, and Hancock). The announcement was that Sharon would receive the Outstanding Leader Award. She had, without her knowledge, been nominated by the Great Brook Service Unit and approved by state-wide scout authorities for this honor. The award is not easily come by; in fact, this marks the first time in memory that it has gone to a local scout leader.

Sharon said later that she "was incredibly honored and totally surprised" by her selection, and expressed admiration for the other leaders with whom she works.

The Award, symbolized by an Olympics-like medal was brought to life with appreciative letters read aloud by scouts and co-leaders. One scout, Nicole Grant, said that Sharon "has done great things with our troop...most of all, she has shown us how to take care of each other." Sharon's co-leader Michelle Scott seemed to say it all: "This troop is alive and well because of Sharon."

Along with her work in scouting, Sharon is a long-time Trustee of the Tuttle Library, a member of the Presbyterian Church Choir, and business manager of the Great Brook Veterinary Clinic. ☼

## DONATIONS NEEDED!

### GRAPEVINE BENEFIT AUCTION

The Grapevine's 5th Annual Benefit Auction will take place on September 18. Crafts and artwork, jewelry, antiques, new or gently used household goods (no major appliances or exercise equipment, please), gift certificates, vacation getaways, gift baskets, cordwood and other treasures gratefully accepted. Call The Grapevine at 588-2620 to make a donation and thank you in advance. ☼

## AMERICAN LEGION

By Don Paige

Welcome to Myers-Prescott-Olson Post 50. We are one of the original American Legion Posts chartered in 1919 as William Myers Post 50, in honor of William Myers, the first Antrim soldier killed in France on July 18, 1918. After World War II, the Post was re-chartered as Myers-Prescott Post 50 to honor Paul Prescott who was killed in a bombing raid over Germany on June 7, 1943. Again, in 1953, the Post was re-chartered as Myers-Prescott-Olson Post 50 to honor Leland Olson, killed in Korea in March 1951.

Although we are a small Post, we make our presence felt in the community by supplying flags and booklets on Flag Etiquette and Americanism to the schools, sponsoring the Boy Scout Troop, and presenting the American Legion School Award to an eighth grade student from Great Brook School each year at graduation. We also have a Color Guard and Firing Squad that participates in parades, ceremonies and at veterans' funerals.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30 PM at the Post Home on West Street, and although we appreciate active members, we realize how busy everyone is and have many members who are unable to attend meetings but show their support on Memorial Day, at funerals or other occasions when they are able.

Officers for 2004 are: Commander Arthur Allison, Senior Vice Robert Allison, Junior Vice Steve Roy, Adjutant Don Paige, Finance Officer Phil Lang, Sgt. at Arms Arthur Bryer, Chaplain Fred Roberts, Service Officer Phil Lang, Americanism Bill Bailey, Historian Ted Brown, Children & Youth Carter Proctor. ☼

## FISHING DERBY A SUCCESS

Thanks to Steve Schacht, the Fishing Derby made a lot of parents and grandparents happy. Between sixty-five and seventy kids had hooks in the water at 8:00 AM. May 15th and managed to reel in dozens of rainbows, brookies, horn pout, a snapping turtle, a clam, and each other's lines. ☼

## FREE COMMUNITY SUPPERS

### MONTHLY SCHEDULE

1st Thursday	Francestown, Community Church
2nd Thursday	Bennington, Pierce School
3rd Thursday	Antrim, First Presbyterian Church
4th Thursday	Hancock, Congregational Church Vestry

A mix of area people, usually about 100 each week, breaks bread together at the times and places noted above. The suppers, started last September, are alive and well. Along with good meals, people get to meet up with one another; that was the original idea and it is proving to be a good one.

Cricenti's Market provides, at minimum prices, most of the food. Out of pocket costs are met largely by voluntary donations at each supper.

Cooking is done by volunteers—different each time. In Antrim for instance recent meals have been prepared by Great Brook School staff, including Rick Nannicelli, Kathi Wasserloos, and Maggie Picard; and by Leslie and Steve Crowell of the Maplehurst Inn. Previously, meals had been done by Kim and Dean Proctor; by John Vance, Ron Haggett, and Adam Phelps. (So far in Antrim, meals have in fact been prepared by 8 different groups or individuals, and it seems a reasonable guess that a year from now many new faces will have been seen in the kitchen.)

The guiding spirit for the suppers in Antrim has been Kristen Vance of The Grapevine. When she talks about the many things that have led to success, the Presbyterian Church and its excellent facilities is way up there.

—Dick Winslow

## ANTRIM'S TWO ESTY ORGANS

### ONE NEEDS REPAIRS AGAIN

Antrim has two pipe organs made by the famous Esty Organ Company of Brattleboro, VT—one in the Baptist Church and one in the Presbyterian Church. The Baptist Church instrument was installed in 1926 and received substantial repairs some fifty years later. The Presbyterian Church organ, installed in 1913, was given extensive repairs in 1973 followed by a rededication recital played by Joan Khroeller. At that recital's intermission, the following remarks were made by Elder Fred Roberts:

"There are perhaps some of you here who were present, or remember, when the organ was first dedicated in 1913. Many of us, I am sure, have been enriched in some way by the music from this instrument in the years that have unfolded since then. As you listen tonight you might reflect on the way the music has touched so many lives in those sixty years; the joy and hope expressed by the music at so

many weddings of young couples starting a new life together; quiet music helping to sustain the strength of a bereaved family at the loss of a loved one; the lovely hymns that describe so well the many facets of God's love for his people; and all of us have experienced the glorious music of the Christmas and Easter seasons. Many times, music can express or influence a person's feelings better than the spoken or written work.

This I believe is the real reason for rededicating this organ tonight. To emphasize the joy, hope and strength found in the music from its pipes for the enrichment of many more lives in the future as it has enriched so many lives in the past. To help us reconsecrate our lives to God's glory and the joy of living."

Once again the Presbyterian Church organ is in need of repairs—an expensive procedure that is being considered by church trustees, along with other expensive matters such as painting both the church and the Manse, and repairing the stained glass windows.

—Dick Winslow

## GIRL SCOUT TROOPS

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By Sharon Dowling

As the school year comes to a close, so does most of the local scouting activity. The Senior and Cadette Girl Scout troops have had a busy year, mostly focusing on community service and fun, with ongoing work on the Fitness to Fashion interest patch.

Several months of hard work at Kitty Rescue and Adoption in Jaffrey was a great success, as girls went once a week to help the dedicated volunteers take care of up to 180 cats and kittens. Several Saturday afternoons were spent with the residents at Harborside/Pheasantwood Nursing home in Peterborough. And as we finish up the requirements for the interest patch, the girls will be deciding on a service project that is appropriate for that as well.

In April the girls were invited to open the Volunteer Awards and Dessert Banquet for local Girl Scout volunteers with a flag ceremony. They did quite a professional job, and then proceeded to surprise their leader with some very touching testimonials. Dessert was good, too!

In June we will be planning and preparing for a unit wide campout at Greenfield State Park. We will brush up on basic camping skills and safety precautions, as well as plan an opening ceremony. Should be great fun!

This has been a tricky year, trying to lead two troops. Next year I will be leading a Senior troop only (grades 9-12) and hopefully having all the girls in the same school will help with organization. This year has been successful because of great help and support from my co-leader (and Cookie Mom!) Michele Scott, and first aider Lorrie Buxton. Also, Jeana White Beihl has been a super Unit Manager, organizing several very successful unit wide functions.

As always, any questions, comments, concerns (or offers of time or money to be given to support the local scouting organization) please call Leader Sharon Dowling at 588-3459. See you in September!

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## TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

By Melissa Lawless

### PROGRAMS

- June 5 10AM "Herbs for Use and Delight: an Herbal Tour" with Linda Tenney (a library sponsored program at Tenney Farm)
- June 26-July 30 SUMMER READING PROGRAM
- June 26 11AM "Hero" Costume party Summer Reading Program Kickoff
- July 9 10AM Story time with Rescue Workers Peter and Schatze Moore
- July 16 10AM Fire Fighter Barbara Beauchamp gives us a tour of an Antrim fire truck & equipment
- July 28 10AM Story Time at the Beach
- July 28 6PM Higgins Armory Museum presentation
- July 30 1PM End of Summer Reading Celebration
- Aug. 4 10AM Story Time at the Beach

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

It's time to become a reading superhero at the James A. Tuttle Library. This year's program entitled, "Check Out a Hero" is designed to encourage reading for pleasure in a relaxed environment, far from the pressures of the classroom. Here is a chance to send your child on a heroic adventure as we explore the world of superheroes and everyday community heroes. This statewide program is sponsored by the "Children's Librarians of New Hampshire." Our kickoff will be a costume party on June 26 from 11AM to 12:30PM. Join the fun by arriving dressed as your favorite hero.

### GARDENING WORKSHOPS

Many thanks go to Diane Chauncey of Chauncey Farm in Antrim for leading our successful "Seed-Starting Workshop." We appreciated her helpful tips and expertise, especially as she shared her secrets for growing those beautiful sunflowers Chauncey Farm is now famous for.

Please join us at the Tenney Farm on June 5 from 10AM-12NOON for a seminar entitled, "Herbs for Use and Delight: an Herbal Tour" led by Linda Tenney. Come learn the history and cultivation techniques for New England culinary and ornamental herb gardening. Herbal delights will be served.

### STORY TIME AT THE BEACH

Join Melissa Lawless at Gregg Lake on July 28 and August 4 at 10AM for a fun story time while you wait for swimming lessons. We always have a grand time casually sitting under our colorful beach umbrella reading stories geared to various age levels. Please remember that a parent or age appropriate sitter must remain close by for water safety reasons.

### HIGGINS ARMORY MUSEUM

As part of our Summer Reading Program, the Tuttle Library and the Dodge Library in Bennington will be sponsoring an outreach program from the Higgins Armory Museum in Worcester, MA. A costumed interpreter will present a hands-on demonstration of reproduction pieces of arms and armor. Participants will be allowed to try on the armor at the end of the program, which will be held at the Pierce School in Bennington on July 28 at 6PM. Mark your calendars for this incredible opportunity!

### LIBRARY QUILT FUNDRAISER

Have you stopped by to see the fabulous quilt our local quilters created and donated to be raffled off for our building fund? The ladies' creative and detailed skill, combined with their apparent fondness for our library, has produced a magnificent quilt which has prompted quite a response from library patrons. If you have not had a chance to see it on display, please stop by for a peek. The price for the raffle tickets have been affordably set at \$1 per ticket, or \$5 for 6 tickets. Thanks go to quilters Joby Garret, Janet MacLachlan, Thelma Nichols, Trudy Oesch, Maura Pascucci, Pauline Robertson, Susan Taylor, and Gail Wilson for a job extremely well done.

### WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

If new items are not on the kiosk or in their baskets please be sure to place your name on the reserve list. We will be happy to call you on a first come, first served basis. We are in the process of automating our collection so if you don't see what you are looking for, ask a staff member to check the computer.

### DVDS 2004

Andrew Lloyd Webber: the Royal Albert Hall Celebration; Beautiful Mind; Black Hawk Down; The Bourne Identity; Dinotopia: the Series; Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood; Dudley Do-Right; E.T. the Extraterrestrial; The Ghost and Mrs. Muir; House of Sand and Fog; Last Unicorn; League of Extraordinary Gentlemen; Master and Commander; Matrix Revolutions; Mona Lisa Smile; The Moonspinners; A Mighty Wind; 101 Dalmatians II; The Pianist; Pirates of the Caribbean; Runaway Jury; Seabiscuit; Secondhand Lions; Something's Gotta Give; Scooby-Doo; Spider Man; Stuart Little 2; Treasure Planet; Tuck Everlasting; The Twelve Kingdoms: chapters 1-4; Under the Tuscan Sun; Welcome to Sarajevo; Winged Migration; X2: X-Men United.

### FICTION

Bill Bright *A Man Called Blessed*; Jennifer Chiaverini *The Master Quilter: An Elm Creek Quilts novel*; Terence Cheng *Sons of Heaven*; Edwidge Danticat *The Dew Breaker*; Iris Johansen *Firestorm*; Susan Phillips *Ain't She Sweet?*; Edward Rutherford *The Princes of Ireland*; John Saul *Black Creek Crossing*; Anne Siddons *Islands*; Danielle Steel *Ransom*.

### MYSTERY

Lawrence Block *The Burglar on the Prowl*; Rhys Bowen *Evan's Gate*; Rita Mae Brown *Whisker of Evil*; Mary Higgins Clark *Nighttime Is My Time*; John Dunning *The Bookman's Promise*; Jonathan Kellerman *Therapy*; Laurie King *The Game*; John Mortimer *Rumpole and the Primrose Path*; Robert Parker *Bad Business*; Elizabeth Peters *Guardian of the Horizon*.

### NON-FICTION

*Amelia Peabody's Egypt: a compendium*; Nicholas Basbanes *A Splendor of Letters*; Jennifer Chiaverini *Elm Creek Quilts*; Richard Clark *Against All Enemies*; Joe Conason *Big Lies: the right-wing propaganda machine*; Thomas Keneally *American Scoundrel (biography)*; *Once Upon a Heroine: 450 books for girls*; Elizabeth Warren *The Two Income Trap*; Rivka Zakutinsky *Around Sarah's Table*.

### E-MAIL

Our new address is: [tuttlelib@comcast.net](mailto:tuttlelib@comcast.net)



## RECREATION LAND

### AN UPDATE

By Rick Wood

As a result of the passage of Article 7 at Antrim's 2004 Town Meeting, a new Antrim Land Recreation Committee has been named and a Capital Reserve for Recreational Field Development established for the purpose of studying, engineering, testing and eventual purchasing and development of land for recreational needs. The scope of the committee is as follows: "To develop a conceptual plan that clearly outlines the recreational needs of the Town for the next 6-10 years. Develop the site criteria and explore what property is available to satisfy the needs. Make a firm recommendation to the Board of Selectmen by October 1, 2004 what specific property should be purchased to achieve the goals established." The selectmen will then decide on the best process to complete the purchase and make the proposal to Town meeting in 2005. Members of this committee are: Chairman, Bob Holmes, Sam Harding, Peter Lamb, John Leonard, Sam Young, Scott Burnside, and Rick Wood. Meetings are typically held at 7PM, every other Wednesday night at the Town Recreation Office. Feel free to contact any of the committee member for the date of the next scheduled meeting.

One of the benefits of the capital reserve fund is that we can now search for applicable grants to offset portions of the costs of purchasing and developing the new recreational land. Potential grant opportunities range from the NH Department of Recreation, the National Parks Service's Land and Water Conservation Fund (identified from a letter the from Senator John Sununu's office) and Major League Baseball's Tomorrow Fund. We will be enlisting some of Antrim's local talent to assist the committee in qualifying for these and any other funding opportunities we come across. In addition, people interested in offering their professional talents to the committee, whether it be land development, conservation, engineering, etc., or any businesses interested in lending support, are welcome to contact any of the committee members or town selectmen. All recommendations on available sites are welcome.



## CHURCH NEWS



### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 588-2209

Rev. Peggi Kephart Boyce

**Sunday Worship 10:00 AM\***

\*summer hours effective June 6  
(nursery available for 4-year olds and under)

**Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM**

**Sunday School 10:30 AM**

**Youth Ministry 11:00 AM**

Communion on the first Sunday of the month

**AA Meetings on Sundays at 7:00 PM**

- **July 10 5:30-7 PM Guild Summer Buffet**
- **July 23-27 9-12 NOON Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church**
- **July 29 10 AM Joint worship service at the Baptist Church celebrating the end of Vacation Bible School**

### BAPTIST CHURCH 388-6614

Pastor Charles V. Boucher  
Cherryl Boucher, Associate Pastor

**Sunday Worship 9:30 AM\***

\*summer hours effective June 20

- **July 23-27 9-12 NOON Vacation Bible School**

### CHURCH OF CHRIST 924-4996

Scott Roth, Preacher

*Note:* Meetings that had been held at the American Legion Hall are now back in the church on Main Street.

**Sunday Bible Study 10:00 AM**

**Sunday Worship 11:00 AM**

**Tuesday Prayer Group 6:30 PM**

(At the home of Lorie and Scott Roth in Peterborough)

**Thursday Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM**

(At the home of Lorie and Scott Roth in Peterborough)

### SAINT PATRICK CHURCH 588-2180

Rev. Richard A. Smith

#### Mass Schedule

**Saturday 4:15 PM**

**Sunday 8 & 10:30 AM**

**Mon-Fri 7:30 AM**

Penance 1/2 hour before all weekend masses and by request.

## THE GRAPEVINE

By Kristen Vance, Director

### THE PEOPLE'S SERVICE EXCHANGE

The People's Service Exchange will be up and running this summer! You may recall our article in the last edition of the *Limrik* about an emerging neighbor-helping-neighbor program, a coordinated system of trade where participants trade one hour of service for one Time Dollar. We have not yet begun to recruit participants, but we already have people who wish to trade a variety of services, including chiropractic care, visiting people who are homebound, computer support, massage, pruning, running errands, math tutoring, and wheelchair ramp building.

In April, Project Coordinator Tom Gloudemans of Hancock convened the first meeting of the "Kitchen Cabinet," the group of folks who will be working with Tom to get the word out about The Exchange, how it works, and how people can join. Kitchen Cabinet members are Ben Pratt and Joyce Davison of Antrim, Chris Selmers of Hancock, Michelle Ricco and Suzanne Baker of Bennington, Sara Cox of Frankestown, and Great Brook School teacher Deb Boudreau-Parker.

Tom was invited to the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Grange, where he will explain how The People's Service Exchange works and how to get involved. Information packets will be available at the Thursday night community suppers and at The Grapevine. Call Tom or Kristen Vance at The Grapevine for more information.

The People's Service Exchange is funded by the Henry L. and Patricia J. Nielsen Fund of Monadnock Community Foundation.

### SPRING INTO SUMMER AT THE GRAPEVINE

Our "school year" programs for children and parents ends Friday, June 18. Children in Better Beginnings playgroups will spend the remaining days of spring making Sun Drums, exploring Life in Ponds, playing in sand and water, gardening, and enjoying Nature-related activities, stories and crafts. Our weekly parent-child program schedule *through June 18:*

- Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 — Better Beginnings playgroup (18 mos. to 2 1/2 years)

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## **The Grapevine** continued

- Mondays 3:30 to 5PM — Teen and Young Parents playgroup
- Tuesdays 9:30 to 11:30 — Better Beginnings playgroup (2 1/2 to 4 years)
- Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 — The Learning Vine Preschool
- Thursdays 9:30 to 11:30 — Better Beginnings playgroup (mixed ages)
- Fridays 9:30 to 11:30 — The Learning Vine Preschool
- Fridays 10:00 to 11:30 — Better Beginnings for Babies

### **SPECIAL SPRING PROGRAM JUNE 15:**

“Ponding for Parents and Preschoolers,” with Susie Denehy of The Harris Center — Discover with your young child (ages 2 to 5 years) how to be Pond Life Explorers! Children and parents will explore the magic of this watery world, from the simple and cheap ponding equipment, to the types of common pond critters to look for in New Hampshire. Come dressed for exploring the pond’s edge. Equipment provided. This 2-hour program, a collaboration with The Harris Center, begins at 9:30AM at The Grapevine, and includes traveling to a nearby pond. For more information call Susie at the Harris Center, or call Beth Bradford at The Grapevine. It’s free!

### **“OUR BIG BACKYARD” SUMMER AT THE GRAPEVINE JULY 5 — AUGUST 13**

#### **Weekly Parent-Child Activities**

**Mondays at 9:30** — Parent-Child Summer Play and Crafts — For parents and their children (up to 3 years of age and siblings). Crafts and play to include pottery, potato printing, tie-dying, peeps village, nature art, fort building, water and sand play, summer adventures. Snacks provided. Donations to cover costs appreciated.

**Mondays at 3:30** — Teen and Young Parents Playgroup — for parents under 30 and their children. In addition to playing and socializing at The Grapevine on Monday afternoons, parents are planning “Community Strolls” and a “Duck Picnic” at Memorial Park. Call for more information. Free.

**Tuesdays at 9:30** — Parent-Child Play and Craft at Gregg Lake and Memorial Park, in collaboration with the Antrim Parks and Recreation Department. Location alternates as follows:

- July 6, 20, Aug 3 — Gregg Lake
  - July 13, 27, Aug 10 — Memorial Park
- For parents and their children, craft and summer adventure activities appropriate for all ages. Snacks provided. On rainy days, the program will meet at The Grapevine. Donations to cover costs appreciated.

**Wednesdays at 9:30** — “In Our Backyard” Family Field Trips — Free — Meets at The Grapevine and travels to field trip locations below (rain dates to be announced):

- 7/7 Strawberry picking
- 7/14 Explore McCabe Forest
- 7/21 Gregg Lake
- 7/28 Visit “Down on the Farm”
- 8/4 Stroll in Lucy Hurlin Recreation Area
- 8/11 Pitcher Mountain Hike and Blueberries

**Fridays at 10:00** — Better Beginnings for Babies, for parents and their babies (birth to 18 months of age), and for soon-to-be parents. Our popular “baby group” offers an opportunity for parents to talk about the joys and challenges of parenthood with each other and with Beth Bradford, one of our early childhood educators. The summer session will add a focus on getting outside to enjoy the natural environment with your infant or young toddler. In addition to discussions about infant health, car and household safety, nutrition, bonding and attachment, crying, stress etc., the group will share information about protecting babies from the sun, swimming, black flies, and other summertime baby topics. Sliding scale fee \$1 to \$5 per week.

#### **“FOR PARENTS ONLY”**

Carol Lunan will offer two 2-hour classes for parents of young children on the following topics:

- The Importance of Play in Child Development
- Using Mediation Techniques in Working with Children

Sydney Wilson-Smith will lead two 2-hour sessions for parents of young children focusing on the importance of play for both the child and the parent. Each session will include discussion and a craft or play activity. “For Parents Only” will take place Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30. Children are welcome to join in the play and craft

activities while parents meet. Sliding scale fee \$1 to \$10 per session. Call The Grapevine for dates.

#### **DAY “CAMP” FOR YOUNG CHILDREN**

“The Wild in our Backyard”— July 19-23 and July 26-30. This adventure for children ages 4 to 6 features trips to McCabe Forest in Antrim and more fun learning back at The Grapevine. Carol Lunan M.Ed., our Learning Vine teacher and teacher at The Harris Center, is the program leader. Activities include investigating flying creatures, creepy crawlers and swimming bugs; exploring mud and water; and nature stories, songs, crafts and painting. This is a wonderful opportunity for young children to discover the natural world—and their place in it!— with their peers under the guidance of exceptional early childhood educators. Two 5-day sessions beginning July 19 and July 26, from 9AM to 12:30. Parents are welcome to drop off their children or stay for all or part of the morning. The fee is \$60 per week. Full and partial scholarships will be available. *Call by June 30 to register.*

#### **FAMILY MUSIC AND BARBECUE AT MEMORIAL PARK**

##### **Wednesday, July 28 at 5PM**

The Grapevine, in collaboration with Antrim in the Evening, will present Kathy Lowe, children’s folk singer/songwriter. Kathy has been performing for The Grapevine summer program for 4 years now, and she never fails to delight her young audience (and their families) with original music, multi-cultural stories and fables, and a huge variety of rhythm instruments for children to play. Children dance, sing and clap along with Kathy, her playful encouragement inviting even the most timid to join in. We’ll have a Grapevine Family Barbecue following the performance. Burgers, hot dogs and the fixings will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

#### **PARENT-CHILD PROGRAMS RECESS**

Weekly parent-child programs will take a break from June 21 through July 2, and from August 16 through September 3. Our Fall Session begins September 6.

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**REGISTER NOW FOR PRESCHOOL**

Parents with children who will be 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 years of age by September may call The Grapevine now to register for The Learning Vine 2004/2005 school year. Enrollment is limited to 10 children. The Learning Vine offers hands-on, active learning through a balance of child-initiated and teacher-initiated activities. At The Learning Vine, we believe

- Children are smart, loving and cooperative by nature
- Children benefit from making choices about their learning
- A learning environment that includes children of all abilities benefits all children.

The Learning Vine teacher, Carol Lunan M.Ed, is a veteran early childhood educator who also runs the Wol's Nest program at the Harris Center in Hancock. Before coming to The Grapevine in the fall of 1999, Carol was co-director and teacher at Happy Valley School in Peterborough for 8 years. Learning Vine parents assist Carol in the classroom, plan field trips, and develop special activities. The cost of the program is very reasonable due to parent involvement. Financial assistance with tuition is available. Call The Grapevine at 588-2620 to visit The Learning Vine this spring.

**STRONG LIVING FOR SENIORS  
CALL ABOUT FALL SESSION**

The first "Strong Living at The Grapevine" session was a great success, and another 12-week session will begin in September. Call now to reserve your space, as enrollment is limited to 12 people. Strong Living is a 12-week community-based strength training program for older adults (age 50 and up) created by physiologists from Tufts University. Our thanks to the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club, Frameworks, Inc., Betty Avery, Corinne Canfield and Carolyn Gilmore for making this program possible.

**THANK YOU**

- Tenney Farm and Edmunds' Hardware, for donating materials to our Spring Work Day
- Kathleen Crawford, for her ongoing computer support

- The Taub/Benedict family, for craft supplies donation
- All who have supported our work with financial contributions, volunteer time, donated toys, clothing and other essentials, thank you!

**WISH LIST**

- 4/\$60 scholarships and 4/\$30 scholarships for children to participate in "The Wild in our Backyard" day "camp"
- Gently-used garden and lawn tools
- Volunteer to mow our lawn this summer
- 2 large folding tables

**A.C.C.E.S.S.**

Associates in Career and Community Employment Supports and Services now maintains a satellite office at The Grapevine. A.C.C.E.S.S. is a nonprofit agency with a mission to help people with disabilities find meaningful employment. A.C.C.E.S.S. works with adults, as well as with youth transitioning from school to adult life. Their mission and their work are predicated on the belief that all people have the right to become contributing and valued members of their community, and less dependent on the service system. A.C.C.E.S.S., incorporated in 1988, has offices in Keene and Peterborough. John Vance is the founder and Executive Director, and a consultant with the NH Division of Developmental Services. For more information, call John at 924-7006 or call The Grapevine.

**SERVICES AT THE GRAPEVINE**

- **Information, Referral & Assistance:** Information about area resources for financial assistance, food, childcare, legal assistance, clothing, health and dental care, and other needs.
- **Wood Bank:** Free firewood for families and individuals who use wood to heat their homes and cannot afford to buy firewood.
- **Heating Fuel & Electric Assistance** for eligible families, provided by Southern NH Services Thursday mornings 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.

• **Help Finding Employment** — A.C.C.E.S.S. offers help to people with disabilities in their search for *meaningful* employment.

• **Help Finding Shelter** offered by Southwestern Community Services. People who are homeless or facing homelessness are encouraged to call Karen Bednarski at (800)529-0005, or call The Grapevine for assistance.

• **Community Suppers:** If you'd like to go but need a ride, give us a call by noon the day before the supper.

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

**ABOUT OUR FUNDING**

The Grapevine is a community-based nonprofit service organization. Financial support from local people and businesses keeps our doors open. 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.

Financial contributors to The Grapevine include Monadnock Paper Mills, Hillsborough County Incentive Funds, Monadnock Community Foundation, NH Children's Trust Fund, Monadnock Community Hospital, BridgeBuilders Foundation, The Robin Colson Memorial Foundation, NH Ball Bearing, New England Presbytery, Granite Bank, NH Dept. of Health and Human Services, Antrim-Bennington Lions Club, Rick & Diane's, Cricenti's, the First Presbyterian Church in Antrim, Antrim Baptist Church, Edmunds' Hardware, Peterborough Unitarian Church, Associated Grocers and many people and businesses in Antrim and nearby towns. Many community members, local helping organizations and businesses also donate time, talents, and supplies. Thank you! ☘

Sign in a Podiatrist's Office

**TIME WOUNDS ALL HEELS**

## PRISONER OF WAR CARTOONS BY RUSS RUSSELL

Antrim artist eighty-one year old Russ Russell fills an odd historical niche. Cartoons that he drew while a POW in Germany during World War II are immortalized on the "World War Two" website and in the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. Russ's bomber went down in flames on November 30, 1944. He depicts his capture by a German farmer, and other scenes in the prison camp, in his cartoons. His work was a distraction from their privation, and a comfort to his fellow prisoners, and he says "I consider it a great honor to be a part of the important recognition these men deserve." The Limrik is honored to reprint some of Russ's historic cartoons.

—Editor

# KRIEGIE HUMOR

It saved us when the going got tough



1. "You jump first, Joe. I don't want to be a hero."



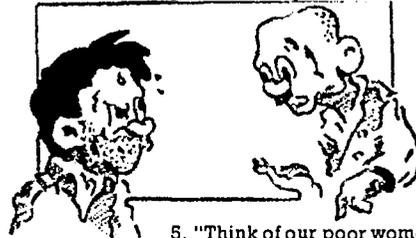
2. "Yow! This can't happen to me." (That's what every Kriegie thought.)



3. "Hope they didn't see me. Now all I got to do is cross Germany, France and the Channel and I'll be back in grand old England."



4. "For you der var bt ovfer."



5. "Think of our poor women and children." (That was supposed to soften us up.)



6. "Aw, have a heart, stomach, this is my day to think about women!"



7. "... and when good Kriegies die, they go to heaven, where there is an easy chair, slippers, plenty of smokes, a radio, and apple pie and milk."

By Sgt. Lester H. Russell

**ANTRIM MEDICAL GROUP  
PHYSICIANS MOVING TO  
PETERBOROUGH**

By Jane Forrestal

It's official: Dr. Annika Brown and Dr. Scott Jaynes expect to move into private practice, opening a new physician's office in Peterborough this coming fall. They will be joined by their nurse practitioner, Margaret Kelly, ARNP, in this new venture. In so doing, Brown, Jaynes and Kelly will be leaving the Antrim Medical Group, a satellite offices of Monadnock Community Hospital. They will reportedly maintain a relationship with Monadnock Community Hospital though they no longer will be employees. The Antrim office will be staffed with new medical personnel.

Patients of Drs. Jaynes and Brown will have some choices to make. They may continue to receive medical care through the Antrim Medical Group or they may follow the doctors to their new Peterborough offices. Patients may also exercise the option to seek out a new primary-care physician. No matter what path patients choose, according to Laura Gingras, Monadnock Community Hospital's director of philanthropy and community relations, the Antrim facility and its patients are assured of coverage during the transition, and all current patients may continue to receive care through the Antrim Medical Group. Current patients are being notified and through their signature may transfer their medical records in the fall.

In any event, things are changing. We have enjoyed the presence of Dr. Brown for four years, and Dr. Jaynes for seven years. Their new offices will be located on Route 202 in Peterborough, nearby Conval High School, next door to Concord Oral Surgery on Concord Street. "We have very much appreciated the opportunity to care for patients in Antrim," Dr. Jaynes told us recently. "For folks from Antrim," he said, "it will be a slight inconvenience to make the drive to Peterborough. But for our patients from Bennington, Frankestown, Hancock, and Greenfield, it makes little difference in drive time."

Some things will remain the same. Dr. Jaynes has been and will remain President of the medical staff of Monadnock Community Hospital, a position in which he has earned high praise. The doctors will also continue to use the hospital — another reason the move to Peterborough makes good sense for their new practice.

In addition to being medical colleagues, the doctors are a married couple with young children about to begin schooling. Between hours spent overseeing patients in hospital, seeing patients in the office, and attending to the needs of their young family, consolidating their work and home life schedules to one locale made good sense to Dr. Brown and Dr. Jaynes.

Peter Gosline, Chief Executive Officer of Monadnock Community Hospital, told the Limrik that the hospital remains supportive of our Antrim facility. He said, "We are committed to getting equivalent, experienced doctors in place at the Antrim

Medical Group." He also said the hospital is actively recruiting, and in fact has already received preliminary interest from applicants, to hire a full-time nurse practitioner (R.N.), and physician to staff the Elm Street offices.

Residents of Antrim, and patients alike, have benefited greatly from the presence of Dr. Scott Jaynes and Dr. Annika Brown and their excellent care. We extend thanks for their service, and wish them well.

*If current patients have any questions regarding this move, they may contact Antrim Medical Group at 588-4200.* ☞



**THE HOUSES OF ANTRIM**

David Hurlin, long time Antrim resident and former owner of the Goddell Company, has been engaged in a project with the Antrim Historical Society to research all of the houses in Antrim, listing their construction dates, builders, and owners. His study is contained in several notebooks he presented to the Historical Society in 1993, and which are housed in the Tuttle Library. The project will continue this summer, with new houses, street numbers, and photographs added, including updated photos of older houses that have been altered. We hope you will not mind if someone comes by and takes a picture of your house.

Can you help us with this project? Contact Nina Harding, Dotti Penny or Louis and Dawne Hugron. ☞

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## **PARKS & RECREATION**

### **SUMMER PROGRAM**

By Celeste Lunetta, Coordinator

We have lots to offer this year! Open registration at the Town Gym on the following dates: Tuesday June 1 and Friday June 11, 7–9 PM; Saturday June 5 and Friday June 11, 9–10 AM. Brochures can be picked up, and registrations dropped off, at the Antrim Town Hall; Monday–Thursday, 8–4 PM; or mailed to PO Box 517, Antrim NH 03440. Also, some scholarships are available, so please call Celeste at the Recreation Office, 588-3121.

### **WEEKLY PROGRAMS**

**Tuesday Crafts:** July 6–August 10; 9:30–11:30 AM. A combined effort of the Recreation Center and The Grapevine. Craft programs at alternating locations between Gregg Lake Beach and Memorial Park.

**Tuesdays Teen Trips:** June 29–August 10; 6–9:30 PM. Trips to movies, malls, arcades, fairs etc. Transportation and supervision provided but cost of event not covered. Pre-registration required at least by Sunday before trip. Space limited.

**Friday night Open Gym:** 6–9 PM for families and all others.

**Saturday Night Open Gym:** 6–10 PM for teens.

### **LESSONS–CAMPS–BUS TRIPS–ETC.**

**Preschool Swimming Lessons:** June 21–25; ages 3–5. Lessons are designed to increase comfort and safety around water. The class is geared to the young child, and is fun! Instructed by WSI Alycia Powers at Gregg Lake beach. \$8.00.

**Tennis Lessons:** June 21–25; 9:30–11:30 AM; ages 10–14. Basic tennis skills and strategy; racquet and ball handling techniques and match playing. \$10.00.

**Skateboard Clinic:** June 21–25; 10–11 AM for ages 8–10 and 11–12 NOON for ages 11–13. The skate clinic will teach basic skateboard maneuvers and stunts and how to handle the board and equipment. Safety Helmets are required, knee pads and wrist guards are recommended. \$10.00.

**Five Days of Summer Day Camp:** June 28–July 2; 9 AM–3 PM for ages 6–11. The camp offers sports, games, crafts, field trips, swimming, hiking and all around fun! The program will be held at

Antrim Town Gym, Gregg Lake Beach and Memorial Park. Camp staff are experienced instructors, with skills in art, outdoor adventure, foreign languages and all have experience working with school aged children and training in First Aid and CPR. An EMT is also on staff. \$30.

**Boys Explorer Camp:** July 5–8; Mon and Tues 9-3PM; Wed. overnight; ages 11–13. This adventure camp runs Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with overnight camping on Wednesday. The kids will get picked up by parents Thursday morning at 9 AM. Activities will focus on outdoor adventure, including river exploration, hiking, bouldering, climbing, swimming and more! \$40.

**Coach Bus Trip To Hampton Beach, Isles of Shoals and Fireworks** Wednesday July 14, 12 NOON–11:30 PM. \$30.00

**Swim Lessons:** (2 separate sessions) July 5–July 16 and July 26–August 6; ages 5 and older. These are American Red Cross water safety and instruction lessons, levels 1–5. Please indicate on registration form your child's swim level. Lesson times will be posted at beach house at Gregg Lake after June 28. \$15.00.

**Gymnastics:** July 5–8; 9:30–10:30 AM for ages 4–7 and 10:30–11:30 AM for ages 8–11. This class will teach basic fitness and tumbling skills, including work on beam, vault and bars. \$10.00.

**Girls Explorers Camp:** July 12–15; Mon and Tues 9–3 PM; Wed. overnight; ages 11-13. This adventure camp runs Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with overnight camping on Wednesday. The kids will get picked up by parents Thursday morning at 9 AM. Activities will focus on outdoor adventure, including river exploration, hiking, bouldering, climbing, swimming and more! An EMT with wilderness certification is also on staff. The maximum number of kids in this program is 12, so register early! \$40.00.

**Performance Art Camp:** July 19–23; ages 7 and older. 9–12 NOON for ages 7–9 and 9–3 PM for ages 10 and older. Performance on Friday evening at 6 PM. Program offers the opportunity for kids to learn from experienced and professional theatre artists. Younger children, ages 7-9, will work with Michael Zerphy, professional mime, storyteller, and clown. They will learn the art of improve, stage presence

and communication, juggling and physical comedy. Older children will work with Michael in the morning, and with Trickster Fox in the afternoon. Trickster Fox, will teach kids circus arts, including unicycling, balancing, juggling, plate spinning, balloon sculpture, and clowning. Kids over 10 years can also choose a track that integrates the *Make a Movie* program. \$40 for ages 7–9 and \$80 for ages 10 and older.

**Make a Movie:** July 19–July 30; for ages 10–15; 10:30–1:30 PM week one; times TBA for week two, with film festival on Friday July 30, 6 PM. This camp offers kids the unique opportunity to learn the whole process of producing a short movie from a professional filmmaker. Camp director Hillary Weissman Graham has experience as an award winning producer and director of two movies, as well as a producer for segments on PBS's Zoom and WMUR's Chronicle. Kids will write and direct, using digital cameras and editing equipment. \$40.

**Ketchums Kickers Soccer Camp:** July 26–30; 9–12 NOON for kids entering 1st through 5th grades. An excellent soccer camp, very popular, run by Peter Ketchum, who has played and coached soccer at the recreation, middle, high school and college level. \$45.00

**Basketball Camp, Full Day:** July 26–30, 9–3PM. Another popular sports camp choice for local basketball players! A full day camp, for players 9 and older, run by Heather Borges, who has coached AAU and varsity basketball for ConVal and JV at Nashua High Schools. A great, fast paced, very well run camp program. \$90.

**Basketball Camp, Half Day:** August 2–6; 9–12 NOON; ages 7-13. This camp is excellent for the elementary aged child who likes basketball. The camp is led by Heather Borges, who really knows how to provide a fun, motivating and exciting program. \$40.

**Afternoon Camp:** August 2–6; 12–4 PM; ages 7 and older. This camp will provide a lunch break for those coming out of basketball camp, and then will offer a strong variety of art projects as well as options for outdoor activities such as swimming, hiking, and sports. Camp Director Scott Garret is a high school art teacher and a varsity soccer coach. \$20.

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## **ANTRIM PLAYERS**

### **THE PETER PAN PRODUCTION**

By Izi Nichols

From the Villager, April 23, 2004, report of Selectmen's meeting: "...the board agreed to send a thank you letter to the Antrim Players thanking them for the nice job they did in involving the youth of the community in their most recent play, Peter Pan."

Such an accolade is not only well deserved but much appreciated by co-directors Bill Harris and Becky Davison-Paquette, as well as the many adults who spent hundreds of hours at various duties both in the Town Hall and away from it. The forty-five youngsters aged 8 through 14, some from neighboring towns, are appreciative of the fine facility for the performing arts provided by the community, i.e., our Town Hall.

Now is the 100th anniversary of the famous James M. Barrie play, which he wrote for the children of London, Christmas 1904. Going with tradition, the part of Peter Pan was played by a girl, in this recent production by 13-year-old Emily Sawich; her nemesis was Brandon Lawrence, 14, as the nefarious Captain Hook. Their fellow thespians were cast as groups of pirates, Indians, lost boys, mermaids, and the Darling family. Not to forget Nina Lary as the tick-tocking crocodile and Toni Brown as the adorable but sometimes temperamental Tinkerbell.

The play was presented to five large and enthusiastic audiences, with gross proceeds exceeding \$3,000. After expenses and maintenance costs, generous donations were made to the families of two of the children's teachers who were burned out of their homes during the winter: Jahna Moncrief is the instrumental music teacher at Great Brook School, and lives with her family in Alstead; Dancy Bluhm, a long-time kindergarten teacher at Antrim Elementary School, lives with her family in Fitzwilliam.

The over-all quality of the performances assures the future of the Antrim Players, which has an on-going tradition of training young people in the ways of community theatre. It's become a lifelong addiction for many of us.

Rumor has it that "a Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" is being considered for the summer musical. Watch local papers for announcement of open auditions.

## **Home & Harvest Day** continued

The Town of Antrim has appropriated \$3,500 for the fireworks display but we need to raise an additional \$1,000. Donations will be gratefully received. The committee includes Ted, Brown Pam Caswell, Rick Davis, Monica Dutton, Ericka Leonard, Janet McEwen, Peter Moore, and Kristin Readel.

**Events schedule** with contact persons:

- 7 AM Breakfast at the Presbyterian Church
- 8:30 AM Fun Run (Mary Sawich 588-2086)
- 10:30 AM Parade (Ted Brown 588-3388)
- 11:30 AM Soapbox Derby (Monica Dutton 588-2124)
- 10-2 PM Library Trustees Annual Book Sale (Connie Kirwin 588-6650)
- 11:30-3 PM Sidewalk Sales and Flea Market (e-mail Kristin Readel at kristinlauri@yahoo.com)
- 12-2 PM The Grapevine's 5th Annual Benefit Auction (Laura Akerly 588-2620)
- Afternoon Coed Softball tournament (Brian Hebert 588-6195)
- 4:30-6 PM Ham and Bean Supper at the Presbyterian Church
- 6-8 PM Concert (Jonas Taub 588-6208)
- 8 PM Fireworks (Rick Davis 588-3388)

The Fun Run road race will traverse an interesting course. The Parade will feature the Shriners Band and local floats. More participants are sought. Sidewalk Sales and Flea market needs more sellers. The Grapevine's 5th Annual Benefit Auction is seeking donations of crafts and artwork, jewelry, antiques, new or gently used household goods (no major appliances or exercise equipment, please), gift certificates, vacation getaways, gift baskets, cordwood and other treasures. Please call The Grapevine at 588-2620 to make a donation. The Coed Softball tournament needs teams—family teams, friends, etc., or we can put you on a team. The Jonas Taub concert will include participation by his friends. And, the grand finale of the day will be fireworks by Atlas in the field behind Tenney's farm stand. ☘

## **Parks & Recreation** continued

**Mt. Washington Family Cruise and Shopping Safari:** Friday August 6; 8 AM-6 PM; all ages. Choose between a leisurely family cruise and a shopping safari on Lake Winnepesaukee. \$20 kids; \$30 Adults; \$36 Safari.

**Ketchums Kickers:** August 23-27; 5-7 PM, ages 10-15. Coach Peter Ketchum offers an afternoon camp and preseason soccer program for kids in Middle School.

**Granite State Whale Watch and Odiorne Point/Seacoast Science Center:** Chartered Coach Bus Trip. Wednesday August 25; 9 AM-6 PM. \$36

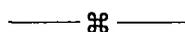
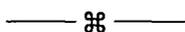
**Canobie Lake Park:** Chartered Coach Bus Trip. Monday August 30. 8:30 AM-6 PM. \$33.

**End of Summer BEACH PARTY at Gregg Lake:** barbeque, kayaks, games, DJ and karaoke. Friday August 20. 4-9 PM.

## **Project LIFT Literacy Program**

Did you know...that there is an adult education office located at the Fuller Public Library in Hillsborough that offers free tutoring to residents of surrounding towns, including Antrim? Potential students over the age of 16 and withdrawn from high school are assessed for academic needs and then matched with a tutor. There are also small classes available for skill building in math and English. Adults often seek tutoring to improve their reading and writing skills. English as a Second Language is offered to foreign born students.

Over 400 volunteer tutors have served in this program over the last 13 years. Contact the Fuller Public Library Director at 464-5285 if you are interested in any of these services or would like to become a tutor.



## AREA RESIDENTS IN THE MILITARY

By Pam Caswell

A number of area residents are now serving in the US Military, some in the states and others around the world.

**Douglas Stone.** Sgt Stone is a truck driver with the 744th Transport in Army National Guard. He is currently on active duty in the supporting operation Iraqi Freedom. Doug is married to Amy Zaluki-Stone and has four children, Tyson, Elizabeth, Julianna and Leah. He is a member of the Antrim Fire Department.

**Eric M. Hutchinson.** PFC Hutchinson is a gunner with the 23rd Armored Cavalry in the US Army. He is currently on active duty in the supporting operation Iraqi Freedom. Eric is the son of Marianne and John Whipple and grandson of Arnold and Barbara Hutchinson. As a true New Englander, he writes home about missing the snow. He was expected home in May.

**Justin Durgin.** Corporal Justin Durgin is an air-conditioning and coolant engineer with the Airwing unit of the US Marine Corps. He is currently stationed in Japan in the supporting operation in Korea. Justin is the son of Heidi and Robert Therrien and Jeff and Maureen Durgin. His grandparents are Harry and Nancy Clough and John and Lula Durgin. He writes about how much he misses hunting and fishing, and all of his family and friends.

**John E. Whipple.** Sgt Whipple is a cook with the 744th Transport in Army National Guard. He is currently on active duty in the supporting operation Iraqi Freedom. John is married to Marianne Whipple and has three children, Eric, Samantha and Polly. His parents are John and Marion Whipple from Greenfield. He served in the US Navy for 30 years before joining the reserves. An avid gardener with a 'green thumb', he misses thumbing through seed catalogs and planning spring planting.

**Kevin G. Johnson.** Airman First Class Johnson is an aircraft structural specialist in the US Air Force stationed at Moody AFB in Georgia. He is currently on active duty in the supporting operation Iraqi

Freedom. Kevin is the son of Denis and Patricia Johnson of Turner Hill in Antrim and the brother of Mike Johnson. His mom says Kevin is currently living in the heart of the south but his heart belongs at home in Antrim.

**Joshua Chandler.** PFC Chandler is in transportation management with the Army Reserves stationed at Pensacola Naval Base. He is on active duty in the supporting operation Iraqi Freedom. Joshua is the son of Paul and Nina Chandler and grandson of Clarence and Alma Chandler, owners of C & A Laundry. He has two brothers, Eric and Joseph Mays. He looks forward to adventures in the world but always calls Antrim home.

**Michael 'Micky' McInnis.** Airman McInnis is a Level 5 Fire Fighter - Dept of Defense with the US Air Force. He is stationed at Moody AFB in GA in the supporting operation Iraqi Freedom. Micky is the son of Pam Caswell of Antrim and Clayton McInnis of Hillsboro and the stepson of Mike Caswell. His sister is Jennifer McInnis. During Basic Training Micky received the Warhawk Award which is given to the top PRT (Physical Readiness Training) performer. He is expected home on leave in July before deployment in September.

**Ben Wilson.** Airman Wilson is in Security Forces with the US Air Force. He is stationed in Saudi Arabia in the supporting operation Iraqi Freedom. Ben is the son of David and Janis Wilson and grandson of Syd Wilson-Smith. Ben has two sisters Kristin Wilson and Geneva Phillips and a brother Robert (Bo) Wilson. He is serving in the Persian Gulf providing security at a refueling station, working 16 hours a day screening vehicles for explosives. When off duty Ben volunteers in a program to benefit orphaned children. He is scheduled to come home for a short leave in October and plans to continue his career in the Air Force.

**Lucas I. Wylie.** Sgt Wylie is with the Army 368th Combat Engineering Battalion stationed in Kuwait in the supporting operation Iraqi Freedom. He rebuilds roads and infrastructure. Lucas is the son of Patricia and John Wylie and has two sisters Shannon and Hannah.

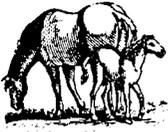
**Michael Grant.** PFC Grant is a Communications Specialist with the Army 164th Air Defense Artillery. He is stationed in Ansbach, Germany in the supporting operation Iraqi Freedom. Mike is the son of Terry Grant and the grandson of Claudia Grant from Antrim and Kenneth Gram from Deering. He was co-captain of the Soccer Team at HDHS before graduating. He misses soccer and his team mates.

**Benjamin J. Vayens.** Sgt Vayens is a supply specialist with the Army A-Company 3-7 Infantry. He is stationed in Georgia in the supporting operation Iraqi Freedom. Ben has four sisters, Charissa and Siobhan Thomas, and Alberta and Sueren Vayens. His two brothers are David Thomas and Rene Vayens. He is a 2000 graduate of Conval High School. He was home at Christmas and will be home again in June for his brother Rene's graduation.

**Jason J. Johnson.** LCPL Johnson is with the US Marines India Company 3/5. He is stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA in the supporting operation Iraqi Freedom. Jason is the son of Wayne and Kathy Johnson. He graduated a year early from high school to join the Marines. He is involved in securing oil fields and after the fall of Baghdad he helped to get schools and banks operating again. Jason will be returning to Iraq in August or September 2004.

**Terry Benda.** Sgt 1st Class Benda is with the Army 94th Regional Support Command. He is in the active reserve in retention and transition - secondary infantry stationed at Fort Devens, MA in the supporting operation Iraqi Freedom. Terry is the husband of Nancy Benda owner of The Spinning Bunny and the nephew of Ben Pratt. He is a member of the Antrim Fire Department and Ambulance. He serves at Fort Devens one weekend a month and annually trains 2-3 weeks a year. For leisure, Terry is learning to fly fish.

*Thanks to Brian Sawich and Ted Brown for their help in finding the names and families of the many men from the Antrim area who are in the service.* ☘



## HOT TO TROT 4-H CLUB

By Beth Merrill

• At the Hillsborough County 4-H Activities Day, Abby McGurty qualified to compete at State 4-H Activities Day in June with her spinning demonstration.

• Hot to Trot 4-H members will be in charge of the concession stand at the second annual HCHC Horse Lover's Festival and Flea Market to be held June 6th from 9 to 5 at the 4-H Youth Center in New Boston. This event is a great destination for families of horse lovers and all flea market shoppers. All proceeds will benefit the 4-H horse programs in Hillsborough County.

• It's been one year since the birth of our filly Gemini Rainbeau Jewel, during an actual 4-H meeting. Since performing imprinting techniques on her immediately

following the birth, 4-H members have taught her to stand still for the farrier and the vet, to have good manners when being led, and to stand and pose in a show stance. Most recently, she has been learning some new games from 4-H member, Abby McGurty, who is a student of renowned natural horsemanship trainer, Pat Parelli. Soon she will start learning about the horse trailer, with the ultimate goal of taking her to a show this summer. Jewel is a bay Morgan filly that looks a lot like her mother. Both can be seen most days in the pasture at Rainy Day Farm on West Street.

• To further study the methods and benefits of natural horsemanship training, the club has purchased the DVD "In A Whisper" and donated it to the Tuttle Library. It illustrates the techniques used by three well-known trainers in a competitive atmosphere, in the middle of downtown Fort

Worth, Texas, as each one is allotted two and a half hours to work with an untrained horse to prepare it for a three-phase contest at the end of the day. ☞

### ALL IN A DAY'S WORK AT THE TRAVEL AGENCY

A woman called to make reservations, "I want to go from Chicago to Hippopotamus, New York." I was at a loss for words. Finally, I asked, "Are you sure that's the name of the town?" "Yes, what flights do you have?" replied the customer. After some searching, I came back with, "I'm sorry, ma'am, I've looked up every airport code in the country and can't find a Hippopotamus anywhere." The customer retorted, "Oh don't be silly. Everyone knows where it is. Check your map!" I scoured a map of the state of New York and finally offered, "You don't mean Buffalo, do you?" "That's it! I knew it was a big animal!"

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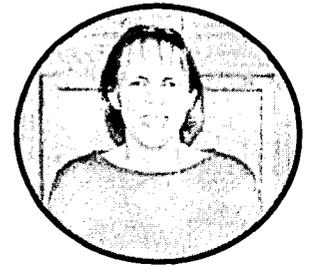
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## GREAT BROOK SCHOOL

The following items were extracted from excellent items written by G.B.S. teachers and students filling in for Barbara Black.

—Editor

- Anne Staley offered an eloquent description of the reading room “Where students who struggle with traditional reading instruction are offered alternative ways of learning...and begin to think of themselves—perhaps for the first time—as good readers.”

“They are provided with a 3-pronged approach. First, an individual program for learning new ‘sight words’ is created. These are words that students will come across with high frequency in books...when students complete their work on sight words, they move on to increasing vocabulary skills....”

“Secondly, for kids who have trouble sounding out words and spelling, the *Wilson Reading System* is used. Wilson presents our language in a systematic and cumulative way. The structure of words is directly taught so students can master the code....Reading Room students commonly experience significant increases in their reading scores, sometimes gaining one, two or even three years growth in one year.

“In addition to learning a new approach to decoding words, we also read great novels and nonfiction books....”

- Ann Kenney wrote about the Great Brook Watershed Model—a 5th grade project which, completed, will be 5 x 8 feet and be hung on a school wall. It involves geography, math, computer and research skills, history and construction techniques. Anne mentions that this all relates to the vision of Antrim’s late Judith Pratt.

- Linda Bundy describes a study of the beautiful but troublesome Purple Loosestrife plant, “An invasive species which is as aggressive and troublesome as the term implies. ...As it spreads, it (causes loss of) plant species such as bulrushes, sedges, water plants and many grasses; and animals such as beavers, muskrats, ducks, geese and birds lose food sources and habitat.” Students have begun a fascinating experiment to reduce loosestrife growth.

- Students of Spanish at G.B.S. report that “Our new friend, Alberto Valle, came to our classes and shared his childhood stories from growing up in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico.” As a result, students have made storybooks to send to Mexico. Also, the Spanish Club has had a successful year, with members painting huge Mexican flags to display in hallways and the cafeteria.

- French classes experienced a traditional french meal at the Noone Falls Café in Peterborough. Students have also done french cooking themselves, baking a special cake called *La Galette des Rois* (King’s Cake). They followed French tradition by hiding a small figurine, or *feve*, in the cake batter. The student who found the *feve* in her piece of cake was crowned king for the day.

Students are currently making their own comic strips in French. Having learned that comic books such as *Asterix* play an important role in French culture, they are using their learned French vocabulary to make their own French comic strips.

- Beth Frost described a Crotched Mountain School collaboration which included making a wheelchair-accessible tree house, working one-on-one with specific students, developing friendships and opportunities for disabled kids to practice social skills. “Kids at both schools are happy for the chance to work together

and look forward to new opportunities. One G.B.S. student said: ‘I have learned that no matter what people look like on the outside, we are all the same on the inside where it really matters.’ That’s what I call good education.”

In late February they were invited to help out with the sugaring process at Crotched Mountain. Together both groups of students set taps, collected the sap and boiled, bottled and labeled the syrup. Crotched Mountain’s syrup won 3rd place in the annual Monadnock Ledger’s syrup contest this year!

- Beth Frost also wrote about a G.B.S. schoolyard landscaping project to enhance the “empty and lonely space” in front of the gym. Students have made a design inspired by the Great Brook watershed with a walkway built of Appalachian blue stone to represent the moving water from Gregg Lake to the Contoocook River. The design also includes several boulders (glacial erratics) and many native plant species. They hope to complete it in time for 8th grade graduation in mid-June. “Neighbors and friends have generously contributed time and resources to make this project a success. We are looking for contributions of trees, plants, labor and/or helpful suggestions from the community.”

- Richard Newman, Technology Coordinator, reported improvements in the computer lab such as acquisition of a new color laserjet printer and the Kurzweil software program which reads books back to students who are able to “slow down or speed up the reading...depending on the difficulty of the words. We also have added a few extra computers in our library, plus software to look up books in the library. Say good-bye to the old fashioned Dewey decimal card catalogs.”

- Margie Moran and Jahna Moncrief reported Good News from the G.B.S. music department. “This May, some of our finest student musicians were selected to participate in the NH Music Educators Middle School Music Festivals. Students are nominated by their teachers and participants are selected from those nominations.” The musicians come from band, from orchestra, and from chorus. All-state events were held in various locations—New Ipswich, Stratham, Conval High School, and the Peterborough Historical Society.

On June 10th at 6:30 PM, Great Brook School will present its Spring Concert with Chorale, Glee Club, Beginning Band, Concert Band, String Ensemble, and Jazz Ensemble.

- Finally, 6th graders Taylor McPherson and Barbara Beblowski offered a lively account of a wonderful trip to Pinkham Notch where they hiked, built shelters, gathered information about Mount Washington, played games, and stayed overnight. The writing has generational verve, in the phrases like “Then we went to ‘bed’. Yeah right. We all were talking and playing cards and stuff....Breakfast was very yummy and we stuffed our faces...a cool place to go to school....” etc. They ended their report with each giving an opinion about the trip:

*Taylor*: “This trip was a jollity, with okay hikes and food even Chef Emeril couldn’t pass up”.

*Barbara*: “The trip was a joviality even though it was in the civilized boonies. The food was fabuloso.”



## ANTRIM GRANGE ART EXHIBIT

By Beth Merrill

Antrim Grange will present its second annual Spotlight on Community Art and artisans exhibit on Wednesday June 16 through Sunday June 20. This Art Exhibit is open to the public; there is no admission charge and light refreshments will be served during all viewing hours. The exhibit features art works of Bennington and Antrim amateur, student and professional artists and artisans. The newly refurbished Grange Hall provides an excellent showroom to display fine art and photographic works. This year we will also include art exhibits by Antrim/Bennington high school students.

To promote community fellowship for viewers and artists, there will be an Evening Gala on Friday June 18th from 7 – 9 PM with refreshments and musical entertainment. Antrim Grange's Art Exhibit program has a two-fold purpose:

1. To encourage local artists by providing an exhibit environment.
2. To engage the local community in supporting and patronizing local artists.

The Exhibit provides a wonderful opportunity for community and area residents to recognize and celebrate the works of local artists and artisans.

### SCHEDULE

- Art drop-off and set-ups: Monday, June 14, 10 AM – 3 PM and Tuesday, June 15, 4 – 7 PM
- Premier Opening: Wednesday and Thursday, June 16 and June 17, 4 – 8 PM
- Evening Gala & Art Viewing: Friday, June 18, 7–9 PM
- Exhibit viewing: Saturday, June 19, 10 AM – 3 PM
- Exhibit viewing: Sunday, June 20, NOON – 4 PM

For more information about exhibiting or attending, contact Beth Merrill at 588-6615 or Nancy Crowne at 588-2066. ☘

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### BANDSTAND EVENT JUNE 30

The Historical Society will devote its efforts to traditional activities for the summer of 2004. On June 30th the Strawberry Shortcake Supper Dessert will be served at Memorial Park at the first "Antrim in the Evening" concert. The concert starts at 6:30 PM. Look for Liz Robertson and her committee to be on the tennis court, serving homemade biscuits and locally grown strawberries, not netballs! ☘

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## DIVORCING MY MAC

By Connie Kirwin

It was a sad day when I made the decision to divorce my MAC after 14 years. My love affair started in 1990 on my first day learning on a MAC FX. It was so intuitive; anybody could learn how to use it. I could draw; I could type; I could draw and type all at the same time! Ha, try that on a PC I said to my husband as he struggled writing this mysterious code in DOS while I was happily pointing and clicking and dragging and dropping.

I have been using my trusty ol' MAC to layout the *LIMRIK* for nine years—I did upgrade to a 630—but the deterioration in our relationship started last year. After numerous crashes, interminable hours printing to a 10 year old Laserwriter 650, my nerves couldn't take it any more. Even with a library of MAC help books, *MAC Secrets*, the *Macintosh Bible*, the *Little Mac Book*, both the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, and *Desperately Seeking Solutions* I couldn't diagnose the illness when my MAC displayed all those cryptic error codes every time it crashed. So, I just re-started, rebuilt the desktop, replaced the battery, zapped Pram, sprinkled it with holy water and lit some candles every three months when the deadline for the *LIMRIK* came around.

After some intense computer counseling I decided to divorce my MAC and convert to a PC. Lo and behold, I have all my "old" MAC programs for my "new" PC. And even though the keyboard shortcuts that my fingers automatically stroked are a little cumbersome to convert to the PC version, I've finally done it—unplugged my MAC forever.

Goodbye old friend, we had some good times together.

*Connie has been computer designing the Limrik for nine years.*

—Editor



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## **GLEANINGS**

### **LONG TRAIL ACRES**

By Agricola

Long Trail Acres is Antrim's most unusual farm. If you decide to visit—and I recommend that you do—the first oddity you notice are the strange street signs that suggest maybe you have fallen down Alice's rabbit hole: Hog Haven Drive, Hobbit Lane, Lighthouse Lane.

But these are merely examples of David Booth's and his wife Kathy McCalsky's antic sense of humor; their real passion lies in producing the best possible organic vegetables and eggs for their shareholders.

Shareholders? When do farms have shareholders? Well, that is the point of their successful experiment in CSA: Community Supported Agriculture. They call their venture Woodsmoke, New Hampshire, and as they explain: "You won't find Woodsmoke, NH located on any map because it's the name we've named our little community here at Long Trail Acres Farms. Our farm is always full of activity and between the people and animals we never have a dull moment. Even in our 'quiet' times you can find both myself, David, and my wife Kathy, working in our shops. Kathy makes quilts, paints, and decorates gourds she grows. I make woodcrafts, the latest being lamps made of beaver stumps.

"The lifestyle we live is one of cooperation with our animals, our gardens, our friends, and our community. We grow, and raise most of our own food, and believe in locally sustained farming. What is Community Supported Agriculture? Imagine food production as a shared resource for the well being of your community.

"CSA is a mutually beneficial relationship in which a farm supports the community's needs for fresh, nutritious, wholesome food, and community support allows a farmer to devote his/her energies to gentle, conscientious and sustainable farming practices.

"Members of a CSA share both the harvests and costs equally with other members and the farmers. The community of members pledges to support the farm with an annual financial commitment. We pledge to provide our members with weekly fresh natural food grown without pesticides, artificial fertilizers, or genetic modification."

When I first visited Woodsmoke in late April I was greeted by hearty, big-mustached rubber-booted David and trusty Chyna (pronounced "china"), the German Shepherd, outside the twenty-six by seventy-two foot greenhouse with 70 chickens clucking in the background. David explained that when he retired as a telecommunications engineer in 1997 he had a yen to get back to the life he knew when he was raised on a Virginia farm. David and Kathy bought seven acres in Antrim and set to work returning the overgrown hillside to a past fertile sustainability, "to use the land to bring it back to where it was." Now they supply their fifty shareholders (the maximum they can handle just now) with all sorts of year-round organic food, including fruits, eggs, potatoes, tomatoes, lettuces, onions, squash, carrots, and herbs. "Our 2004 season began on January first and lasts for 52 weeks. The cost per Member Shareholder for the year round season is \$1,000.00. This equals a weekly cost per shareholder of \$19.23 a week for fresh produce and fruits in an amount that will feed an average family of four. The Summer/Fall Season will begin on June 1st and last for approximately 22 weeks. The cost per Member Shareholder is \$500.00."

This year they have added a new crop, Oyster mushrooms. They have constructed a high tech underground growing room with controlled temperature and humidity, with rack upon rack of organic growth medium in which the delicious and valuable fungi have germinated. Since this is their first mushroom year, David doesn't know what the yield will be, but he expects hundreds of pounds.

When I returned to see Kathy and David three weeks after my first visit, I was impressed with the rapid growth and vitality of their vegetables and herbs. David explained that they have developed a delicate pre-sprouting process, by which seeds are soaked in a secret solution and gently bedded between sheets of special paper towels, that greatly hasten germination and planting.

Whatever they do—and they do a great deal—appears to work well.

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## **ANTRIM COMMUNITY GRANGE**

### **AUCTION EXTRAVAGANZA**

By Beth Merrill

As a fund-raiser for its newly established Scholarship fund, Antrim Community Grange held an auction, which raised \$1500. The auction took place April 21st in the Antrim Town Hall. A total of thirty-seven businesses and individuals contributed goods and services. Very few that were approached declined to make a donation, while a few opted to make straight cash donations to the fund. "Miz Clash", *a.k.a.* member Nancy Crowne, greeted bidders and onlookers at the door. Past State Master Paul Davis presided as the auctioneer, while Gloria Davis and Eliot Davis, Antrim's President and Secretary respectively, handled the drawing of numbers for the penny auction. The bidding was spirited at times, sometimes generous and always fun.

As with any worthwhile community event, it just wouldn't have been possible without community supporters especially: Antrim Mailbox Video, Bennington Country Store, Wayno's, Patten Hill Maple, Patten Hill Farm, Alberto's, Mon Ami, Tyler's Small Engines, Rick & Diane's Restaurant, PB&H Equipment, Jim Trow, Mescilbrooks Farm, Rainy Day Farm, Three Dot Pottery, Dugre's Auto Repair, Place In The Woods, Diane Gutgesell, Family on Board, Antrim Alignment, Granite Bank, High Tide, Pat's Peak, Antrim Lumber, Edmunds' Store, the Lawrence Davis family, Liz Robertson, Robert Robertson, Chauncey Farm, Great Brook Vet Clinic, The Pumpkin Patch, Can Do Candles, Old Pound Road School, The Sharpening Barn, Elsa Voelcker, Parkside Gallery, Cook's Garage, the John West family, and Monadnock Paper Mills.

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#### **HEARD ABOUT TOWN**

The Sunday School teacher asked Johnny if he said prayers before eating. "No, ma'am," he replied, "I don't have to. My mom is a good cook."



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- July 7 Local Talent Night** – 10 minute sets by local musicians.  
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- July 14 Laura Pierce Quintet** – Jazz Standards
- July 21 Tom Foolery** – Motown tones with horns
- July 23 6 PM Michael Zerphy and Trixter Fox**  
*Recreation Department Kids Show*
- July 28 Kathy Lowe** – Kids songs and show  
*The Grapevine Family Barbecue at 5:30 PM*
- August 4 7 PM Black Thorne Band** – Celtic Music
- August 11 Robin Mansfield Project & Annie Law**  
Rock & Folk Rock
- August 18 Bursitis Brothers** – Classic Rock – Come Dance
- August 25 Otis & the Elevators** – Blues – A local favorite.



## HELP US KEEP THE MUSIC PLAYING IN ANTRIM IN 2004

If you attended any of the "Antrim in the Evening" concerts at the bandstand in past summers, you already know what fun and excitement this outdoor event is. The free performance series, now entering its 10th season, is made possible entirely by private donations and volunteer work.

### TO KEEP IT GOING, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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### JUNE

- 5 Herbs Workshop with Linda Tenney • Tenney Farm • sponsored by the Tuttle Library
- 9 Conval School District Meeting Part 1 • Conval High School
- 10 GBS Spring Concert • 6:30 PM
- 15 Ponding for Parents and Preschoolers • 9:30 AM • The Grapevine
- 15 The Nurse Is In Clinic • Antrim Village • 12 NOON - 1 PM
- 17 Antrim Community Suppers--FREE • 5:30 PM • Presbyterian Church
- 19 Gregg Lake Beach open • 10:15 AM - 5:45 PM
- 21 Selectmen's meeting • 7 PM
- 26 Summer Reading Program kick-off party • Tuttle Library • 11 AM
- 30 Antrim in the Evening • Nelson Town Band • 6:30 PM  
Historical Society Strawberry Shortcake Festival

### JULY

- 4 Coffee & Donuts • Bandstand • 9 - 11 am
- Reading of Declaration of Independence by Antrim Players • 9:30 PM
- 7 Antrim in the Evening • Local Talent Night • 6:30 PM
- 8 Conval School District Voting • Antrim Town Hall
- 10 Presbyterian Church Guild Summer Buffet • 5:30 - 7 PM
- 14 Antrim in the Evening • Laura Pierce Quintet • 6:30 PM
- 15 Antrim Community Suppers--FREE • 5:30 PM • Presbyterian Church
- 19-22 The Wild in Our Backyard "DAY CAMP" • 9:00 AM • The Grapevine



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### JULY

- 23-27 Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church • 9 AM – 12 NOON
- 23 Antrim in the Evening/Rec Dept • Michael Zerphy & Trixter Fox • 6 PM
- 19 Selectmen's meeting • 7 PM
- 26-29 The Wild in Our Backyard "DAY CAMP" • 9:00 AM • The Grapevine
- 28 Story Time at the Beach • Tuttle Library at Gregg Lake • 10 AM
- 28 The Grapevine Family Barbecue • Memorial Park • 5:30 PM
- 28 Antrim in the Evening • Kathy Lowe • 6:30 PM
- 28 Grapevine Family Barbecue and Music • 5:00 PM • Memorial Park

### AUGUST

- 2 Selectmen's meeting • 7 PM
- 4 Story Time at the Beach • Tuttle Library at Gregg Lake • 10 AM
- 4 Antrim in the Evening • Black Thorne Band • 7 PM
- 10 Limrik news deadline
- 11 Antrim in the Evening • Robin Mansfield Project & Annie Law • 6:30 PM
- 18 Antrim in the Evening • Bursitis Brothers • 6:30 PM
- 19 Antrim Community Suppers-FREE • 5:30 PM • Presbyterian Church
- 21 The Grapevine Open House • 10 AM – NOON
- 25 Antrim in the Evening • Otis & the Elevators • 6:30 PM

### SEPTEMBER

- 18 Home and Harvest Day • See article on page 1



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