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A Quarterly Journal

For, by and about the people of Antrim.

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**IT SEEMS LIKE JUST YESTERDAY
A FAREWELL MESSAGE
FROM BRIAN BROWN**

Chief of Police Brian Brown is leaving his position to become Chief in Hillsboro.

— Editor

In 1979 I was serving as an undercover Detective in California working surveillance and street narcotics, when I received a letter from my sister, Diane. It had a newspaper ad saying that the Town of Antrim was seeking to employ it's first full-time Police Chief. Diane wrote, "looking for a real job?! Ha, Ha, Ha." I called her and asked about the job and she sent me a 1977 Town Report which showed a total of fourteen police calls for the year. Of course, my pay was going to be cut in half but the thought of raising my children in a small town, like I was raised, was to hard to pass up.

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**PLANNING BOARD NOTES
HOUSES, BUSINESSES
OR TAXES?**

By Paul Vasques, Town Planner

Houses, Businesses or Taxes? Those are the tradeoffs that the citizens will be confronted with as they go to the polls on March 8th to elect town officials and decide on possible changes to the zoning ordinances.

A petition signed by only thirty four citizens was filed with the Selectmen to rezone a section of Route 9 from the intersection of Liberty Farm and Reed Carr Roads to the Antrim/Stoddard line from Highway Business to Residential. The effect of such a change would be to limit future development

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**PUBLIC RECEPTION
for Brian Brown
SATURDAY MARCH 12
3 - 5 PM
TOWN HALL**

**ANTRIM TOWN MEETING
MARCH 10 7 PM**

SOME NOTABLE WARRANT ARTICLES

- To purchase a new fire truck for \$195,000. Of that sum, \$100,000 will come from the Fire Department's reserve fund, the balance to be paid off with a 4-year bank note. Our present truck is 25 years old and, according to Chief Mike Beauchamp, is "tired."

- To purchase a *Bobcat* for \$40,000. The TIFF group has voted to cover 80% of this cost. The *Bobcat* will be used to clear snow from Main Street sidewalks in the winter and, by the highway department, for other purposes. It will be operated by Dave Pezzolesi who will thus be shared by the Water and Sewer Department, where he now works, and the Highway Department.

- To purchase 72 acres of land on West Street which will be shared by the Parks and Recreation Department and the Conservation Commission. The price is in the neighborhood of \$120,000.

**END OF AN ERA
ANTRIM WOMAN'S CLUB
CLOSES**

By Janet MacLachlan

The Antrim Woman's Club was organized in 1913 and for over 90 years flourished and enriched the lives of its many members and the town of Antrim. Now it has come to a close with a last meeting in January when it was voted to disburse its remaining funds and write its final report. In its beginning it must have furnished an opportunity for the women to gather for sociability and friendship and for the purpose of serving others in their town and state. Reading back through minutes of meeting held many, many years ago, furnishes a picture of what it was like to live in those years. During the Depression, the Club supported causes and raised money to help supply milk to needy school children. It provided the first outside swings for the school and arranged for the school to have its own telephone. In the days before kindergartens, the

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TOWN VOTING

MARCH 8 8 AM — 7 PM
TOWN HALL

TOWN MEETING
MARCH 10 7 PM
TOWN GYM

**ANTRIM ELECTED
POSITIONS OPEN**

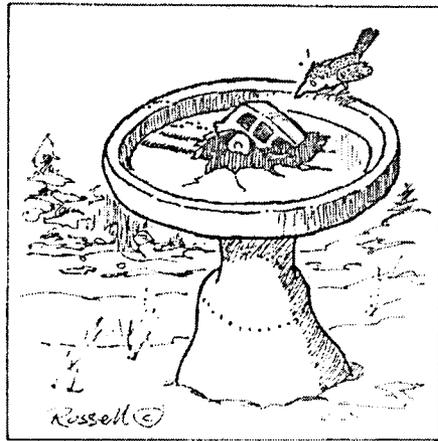
- **Selectmen.** Two positions are open, one for a 2-year term, one for a 3-year term, positions that are currently filled by Mike Oldershaw and Ben Pratt. Ron Hagggett and Pat Lovering have filed to run for the 2-year term; Ben Pratt will re-run for the 3-year term.

- **Town Clerk/Tax Collector.** Mary Hammond has filed to rerun for this position. It has a 3-year term.

- **Planning Board Member.** Two 3-year positions are open. Bob Edwards, John Griffin and Brian Sawich have filed to run for those positions.

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"NUBANUSIT BIRDBATH"



In case you missed it, 3 trucks recently went through the ice of Lake Nubanusit—2 pickups followed by the tow truck that tried to retrieve them.

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Planning Board continued

in the area to single family and duplex dwellings, public utilities and home based business as permitted uses. Schools, churches, social clubs, condominiums, elderly housing and Bed & Breakfast facilities could possibly be developed with permission of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Residents and owners of commercial property expressed their opinions at a December public hearing before the planning board.

Supporters of the petition speak of the need to preserve the rural character of Antrim and enhance the recreational and historical resources of the area. These are indeed commendable goals as was expressed by a majority of residents who completed a town wide survey last fall. To speak against them is akin to attacking apple pie and motherhood. However, twenty four percent of those completing the survey also said that it was important not to raise taxes. And therein lies the rub!

IMPACT ON TAX REVENUES

The facts of the matter are that the average commercial business in Antrim generates \$6,922 in tax revenue compared to \$2,414 for the average residence without placing any burden on school taxes. The loss of continuing revenue from commercial enterprises will have to be made up by homeowner taxes each year to provide the services residents are asking for. If one considers that the current value for a commercial lot is \$70,000 compared to \$45,000 for a residential lot, the instant devaluation of the property in question will add an immediate \$125 a year to each taxpayer to simply maintain our current level of services, let alone plan for new fire trucks, police, highway maintenance, etc. It's interesting that proponents of the petition are worried about devaluation of their property but are not concerned that those who purchase commercial property would see their investment depreciate thirty five percent almost immediately if the petition is adopted.

LOSING RURAL CHARACTER?

The biggest concern expressed by many is losing our rural character. Is this cause for concern? Not really when one considers that approximately eighty five percent of Antrim is zoned as what would be considered primarily residential and it is unlikely that any of these areas will be rezoned to commercial. Antrim covers roughly thirty two square miles. Currently, approximately five square miles are zoned for commercial use, less than fifteen percent. The petition as written would seek to remove approximately half of the area zoned for commercial development thereby shifting a greater tax burden on the individual homeowner.

Sadly, the future development of Route 9 and 202 is beyond the control of the Town of Antrim. The NH Department of Transportation has unveiled its ten year program for widening these corridors to develop a limited access highway from Keene and Peterborough to Concord. It's just a matter of time that those enjoying the rural nature of living on these roads will have to deal with the ever increasing eighteen wheeler tractor trailer traffic

Members of the Planning Board are supportive of our residential way of life but they also recognize that responsible planning requires providing residents with the best possible services for reasonable taxes. For them not to try and spread the tax burden to commercial activities would be a disservice to the citizens they represent. That is why the members voted at their January 20, 2005 meeting not to recommend support of the petition to rezone said portion of Route 9.

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A Farewell Message continued

I flew out and sat with the Board of Selectmen in an interview for almost four hours. I flew back to California and a couple of days later, Emery Doane called to offer me the position. The rest is history.

The first full month I remember the police department had something like two hundred and eighty-six calls. My head never hit the pillow. I had four part-time officers, Barry Frosch, Joe Smith, Selectman Ed Clark, and Tom Bourque. My first weekend here there was a big concert at Hawthorne College and the officers introduced me to several individuals that I would later develop long-lasting professional relationships with. My very first call for assistance was on Grove Street—a request to respond to the “scene” and remove a skunk from a trash can. I arrived and went over and kicked the trash can on its side. The skunk walked out and after twenty feet or so, stopped, turned around as if to say “thanks,” and we parted company. I knew from that moment on that I was where I think I belonged.

Through the good times, like the USS Antrim Days and the annual Town of Antrim Celebrations, and the bad times like the tragedies of untimely deaths which we as a community all too often have experienced, I have felt proud to have had a small part in what we as individuals and as a community have experienced over the twenty years that I have held this position.

To the People of the Town of Antrim I say Thank You for making this such a great place to raise my family, for the friendship you have showed, and for the support you have always given me.

Wow! It seems like I just started yesterday! If that was the case it's been a great twenty-four hours...

AN APPRECIATION BRIAN BROWN

Brian Brown is resigning as Antrim's Chief of Police. During his 21 years in that position he has been a rare-good constructive force in the community, for which we are deeply grateful. Two features of his work have been notable.

First, he is a consummate professional with strong leadership skills. He built a police force that was team-oriented. He taught young officers what it means to be effective public servants. He also showed them what it means to be a fine police chief, with the result that no less than five went on to become chiefs in other towns.

Second, he displayed a kind of wisdom that allowed him simultaneously to understand the law and enforce it in a humane manner. Instead of approaching angry situations with a frontal attack, whenever possible he defused them by appealing to better instincts. His was enlightened law enforcement. This set a tone in the community which affected us all—none more than Antrim's children whom he unflinchingly tried to guide rather than punish.

Brian Brown's presence has been our great good fortune! We thank him and wish him success as chief in Hillsboro.

—Editor



There will be a public reception for Brian Brown on Saturday, March 12 from 3-5 PM at the Antrim Town Hall.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

By Michael Oldershaw
for the Board

We begin our fourth quarter report by expressing our appreciation to all our Town employees and volunteers who have served the Town of Antrim in any capacity during the past year. Not only did they work and serve together as one team, they also managed their department budgets very well with selective planning, timing and at times combined purchasing where possible. The Town of Antrim did not have to borrow any monies in anticipation of taxes in the year of 2004.

The selectmen along with the department heads and the Town Administrator have finalized the Town Budget for the year 2005. All wording for the warrant articles have been approved by the Department of Revenue and our Town attorney. The Town Report has been sent to a local printer and will be ready for distribution at our annual Town Meeting, which will be held, March 10th, 2005 in the Town Gym at the Antrim Elementary School at 7:00 PM.

This past week, the selectmen met in a non-public meeting with Police Chief Brian Brown. Chief Brown informed us that within the next 30-45 days he will be finalizing his acceptance of the position of Chief of Police in the Town of Hillsborough, NH. In anticipation of his formal resignation, Antrim residents, Town employees, volunteers, and the Board of Selectmen would like to express our sin-

cere thanks to Brian for being our Chief for the past twenty years. His guidance and support have always kept our Town safe and his professional skills will truly be missed by all. We can only say, “thank you and good luck in your new position”.

The projected financial position for the Town in 2005 continues to be very positive. The next few months will be busy for Antrim with the start of construction on our sidewalk project, the Summer Street Bridge, the Mill Pond dam repair, and the overall beautification of our downtown.

We look forward to seeing you all at Town Meeting.

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Elected Positions Open continued

• **Library Trustee.** Sheila Proctor has filed to run for a 3-year term to replace Ron Haggett whose term is expiring.

• **Cemetery Trustee.** 3-year, 2-year and 1-year positions are open. Anne Enman has filed for the 3-year, Kathy Chisholm for the 2-year and Doris Platt for the 1-year.

• **Sewer and Water Commissioner.** Chris Rawnsley has filed to run for a 3-year position.

• **Conval School Board.** Both Antrim positions are open, one for 2-years, the other for 3 years. Tom Lawless has filed for the 2-year position, William McKinnon for the 3-year.

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ANTRIM MOVES ABROAD DOWN ON THE FARM?

By Dick Winslow

A World War I song begins with a question: "How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm, after they've seen Par-ee?" That question might be updated to something like: How can you expect folks to stay put when the rest of the world is so easily reached?

A number of folks who grew up in Antrim are now making their homes abroad, or are at least in serious contact with foreign countries. For instance:

Catherine Harriman, daughter of Smith and Lois Harriman of Old Hancock Road, went to Switzerland a dozen years ago on a program for young people in business. She never came back. Instead, she married Christian Leppine, an Austrian with whom she has had a daughter, Julia Harriman Leppine now 5 years old. Julia is equally comfortable speaking German or English. Lois Harriman says that Catherine "simply loves" living in Switzerland, partly because of the absence of guns.

Nancy Haggarty of Butterfield Farm has been to Korea, Japan, Australia and Scotland to visit her two children, Jennifer and Andrew ("Pug") Haggarty who, as can be seen, have moved about a bit. Both Jennifer and Pug graduated from Conval, went to college—and settled abroad. Jennifer went to art school in Scotland, taking a degree from the University of Dundee. Thereafter she visited Australia for a year during which she met her now-husband, Justin, returning with him to Scotland where they married, she in a wedding gown borrowed from the Antrim Players' costume room. Presently she works in the theater department at Queens College, Edinburgh. Reports are that she loves Scotland and will likely remain there.

Andrew "Pug" Haggarty took a degree at U.N.H. in 1999 and has since taught English in Japan except for a one year excursion to Korea. Presently, he lives and teaches in the large Japanese city of Osaka. He likes Japan very much. His grandmother, Izi Nichols, says that whenever he visits back home in Antrim, it's not long before he is itching to return to Japan.

Jonathan Allen, son of Mary and Gordon Allen of Summer Street has spent the last three years at sea, with significant stops in Barcelona, Spain, the Balkans, various Caribbean islands, Mexico's Baja Peninsula and the coast of Italy.

Eli Avery, son of Renee Blinn and David Avery, a recent Conval grad, is now study-

ing at the NH Technical Institute to become an Emergency Medical Technician. Although his reasons for going in this direction are numerous, an important one is that it can provide him with the credentials to work in certain foreign countries, New Zealand, for instance. When asked why he thinks of working abroad, his response again has several aspects—his family has a history of overseas work, he is intrigued by travel, he likes adventure, etc.—but it is clear that going abroad is important to him.

One hundred years ago, people left Antrim to find better farm land in such distant places as Illinois. Now they leave to find new opportunities or a different life-style on different parts of the globe—thus fulfilling Marshall McLuhan's prophecy of 50 years ago: we are becoming a "global village." ❧

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

After several years of dormancy, the Antrim Chamber of Commerce sprang to life on January 25th with an organizational meeting in the Little Town Hall and a follow-up meeting planned for February 15. Brian Beihl who organized the meeting had identified 140 businesses in Antrim and sent them invitations, thinking that a dozen people might show up. Thirty five showed up! with another 10 or more indicating a wish to be present but unable to attend because of schedule conflicts.

Although most who attended the initial meeting represented businesses, several were present whose activities are affected by Antrim's business vitality, for example our postmaster Bill Belanger; two people representing the Town, Bill Prokop and David Essex; and one representing Antrim's recreational activities, Celeste Lunetta. In the future representatives of other non-profit groups such as The Grapevine, churches and schools will be heartily welcomed for the insight and energy they may give and take.

Plans for the February meeting included the establishment of a Mission Statement, Election of Officers, setting Membership Fees and preparation of a Calendar of Events.

The next meeting is March 15 at 7 PM in the Town Hall.

Brian Beihl was motivated to start the new Chamber partly out of self interest. For several years he has been running the successful Family on Board/Boxes on Board which, though known nationally, is little known in Antrim, even though its headquarters are at 42 Main Street. People keep saying to him in surprise, "I didn't know you were here!"

—D.W.

GLEANINGS

By Agricola

MARKET PLACE BATTLE OF THE BREADS

"I don't want any battles here!" So said Wayno one mid-February day when I stopped by to see how the new Antrim Market is faring. Seems there had been a near fight among three delivery guys trying to place their brands of breads in the most favorable spots on the shelves, and Wayno had to intervene before they came to blows. Vicissitudes of a grocery manager. But, he said, it's encouraging to see vendors competing to get their products in the store. It means business is growing.

When I asked Wayno and owner Juliet Ermitano about the store's growth, both were quick to thank the people of Antrim and surrounding towns for responding so enthusiastically. Business is definitely improving, although it still isn't quite where they want it to be. Employing sixteen local people keeps the overhead high. They hope that as winter gives way to spring and summer, more folks will find the Market.

The spring will see an additional business at the Marketplace. On April 1st Back Ali's will add a barbecue rib house to its present pub and deli restaurant, and a natural food store is planned between the Market and Back Ali's.

SUMMER STREET BRIDGE PROJECT

April 1st is also a date those of us on Highland Avenue and the upper end of Summer Street are looking forward to because that is when work on the new bridge begins, weather permitting.

Selectman Ben Pratt explained to me that the project will have three phases. First, a new water line between Main Street and Highland Avenue will be installed. (A huge stack of black pipe was delivered near the tennis courts in late January.) Next, a bridge will be constructed on Summer Street over Great Brook, replacing the culvert that washed out last spring. Finally, the dam, which has deteriorated over the years, will be repaired. Local contractor Scott Burnside will handle the construction, Gary Webber the concrete work, and Quantum Engineering the design.

One interesting problem has come up—what to do about the Great Brook water flow during the dam renovation. Ben says that if the Wetlands people at the N.H. Division of Environmental Services give us permission, we plan to reinforce the old Silk Mill dam on Great Brook just north of Grove Street,

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and then divert the stream past another old dam just north of the intersection of North Main Street and Route 31, into the small stream that branches east off Great Brook in the marsh, flows under Route 31, then North Main Street, and Concord Street near the McCabe Forest, and into the Contoocook River. The name of this little stream is in doubt. Ben thinks it might be Salt Marsh Brook. He remembers that as a boy he helped Byron Butterfield hay the marsh field—now grown over with trees and shrubs— on the north side of Route 31 where the little stream flows under the road. But Fred Roberts, who was raised by the stream farther down, between North Main Street and Concord Street, doesn't remember that name. Curious, I asked Nina Harding, Phil Lang, Bob Allison, Izi Nichols and Martin Nichols if they knew the name, and none did. If someone reading this knows the name of this stream, let the Limrik know and we'll publish it. (For good photographs of the Silk Mill and "The Silk Mill Girls," see pages 44 and 45 of *A Stroll Through Antrim, New Hampshire.*) ☞

SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA

MY AGENDA FOR THE CONVAL SCHOOL BOARD

By Bill McKinnon

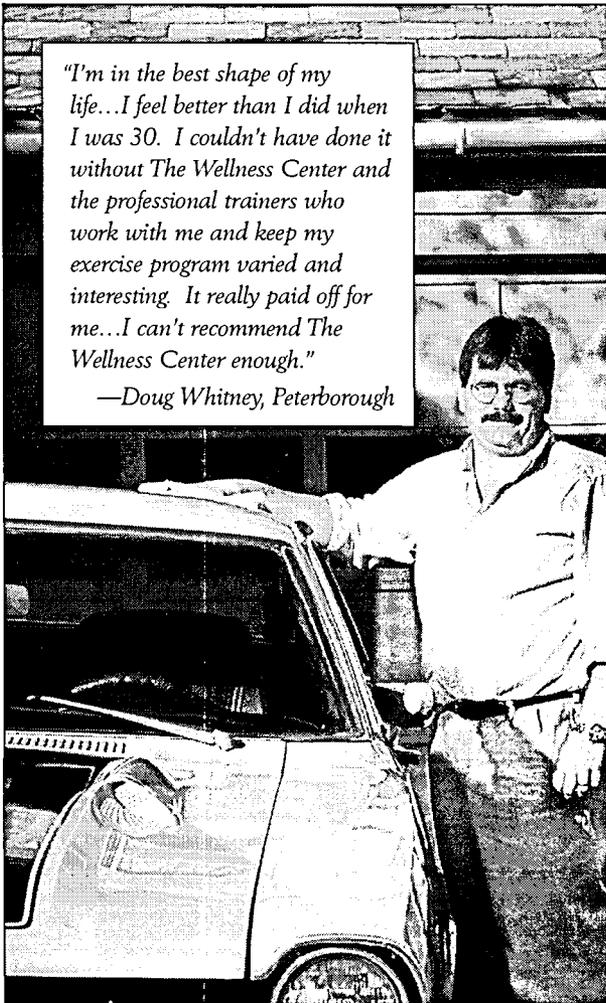
I became an Antrim school board rep in October 2004, filling the seat vacated by Denise Holmes' resignation. My motivations for joining the school board are to improve administration accountability, reduce costs, and encourage community directed curriculum as well as community involvement.

The school board is now reviewing its Right to Know Law policy. This policy covers the availability of public documents (student records are not public documents). With this policy, including changes proposed by the administration, one would have to make a request to the Superintendent in writing to obtain a public document. If he agrees, copies would be made available at a cost of twenty-five cents per page plus administrative costs. If he does not agree, one's only recourse would be before the courts. I have proposed changes to this policy that would direct that all public documents, except where excluded by law, be placed on ConVal's web site.

I would like to see a more community directed curriculum. College enrollment of ConVal graduates has been on a steady decline for many years. You might ask why, but I would like to ask a different question. Are students that do not go to college prepared to live and work in our community? ConVal High has a great woodworking program, also graphic arts and computer courses. Do we need programs in auto mechanics or plumbing? We need your input to establish a curriculum that serves all the students.

After much talk lately about bullying, teachers now receive training in bullying prevention. It must be part of the K-12 curriculum. The community cannot tolerate bullying by anyone, whether student, teacher or administrator. When we think of bullying, typically we think of the big kid in school that picks on the little kid. There is another form of bullying, really the same, just different players. Whether teacher to student or principal to teacher, the key factor is a difference in power. We recently had an example of this bullying which cost the

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—Doug Whitney, Peterborough

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MUSIC LADY

AN INTERVIEW WITH ISABEL BUTTERFIELD NICHOLS

By Lyman Gilmore

INTRODUCTION

For more than fifty years Isabel Nichols has been Antrim's Music Lady. If you've been to any Antrim play, celebration, musical show, or holiday entertainment in the past half-century, you have seen and heard "Izi" at the piano making wonderful music. No one knows and appreciates this more than Ray Sweeney, Chair of the ConVal Music Department, whose Izi recollections begin the early 1960s. "My first memory of her goes back to elementary school, and then the old Antrim High School. I can see her to this day in the "Main Room" upstairs where she taught music. We all had her. There wasn't anything she didn't do. Her influence on me was absolutely profound, and I wouldn't be doing what I am today if it weren't for her. I'll never forget her sitting hugely at the piano, nine months pregnant with Bill, playing for us. We had a Dixieland Band, Billy Hurlin, Larry Nay, Brian Reilly, Hal Grant, Mike Chase, and me. We were called "Izi's Boys," and she was the center of the band. She wrote all our arrangements, and when I was a senior she wrote a show for us called GOOFUS, which Larry, Brian, Bill, Hal and I performed. She could do anything."

The following interview was conducted on the first day of February 2005 in Isabel and Martin Nichols's cozy living room, the walls and tables of which are covered with family photographs and other pleasant memorabilia. This interview is part of the Antrim Historical Society's "Oral History Project."

Izi began by remarking that, while several other older individuals interviewed for the Historical Society and the Limrik said they disliked the Antrim School, she felt great affection for the school and gratitude to her teachers.

I had wonderful teachers. I had Mrs. Mulhall who was principal and teacher for many years. She was Miss Hersey when I had her. She was a flapper, and we thought she was the Cat's Meow, as they said in those days. All of our kids had her, fortunately, in the first grade. She just got everybody off to such a good start.

Then I had Miss Cuddihy in the third and fourth grades, and Miss Balch, who was a story in herself, in fifth and sixth grade. I loved the work we had with her. I just happened to like that grade. I thought I wanted to be a fifth grade teacher, I just loved it! And

then Mrs. Murdough in seventh and eighth, and I just wrote her a "thank-you" letter at Thanksgiving for all she had given us. I can remember so many things that she emphasized, and I said, there was never a dull moment in her room.

We had Bess Felker as a music teacher, and I took piano lessons from her, but then everybody did. She was just an excellent teacher and she insisted on the best from us. So, it was singing and piano lessons, and she started me on the violin, which I didn't like very much. Everybody with any talent and a piano in the living room took lessons. She was very strong in getting people to do music. She had all us kids singing in the Baptist Church choir when we were in high school. She was the one who insisted that I go to the New England Conservatory in Boston when I graduated in 1940. She convinced my folks that they could pay for it, but of course they couldn't. They begged, borrowed, and stole so I could go. And she insisted that I take a school-music course so that I would always have a job. That turned out to be very smart.

I know others have mentioned Tom Chaffee the Principal. The boys didn't much like him, but he was a wonderful teacher. He had come from private schools, and we had math and sciences with him.

I was very lucky that we had a Middlebury graduate for languages and English. I learned so much from Mrs. MacLane. All of these good teachers were captive, of course. They were married and had a reason to be living in Antrim. There wasn't much competition to be a teacher at Antrim High School. Classes were small, so it was like a private school if you had the right teachers. I look upon her as being my most influential teacher.

So it was an excellent background that I had in high school. Thirteen of my class graduated. Of course, you learned from your other interviews that most of the boys dropped out because there was nothing to interest them. Ours was almost an all-girl class. We loved writing, reading, music, all the girls' stuff. So, when I went to the Conservatory I was well prepared.

I was there four years; it was a regular baccalaureate course. There were a lot of requirements to meet: Conservatory standards for music, New York state Board of Regents standards in order to grant a degree, and national teachers organization standards for teacher certification. So, it was a good solid four-year college course.

I was born in Concord July 4, 1923. My ancestors on both sides have been here since, on my mother's side since 1784, and my

father's side 1800. That was when my great, great, great grandfather bought Butterfield Farm, and we've been living there ever since.

But I wasn't brought up on the farm. We lived, as a matter of fact, all my elementary school days, in that house that abuts your house on Summer Street, across from Mary Allen's, one house up from Barsanti's. My grandparents lived at the farm. When my grandfather died, he had seven children, and they had to sort out the financial mess which ended with my father taking over the farm. It is just what he wanted to do all his life. That's what he went to college for.

My father worked for Caughey and Pratt most of my growing up, my childhood years, as a carpenter, and sawmill operator. We moved to the farm in 1936, so I went to high school from there.

We had an ice cream stand at the farm that my father built next to the driveway. He got a recipe from the University Extension to use your own milk and cream to make ice cream. And that was my summer job starting when I was a sophomore sometime in the late 1930s. They had to close it during the war.

I spent most of the war years in Boston. I came home the first summer and worked in the stand. And then the next summer I got a job at the Jameson Farm, The Highlands, up on High Street over the line in Hancock. The next summer I was in show business.

We had a quintet based on the popular "Modernaires" and "Pied Pipers" which were mixed-gender singing groups, as opposed to the Andrews Sisters which was just three girls. We did student shows. The boys went off to war, and it developed into, eventually, a girls' quartet. 1943 was a time when boys were away and there were more jobs for girls in the entertainment industry as well as everything else. There were more opportunities to get a job singing. Plus the fact that Boston was surrounded with military places of one kind and another, and there were some forts out in the harbor where we went to sing. We were entertaining the boys, and it all came together. We called ourselves different names, The Girlfriends, I think. One summer we called ourselves The Harmonaires. We lucked out because we got a radio job, being at the right place at the right time, at WBZ. We sang there for four years, not always the same show or the same sponsor, but it was steady and very enjoyable work. It was the most fun I ever had. I was living on St. Stephen Street in the Back Bay near Symphony Hall.

At one time we had three shows a week. We started with one, then we went to two and then three, and at the end had dropped

down to one show a week. We would be a backup group to a male soloist, a very stan-

came back home. She's now living near Albany as a speech therapist and working with

what a boring job! They employed two hundred girls to just sit and type all day. And my mind couldn't stand it knowing that some of the stuff I typed would have to be done over because there was an error in the application form. These farmers would send in an application for their cow to get certified, and I knew it would have to be done over. It was just a matter of the system. I was not to find fault in the application because only the "verifiers" could find fault, and they turned it back to me to be corrected. I could have done it right in the first place.

People were awfully good to me in that two-year period. I have to mention a lot of friends in the Baptist Church, which I had joined when I was in high school. They really went to bat for me, they babysat, and they made sure that I got a job as choir director. It may have paid only three dollars a week, but it was a job.

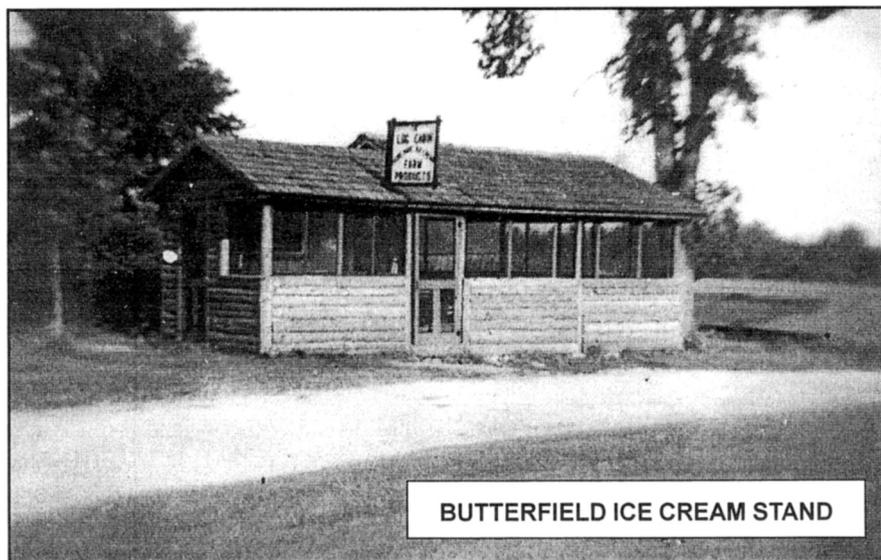
(Priscilla Hurlin told me to ask Isabel how she learned to behave in the choir loft.)

I never did! *(Laughs)* It's just something about choirs. You're sitting up in front of everybody, facing everybody, and any little thing the minister says, or that anybody says or whispers or writes on your program, sets you off into a gale because you can't laugh! It's really terrible! I never did control the laughs. Things are ten times funnier when you're in the choir.

I worked through August of 1951 because by that time I had been approved for the school job. Also, I had managed to snag my second husband in that period, and we were married in June of '51. Martin Nichols was willing to take on three kids and he's often laughed about the minister saying to him when we went to consult with him, "Are you aware that there are three children?" *(Laughs)* I had always known Nick because he went to school the same time I did. We both lived in the village, so I was bound to see him a lot. He worked in the First National, and I used to go in there to do errands for my mother after I came from the Guernsey. And one thing led to another. It didn't take us long.

After the First National, Nick went to the paper mill for a short time, and then a job in the office at Goodell's opened up, and he went there for the rest of his career. That worked out nicely. In the fall of 1951 I became the music teacher for Antrim, Hillsborough, Deering, and Bennington, a full time job. My teaching career lasted twenty-two years. In 1973 I resigned. I was fifty and I was sick of music, let's put it that way! It wasn't the children, but the principal of the thing! I didn't actually retire at that

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BUTTERFIELD ICE CREAM STAND

dard procedure. A fifteen minute program came on after Lowell Thomas, and we would sing backup for a male soloist for three numbers, and then we'd give him a break and the third number on the show was our own feature number. Very standard. We went through male soloists pretty fast. There were a lot of them, but they went on to bigger things, or they thought they were going to bigger things. *(Laughs)* It was a wonderful job! It was great; the standards were so high because with live radio you've got nothing to look at.

After I graduated I got a job teaching at a small music school at the Arlington Academy of Music. So days when we didn't have shows, I was teaching piano and voice. We did a lot of other show-biz stuff, but not steady, a lot of radio ads.

I would say that the first two, maybe three years, we had the same people in the group, very close friends. We were all Conservatory students. One of them called me last Christmas eve to sing me something, another called me after Christmas to tell me her husband had died, and the third one is dead.

The singing group lasted until 1947. By that time I was married and had two children. I married Charles McLean in 1945. Nancy was born in 1946, and Chuckie was born in '47. Nancy lives here in the Butterfield Farm and works at Keene State College. Chuckie lives in Newmarket and teaches special education at the Oyster River High School.

I had to leave that marriage, so I came back home. When I got married, my father said, just remember, if anything happens, you can always come home. And, boy was I glad he had said it! Jane was born in 1948, after I

autistic children. I had a very supportive family, not only my parents, but also my kid brother in high school who got stuck with a lot of babysitting. My grandmother lived upstairs, she was a long time widow, and she got stuck with babysitting too. I had two aunts who were very supportive in different ways. I really had wonderful family help. I could wish that for every girl that has to leave a marriage. But they don't all get that lucky. My father remarked once that having those little children around was the happiest time of his life. So, you think you're being a burden, and people think you are being a terrible burden on your parents, but it's not always that way.

I went back and forth to Boston for a while. I don't think I was singing, but I was teaching in Arlington. So I finished off the school year. And then, I started giving lessons here in Antrim. I got a few pupils, but not enough to make a living at it. I had a very good friend who gave me her piano, and I got an apartment downtown on West Street so the kids could come from school.

(A single mother with three babies, Isabel was living hand to mouth.)

I tried to support my family for a long time. Finally, I decided I needed a full time job, so I applied for the school music job in this area. However, there was a very complicated school situation going on at that time, with a conflict between the superintendent and the school board, and I was not approved. It wasn't me personally, it was politics. So in 1950 I got a job at the Guernsey Cattle Club in Peterborough as a typist, and I worked there for sixteen months. Bored! Oh, God,

FOREST SOCIETY EXPANDS ANTRIM HOLDINGS

By Peter Moore

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests has recently added a half acre to its 192 acre McCabe property in Antrim. Many of you may have already noticed the familiar, black, blue and green Forest Society sign on the old garage building just below Maplewood Cemetery, on the right as you head-out Route 202 toward Hillsboro. And as most of you know, this building, and the half acre it sits on has been sadly vacant for several years, since the tragic death of Al Harding on that spot.

Knowing of my affiliation with the Forest Society, a few Antrim folks had approached me, curious as to why the Forest Society would have any interest in another half acre, and the old garage. So I contacted my friend, Geoff Jones to find out.

Geoff explained that when the Forest Society sold "just the house and about five acres" at the McCabe property to Brian and Mary Sawich in 2003, the beautiful old barn which had recently been totally restored with lumber milled on site from timbers off the land, was leased-back from the Sawich's for a period of five years. In this barn the Forest Society stores the equipment they use to maintain fields and woodlands on land throughout southwest New Hampshire. The barn is also used as a storage place and workshop for the steel gates, educational property kiosks, and trail signs which the Forest Society creates for the maintenance and public use of its land.

Mindful that the McCabe barn would revert to the use of the Sawich's within a few years, the Society decided that it was time to seek alternatives for this much needed facility. So, when the Harding land and building became available (it is, by the way, surrounded on three sides by the McCabe Forest) the Forest Society purchased it from its current owner, the Rymes Company.

The building itself, while not much to look at, is in good condition and an excellent space for what the Forest Society needs in this section of the state. It is within 30 miles of over half the 33,000-plus acres of land the Forest Society owns, maintains, and provides as open space to the public for recreation, forest management and "wild and scenic" preservation. And, as Geoff put it—his favorite suppliers of hardware, tools, paint, power equipment, and just about anything else he needs for maintenance are Edmunds' or Tyler's right up the road. The acquisition of this small property also gives potential future access to the northern portion of the McCabe Forest.

Short-term plans for the spring involve sprucing-up the property with a fresh coat of paint and landscaping.

In lieu of property taxes, which I suppose is what prompted the local folks to approach me, Geoff said that the Forest Society will work out some form of restitution. The Society has always been a good neighbor in the town of Antrim: I think we should all be appreciative to have it here in our midst. ☿

WARRANT ARTICLE LAND PURCHASE FOR OUTDOOR USE

By Rick Wood

The Antrim Recreational Land Committee (ALC), with the support of the Conservation Commission and Board of Selectman, is sponsoring a warrant article at this year's Town Meeting to set aside funds for the purchase of 70 plus acres of land on West Street for the purpose of Recreation, Park and Conservation use. In addition to the passage of the article at Town Meeting on March 10th, the purchase will also be conditional to a final wetland feasibility study to ensure the site can support a recreational field without impacting surrounding land.

The benefits of this West Street site include close proximity to the middle and elementary schools as well as the center of town. The site is less than a half mile from Shea Field. Also the purchase price is well below market value and has the capacity to support immediate usage and expansion for future Parks and Conservation programs.

Shea field has been the sole site for many overlapping sports and recreational activities for years now. Steps have been taken to revitalize Shea field with the installation of new irrigation and a storage shed in 2004. Due to the expected increase in population and dwindling availability of land, the ACL and the Conservation Commission believe the town has a unique opportunity to purchase a site such as the West Street property and fulfill both current and future Recreational and Conservation needs. We look forward to the day when Antrim teams do not have play home games on surrounding town fields due to over utilization of Shea Field. The proposed site will not replace the use of Shea Field but rather compliment it, allowing proper scheduling and maintenance of all Recreation sites.

With the proposed purchase of the West Street land, the selectman and committee will be relying heavily on volunteers and local experts in areas of surveying, engineering,

maintenance and grant applications. The committee has identified multiple grant opportunities that can be pursued immediately once the land is purchased

If you have any questions please call the Antrim Town Offices at 588-6785 or contact any of the ALC committee members: Peter Beblowski, Sam Harding, Bob Holmes, Rick Wood, Sam Young. ☿

JOHN VANCE WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FOR SCHOOL BOARD

John Vance is now a write-in candidate for the Conval School Board. He is a 26-year resident of the Conval School district and a 13-year resident of Antrim.

John has a master's degree in education, is an active community volunteer and, since 1988, has directed Associates in Career and Community Employment Support Service, helping students transition from school to meaningful work. ☿

IN THE NEW ANTRIM WEBSITE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Free listings on *AntrimNH.org*

The Town of Antrim's new website, *AntrimNH.org* now features a directory of businesses—large and small, home-based or Main Street merchant, craftsman or manufacturer—to help you find products and services right here at home. Find the business directory button on the left hand side of the main page of *AntrimNH.org* and take a look.

If you're a business and haven't already been listed, you'll find a printable listing form link on the bottom of the Business Directory page. The basic text listing with email and phone number is free. You may optionally link your web site for a \$50.00 fee, with proceeds going to offset the cost of operating the web site. Return your completed form to the Town Office, P.O. Box 517, or fax to 588-2969. Your listing will be posted within a few days.

Questions? Call Jeana White at 588-3014, or email at jeanawhite@comcast.net. ☿

C.E.N.S

C.E.N.S. (Community Education Network and Support) meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 PM at The Grapevine. The group is working on a mission statement and is continuing the discussion of the Conval school bullying policy. Anyone interested in the education of our children and our schools is encouraged to attend. All meetings are open to the public. ☿

MOUNTAIN MADNESS

WORKING AT CROTCHED MOUNTAIN SKI RESORT

By Kristin Readell

Mountain Magic? It took a lot of convincing but here I am, working Midnight Madness at Crotched Mountain Ski Resort. It's 2:25 AM, a fantastic blues band just finished playing and I can't believe I'm awake. The people you find at a ski area at this time of night are here because they love it. Their cheeks are rosy and their eyes are sparkling. The bonfire on the hill is beautiful. The night, the lights, the quiet—it is magic.

I'm so surprised how much I love this seasonal job. I was pretty skeptical when I attended three pre-season group interviews. I'm not much of an outdoors, extreme-sports sort of girl. Between my good friend in accounting and my three teenagers aching to ski and board, there was a lot of persuasive power. 'Course, Heather broke her arm first time off the lift boarding. But Ryan and Don and sometimes my husband Rich keep telling me I have to try it soon.

So here I am, cashiering at the renewed Crotched Mountain. The Kagi's, owners/operators, are involved with five other resorts across the country. They bring hands-on enthusiasm and energy that people returning to Crotched Mountain have been very excited to experience. Felix and Margrit have nurtured an innovative grooming crew that is responsible for the "best" (I'm not kidding) snow conditions in the region. Jeremy, our groomer, reeled me in with this quote: "Being on the mountain at 3 AM with snow pouring down your neck is the BEST." The glee on his face made me want to take part. Snow making for a ski resort seems akin to farming in New England. It requires an enormous abundance of faith and intestinal fortitude to keep pumping out all that expensive white stuff.

The Group Sales Team and Marketing Director are constantly offering new incentives to remind people what great skiing we have right here in our backyard—February is Teacher Appreciation month—call 588-3668 for more info.

Another Antrim family is running the Cafe and keeps snow enthusiasts fueled with all their favorites; from chili to ice-cream and some wicked good brownies.

Well, I am loving it and I've seen a lot of you there too.



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3rd Thursday	Antrim—First Presbyterian Church
4th Thursday	Hancock—Congregational Church Vestry

School Board Agenda continued

taxpayers many thousands of dollars. It also cost the school district the loss of an excellent teacher with more than twenty years experience. The pretense was insubordination, but it was bullying plain and simple.

Another teacher that I have spoken with is concerned that if they speak out against an administrator's policy they may also be charged with insubordination. For this reason, other good teachers have already left the district. This is not a healthy environment to foster new ideas for improving student's education or for reducing costs. We must insure that all our administrators are open to constructive input from their staff. We as taxpayers cannot afford a repeat performance.

If you as a parent have concerns or issues with your student's teachers or school, please follow this 'chain of command'. Talk with your student's teacher and if necessary the Principal. If needed, the issue could then be raised with the superintendent and then the school board. At any time talk with your school board representative. I can be reached by email bmckinnon@conval.edu or by phone 588-3752. The public is also welcome to attend and speak at school board and sub-committee meetings

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TOWN HISTORY REVISITED

THE JAMESON FAMILY PART II

By Isabel B. Nichols

Being the second son in a prestigious family in a small town cannot always be a happy lot, and Charles Rice Jameson (1856 – 1935) spent his adult life in Antrim trying to find the right niche for his abilities. His father N. W. C. Jameson (1818 – 1908) was a financial success in Boston and New York, and an admired entrepreneur in his home town. Charles' older brother Nathan C. (1849 – 1910) continued in the family business in New York, and when he retired to Antrim in 1899 he played an important part in the political life of New Hampshire.

So how was Charles R. to top these achievements? Local history lists the many endeavors of Charles R. to include such varied occupations as postmaster, wholesale confectionary business owner, and insurance agent. But dealing in real estate seemed to be his calling, and he worked at it for several decades.

Paid advertisement on page one of the *Antrim Reporter* for Nov. 2, 1904:

Charles R. Jameson

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In 1892 he had submitted a plan for house lots in the vicinity of Cram Grove, now Memorial Park, and the resulting road, running between Summer and West streets, was formally named Jameson Avenue four years later. It is still considered a choice place to live, with its proximity to both Main Street and the schools.

With the coming of the 20th century Charles R. took on the development of the north shore of Gregg's Pond, and in addition to selling house lots for cottages he became the proprietor of the Peterwaugh (named for the last native American to live on those shores) boarding house, and built a pavilion for dancing out over the water. He renamed the property Peterwaugh Park, and included a bowling alley and swings for the children among the attractions for summer people.

Against the arguments of Charles R., Gregg's Pond took on the more fashionable name of Gregg Lake in 1910, and development on the north shore continued with the building of the Waumbek, a summer hotel owned by the Cuddihy family. The late Mary McGrory, newspaper columnist considered

Gregg Lake one of the world's best-kept secrets, but in 1910 Charles R. was touting it as the best summer resort in southern New Hampshire.

His next project, however, was doomed to failure from the start, due in part to his reputation for meddling with town business. In *Parades and Promenades* Don Madden writes:

"In January, 1913, Charles R. Jameson announced the introduction of a bill in the Legislature to establish a West Antrim, an area roughly outlined as running west of the old Hancock Road up to the North Branch River. This new entity would comprise 11,500 acres, compared to the 9,500 acres in the eastern part where the village stood." Think Main Street and environs for village.

"The reason for this division was the claim that practically all tax money was being spent around the town, and that the roads, schools, and real estate to the west were being short-changed." His rationale would seem to be that a new road from Hancock around the west side of the Lake would mean he could sell more cottage lots.

"Mr. Jameson hoped that this project would not be treated in the 'dishonest and un-Christian way' the Western District was used to, nor that the 'dishonest and underhanded tactics employed in defeating his other efforts to help the town' would again occur. ... Mr. Jameson was regarded by the business men and, particularly by the Moderator at Town Meeting, as a damned nuisance, and Antrim needed no newly-planned division."

As Charles R. aged he took less and less interest in needling the town fathers, and died quietly at age 79 in Goffstown. In 1935 dying in Goffstown usually meant in the County Home or Hospital; where were his very well-to-do nephews when he needed them?

Nathan C. Jameson, the father of those negligent nephews, retired from his profitable career in the straw good commission business in 1899 due to ill health. He had bought the Judge Luke Woodbury house on Main Street, now the site of Touchwood Square, which he enlarged and improved. On the second story was a ballroom with a suspended floor, just the place for parties and receptions for the town's elite. The house, over the years, was frequently referred to as "the mansion on Main Street". (See picture on page 60 in *A Stroll Through Antrim NH*). It was indeed an imposing structure, with tall pillars supporting a third-floor extension and a three-story domed tower at the side. The semi-circular drive leading to the front en-

trance contributed to the elegance, but the low white fence separating the grounds from Main Street was more friendly than forbidding. The house became a multi-family dwelling in later years, and succumbed to fire in 1987.

Nathan C. and his wife Idabel (né Butler), "a lady of culture and high social standing", had three sons: John, Robert and James, and one daughter, Isabel. This young lady could rightly assume the position of a princess, and grew up with all the advantages that the Jameson family had to offer.

Parades and Promenades, page 80: "Probably the biggest social event in Antrim history took place on February 3, 1912, When Isabel Burnham Jameson, only daughter of Mrs. Idabel and the late Honorable Nathan C. Jameson, was married to George Alexander Walker, assistant treasurer of the Pennsylvania Railroad, of Philadelphia. The great interest was due to the wealth and prominence of the bride's family as well as her own popularity and beauty. The auditorium and vestry of the lavishly decorated Presbyterian Church were filled to overflowing. Everyone in town seemed to have been invited and there was a host of guests from out of town. A gala reception for the latter was held in the mansion at the intersection of Main and Summer Streets.

"After an extended honeymoon in Palm Beach and Miami, the couple planned to reside in Philadelphia. There was a dreadful irony in the last paragraph of the newspaper report: A wide circle of friends join with the *Reporter* in wishing the newly married couple health, happiness, and prosperity, and a long life together. Ten months later, on November 28, Thanksgiving evening, Mrs. Walker died in her home in Philadelphia. She had been ill only four days. She was buried in Maplewood cemetery, in the town where she had spent most of her life."

Since the family had long given their support to the Presbyterian Church, a fitting memorial for Isabel Jameson Walker was built in 1914 on Waverly Street, and has always been referred to as "The Manse", serving as a home for a succession of Presbyterian ministers and their families. The Reverend Peggi Boyce now makes her home there.

The town of Antrim did not always consider the largesse of the Jamesons to be a prime factor in making community decisions. In the final chapter of this family saga an incident will be discussed that had a lasting effect on the future of the town.

To Be Continued.....

time because I wanted to go to library school with the hopes of becoming a school librarian. In the end I went to the public library instead, which didn't pay very well, but was pleasant.

I applied to the Simmons College library program, and I thought that having a daughter who graduated from Simmons would help me, but it didn't. So, just as I got my rejection, practically the same day, I saw in the paper that the University of Rhode Island was opening a satellite program at UNH. So I was probably the first one to apply, and I got in at the very beginning. I took one or two courses each semester and spent one term on campus full time. I began the Antrim library job January 1st 1976. I was still taking courses, but Miriam Roberts was ready to retire. Between 1973 when I stopped teaching and 1976 when I started at the library, I didn't have a job. But things were much better for us then. The older kids were through college, and Billy, who was born in 1961, wasn't ready to think about college. We paid off the mortgage on this house; we had moved here in 1954. It was a good time for me to just go to school and do things like Girl Scouts and Sunday school. I had an easy time in those two years.

Billy was born when I was thirty-eight. I had three miscarriages previous to that. I was trying, it was do or die. I was lucky to have him!

I was the Antrim librarian from 1976 to 1987, eleven and a half years. Nick retired from Goodell's when he got to be sixty-two, so I decided that I'd retire at the same time. That's when I became a retired person, in 1987. I never did get back to teaching in the public schools.

The Antrim Players has been a very important part of my life. I started acting in 1933 when I was ten years old. Over the years I've played a lot of piano for shows, and I even directed some, but I wasn't very good at it. I remember playing The Queen of Hearts in "Alice" in the mid 1960s, and in the "Mikado" I had a wild dance with Fred Roberts. For the Bicentennial in 1977 I wrote some of the scripts and music.

(David Hurlin tells a story that when Izi was playing the Queen of Hearts she had to make an entrance from the back of the Town Hall through the audience and then exit backstage, and not wanting to abandon her pack of cigarettes until the end of the play, hid it away in her huge costume hat. She verified this story with a laugh, saying "We all smoked back then.")

I'm still doing music. I think I was one year without doing any music. I took some writing courses because I always wanted to be a writer. And then I had the chance to play for a program in the public schools, the National Dance Institute. It was started by Jacques D'Amboise of the New York City Ballet in the New York City schools. It's now called the New Hampshire Dance Institute, NHDI. I started in 1988, and I've been doing it ever since. This is my seventeenth year. I'm an accompanist for the dance classes in school. Right now I'm down to just two classes a week. When I started out I did one class a week, and it grew and grew until it got to be more than I wanted, what with the driving, and so forth. The schools were all over southern New Hampshire. Right now I'm doing Great Brook and Jaffrey-Rindge, and that's all I want.

Several years ago I developed congestive heart failure. Like a lot of people, I had been a smoker. It was my son Billy who got me to stop smoking. In 1979 he had a motorcycle, and one of his friends was killed in a motorcycle accident. He knew I was worried, so he told me that if I stopped smoking, he'd stop riding his motorcycle. We both quit! He probably saved my life. ☞

THE TSUNAMI DISASTER

ANTRIM'S RESPONSE

Last December's Tsunami disaster in Southeast Asia which killed hundreds of thousands of people and devastated innumerable coastal communities produced a notable response in Antrim. A broad spectrum of individuals and organizations acted quickly. Schools were involved, churches were involved and so were both Girl and Boy Scouts, the Lions Club, Tuttle Library, town officers and the business community. Money was raised and gifts were given.

Item: School children prepared over 100 health kits, each containing a hand towel, a face cloth, a bar of soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, nail file, nail clipper and band aids.

Item: The Rev. Donald Maugn, Baptist, worked with the Presbyterian Church to create a community breakfast with proceeds sent to World Service, a relief organization. This breakfast, for which all food was donated, accounted for \$2100.

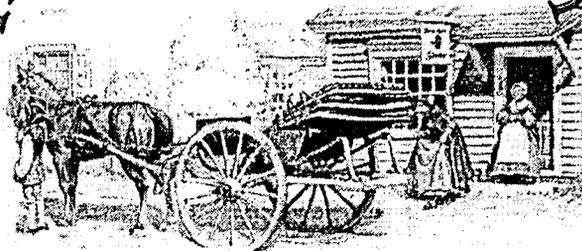
Item: Rick Davis collected money for the Red Cross by placing in front of his Rick and Diane's Pizzeria a donation basket with a sign "Will Match It"—for every dollar contributed he gave a dollar of his own. \$1500 was raised by this method and delivered to the Red Cross in Keene. [Plus—a friend driving by saw the sign "Support Tsunami Victims", stopped, walked into the pizzeria and wrote a check for \$100.] Rick also put Red Cross baskets at the T-Bird, Edmunds', and the Antrim Market Place.

—D.W.

P.S. Although the Red Cross no longer accepts Tsunami donations, Oxfam, a long-established international agency, does. So Rick has placed an Oxfam donation basket at his restaurant. ☞

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EMT RE-CERTIFICATION TIME THE MOMENT OF TRUTH

By Peter Moore

Here we are, March—two whole years, and several hundred calls from when we had our EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) training, and gained national certification. And now, after living the reality, making the responses, and frankly from time-to-time questioning our decision to “become” EMTs, it is now that time for the “moment of truth”—to re-certify or not to re-certify? My wife Schatze, who is also an EMT, and I discuss this often, and at great length.

I would not be honest if I did not admit that the position, and responsibility of being a volunteer EMT amongst small towns is an ever-present burden-of-sorts. You’re rarely free of anticipating that little red (or black) Minitor to blast its high-pitched and piercing tone—to force you up from your dinner table, out of your midnight slumber, or away from the chore you hope to finish. Unless you drive off to Acadia to camp for the week, or to Boston for the day, or you are at work, you are not “off-duty.”

And every call, almost without exception, is going to take two hours out of your personal life, away from your family, away from your wife or your husband, as the case may be. The adrenaline rush will come as you make your way to the anonymous case awaiting, and perform what skill you have learned, or wish you knew better. Sincerely you hope—hope to allay that person’s pain, or dilemma, or fear. And although they think you are a doctor, a nurse, a hero, or worse, an angel, you often question your ability to deliver this promise and to meet the expectation of that patient whose hand you hold and pulse you become.

But the strength you have when it is needed (to see things you never thought your stomach could bear, or witness home-lives you could have never imagined) is gained from the crew at your side. Being an EMT is much less glamorous than you ever thought it would be, and yet it is a whole lot more than you ever expected. It is the epitome of gratification some days, and depressing the next. You might curse the call when not

enough of your crew seem to be pulling their weight, by not responding. Alternatively, you may run across the most delightful character, who to you give a little help, gives back to you many times over. And admittedly, there are times when I don’t pull my weight either.

Being an EMT in this small town, and practicing it actively, encloses around you in your waking hours at home, and often when you are trying to sleep. It is on one hand a spiritual experience like no other, and on the other a cursed monkey on your back. And so, two years into it, I don’t know if I can forego the encounters and realizations they bring to me. I don’t know if I can give it up—at least not yet—at least not through one more two-year cycle of certification, training, responding, complaining about it, and living it out. It is the moment of truth for me.

And you, my wife?

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Hi, I'm Charlie Boucher and for the last 10 years, I have been proud to call Antrim my home. I know many of the people that make this town so special. My family and I absolutely love living here. My wife, Cheryl and I have raised our four children here and have been actively involved in leadership in many of the aspects of what makes this town so great.

Now is a great time to start thinking about getting a comparative market analysis of your property. Spring is the best time to place your home or land on the market. By getting your analysis now you will be prepared for that opportune time.

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Charlie Boucher
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PARKS AND RECREATION

By Celeste Lunetta

SPRING RECREATION EVENTS AND PROGRAMS:

American Heart Association Jump Rope For Heart and Hoops For Heart: Saturday April 9 at 9:30 AM.

Jump Rope For Heart, is a fund-raising event sponsored by the American Heart Association and American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Contributions collected by participants will fund research and education about heart disease and stroke, leading causes of death and disability among American adults. Jump Rope For Heart and Hoops for Heart are a fun way to get young people involved in this lifesaving effort and make them aware of the importance of exercise for maintaining good health.

Another great feature of Jump for Heart and Hoops for Heart is that the money raised goes to fund potentially lifesaving research into heart and blood vessel diseases and educational and community programs. Jump and Hoops For Heart also benefits students by involving them in community service and volunteerism. Youngsters who participate in Jump Rope or Hoops For Heart obtain flat donations for their involvement in the event. In addition, they can earn thank-you gifts based on how much money they raise. To register for Jump for Heart (ages 7-10) or Hoops for Heart (ages 9-16), attend an information session on Friday March 4th 5:00-5:30 PM; Saturday March 12, 9-10 AM, or Monday March 14th, 2:30-4:00 PM. You can also call Celeste at 588-3121.

CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL AND BABE RUTH SOFTBALL

Girls and boys ages 5-12 years old (for softball, girls need to be 12 as of Jan 1, 2005) are encouraged to sign up now for the upcoming spring season of Cal Ripken Baseball and Babe Ruth Girls Softball. The season starts off with some indoor training for pitching, throwing and batting. Teams are formed by the end, and then, as the last snow banks give way to spring thaw, kids are out on the field!

There is some new excitement for Antrim Youth ball players this year, as the Recreation Department will be holding a local Pitch, Hit and Run event on Saturday May 14. Winners in this event proceed to a sectional event in Concord, and the highest achievers in that event then proceed to a team

championship event at the Fenway! National Finals are then held at the MLB All Star game. So, dig out that glove, warm up that arm, find your favorite bug repellent, and sign up now for Antrim Youth Ball. For more information, come to a registration session at the Antrim Town Gym, on the following days and times: Saturdays March 5th, 12th and 19th, 9:30-11 AM; Tuesday, March 8th and 15th at 7-8:30 AM; Thursdays 5:30-6:30 PM and March 3rd & 17th. Players new to our program need to bring a copy of their birth certificate.

NEW SPRING PROGRAM

Antrim Youth Chorus. Under the direction of Kim Stems, the Antrim Youth Chorus will sing on Mondays after school, with a performance on May 9th. The chorus is for children in grades 1 through 4. The group will meet on Mondays, from 3:30-4:15 PM at the Antrim Elementary School. For more information or to register your child, please call Celeste at 588-3121.

ONGOING RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SOME WORDS OF THANKS:

Through March, we will continue the Indoor Walking at AES. This program is on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Toddler playground will continue every Tuesday from 9:30-11 AM at the Town Hall. We have Pilates and Volleyball on Thursday nights, and Adult pick-up Basketball on Sunday nights. For information on any of these programs, please check out the recreation link on www.AntrimNH.org; or call us at 588-3121. The recreation office is open on Tuesday and Thursday Evenings, as well as Saturday mornings.

At the 2005 Town Meeting, there are some requests for your continued support for Parks & Recreation programs and facilities.

Shea Field saw tremendous improvements in 2004, thanks to your support last year, and to a great volunteer effort. We would like to thank and acknowledge the many hours spent on the Shea Field Maintenance Building and Concession Stand, given by the following people. For all aspects of the project, Todd Bryer spend many hours. For concrete and roofing: Webber Foundations. Framing: Jim Cook, Bob Edwards, Dan Valley and Paul Jones. For siding and painting: Larry Martel and Dale Quinn. Plumbing and water: Harding Plumbing. Bill Brown helped with the electrical work, Rob Horne provided seeding and fertilization supervision. Peter Moore helped with the

fertilization, Conval Maintenance Department provided seeding, and the Antrim Town Highway Department helped with electricity and water. Peter Lamb is coordinating this massive effort, and could be found out at the field during most of his vacation. There is still work to be done, so give Peter a call if you can help.

We would also like to thank the following three businesses for sponsoring our travel basketball teams: Antrim Marketplace, Rick & Diane's Restaurant, and Charlie's Small Engines. Support from businesses lets us provide superior programming for our kids—thanks.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

The recreation summer brochure will be available at the end of March. Here are some of the programs that are scheduled for this summer.

Hershey's Track and Field: This program introduces children between the ages of 9 and 14 to physical fitness through basic track and field events, encouraging them to be the best they possibly can be. **Hershey's Track & Field Youth Program** is sponsored by the President's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports, the National Recreation and Park Association, and the National Association for Sport & Physical Education. Antrim Recreation will be running a program that will train kids for participation in the local regional meet in Concord, which is held in early July. Winners from the regionals proceed to the State Finals at UNH, also in early July. The North American Finals are held August 4th-7th in Hershey Pennsylvania. Our program will consist of Saturday training in May and early June, with a week of training June 27th through June 30th. The events the kids train for are 50, 100, 200 and 400 meter dash; 4 x 100 meter relay; softball throw and standing long jump.

Tennis Camp: ages 7-14; June 27th-July 1st. **Swim Lessons:** Preschoolers June 27th-July 8th; Session I for levels 1-4: July 11th-July 22nd; Session 2 (all levels) August 8th-19th. **Days of Summer Camp:** July 11th-July 29th. This is a classic summer day camp for ages 5-12 with special tracks in: Gymnastics/Baseball/Soccer/Golf/Dance/Art/Swimming/Fishing/Hiking/Camping/Tennis. The program will run from 9 AM to 3 PM daily. Also, new this year, for kids ages 13 to 15, we will have a special program for **Counselors in Training**. This program will mentor kids to become future camp counse-

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lors, babysitters, or lifeguards. The kids will work alongside our counselors, including one day of our staff training week in early July. They will also have special events, daily, just for them! **Lifeguard Apprentice Program:** New in 2004, this program returns with a splash! Interested kids, ages 15+, can apply at the recreation department. Provide 245 hours of supervised help/volunteer service at Gregg Lake Beach. If you like it, and would like to consider becoming a lifeguard, the recreation department will consider paying for your training and providing you a job in 2006!

Ketchums Kickers Soccer Camp: July 25th-29th from 9 AM-12. Grades 1-5. Sign up for this popular camp! You can then register your child for afternoon programs with the recreation Days of Summer Camp, for a full day of programming!

Bombers Basketball Camp Full Day: (ages 9+) August 1st-August 5th; 9 AM-3 PM. This is an awesome basketball camp run by

Heather Borgess. If your child ages 9 and up likes Basketball, don't miss out on this great and local opportunity!

Bombers Basketball Camp Half Day: (ages 7-12) An unbeatable opportunity to try it out or train with some of the areas best players and coaches! Another program led by Heather Borgess, this half day camp is great for the younger set, or those newer to the court.

Triathlon Training Camp: Interested? Mary Sawich will lead this program between August 15th and 20th. Swimming, Biking and Running- participants can then register for a local triathlon as a group.

In the works: Bus trips to Water Country, Six Flags, Squam Lake, and Boston; Performing Arts Camp; Group tickets to ball games and theatre shows.

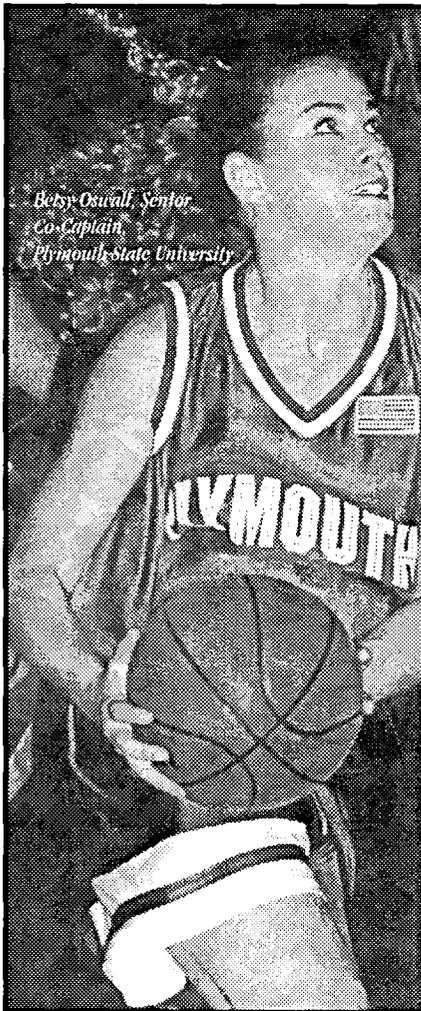
End of Summer Beach Party will be on Friday August 26th. ☿

GREAT BROOK SCHOOL RESIDENCY

STEVE SCHUCK

By Jahna Moncrief

Great Brook School musicians had the opportunity to attend workshops and an assembly with Composer, Recording Artist, Award Winning Author and Storyteller Steve Schuck on January 20th and 21st 2005. Mr. Schuck, a resident of Hillsboro delighted students with a variety of songs, stories and sound explorations. Students explored the relationships between science and music through song and cautionary tales. His musical story "A Symphony of Whales" exposed students to the science of sound and whale song, while telling a rich tale about the rescue of over 3,000 whales who were trapped by frozen ice in the 1990s. Educators interested in inviting this Lifetime Fellow on the New Hampshire Artist Roster are encouraged to contact him at www.NightHeron.com. Mr. Schuck's work is truly outstanding. ☿



Slam Dunk Results

Betsy Oswald's junior season at Conant High School came to a premature end when she tore her ACL (central knee ligament). This could have been a career ending injury...but thanks to Dr. White, Betsy's great attitude, and the sports medicine team at Monadnock Community Hospital, she was able to follow an accelerated rehab program and rebounded to eclipse the 1,000 point barrier in her senior year. Continuing her passion for basketball at Plymouth State College, Betsy was plagued with two new leg injuries and, again, turned to Dr. White for surgery to keep her in the game.

“Now that I'm in my senior year at Plymouth and look back at my basketball career, I feel I owe so much to Dr. White. With his expertise and enthusiastic support, I was able to enjoy playing the game I love. In my opinion, Dr. White definitely scored the winning three pointer!”

Call Dr. White directly at 924-2144.

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

BRUCE EDES FOUNDATION

Friends of the late Bruce Edes have established the Bruce C. Edes Foundation to provide financial support for area young persons between the ages of 8 and 22 in a variety of educational pursuits and activities. These youngsters will have demonstrated a commitment to community service, a passion for the outdoors, love and respect for family and friends, concern for those in need and a desire for self improvement—characteristics remarkably portrayed by Bruce Edes himself. (Bruce, who had roots in Antrim, was a Boy Scout Leader, a recipient of the 2004 Citizenship Award presented by the Antrim Grange, a former Deputy Chief and Rescue Captain of the Bennington Fire Department, a Bennington Selectman and member of that town's Conservation Commission as well as an EMT serving with the Antrim Ambulance squad.)

The Foundation invites contributions to help meet its goal of \$75,000 by this coming September. Contributions should be made payable to:

Bruce C. Edes Foundation
and mailed to:

Attn: Erika Leonard
c/o Ocean Bank
PO Box 157
Antrim, NH 03440

Contributors may pledge an amount to be divided over a 3-year period which should be indicated with the initial contribution. Further information may be had from Rick Reed at 877-675-6403. ☞

BEAUTIFUL BUTTONS

If you missed the wonderful display of unusual buttons in the Historical Room upstairs at the Tuttle Library this winter, you can still see it before it moves on to the Mariposa Museum in Peterborough. On April 1st, Dawne and Sonny Hugron will have their unique collection of buttons in the Mariposa sidewalk windows for all to see and admire. It will catch the eye of many a passerby during the time the buttons are displayed. But if you want to save yourself a trip to Peterborough, the collection will be here in Antrim until mid-March.

—Dawne Hugron

BOY SCOUT TROOP 2

By Brian Beihl

WREATH SALES

Thanks to all who supported Troop 2 in its popcorn and wreath sales during the holidays. The Scouts raised about \$1,800 toward their fees at Camp Bell, a Boy Scout adventure camp in Gilmanton Iron Works, NH.

WINTER CAMPING

The troop snowshoed across Gregg Lake to a property used by Antrim scouts and camped out overnight. We considered ourselves "lucky" that night with the 13° above temperature, since it was -5° the night before! The boys did some sledding, built a snow wind break, and did some tracking around the property, and gained confidence in their ability to survive for an extended period in such a harsh environment.

COURT OF AWARDS

In February, scouts received awards they earned over previous months the badges earned from last summer's camp:

Beihl, Ethan, Canoeing, 2nd Class Rank; Bennion, Andrew, Canoeing, Graphic Arts; Commander, Christopher, Scout rank; Dunlap, Joshua, Canoeing, 50 Mile Canoe Badge, BSA Snorkeling, Scout rank; Fletcher, Ben, Canoeing, BSA Snorkeling; Hollingsworth, James, Canoeing, BSA Snorkeling, Tenderfoot rank; Mis, Andrew, Canoeing, BSA Snorkeling, Mile Swim, BSA, 1st Class Rank; Parent, Jerrid, Canoeing, 50 Mile Canoe/Hike, 1st Class rank; Parent, Josh, Canoeing; Warenda, John, BSA Snorkeling, BSA Snorkeling, Mile Swim, Life rank; Warenda, Kevin, BSA Snorkeling.

SCOUTMASTER STU BENNION STEPS DOWN

We also have said a fond farewell to Scoutmaster Stu Bennion, who has led Troop 2 over

the past several years, and to his wife Kathy, who has served as troop treasurer. The Bennion's received plaques of appreciation and a restaurant gift certificate for their years of volunteering. They will be missed. The committee has begun the search for a replacement scoutmaster.

UPCOMING EVENTS

During the remainder of the winter and early spring, Troop 2 will continue its outdoor and adventure-oriented program with a night of rock climbing at Vertical Dreams, an indoor climbing wall in Manchester. Many of the scouts had not cross-country skied before, so a day of cross country skiing is planned for late February. Spring camporee is scheduled for April 16-18, and a backpacking trip is slated for May 20-22.

JOINING TROOP 2

If you are a young man age 11-18 and interested in outdoor activities, joining Troop 2 will provide opportunities to experience challenging activities, learn valuable life skills and have a backpack full of fun with kids your age. You can join at any time of year, and your journey can start with just a phone call to Brian Beihl, Troop 2 committee vice chair, at 588-3014.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Adult leaders are also welcome, whether you have kids in the program or not. An application process and background check is required, but if you like the outdoors, working with young people, and helping the community, Scouting is a great way to spend a few hours each month. Call Brian Beihl at 588-3014 if you'd like to help. ☞

ATTENTION JEOPARDY! FANS:

Morgan Chase, who was recently featured in a *Limrik* article as the author of a *Princeton Review* vocabulary book, will be seen as a contestant on "Jeopardy!" in the not too distant future.

Now living in Waterville VT, Morgan grew up in Antrim and graduated from ConVal High School in 1990. His parents are former residents Jane McLean and Mike Chase. Not to give anything away in advance of the local airing, Morgan suggests you might look for him on a Thursday show. ☞

SEPTEMBER 17

HOME AND HARVEST DAY

A committee is already at work planning the second annual Home and Harvest Day, scheduled for September 17th. Events will include a Breakfast, 5-K Race, Flea Market and display of Arts and Crafts, Parade, Auction, Soap Box Derby, an Antrim Players production, Cookout, Pet Show, Concert and Fireworks.

For more information, call Rick Davis at 588-3388. ☞

PRINCIPAL POINTS
GREAT BROOK SCHOOL

By Rick Nannicelli

WINTERFEST

GBS hosted the AES-PTO Winterfest again this year on February 5th. Many of our students performed as well as participated in some of the many activities offered. We thank the PTO for this terrific community event and thank those of you who have volunteered your services.

EXCHANGE CITY

On February 16th, our sixth graders participated in a new, innovative program entitled, *Exchange City*. *Exchange City* is an immersive learning program that gives students the opportunity to put concepts learned in the classroom to work in a real life simulation. Sixth grade teachers enrolled our students in this eight-week curriculum last December. Students have engaged in several activities related to economics, government, math, social studies and career education over the past six weeks. Their studies will culminate in a real-life application of their skills as they assumed real jobs for a day at Exchange City in Portsmouth. We hope that this experience increased students' passion for learning.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our Parent Advisory Council is scheduled to meet on March 16th at 6:30 PM in the GBS library. The meeting will begin with a brief business discussion, followed by a discussion pertaining to issues parents bring with them. We hope you will make a special effort to attend. As always, we thank you for your support!

NAEP

Our Eighth Graders have been selected to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). NAEP is a national exam administered in one particular subject to select groups of students in order to help gather information about our nation's curriculum and student performance in particular regions of our country. On March 2nd, our eighth graders will be assessed in reading or math. The exam should take approximately one hour. Ms. Picard will be forwarding additional information to you as we finalize plans.

TECHNOLOGY FAIR

All of our students are currently involved in researching a present-day technological innovation and studying its evolution

throughout history. The students' educational unit will culminate with a public presentation and Technology Fair on March 17th at 7PM at Great Brook School. We hope that you will attend.

BUDGET VOTE

ConVal District registered voters are reminded to vote on the 2005-2006 ConVal District budget at the polls in their respective towns on Tuesday, March 8, 2005. Contact your town administrator for further information.

WELCOME BACK PEGGY BROWN

Ms. Brown, one of our school's guidance counselors, returned from her semester leave of absence after traveling around the world with her family. Check out some of the fantastic stories she has to share which are included in our newsletter posted on our website! In welcoming back Ms. Brown, we regret having to say farewell to Ms. Hill, who substituted for Ms. Brown and has been with GBS since September. We thank both of these woman for their efforts and the impact they have on our students. If only we could keep them both here!

SNOWBOARD SAFETY

Please talk to your children about the importance of following safety rules for skiing/snowboarding this winter. Several of our students have suffered injuries thus far this season, and we want to do what we can to prevent any other injuries from occurring in the future. Please let us know if there is something we can do to help. Thank you.

On behalf of the entire GBS staff, thank you for your support of our school and programs. ☿

ANTRIM SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Antrim Scholarship funds can be found at the Antrim Town Hall and Conval Guidance office. Residents of the Town of Antrim who plan on attending a post secondary school in 2005-2006 are eligible to apply. Applications must be submitted in a sealed envelope and brought to the Antrim Town Hall or sent to the Antrim Scholarship Committee, c/o Town Clerk, PO Box 517, Antrim, NH 03440. The deadline is Monday, May 2, 2005. ☿

WITH ANTRIM DANCERS AND
CHOREOGRAPHER

**DANCE AT THE
PETERBOROUGH PLAYERS**

On March 12th, The Moving Company Dance Center is joining with the Apple Hill Chamber Players for a performance at the Peterborough Players Theater. The program includes a new work, *Dinny's Suite*, choreographed by Antrim's Renee Blinn with Mandy Brightman. Included amongst the dancers will be Antrim's Sarah Murphy and Shannon Wylie. The suite was inspired by an extraordinary Irish fiddler named Dinny McLaughlin. For ticket information call The Moving Company at 357-2100. ☿



AT ANTRIM TOWN HALL
**NORTHERN LIGHTS
DANCE THEATER**

On April 9 and 10, the Northern Lights Dance Theater will present *The Elements* in Antrim Town Hall. This is an original work choreographed by Mandy Brightman in four sections: Earth, Air, Fire and Water. It is full of unexpected images including dances with glowing hula hoops, baking flour and other surprises.

This year Northern Lights is a group of seventeen young dancers ages 12-17, from Antrim, Bennington, Hancock, Henniker, and Peterborough. The dancers have been involved in the process of creating this piece since September '04. They have choreographed small sections themselves and helped with set building and other artistic creations you will see at the show. There will be at least three performances with the possibility of a special Dinner Theatre performance. Tickets will be on sale starting March 20, call 654-2094.

Northern Lights Dance Theatre, directed by Mandy Brightman, holds rehearsals and classes at the Antrim Town Hall on Mondays. Also offered are dance classes for elementary-age children. Call 654-2094 for information about the next available session.

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TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

By Melissa Lawless

PROGRAMS

- **March** Read Across America
- **Fri., March 25th** Preschool Story Time at 10:00 AM
- **April** Creative Arts Challenge (formerly Poetry challenge) Journal/Poetry/Story/Puzzle Workshop
- **April** (date TBA). Seed-starting workshop with Diane Chauncey
- **Fri., April 29th** Preschool Story Time at 10:00 AM
- **May** Artist's Tea
- **Fri., May 27th** Preschool Story Time at 10:00 AM

IRS TAX FORMS AND TAX HELP

Tax forms are available here at the Library, as well as an AARP Tax-Aide on Saturdays from 2:00-4:00 PM until the filing deadline April 15th. This free tax help is provided for taxpayers with low and middle income, with special emphasis placed on those ages 60 and older. (If you have a complex tax situation with a higher income, this unfortunately is not for you.) We recommend that you come early and not wait until the last half hour on Saturdays. As the deadline looms closer, the line seems to get longer.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

The Tuttle Library is pleased to announce the return of Preschool Story Time on the last Friday of each month during the school year which will follow the ConVal calendar. Staff members Kristin Readel and Melissa Lawless will offer stories to children ages 3 to 5. Bring your favorite lap (parent or caregiver must attend).

CREATIVE ARTS CHALLENGE

A Creative Arts Challenge for school-aged children (elementary school through high school) is scheduled for the entire month of April. Formerly offered as the Poetry Challenge, we are now opening our challenge to all creative arts. Children are invited to submit any form of visual arts (paintings, drawings, sculpture, etc.) songwriting, music, poetry, or short stories. There will be an Artist's Tea in May to showcase and celebrate each participant's achievement. Please encourage your budding artist to join us. For further information please call the Library at 588-6786.

BRING YOUR LIBRARY CARD

The staff would like to remind you to bring your library card with you to the library. Many people will state that their card is out in the car or home in their other wallet, but it really doesn't help us when it is out in the parking lot or at home. There are way too many numbers for the average American to commit to memory, we cannot expect you or the staff to remember your card number correctly; please also consider that new staff members may have no clue as to who you are. We are truly amazed at how easy it is for people to transpose numbers. If you have ever been the recipient of an overdue inquiry for an item you never took out, perhaps you might appreciate our plight.

CARE AND HANDLING OF CDs AND DVDs

1. If there is a problem with the performance of a disc, please let us know as soon as possible; don't just drop the items off. If you can, make a notation as to which disc is damaged, it would be greatly appreciated.
2. Please handle with care, and only by the edges.
3. Make sure that your hands are clean when handling CDs and DVDs. Buttered popcorn is really not good for the discs or your DVD player!
4. Please don't drop them off in the outside book drop—extreme heat and cold can damage the discs and their cases.
5. Remember that discs are *not* indestructible.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Thurs., March 10th The Library will close at 6:00 PM for Town Meeting
Mon., May 30th Memorial Day.

DONATIONS

We have declared a moratorium on large donations of books and other library materials until further notice. While we undergo renovations in the basement and a reordering of our world, the moratorium is an attempt to temporarily control our chaos. Please bear with us.

NEW FICTION

Sandra Brown *Demon Rumm*; Michael Crichton *State of Fear*; Clive Cussler *Black Wind*; Ken Follet *Whiteout*; S.E. Hinton *Hawkes Harbor*; Dean Koontz *Life Expectancy*; Richard North Patterson *Conviction*; Tom Wolfe *I am Charlotte Simmons*.

NEW MYSTERIES

Lilian Jackson Braun *The Cat Who Went Bananas*; Rita Mae Brown *Cat's Eyewitness*; Philip R. Craig *Murder at a Vineyard Mansion*; Craig & Tapply *Second Sight*; Jeanne Dams *Winter of Discontent*; Janet Evanovich *Metro Girl*; Tony Hillerman *Skeleton Man*; Stuart M. Kaminsky *The Last Dark Place*; Jonathan Kellerman *Twisted*; Jonathan & Faye Kellerman *Double Homicide*; Ed McBain *Alice in Jeopardy*; Alexander McCall Smith *The Sunday Philosophy Club*; William G. Tappley *Bitch Creek*; Aimee & David Thurlo *Wind Spirit*; Margaret Truman *Murder at Union Station*; Kate Wilhelm *Unbidden Truth*.

NON-FICTION

Thomas Frank *What's the Matter with Kansas*; LouAnn Johnson *Queen of Education*; Jan Karon *Mitford Cookbook & Kitchen Reader*; Kitty Kelley *The Family: The Real Story of the Bush Dynasty*; Stewart O'Nan & Stephen King *Faithful*.

NEW VIDEOS & DVDs

Bourne Supremacy; Faith Rewarded; the Historic Season of the 2004 Boston Red Sox; Frogs; Home on the Range; I, Robot; Newsies; Osama; Princess Diaries 2; Royal Engagement; Ray; Shrek 2; Spider Man 2; Twelve Kingdom: Chapters 6-9.

E-MAIL

Our thanks to Comcast for providing free broadband internet and e-mail service to the library. Renew your books (title, author, due date), request books, ask questions of our knowledgeable staff. Our address is:

tuttlelib@comcast.net



THE NURSE IS IN

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services offers a FREE clinic at Antrim Village on Tuesday March 15 from 11 AM to 12 NOON. No appointment is necessary. Have your blood pressure checked. Ask our registered nurse about cholesterol, high blood pressure, 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. ☘

✠ **CHURCH NEWS** ✠

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
588-2209

Rev. Peggi Kephart Boyce

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

(nursery available for 4-year olds and under)

Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM

Sunday School 10:30 AM

Youth Ministry 11:30 AM

Communion celebrated on
the first Sunday of every month.

AA Meetings on Sundays at 7:00 PM

LOGOS meets Tuesdays at 3:45 PM.
Open to all middle and high school students

Spectrum Art Association meets
Thursday mornings 9:00 AM

• **Mar 2, 9, 16 • 12 NOON Lenten Luncheons** at the Baptist Church. Bring a bag lunch, dessert and beverage will be provided. Speakers will be area clergy.

• **Mar 24 • 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service**

• **Mar 27 • 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service** on the front lawn of the Baptist Church lead by the Rev. Peggi Boyce.

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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

• **Mar 19 • 4:15 PM Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)** Mass

• **Mar 20 • 8 AM and 10:30 AM Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)** Mass

• **Mar 24 • 7 PM Holy Thursday** Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

• **Mar 25 • 7 PM Good Friday** services

• **Mar 26 • 7:30 PM Easter Vigil** service

• **Mar 27 • 8 AM and 10:30 AM Easter Sunday Liturgy** Mass

Penance ½ hour before all weekend masses and by request.

BAPTIST CHURCH
388-6614

Pastor Charles V. Boucher
Cherryl Boucher, Associate Pastor

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

Sunday School (preschool–8th) at 10:30 AM

• **Mar 2, 9, 16 • 12 NOON Lenten Luncheons** Bring a bag lunch, dessert and beverage will be provided. Speakers will be area clergy.

• **Mar 12 • 5-7 PM Turkey Dinner** Adults \$7, Children (ages 5-12) \$4, families maximum of \$25. Proceeds to benefit Tsunami Relief.

• **Mar 24 • 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service** Viewing of the “Passion of the Christ” directed by Mel Gibson followed by communion.

• **Mar 27 • 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service** on the front lawn lead by the Rev. Peggi Boyce.

• **Mar 27 • 10:30 AM Easter Service**

• **May 7 • 5:30 PM Ladies Banquet**
Open invitation to all ladies of the community: bring your mothers, daughters, and friends. Dinner and program. Reservations required by May 1 at 588-6614. Ladies \$5, girls under 10 years old \$3.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
924-4996

Scott Roth, Preacher

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Tuesday Prayer Group 6:30 PM

(At the Roth home in Peterborough)

Thursday Ladies Bible Study 7 PM

(At the Roth home in Peterborough)

BENNINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
588-2398

Rev Dan Poling

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM



Woman's Club continued

club helped provide “readiness material” to make the transition into first grade easier for the children. Over the years it was always important to the members to help the school with money to provide for extra programs they might not otherwise have.

At club meetings during World War II, members rolled bandages and raised money for the Red Cross as well as providing support to our servicemen in many ways.

The first meetings were held at the Inn but then they moved to the hall upstairs in the Library. After the business meeting there were musical selections and sometimes an original skit written and acted by some of the talented members who also often performed with the Antrim Players. Often a speaker would talk on a subject of interest to all. Club members were involved in town activities, supporting various organizations and the schools, both with financial contributions and commitments of their time. The Girl Scouts, the Grange, the Rescue Squad are just a few of the groups that benefited from Woman's Club generosity over the years. Some members were responsible for the Christmas display we now enjoy each December on Main Street. The Antrim Community Calendar was a Club fund-raising project to provide scholarships to college students. Our *Limrik* was a brainchild of members who went on to help to see it become a quarterly publication.

By the time I joined the club in 1982, hats and gloves were no longer the style but meetings still started with a prayer, a salute to the flag and the singing of a patriotic song, which I found very heartwarming. It was a piece of Americana I had not come across in the larger towns and cities where I had lived. Since World War II, more women have joined the work force and time for clubs has dwindled. In Antrim the remaining members of the club were still attending meetings in the Baptist Church Hall but in smaller and smaller numbers until there just weren't enough to be an effective group. However, because those remaining have a close bond, they will continue to join each other for lunch and fellowship every few months and keep alive the pleasure they find in each other's company.

As a last piece of official business, the members voted to use their funds to provide scholarships to six college students for this year and to donate \$1,000 to the Tuttle Library to be used for the purchase of books and furnishings. This is a tribute to all those many Antrim women who over the years have served our town so well. ☞

ANTRIM COMMUNITY GRANGE

By Beth Merrill

The Antrim Community Grange sponsored the Dictionary Project for third grade students in Antrim and Bennington for the third year. The project's corporate sponsor, Monadnock Paper Mills, enabled us to provide dictionaries to students in the Dublin, Greenfield and Peterborough Elementary Schools, as well. Our friends at Oak Hill Grange in Frankestown take care of the Frankestown and Hancock Elementary Schools, and Miller Grange presents dictionaries at the Temple Elementary School. It's not certain who derives the most pleasure from this project; the students or the Grange members who go to the schools to present the dictionaries in person!

The Grange has presented two public programs this winter—one on choosing the proper Medicare prescription drug discount card and one all about buttons, featuring local hobbyists, Dawne and Louis Hugron. The next public program is scheduled for March 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Antrim Town Hall. Gardening enthusiasts won't want to miss our Gardening Gala Expo. The Worm Lady, Joan O'Connor, from Henniker, will be on hand to demonstrate how to set up a worm-composting bin, while local businesses with gardening interests will set up displays in a mini expo-type setting. Details are still in the works as of this publication's deadline, so look for updates in local papers as the date draws closer.

We are very proud of the four young men, Norman Corliss, Ray Davis, Carryl Davis, and David Fryman, who are members of Antrim Community Grange and are currently serving their country at home and overseas. Antrim Grange president, Carryl Davis is scheduled to return home sometime in March after serving in Iraq for more than a year.

GRANGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the Antrim Community Grange Scholarship may be obtained at the Conval High School guidance office, Tuttle and Dodge Public Libraries, or from a member of the Grange. Those who apply must be a high school senior or college student and a resident of Antrim or Bennington. The \$500 scholarship will be given on contingency of acceptance to the college of choice. Completed applications are due April 10th. The recipient will be announced and presented at the Grange's Community Awards Night program on May 18th, along with the traditional Police, Fire/Rescue, Teacher, Farmer,

and Community Citizen awards. Consideration will be given to nominations submitted from members of the Antrim/Bennington community. Call 588-3208 or 588-6615 with your suggestions. The Awards Night is open to the public. Look for more details on these and other Antrim Community Grange projects in the local weekly newspapers.

For more information about the Grange log on to www.nationalgrange.org or www.nhgrange.org.

GRANGE MEMBERS ATTEND LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON INDUSTRIAL HEMP

Several Antrim Community Grange members and other state Grangers joined a large group of concerned citizens in an Environment and Agriculture Legislative Committee public hearing in Concord on February 1, 2005. The topic was house bill 55 FN: Relative to industrial hemp and establishing an industrial hemp special program fund.

Testimony was very educational and revealed that:

- Hemp is a distinctly different plant from its psychoactive cousin, marijuana.

- Hemp is grown for its core, fiber, oil and seed applications: core (hurd) for durable building materials such as cement-like blocks, fiberboard, and shingles, as well as animal bedding; fiber for superior fabric, rope and paper products; seeds for extremely nutritious human and animal foods; and seed oil used for food, cosmetics, paints, plastics, and even fuel oil to power automobiles (like those that are now adapted for using fry oils).

- If 6% of the farmland that the government currently pays farmers not to cultivate was allocated instead to growing industrial hemp, our dependence on other fuel oil would be very substantially reduced and the environment would be cleaner.

Today, industrial hemp crops, previously grown in the U.S. until about the 1940's, are required to have government permits, which are routinely denied. Testimony indicated that lobbying efforts at government levels have caused the general public to believe, mistakenly, that hemp is the same variety of cannabis as marijuana, which is a legally controlled substance. Further testimony revealed that hemp pollination is dominant and can destroy the psychoactive content of other cannabis crops growing within a ten-mile radius.

Many U.S. manufacturers need the industrial hemp fiber and seed, but must import all of it from other countries. For example, Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps, a U.S. company,

uses the oil from 5,000 acres of hemp grown outside the country each year. Their company representative said they could realize great savings on U.S.-grown hemp oil.

The primary obstacles to growing industrial hemp in the U.S. seem to be lobbying against it by enforcement agencies following pre-conceived notions about other cannabis varieties and also lobbyists by supposedly competing interests.

Grangers across the country are joining in the studies and effort to re-establish industrial hemp as a viable, sustainable crop for U.S. farmers and land owners. They could use their present farm machinery, would not need to apply insecticides or herbicides, as hemp is very resistant to pests and disease, and then could produce a very environmentally friendly and economically useful crop.

Area state legislator David Essex, of Antrim, is working on the Environment and Agriculture Committee. Antrim attendees at the hearing enjoyed talking briefly with Mr. Essex following the hearing. ☞

ALL FEMALES ARE NOT WOMEN

By Pat Webber

Pat wrote this essay as a High School English assignment in 1943. Students were asked to fulfill the topic, How I Spent My Summer Vacation.

—Editor

When most boys, or I should say young men, speak of the women of their life, or more commonly the present woman of their life; they like to say how beautiful she is. They give their exact dimensions just as if they were famous Hollywood stars.

I also speak of the woman of my life. She also has beautiful lines, and if I may say so, she is the best and most graceful of anyone in her class. Her dimensions are not as small as most loved ones, and her widest part is a bit more so than most girls. Because of this fact she has a bit of trouble getting in and out of her slip . . . How do I know? Well, why shouldn't I? After all, I have had some of my most enjoyable times in her company.

I get the most pleasure when I am alone with her. Out alone on a beautiful, moonlit night with the water reflecting the brightness of the moon.

Winter is coming on and it is time to get a new coat for her. I put a new coat of paint on my boat every year—she sails much better with it. ☞

PRINCIPAL MUSINGS
**ANTRIM ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

By Debbie Lesure, Principal

Would you go to a dentist who does the same treatments in the same way now that he did twenty years ago? How about a doctor who still believes that penicillin is the only antibiotic? Think for a moment about how far treatments in medicine have come...we expect medical practitioners to be professionals who continue learning and implementing the newest treatments. So it is with education!

Teaching is a profession that also requires on-going professional development and training to keep up with the newest research and understanding about learning. However, as a profession, we tend to focus our efforts on our students, seldom "blowing our own horns." I would like to tell you a little about the excellent and knowledgeable staff at Antrim Elementary School.

Our staff is very experienced. Between us, we have over 275 years of educational experience! Our specific areas of expertise and interest are varied. Of course, most of our staff has a specific interest in early education and the teaching of reading. Social skills development is a second area of extensive staff interest. Other areas include storytelling, puppetry, technology in education, the sciences, clinical psychology, physical disabilities, research, writing, adult education, children's literature, learning disabilities, health, autism, and martial arts. What a variety!

Our students greatly benefit from this vast experience and interest base. As an educational team, we are ready resources to each other for ideas, tips, and strategies. We understand about children and their social, emotional, and educational needs. We understand that all children learn differently, and we need to teach to meet their needs. Despite all of this, we continue to grow and

change in what we do in our work with children. We can't rest on our laurels. So much is changing in education, and we must change with it. The value of our service to our society is enormous. As a staff, we have aligned ourselves with a quote by Rebecca DuFour (*Leadership Compass*, Winter 2004-2005, Volume 2, #2, p.3)

"We accept learning as the fundamental purpose of our school and therefore are willing to examine all practices in light of their impact on learning."

Most teachers including myself, I would speculate, go into teaching because we enjoy being with children and we enjoy teaching. We go into teaching because we are lifelong learners. As teachers, we are educational practitioners. We are professionals who continue learning and implementing the newest research-based teaching methods. So it is with education! ☞

THE GRAPEVINE NEWS

By Kristen Vance, Director

**CRIBBAGE, ANYONE?
(OR CARDS, OR CHESS...)**

Izzy Nichols, who tickled the ivories at the January community supper (our house pianist, Tom Dowling, had injured his finger), wondered aloud at the end of the hour if there were committee meetings taking place after the supper. Twenty or so people were lingering, nursing their coffee and talking. It occurred to Izzy and me that after supper would be a great time for a game of backgammon or Crazy 8's—or simply socializing. At the March 17 supper, we'll designate 2 or 3 tables for an After Supper Club. The church has offered their board game collection, but feel free to bring your game of choice.

LOCAL GROUPS INVITED

The Grapevine welcomes local groups looking for a place to hold meetings. Currently, The Knitters' Guild, CENS and Adoptive Parents meet at The Grapevine. If your group needs a meeting place, give us a call.

**THE END OF AN ERA...AND
NEW BEGINNINGS**

They say all good things must come to an end, and so it is for The Grapevine as we say "See you around Town" to Kristin Readel. Kristin recently resigned her position as playgroup teacher, which she held for

nearly 7 years. We will forever be grateful to Kristin for her role in building The Grapevine to what it is today. And, although we'll miss her smiling face in the mornings, we already have evidence that Kristin will remain an integral part of The Grapevine as a community member. Thank you, Kristin!

We are pleased to report that Catrina Young is now partnering with Beth Bradford to teach our enrichment playgroups. Catrina has an excellent background in early childhood education, and served on The Grapevine board of directors for two years. Her children, Riley and Connor, are both "Grapevine Graduates." Catrina, her husband Sam, and their children live in Antrim.

**WEEKLY CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT
PLAYGROUPS**

Spring is a great time to join our enrichment playgroups, which meet weekly as follows. The Aiken Street Barn, where The Grapevine is located, is fully accessible, and we welcome all children birth to 5 and their parents.

- Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30 to 11:30—Better Beginnings playgroup
- Mondays 3:30 to 5pm—Teen and Young Parents playgroup
- Fridays 10:00 to 11:30—Better Beginnings for Babies

Better Beginnings playgroups are for toddlers through 5-year-olds. The focus of the children's program is on language and

social skills development in a fun, nurturing and supportive environment. Parents enjoy "adult time" and discussions about child- and family-centered topics nearby. Upcoming guest speakers include:

- Beth Bradford, B.S.—Parents as Teachers
- Sara Cox—Power and Control: Ours, Our Children's
- Gina Pasquale, therapist—Stress Reduction Techniques for Parents

Better Beginnings for Babies is for infants to new toddlers and their parents. Expectant parents are welcome, too. Parents have found this group a great opportunity to meet other parents while their babies make their first friends. Special speaker topics this Spring include infant massage, caring for yourself, and effective family communication.

STRONG LIVING

Strong Living for adults age 50 and older begins a new 12-week session on April 19. Call now to register for this popular exercise class.

**PRESCHOOL—TIME TO
PRE-REGISTER FOR FALL**

The Learning Vine is taking pre-registrations for Fall 2005. There is no cost to pre-register. This program is offered to both children whose parents wish to participate in the parent cooperative program, and children

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whose parents wish to drop off their children.

The Learning Vine preschool is taught by our Master's level early childhood educator, Carol Lunan. Carol draws on over 20 years of experience working with children, as well as High Scope philosophy, to create hands-on learning experiences in math, language, science, nature, dramatic play and art. Enrollment is limited to 10 children to ensure that each child's temperament and learning style is honored, that each child's gifts are allowed to flourish, and that each child's natural love of learning continues to grow. The Learning Vine is a great way to help your child be ready to enter both public and alternative school. We will establish 2005-06 tuition rates in April. Tuition will be lower for parents who wish to remain on-site and assist with the program. Scholarships are available.

SECOND MONDAYS AT THE GRAPEVINE

Join us for one or all in a series of evening discussions from 6:30 to 8pm:

- March 14—**Managing Anger**, with Celia Oliver. Celia is a therapist with Monadnock Family Services. Participants will explore where anger comes from, accepting our anger, and dealing with it in positive ways.
- April 11—**Enjoying Nature with your Young Child**, with Carol Lunan. Carol is our Learning Vine teacher, and was a Harris Center educator for several years. This adventure is for **parents only**. Dress for outside play!
- May 9—**Our Mothers, Ourselves**, with Sydney Wilson-Smith. Sydney, our parent group facilitator, will explore our identity as mothers and women, and how that has changed since *our* mothers had children at home.

COMMUNITY SUPPER NEWS

The March 17 Antrim Community Supper will be planned and prepared by Grapevine staff, parents and volunteers. The Field School will be providing a delicious assortment of desserts. The Girl Scouts will provide the entire supper in April, from set-up to meal preparation and desserts to clean up. The May supper has yet to be planned. Interested groups or individuals are encouraged to call The Grapevine to get involved!

Thank you to the many cooks who provided casseroles, chili, cornbread and desserts in December and in January including

Rick Nanicelli, Nancy Blair's class, Library and Limrik staff, Carolyn Gilmore, Sydney Wilson-Smith, members of the Baptist Church, Lauren Kirkpatrick, John Vance, Raf Meyers, AES staff, Laura Akerley, Kim Proctor, Pat Leonard and The Knitters' Guild, Ron Haggett, Mary Meyers, Bill Prokop, Leslie Crowell, Donna Hansen, Beth Merrill, Jen Davis and Catrina Young.

As always, our thanks to Carol Healey and the many GBS students who help every month, The First Presbyterian Church, Cricenti's Market, Tom Dowling, Antrim Marketplace, and the unsung heroes who drop in to help set up and stay to clean up. (By the way, cleaning up can be a lot of fun, and a person can learn a great deal about the goings-on around town.)

STUDENTS PARTNER WITH THE EXCHANGE

We are delighted to report that students in Barbara Black's and Penny Welch's class at Great Brook School are enthusiastic about The People's Service Exchange, and at this writing are learning interviewing skills as part of the project. Exchange members Charlie Boucher, Kay Anderson, Carol Healey and Susie Denehy worked with the class in February to help the students hone their skills, preparing students to use the Exchange "Skills Inventory" to interview each other and family members about the skills they have to offer. Students at The Field School also learned about the Exchange in February, and are working on ideas for an all-school membership. Ideas include groups of students providing services to other Exchange members, thus enabling the school to "purchase" services such as pottery or carpentry instruction.

Your next opportunity to join the ever-growing membership of The People's Service Exchange is Tuesday, May 17 at 7pm at The Grapevine. If that is not convenient for you, or if you would like to join sooner, please call to arrange a one-on-one or small group orientation.

SAFE SITTER CLASS SAT. APRIL 2

Certified instructors will teach 11-13 year-olds basic first aid, managing children's behavior, and babysitting as a business, from 9am to 4pm. \$32 fee—payment plan and limited scholarships available. Call The Grapevine by March 28 to register. Safe Sitter is offered in collaboration with The Family Center in Peterborough and Monadnock Regional Pediatrics

A CHALLENGE

In 2003, a handful of Grapevine supporters—John Vance of Dublin, Ben Pratt, The Gilbert Verney Foundation, and Wayno Olson—set up an endowment with Monadnock Community Foundation for the benefit of The Grapevine. The initial principle—\$17,000—has grown to \$21,000 with additional contributions and interest earned. The purpose of the endowment is to ensure the long-term financial viability of the organization. The Grapevine receives an annual distribution equivalent to about 4.5% of the principle—this year's distribution will be about \$1,000.

An anonymous donor recently bequeathed \$5,000 to the endowment. The donor pledges to bequeath an additional \$5,000 if The Grapevine can raise another \$10,000 in bequests or contributions from other donors by June 30. For information on making bequests or donations, please contact Kristen Vance at The Grapevine or Beth Healy at New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Monadnock Region at (800) 464-6641, ext 248.

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Monadnock Region is a regional division of the statewide community foundation. Its goal in working with individuals and families is to build charitable capital to benefit Monadnock organizations and communities by investing that capital and using the yield from those investments to improve the quality of life for local citizens.

SPRING WALK SATURDAY APRIL 16

Last summer some Grapevine parents, led by Laura Akerley and Catrina Young, got together to plan a 5-Mile Walk to benefit The Grapevine. A small group of moms, children and Grapevine staff did a "trial run" in October, raising just over \$300 in contributions. The group hopes to recruit 30 adults (children encouraged to come!) for the first Spring Walk for The Grapevine on Saturday, April 16. Walkers will meet at the bandstand in the village of Hancock for registration at 9:30, with the walk beginning at 10:00. Call The Grapevine for more information, and for pledge sheets.

APRIL VACATION PROGRAMS

The Grapevine will be open Monday April 25 and Thursday April 28 from 10:00 to 11:30 for a drop-in playgroup for parents and their young children (toddlers to age 5—older siblings welcome). Free, snack pro-

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vided. A great opportunity to play in a "new" place and meet other children.

Early Childhood Educators Carol Lunan, M.Ed and Beth Bradford, B.S. will lead two mornings of active learning for parents and children.

• **Vernal Pools**, Tuesday April 26 from 9:30 to 11:30: Discover the remarkable variety of life that spring up in those pools that appear in Spring. Children ages 3 to 5. Dress to explore the water's edge in whatever weather the day brings. Equipment provided.

• **Play Date with Nature**, Wednesday April 27 from 9:30 to 11:30: Explore exciting nature play stations with activities to engage your child's love of discovery. All ages. Dress for all-weather dirt, water and mud.

MAY DAY PICNIC

Bring along a picnic lunch and lend a hand as we give The Grapevine play yard a spring cleaning and plant flowers. For children of all ages and their parents, Tuesday May 17 from 12:00 to 1:30. Drinks provided.

MANY THANKS

• To Monadnock Paper Mills for their annual \$10,000 contribution to The Grapevine.

• To the many people who have responded generously to our annual appeal for financial contributions—we'll be publishing the list of donors on the town website: www.antrimnh.org after June 30, the end of our fund drive. There's still time to contribute! The Grapevine relies on local support.

• To our anonymous endowment donor.

• To Rick and Diane's Restaurant for their annual \$100 contribution.

• To Cricenti's Market and Associated Grocers for their annual \$600 Neighbor 2 Neighbor contribution.

• To Antrim Marketplace for their \$200 Neighbor 2 Neighbor pledge.

• To the First Presbyterian church for their annual \$500 contribution.

• To Betsy Chatman for the brand-new Dell printer.

• To the following for their wood bank donations: from Antrim - Steve Jones, Gene Willett, Wayno Olson, Adam & Dawn Phelps, Ken Scrabble, Tammy & Robert Townes, Ed Lowe, Connie Vandervort; Robblee Tree Service; from Bennington - Reggie Lyons; from Hancock - Beth Bradford & Eduarde Hristache, Laura &

Keith Akerley, Brian Akerley; from Greenfield - Diane Remillard; from Francestown - Veda O'Neil; from Hillsborough - Dick DeBrine. And to the following for their volunteer labor: Mike Holt, Peter Brigham, Dave Essex, Robert Essex, Jacob Essex, Larry Martel, Donna Martel, Ed Lowe, Ben Pratt, John Vance, Kristen Vance, Jack Vance, Mike Genest, Adam Phelps, Chris Healey, Liam Healey, Kathleen Crawford and Diana George.

• To Marita Hammond for her contributions of toys.

WISH LIST

- Fax machine
- Solid color area rugs
- Children's toy farm tractor
- Outdoor benches

SERVICES AT THE GRAPEVINE

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

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

• **Heating Fuel & Electric Assistance** for eligible families, provided by Southern NH Services, Friday mornings from 8:30 to noon through March.

• **Child & Family Counseling** provided by Monadnock Family Services by appointment. Sliding scale fee.

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

• **Help finding employment:** Associates in Community and Career Employment Support Services (A.C.C.E.S.S.) offers employment support for people with disabilities.

• **Help finding shelter:** Southwestern Community Services assists individuals and families who are homeless or are concerned that they may become homeless.

Call The Grapevine at 588-2620 for more information about our programs and services. We welcome visits. The Grapevine is a community-based nonprofit service organization funded by grants and charitable contributions. Tax-deductible contributions may be mailed to The Grapevine at PO Box 637, Antrim 03440. ☞

Folk Tales

REMEMBER ME?

By Fred Roberts

In the 1970s professional theatre companies were allowed to use non-union people to fill non-speaking roles. Thus, if a play called for six uniformed policemen, a "call" would be sent out in the area informing anyone interested that they should be at the theatre on a certain day for tryouts which were called "cattle calls." After the actors were selected, they were invited to participate for the run of the show. These extras, called "local jobbers," provided a service that allowed productions to be staged that would not have been without them.

Once, back in those days, I was a "local jobber" trying out for "Androcles and the Lion" by George Bernard Shaw at the Peterborough Players. It was an ancient Roman spectacle with soldiers in fancy uniforms and ladies in flowing gowns, and I read for the comic character "Spintho" and I got the part. One of the other actors that season was young Chuck Morey who went on to become artistic director of the Peterborough Players and now directs at the large, regional Pioneer Theatre in Salt Lake City, Utah.

This past season, Chuck had the chance to bring "Laughing Stock," a play that had taken him ten years to write, to the Peterborough Players for its East Coast opening. Wanting to see him before he got too busy with a performance, Marguerite and I went to the Players very early before curtain time. Just as we got to the theatre entrance patio, we saw him talking with someone. Suddenly he turned, and after thirty years instantly recognized me, shouting "FRED"! I was impressed. ☞

ANTRIM BAPTIST QUILTERS

The Antrim Baptist Church, celebrating its 200th anniversary this year, wonders if anyone has a quilt made by the Antrim Baptist Church Quilters. The church has the original stretcher bars and clamps used by the quilters and it would like to display one or more of their quilts this coming summer or fall. Owners of quilts are urged to contact Dawne Hugron at 588-3890. She offers thanks in advance. ☞

SURVEY
ANTRIM OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

The Antrim Open Space Committee is presently gathering information and seeking input from residents regarding possible future permanent protection of open space lands in our community. We would like your help in prioritizing areas in Antrim that you feel should be protected for their aesthetic, natural resource, recreational, historical and/or economic value. You must be an Antrim resident to complete this survey.

Please assist us either by supplying written answers to the 4 questions listed below, or by obtaining a copy of this survey on the Antrim website: www.antrimnh.org (go to town government and then boards and committees and then open space committee). You can send a completed electronic version of this survey to levesque@inrslc.com. **Please return written answers to: Open Space Committee, Town of Antrim, P.O. Box 517, 66 Main Street, Antrim, NH 03440 by no later than May 1, 2005.**

Definitions:

Open space/open space lands: Any lands not currently developed—may be cleared, forested, or wetlands.

Permanent protection (of land): Legal techniques such as conservation easements and public land purchases with deed restrictions or easements that assure the land will remain perpetually undeveloped or allow only very limited development.

Some of the possible uses of open space are hiking, fishing, hunting, wildlife observation, driving off-road vehicles, farming, forestry, habitat preservation, winter recreation.

1. *Do you have suggestions for additional ways to use open space in Antrim?*

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2. *Do you presently use open space land in Antrim for any purposes? If so, what are they? Where is the land you use? (Either your own land or owned by others)*

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3. *What do you see as the three most important uses for open space in Antrim?*

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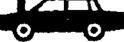
4. *Please indicate any specific areas (or kinds of open space, i.e. farmland, wetlands etc.) in Antrim that you believe should be protected as open space and why.*

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CALENDAR

MARCH

- 2, 9, 16 *Lenten Luncheons* • 12 NOON • Baptist Church
- 8 *Town Voting* • 8 AM-7 PM • Town Hall
- 8 *C.E.N.S. meeting* • 7 PM • The Grapevine
- 10 *Dads' Group* • 6:30-8 PM • The Grapevine
- 10 *Town Meeting* • 7 PM • Town Gym
- 12 *Turkey Dinner* • 5-7 PM • Baptist Church • benefit Tsunami Relief
- 12 *Dance Performance* • The Moving Company Dance Center and the Apple Hill Chamber Players • Peterborough Players Theater • time TBA
- 14 *Managing Anger* discussion • 6:30 PM • The Grapevine
- 15 *Chamber of Commerce meeting* • 7 PM • Town Hall
- 17 *Community Supper* • 5:30 PM • Presbyterian Church
- 25 *Preschool Story Time* • 10 AM • Tuttle Library

APRIL

- 2 *Safe Sitter Class* • 9 AM • The Grapevine
- 9 & 10 *Northern Lights Dance Theater performance* • Town Hall • time TBA
- 10 *Antrim Grange Scholarship deadline*
- 11 *Enjoying Nature with Your Young Child* • 6:30 PM • The Grapevine
- 12 *C.E.N.S. meeting* • 7 PM • The Grapevine
- 16 *Spring Walk for The Grapevine* • 10 AM • Bandstand in Hancock
- 16-18 *Camporee* • Boy Scout Troop 2



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APRIL

- 19 Strong Living 12-week session begins • 1 PM • The Grapevine
- 21 Community Supper • 5:30 PM • Presbyterian Church
- 25 Drop-in Playgroup • 10 AM • The Grapevine
- 26 Vernal Pools • 9:30 AM • The Grapevine
- 27 Play Date with Nature • 9:30 AM • The Grapevine
- 29 Preschool Story Time • 10 AM • Tuttle Library

MAY

- 2 Antrim Scholarship deadline
- 7 Ladies Banquet • 5:30 PM • Baptist Church
- 9 Our Mothers, Ourselves • 6:30 PM • The Grapevine
- 9 Youth Chorus performance • AES • time TBA
- 10 C.E.N.S. meeting • 7 PM • The Grapevine
- 10 Limrik news deadline
- 17 May Day Picnic • 12 NOON • The Grapevine
- 17 People's Service Exchange new member orientation • 7 PM • The Grapevine
- 18 Grange Community Awards Night • time TBA
- 19 Community Supper • 5:30 PM • Presbyterian Church
- 20-22 Backpacking Trip • Boy Scout Troop 2
- 27 Preschool Story Time • 10 AM • Tuttle Library



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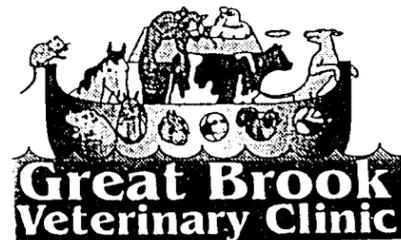
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