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For, by and about the people of Antrim.

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SEPT 17 SECOND ANNUAL HOME AND HARVEST DAY

- 7 AM **Breakfast** at Presbyterian Church \$5
- 8:30 AM **Road Race and Kids Race** \$15 adults; kids free
- 9 AM-2 PM **Arts and Crafts** plus **Flea Market** on Main St
- 10 AM-2 PM Tuttle Library **Open House**
- 10:30 AM **Parade** from North Main Street to the Library
- 11 AM-3 PM **Fun and Games** at Shea Field with DJ "Krackar"
- 12 NOON **The Grapevine Auction** at Touchwood Square
- 12 NOON **Soapbox Derby** on West Street
- 2-4 PM **"Picnic" by Antrim Players** at Town Hall \$12/\$10
- 4:30-6:30 PM **Ham and Bean Supper** by the Lions Club at the Presbyterian Church \$6 adults
- 4:30-6:30 PM **Kid's Pet Show** at Tenney Farm
- 5:30 PM **Bursitis Brothers Concert** at Tenney Farm
- 7:30 PM **Fireworks** by Atlas at Tenney Farm - Donations appreciated

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ANOTHER TEMPORARY FIX NEW SCHOOL FUNDING LAW

By Rep. David Essex (D-Antrim)

There was good news in the education funding bill that the legislature passed in June and which Gov. John Lynch allowed to become law without his signature. According to the Senate's original calculations, Antrim will get a 17% increase in state aid, (an additional \$353,071) and thus a possible reduction in school taxes this December, barring a large school budget increase. Sadly, the short-term gain for towns like Antrim is tempered by disappointment that the legislature has again failed to pass a viable, long-term solution to the school funding problem.

HOUSE BILL 616

I was initially inclined to vote for House Bill 616 because it contains new aid criteria that promise a clear improvement over the current system. The decision became a slam-dunk when the spreadsheet showed that the two biggest towns in our House district would see large increases in state aid (Hillsborough will get nearly another \$1 million), and only one town—the wealth-

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AN UPDATE MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS

We begin with the invisible. Underneath Main Street has been installed an all-new drainage system, paid for by the State Department of Transportation (D.O.T.). Associated with this are new fire hydrants connected to underground waterlines.

All sidewalk work should have been completed by the end of August along with a new West Street foot bridge, improved entrances for both the Post Office and Aiken Street and installation of

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NEWLY APPOINTED ANTRIM'S POLICE CHIEF

Todd Feyer was sworn in as Antrim's new Chief of Police Friday evening July 29 in a crowded Little Town Hall. Before Town Clerk Marita Hammond administered the oath, approving remarks were made by ex-chief Brian Brown (now chief in Hillsborough) and by Martin Dunn, acting police chief and Todd's former superior. After taking the oath, chief Feyer spoke of his appreciation for having been appointed by Antrim's

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GLEANINGS

By Agricola

THE DAM BRIDGE!

If you wander down to the construction site on Summer Street and try to figure out exactly what they are up to, as I have done, you may be mystified, as I was. But then I did what I always do when an Antrim conundrum presents itself, I called my friend Ben Pratt who seems to know everything about our town. He agreed to explain things, and early one sweltering Sunday in August we met by the huge hole in Summer Street.

The most prominent object at the site is a pair of long, black, eighteen-inch pipes running from under a wooden platform in the pond, around the west end of the site, and ending—gushing water—in Great Brook south of Summer Street. This, Ben explained, is a great siphon that keeps the water level in the pond low enough so that work can be done on the dam. Like smaller siphons, this giant works without a pump, sucking water from a higher intake to a lower outlet. (A back-up pump stands ready in case the siphon suction is lost.) The

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"Driving Main Street was so hard until I borrowed Junior's Pogo stick."

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News deadline is the 10th of the month preceding each issue. Issues are published in December, March, June, and September. For the next issue, copy needs to be delivered by November 10, either to a staff member or to the Tuttle Library. If possible please e-mail your article to:

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Gleanings continued

most substantial object in view is the earthen "cofferdam" across the pond just above the old dam. This holds back the pond water and provides a broad roadway enabling trucks and heavy equipment to reach both the east (Main Street) and west sides of the site. When the original dam is reinforced with an eight-inch apron of concrete on its upstream side, and possibly an additional vertical concrete wall as an anchor, this cofferdam will be removed, allowing the pond water to flow over the spillway at the top of the newly rebuilt dam.

If you stand on the cofferdam, you can see clearly the project's three parts: a reconstructed Mill Pond dam, a twelve-inch waterline running under Summer Street between Main Street and Highland Avenue, and a new bridge. Well, you can't actually see the bridge, just the gaping hole dug in the middle of Summer Street that has been excavated to lay the water pipe, expose the downstream surface of the old dam, and allow footing space for the bridge which won't arrive until mid-September. But you can inspect a bridge, looking very much like the one to be constructed on Summer Street, in Hancock. Drive south on route 202 to a right hand turn at route 123 (at a blinking light), and then make a quick left hand turn on Tannery Hill Road where in just a few yards you will find an attractive, prefabricated bridge—the sides of which are made to look like stone—made by the same company that is creating our bridge.

Ben told me the new, larger-dimension waterline is of crucial importance because it will allow greater water pressure on Main Street and improve our fire-fighting capacity. He said that although the three-part project was very complex—much more so than each part individually—the parts were combined to save money, digging one big hole being cheaper than three smaller holes.

Those of us living up Summer Street and on Highland Avenue—and certainly all the school-bus drivers—have begun to wonder if we'll ever be able to drive straight to Main Street without the long detour via Jameson Avenue and West Street. Asked about the project delays, Town Administrator Bill Prokop explained that extremely rigorous and complicated rules and regulations by state agencies that oversee wetlands and dam construction—in addition to bad weather—have set the project back several weeks. *For a comment straight from the horse's mouth, so to speak, I checked with local contractor Scott Burnside who is in charge of the project. He explained that an additional reason for the delay was a surveyor "error in the elevation of the stream bed that caused us to resubmit the shop drawings to the bridge company for design changes creating delays. Thankfully we discovered this error before bridge footings were placed."*

It looks as though we won't be driving over the dam bridge until early November. ☞

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selectmen and his eagerness to commence work on August 1st.

Chief Feyer, 33 years old, comes to Antrim after eleven years with the Jaffrey police force, six of those years as a sergeant. The selection committee felt that he had strong supervisory, computer and administrative skills as well as a high level of professionalism, motivation and leadership abilities. He holds a bachelor's degree from Franklin Pierce college and is presently working on a Master's degree in Information Technology Management for Law Enforcement.

ANTRIM POLICE FORCE MAKEUP

The police force presently includes Chief Feyer, Sergeant Ian Donovan and two part-time officers, Derrick Brown and Mark Philbrick. Sometime in the late Fall, a full-time officer, the newly-appointed Alex Niles, will replace Brown and Philbrick. Mr Niles, until then, will be training at the Police Academy in Concord. Meanwhile, the town is actively recruiting for an *additional* full-time officer.

— D.W.

**A MESSAGE FROM
ANTRIM'S NEW
POLICE CHIEF**

By Todd Feyer

As the first of hopefully many articles I write for the Limrik, I would like to start out by saying "thank you". The support from and positive attitude expressed by everyone I have met so far has been inspiring. It makes me feel like I did when I first became a police officer in 1994. At that time I was a young, eager and energetic person who didn't know anything about being a police officer. Now I find myself just as eager and just as energetic as I was back then. After 11 years in Jaffrey and letting the "common comfort" level set in, I look forward to the next chapter in my career—being Chief of Police for Antrim

I come to the Antrim Police Department on the heels of former Chief Brian Brown. There is no doubt he has served this Town and the police department in an exceptional manner. Although his shoes cannot be filled, I hope to walk beside them and serve you in an equal way. I see from reading previous articles by Chief Brown that he had begun to explore ways in which to improve this agency. One such way is use of equipment called "less than lethal". As he explained, there are times when pepper spray or a baton is simply not practical and there are other methods which are more appropriate. This will be further investigated. Also, Chief Brown had applied for financial assistance through traffic safety grants for the purchase of a speed monitoring trailer. This has been approved and we should be receiving it shortly.

Again, thanks for the warm welcome and I look forward to working with all of you. ☚



Main Street Improvements continued

decorative street lights from the Tuttle Library to the Post Office.

By mid-September the paving of Main Street should be done. Also, brand new street signs will be installed downtown and on Routes 202 and 31 new Welcome to Downtown Antrim signs.

Progress with the long-suffering, complicated Summer Street project is detailed in the "Gleanings" article on page 1.

PHASE II

An additional \$480,000 will be needed to bring about Phase II of the improvement/beautification project. This includes a sidewalk all the way down Concord Street (Route 202) from the T-Bird to the McCabe Forest; then up Elm Street to Main Street. Decorative street lighting would be placed along Main Street from the Post Office to the T-Bird, and a sidewalk/like path would run alongside Route 202 from Prospect Street to Rymes Heating Oils, Inc.

Town Manager Bill Prokop is optimistic that Antrim will be awarded a D.O.T. grant for 80% of the \$480,000 projected cost of Phase II. The town's track record in preparing successful applications for State and Federal grants is an extremely good one. Mr. Prokop expresses pride in the work of the Town office during the making of grant proposals, as well as appreciation for assistance from State Senator Bob Flanders and State Representative David Essex.

— D.W.



OPEN SPACE WIZARD

By Lyman Gilmore

“Wizard: a magician or sorcerer; a person of amazing skill or accomplishment”

My next-door neighbor Melissa Chapman may not be an actual wizard, but for me she fits the criteria. We met over the stone wall that separates our back yards soon after she and Andy arrived in 1996, the same wall over which I learned everything I know about growing squash and beans from my friend, Ray Grant, its former owner, now gone, alas. Melissa is pretty good with squash and beans too, but what got my attention recently is her amazing skill in creating complex, many-layered, highly technical satellite maps of Antrim for the Open Space Committee, an accomplishment that to me looks like magic, if not out outright sorcery.

One sweltering afternoon this past July we sat in Melissa and Andy's new screen porch overlooking their beautiful backyard beds of colorful flowers, ripening raspberries, and incipient vegetables. Asked about her work on the Open Space Committee and how she came to be a member, Melissa said with a chuckle that a combination of professional accidents and serendipity brought her to this committee moment.

The purpose of the committee, she explained, is to provide the town with information about all of its very considerable land in order to plan future economic development and preservation of natural resources. The idea is that before the town can decide what to do with our land, we have to know what we have. While that may appear simple, actually it is very complicated. This is where Melissa's expertise comes in.

For the past six years—ever since she took a 1999 UNH Cooperative Extension course in “Community Mapping”—she has been developing GIS projects for her students at Souhegan high school in Amherst where she teaches 11th and 12th grade conservation biology. GIS, an acronym for Geographical Information Systems, is a computer generated technology utilizing digital data sets that allow one to display, examine, and analyze a particular place on earth—the entire town of Antrim, for example. As Melissa explained, GIS data sets can show various features of the town, such as streams, uncultivated fields, ponds, farms, wetlands, hills, forests, and wildlife habitat, in great detail on an aerial map of Antrim. The digital data for these features may come from topographical maps, aerial photos, satellite imagery, and even Census Bureau data sets among several other sources. It can also display each feature—land cover type (hard or soft wood, for example)—as a separate layer or overlay on the aerial map so that one can view the town in terms of one feature at a time. Using this complex technical process, Melissa has created a series of color-coded, large-scale maps showing where each of the important features is located in the town.

Melissa's description of GIS reminded me of those schoolbook or encyclopedia illustrations of the human body with a series of transparent overlays that show separate anatomical systems, such as organs, skeleton, and muscles. In terms of the maps she has created for Antrim, each one is a separate overlay or layer of information showing the town's resources. About her extraordinary maps—which are as beautiful as they are useful—Melissa says “I'm not a cartographer, but I'm learning.”

Her training continued two years after the UNH community-mapping course with another course on how to map wild-

life habitat. This was followed by a half-year sabbatical during which she co-authored a curriculum for schools involved in the Merrimack River Watershed Project, or learned to apply NH Fish and Game digital technology to the study for the Merrimack River Watershed Education Project, or MRWEP, sponsored by New Hampshire Fish and game Department. (If you talk with Melissa about her work, you are soon swamped with acronyms. She doesn't like them either, but to people in her field, they are handy shortcuts.) The curriculum introduces students to GIS technology and its use in analysis of their local watershed.

Another of her activities during the sabbatical was an on-line GIS graduate course followed by two-week on-site course at the University of Kansas. The courses entitled Extending Scientific Inquiry through Collaborative GIS (ESIC-GIS) involved teachers from different parts of the country in a variety of scientific studies gathering data that would then be mapped and analyzed using GIS technologies. A year later, supported by a National Science Foundation grant, Melissa was asked to return to U. Kansas as part of the teaching staff for the course.

This past year, Melissa's high school students created a fascinating project that demonstrates the practicality of GIS technology. Working from a curriculum she developed to study the decline in songbird population in New Hampshire, the students first mapped songbird habitat in terms of woods and fields, and especially habitat-edges where forest and fields meet. Then they made authentic-looking artificial nests from grass and twigs and imitation eggs of clay which they placed carefully in different habitats. The hypothesis they were testing was whether more predators—fox, cats, other birds—attacked the eggs in one habitat than another. Examining their data (scratches, tooth, and beak marks on the eggs), they discovered that, while songbirds prefer to nest in wild fields and woods, farming and development have reduced the amount of wild land available, thus forcing songbirds to nest in the edges between habitats where their eggs are more vulnerable to predators.

The minutes of the July 12 meeting of the Open Space Committee describe Melissa's presentation of her maps which “included, but were not limited to, a Town of Antrim Base Map, a Resource Extraction Potential Map, a Resources Extraction Potential Map-Timber, a Sensitive Resource Map, and an Unfrag-mented Land Map. (Unfragmented land are large parcels of forest in which wildlife can thrive.) The various maps identified areas within the town that may have the best soils for farmland as well as aquifers, hydric soils, and

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areas for other potential uses. Maps identified areas of timber parcels noting multiple species of timber, but Melissa cautioned that the mapping is about (only) 88% accurate due to the nature of satellite image data acquisition. The Sensitive Resource Map identified fragile and high potential areas for protection, for example, steep south-facing slopes which provide high mast production (nuts and seeds) for wildlife food sources. She identified riparian areas (stream and pond banks) that provide travel corridors and cover for wildlife.”

Melissa explained to me that by the time this article appears in the *Limrik*, the committee will have held its August 9th meeting to draft a report identifying “natural resources and the values the committee has assigned to ensuring their preservation.” Following this, there will be more public hearings before the committee makes its final recommendations to the Selectmen Board

Committee members express high praise for Melissa’s many hours of expert work. Selectmen Ben Pratt and Ron Haggett say that Melissa is very knowledgeable, that she picked the task up and ran with it and did a terrific piece of work. Committee Chair Charles Levesque comments, “She is a wonderful help to the committee; we couldn’t have done our job without her.” Town Administrator Bill Prokop declares that Melissa has been a fabulous member of the Open Space Committee, and she has saved the town thousands of dollars. Other towns in New Hampshire have hired professionals to do what she has done, and they haven’t gotten nearly as far as we have with Melissa.”

By late afternoon, Melissa’s screen porch had heated up considerably, so she led me into the dining room to demonstrate how she programs her computer to yield valuable GIS data. Since she is a good teacher, I was able to catch her drift, but I must confess that the technology left me scratching my head in wonderment. I shall just have to settle for another visit to the Town Hall to look at Melissa’s amazing maps displayed on the walls where you can see them too. ☞

est, Hancock—would see a modest reduction. I couldn’t be a responsible representative without looking at the numbers. Constituents would wonder how their towns made out, and I might be asked to defend my vote. This time, the spreadsheets made the decision easy, but I look forward to the day when legislators can vote on principle, confident in what’s fair and right for all the citizens of the state, regardless of what town they come from.

HB-616 was worth voting for just because of its underlying principles. It takes account of a town’s wealth, namely median family income and property tax base, as well as outsized expenses that can strain school budgets, such as reduced-price lunches and special education. Then it distributes state grants to the towns most in need of assistance. In general, that means poorer towns get more, while wealthier towns get less. Neither is rewarded or punished merely because of their property wealth, as in the previous system. These are major strides toward the fairness and equity called for in the Claremont rulings.

RETAIN STATE PROPERTY TAX?

The new formula also retains a modest, \$2.84 statewide property tax. Many legislators ran against the unpopular tax, and Gov. Lynch’s education bill would have eliminated it. I found such sentiments misguided, simplistic, and cynical. A statewide property tax is a broad-based tax that at least has a better chance of smoothing out the outrageous inequities among towns than the previous patchwork of purely local taxes. It is only harmful if it burdens people without sufficient regard to their ability to pay. Supporters said retaining the statewide property tax might help the bill meet the Supreme Court’s requirement for the state to give some money to all communities.

Ironically, eliminating the statewide property tax would have made the law less sensitive to the needs of low-income taxpayers, since the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program only applies to the state portion of the tax bill. No statewide property tax, no property-tax relief for those who need it the most. Rather than elimi-

nating the program, I support extending relief to the local property tax, which remains the biggest line on our tax bills.

WHAT IS AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION?

Alas, the new school funding law still fails to define the curriculum for an adequate education, despite the Supreme Court’s clear instructions to the legislature. It arbitrarily pegs the cost of adequacy at around \$4,000 per child, barely half of what most districts actually spend. It also leaves most of the tax burden on local taxpayers, thus continuing the inequity of widely variable tax rates, even in multi-town “cooperative” districts like ConVal.

HB-616 was the best bill at the time, but it wasn’t the bill we should have been voting on. Thankfully, an effort is underway to craft legislation for next year that would fund a truly adequate education with a statewide mechanism that treats all the state’s taxpayers and children as equals. You might call it the Claremont solution. It is long overdue. ☞

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By Ron Haggett
For the Board of Selectmen

On Friday, July 29th we held the swearing in ceremony for our new Police Chief Todd Feyrer and Officer candidate Alex Niles. Alex will be attending the police academy in August. These additions bring our Police department staff to three, leaving one more slot to be filled. Our thanks to the members of the Police Chief Search Committee for their efforts in helping us in the selection of Chief Feyrer.

An update on the downtown improvement projects: sidewalks, Main Street drainage, Summer Street water line, decorative street lights, and the West Street walk-bridge were completed in August. The Summer Street Bridge and Mill Pond Dam projects have started despite delays and we estimate completion by late September to mid-October. We wish to thank everyone for their patience with the traffic congestion and business interruptions during these projects.

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PROFESSIONAL PHILOSOPHER FROM ANTRIM DOING PHILOSOPHY AT THE MOVIES

An interview with Richard Gilmore

By Dick Winslow

Richard Gilmore, a native of Antrim and graduate of Conval, is now professor of philosophy at Concordia College in Minnesota. His new book, Doing Philosophy at the Movies published by the State University of New York Press, uses several Hollywood films as material for serious philosophical exploration. During his July visit to Antrim he gave an interview to the Limrik.

— Editor

Q. You once spent two years alone in a cabin on Thorndike Pond in Jaffrey—no running water, only a wood stove for heat. How come?

A. I'd just finished graduate school at the University of Chicago and I wanted, above all, a change. My grandmother gave me permission to use her cabin.

Q. Thoreau did a similar thing when he lived alone in a cabin on Walden Pond in Concord, Mass. Did you have that in mind?

A. Not really, though of course I was well aware of it.

Q. What in the world did you do for water in mid-winter?

A. I bought drinking water and melted snow for the rest. By the way, the toilet was an outhouse in a state park half a mile away. This made life interesting when the temperature was below zero.

Q. Holy smoke! Now may be a good time to ask, what led you into the field of philosophy?

A. At Middlebury College, two philosophy professors interested me a lot. One in particular—whatever he said he always wore a smile as though the whole thing was amusing.

Q. This fits your view?

A. Maybe so. Yes.

Q. Did these Middlebury professors suggest Chicago for graduate work?

A. Yes, They had contacts there and more or less arranged for my admission.

Q. By the way, how did you happen to go to Middlebury College after Conval?

A. Skiing. I wanted to ski, and Middlebury had a great set-up for that. Also, my dad had gone to Middlebury.

Q. Had Conval given you a good preparation for college?

A. Oh, absolutely. All my early schooling was good, including from the Antrim schools.

Q. So after Conval you went directly to Middlebury?

A. No. After Conval I went to Spain and spent a year at a university in the city of Salamanca. Middlebury accepted the credits so I entered as a sophomore.

Q. Only three years at Middlebury then?

A. Actually only two and a half because I spent the first semester of my senior year back in Spain, this time in Madrid.

Q. Why Spain?

A. When I was a kid, my parents took me and my sister Lisa for a month in Mexico and I got interested in things Spanish.

Q. Gordon Webber tells us that you and he used to do lots of camping, hiking and mountain climbing—outdoor things that put you in contact with nature. Do you keep this up?

A. Yes. For example, while I'm here I like to climb Monadnock every day.

Q. Does this tie in with your work in philosophy?

A. Yes. I'm presently working on a book that connects Emerson's thoughts on nature with those of another great American philosopher, Charles Sanders Peirce.

Q. Let's talk about your book *Doing Philosophy at the Movies*. In it, you suggest that all movies, even bad ones, automatically present stuff worthy of the same kinds of philosophical reasoning we find in Plato, Aristotle and the rest. Why movies? Why couldn't you as well find philosophy in plays or novels?

A. I could. But movies are common. Not everyone goes to plays or reads novels but everyone sees movies.

Q. And just what is it that movies do that is philosophical?

A. They automatically tap into the basic narrative of our culture, of us, of who we are. Movies don't *try* to do this; they can't help but do it.

Q. So we Americans share a basic narrative? Is there also one for, say, the Chinese?

A. Sure. And one for all human kind.

Q. Your book includes chapters on *The Searchers* directed by John Ford; Alfred Hitchcock's *Vertigo*; Woody Allen's *Crimes and Misdemeanors*; and *The Terminator* with Arnold Schwarzenegger. Why these particular films?

A. I could have used others but these are exceptional films that give me lots to think about.

Q. Can you pinpoint what you did with them?

A. Philosophy is all about trying to figure out what's going on. I try to figure out what's going on in these movies. Over the centuries philosophers developed sophisticated tools for interpreting things. I use those tools to interpret the movies and write about them.

Q. Would I have to be a philosopher to see what you see in a movie?

A. The real measure of how good a movie is is determined by conversation about it afterwards. To talk about a movie, to try to interpret it, is to do philosophy.

Q. What do you have planned for the rest of this summer?

A. My wife and I are looking forward to a camping trip into Canada's *Quetico* wilderness, travelling by canoe. *Quetico* is a huge area, inaccessible to motorized travel of any kind, containing a series of lakes and streams and portages.

Q. Any danger of getting lost?

A. We have good maps. And anyway, an airplane may fly over once in a while, checking things out.

Q. Good Luck.

A. Thanks.

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**NEW DOCTOR
ANTRIM MEDICAL CENTER**

Ever since Drs. Annika Brown and Scott Jaynes moved their practice to Peterborough last fall, the Antrim Medical Center has been staffed solely by nurse practitioner Chris Jacobson along with licensed practical nurse Michelle Anderson. Now once again we have a doctor in town. Dr. Carrie Klonel began seeing patients in early August, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Dr. Klonel is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians as well as the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians. As a family practitioner, she treats patients of all ages. When appropriate, she uses osteopathic manipulations (hands-on treatment for musculoskeletal problems).

Prior to coming to Antrim Dr. Klonel was the chief resident in the family practice residency program at St. Joseph Medical Center in Reading, PA. She received her medical degree from the University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine and her Bachelor of Science from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY.

Dr. Klonel feels that, along with her training in traditional medicine, osteopathy gives her an ability to make diagnoses "by eyes and hands" that may produce changes to help the body heal itself. She is devoted to out-patient medicine in general, especially as it may involve families.

Nurse practitioner Chris Jacobson will continue to see patients, Mondays through Thursdays. ☞

Board of Selectmen continued

Main Street changes: the Maplehurst Inn has been purchased by Juliet Ermitano, owner of the Antrim Marketplace, and we wish her success in the renovation of this historic Main Street property. The Antrim Mills development and restoration project is proceeding with the inclusion of the four-story brick mill building in the first phase of the project.

Town Planning: work on the update to the Antrim Master Plan is proceeding with the formation of the Growth committee and the continuing work of the Capital Improvement /Master Plan and Open Space Committees. The Antrim Planning Board continues to review and revise Sub Division and Site Plan regulations and committee by-laws to deal effectively with the continuing growth of development in the town. We have applied to the Southwest Regional Planning Commission for a grant for assistance in developing standards for managing highway traffic in conjunction with land development. A working group has been formed to undertake this task.

Primex, the NH Public Risk Management Exchange, in conjunction with the Local Government Center has presented an informational program to all town employees and management with respect to risk management and liability issues, and will be conducting inspections of all town owned buildings in the upcoming months to identify compliance with codes.

We look forward to another successful Home and Harvest Day celebration on Saturday, September 17th. See you all there. ☞

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Prior to joining the Antrim practice, Dr. Carrie Klonel was the Chief Resident in the family practice residency program at St. Joseph Medical Center in Reading, PA. Dr. Klonel received her medical degree from the University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine and her bachelor of science from Cornell University.



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**FOR MONADNOCK COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
HERB NILSON'S BEQUEST**

Herb Nilson, owner of the historic Bass Farm on Route 31 just south of Antrim Center, recently made a bequest of historic proportions to the Monadnock Community Hospital—one million dollars, the largest single bequest in the Hospital's history. Mr. Nilson's support of the Hospital is of long standing.

He and his wife, the late Betty Nilson, came to Antrim over 30 years ago. They were seeking a house that needed to be repaired, and discovered Bass Farm, a place that needed a lot of work. Now, even the casual passerby can see that the place is in elegant condition. What can not be seen by the passerby is that the house contains a remarkable olympic-size collection of clocks, 350 in all.

Bass Farm sits on 15 acres of land, nearly all cleared for hayfields, gardens and lawns, all beautifully kept—a visual gift to its surroundings. ☞

BUMPER STICKER
**WHAT IF THERE WERE NO
HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS?**

TOWN HISTORY REVISITED

“GREYSTONE ON THE ROCKS”

By Isabel B. Nichols

Greystone Lodge, the subject of an in-depth study made by the Advanced Placement History class at Conval, has long been a point of interest to people living in Antrim. From its creation in 1913 to its fiery demise in 1970 it has piqued people's interest for varied reasons. Its original intent was to be a large summer hotel appealing to the rich and famous, built on top of a rocky hill on the border of Hancock with poor accessibility. Its history was well-covered by the students who presented their findings, complete with a model of the building made in tiny grey stones, at the Town Hall on June 21st, to an appreciative audience.

Back in 1913, when the news got around town that such an ambitious project was in the works, blue-collar Antrim had mixed opinions. The majority of citizens thought it was a poor place to try to build anything; Holt's Hill, overlooking Gregg Lake would have been a far more attractive spot for a fashionable hotel, and it was much more accessible with a well-traveled road from the Lake up over the top and down the other side to Antrim Center. As it turned out they were right: the out-of-the-way place chosen by the Big City developer Alford K. Hazzard as a rural beauty spot had too many problems (including the lack of a road from the Antrim side), and Greystone Lodge soon began to founder and eventually sank.

But for the first few years the Lodge offered work for townspeople; first came the construction of the building and the new road (which the town begrudgingly paid for), and then came the hiring of waitresses and bellboys. One college girl who was happy to have a summer job wrote to a friend:

“Last week I worked up to Hazzard's Hotel and I had a great time. It is a dandy place to work. There were three girls besides myself who slept in the same room and we had a circus and a half, running up and down the hall in our nighties at night. Sometimes we ran into boys etc.” Draw the veil...

In July 1913 a special banquet was held at the Lodge for a group of Masons and their wives. Fan Roberts was one

of several local girls who were hired, for one dollar apiece, to wait on table. She writes to a friend:

“The banquet wasn't until six-thirty and lasted until eight. The regular guests have their supper at six but because of the banquet they had it at five thirty.” Hazzard seems to have had a heavy-handed way of dealing with his guests!

Fan continues: “There were nine of us waiters and a table to a girl and each table seated six. Before they sat down we put on the tomato salad which was on separate dishes and we went out to the dumb waiter and called down our salads and I had one on my tray and was helping a girl pull the thing down when zip! Away went my salad bottom up on the floor. Of course we all laughed and they told me I musn't serve salads that way.” All that fun and one dollar as well.

“But I got along O.K. I had Mr. And Mrs. Crombie and Mr. And Mrs. Flint. Some class! I don't know who the other two were but he was some flirt.....He was all soft-soap and called me his 'dear girl' and everything. I wouldn't even waste spit enough to put in his eye to drown him.” (The Crombies and the Flints were local families of substance.)

Local writer Don Madden was a boy of fourteen when Greystone Lodge opened, and he was employed as a bellhop. He devoted four pages in “Parades and Promenades” to his memories of the beginning years and the effect on the community. As a mere boy he was both fascinated by and afraid of “the volatile Hazzard”, and terrified by the “alcoholic chefs waving their razor sharp knives.”

In 1977 Don put some of these memories together with his gift for creating humorous situations and wrote a

one-act play, “Greystone on the Rocks”, which was produced as part of the town's Bicentennial celebration, featuring members of the Antrim Players.

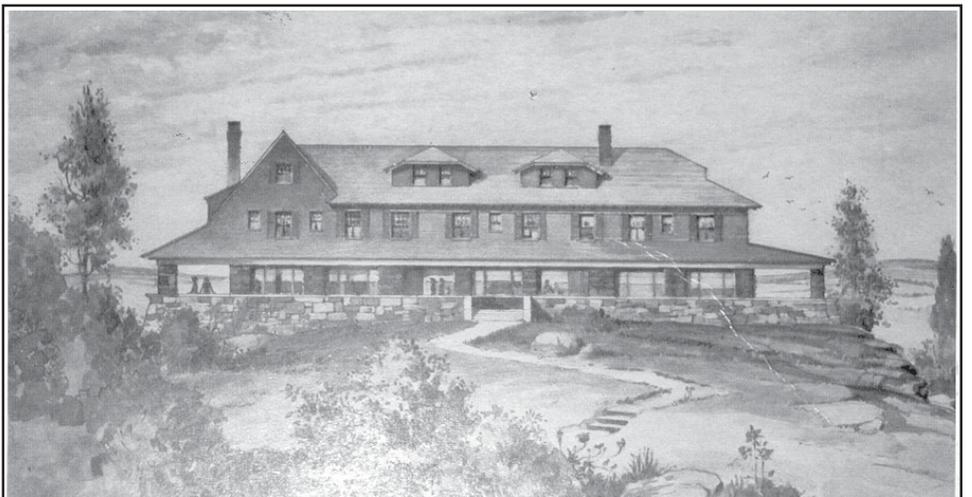
The story revolved around a honeymoon couple who were received with great flourish by Hazzard, but were appalled to find that their room contained two single beds instead of a double one. The groom made his complaint to Hazzard in no uncertain terms, and then the fun began. Bedsprings and mattresses were flying up and down the main stairway in full view of a party of the rich and famous who had arrived for lunch, and to further complicate matters the groom had begun celebrating the nuptials rather early and was soon in no condition to deal with anyone, most of all his bride who left Greystone in tears to go home to Mother.

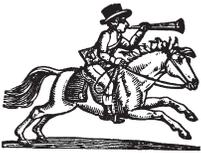
The play was repeated in recent years at a dinner theatre performance at the Maplehurst Inn.

The Lodge had its ups and downs over the next twenty years; after that it was either used as a private summer home by various owners or left deserted and open to the elements. One lovely Saturday afternoon in the fall of 1970 the building mysteriously caught fire and was demolished, making a spectacular scene on the skyline as it went.

In addition to Don Madden's memoir on pp. 90 – 94 in the local history, “Parades and Promenades” (1977), there are pictures of the interior of the Lodge showing the intricate designs made with birch logs on page 68 of “A Stroll Through Antrim NH”, a pictorial history published in 1997.

Greystone Lodge—gone but not forgotten. ☞





NEWS ABOUT TOWN

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

By Missy Taylor

The Master Plan Committee has met several times over the summer, tackling as its first priority the updating of the Town's Capital Improvements Plan. The members of the Committee are Mary Allen, Diane Chauncey, Ron Haggett, Bill Prokop, Brian Sawich, Alex Snow, Missy Taylor and Paul Vasques. Alex Snow has agreed to chair the Capital Improvements section of the Master Plan Committee's work.

Guided by State statute, the Committee has asked each Town department to submit its anticipated capital improvements projects and needs over the next six (6) years, 2006-2011, a request not as daunting as it may initially seem as this is an annual, rolling process. This process, of trying to anticipate the Town's requirements over the long term and budgeting for them, is a fiscally responsible practice that benefits every Antrim taxpayer.

After all departments have submitted their requests, the Committee will thoroughly review the submissions and confer with various departments when needed, taking into account how the requests relate to the recommendations of the existing Master Plan. Once this work is complete, the Committee will submit its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for consideration in the preparation of the Town's annual budget. The whole process will be repeated again next year, each department reviewing what happened in 2006, amending its plans for 2007-2011, and adding 2012 to its new six year plan.

The Master Plan Committee will then move on to reviewing and updating the Town's existing Master Plan. Missy Taylor has agreed to chair this portion of the Committee's efforts. Committee members are already at work, reviewing several of Antrim's prior Master Plans as well as those of many of our neighboring communities. The Committee will also confer with the Conservation Commission, the Open Space Committee and the Growth Committee as part of its efforts to develop a cohesive Plan for Antrim that will guide the Town in its future growth, while preserving Antrim's unique character and protecting its invaluable natural resources. ❧

ART SHOW AT GRANGE HALL

By Janet MacLachlan

The Antrim Community Grange gave the townspeople a wonderful opportunity to see what local artists and artisans are creating right here in our town when it presented its third annual Spotlight on Artists at the historic old Meetinghouse in Antrim Center during June.

The Meetinghouse, which was originally built on top of Meetinghouse Hill in 1785, was moved down to its present location and is now owned by the Antrim Grange. Its members have done much to restore the building and enjoy sharing it with the community. One way of doing so is to encourage local artists by providing an exhibition environment—and what a lovely venue it was!

On stepping into the hall, one was greeted by colorful vases of flowers arranged in artistic fashion and placed to enhance paintings and photographs displayed on white panels which stretched across the room. The atmosphere was very conducive to browsing among the various exhibits and time could be taken to study the different artists' styles and talents. There was also a very interesting collection of old and unusual buttons displayed by Dawne and Louis Hugron.

Over thirty artists contributed their paintings done in pastels, charcoals, oils, watercolors and acrylics. Photographs both in color and black and white were also to be seen. There were pottery and ceramic pieces, and an art form best described as "laminated glass mosaic". All had their unique style. Platters, casseroles and a whimsical but very life-like turtle were exhibited. Some of the art pieces were available to be sold at prices ranging from \$5 to \$2,000 so there was something for everyone's taste and pocketbook.

Beth Merrill and Nancy Crowne were co-chairwomen of this event with assistance from Liz Robertson, Darlene Sweeney, the Thomas Meyers Studio for its display panels, Tenney Farms for its contribution of colorful flowers, and Shelley Nelkins for her flower arrangements. There was a contest sponsored

by Ocean National Bank, Drs. Homicz and Perry, and an anonymous friend. The theme of the contest was a quote from Goethe, "Nature is an infinite sphere, whose center is everywhere". There were five categories offering \$50 cash prizes. It was a people's choice vote so the audience and visitors served as judges.

Category A: oils and acrylics was won by Walker Boyle who has been a resident of Antrim since 2002.

Category B: pastels and charcoal was won by Russ Russell who has resided here since 1981.

Category C: ink and watercolors was won by Giff Russell who has resided here with her husband Russ since 1981.

Category D: three dimensional was won by Diane Gutgesell, Antrim resident since 1976.

Category E: photography was won by Phebe Lewan of Antrim.

The Grange received many enthusiastic and appreciative compliments on the way in which the art work was incorporated into the wonderful, old building, making a beautiful setting and showing off both to their best advantage. In this way, Grange members achieved their purpose of engaging the local community in supporting and patronizing our local artists and at the same time sharing the unique and historic Grange Hall with the town of Antrim.

If you missed this year's show, there will be another one next June. Artists of all ages should keep this in mind and plan on having something to exhibit. In the meantime, Grange members will be on hand for Antrim's Home and Harvest Day in September to exhibit, not art work this time, but the fruits and vegetables of their gardens which could be just as colorful and beautiful. ❧

THE SHEEP ARE BACK



See June 05 *Limrik* article on page 8, "The Sheep at Snow Star Farm".

ANTRIM BASEBALL

By Bob Holmes

It was the first practice for Antrim's Cal Ripken Majors baseball team and also the team's introduction to me as their new coach. When I told the team that we would begin every practice with 15 minutes of exercise, I received nothing but blank stares. No, this wasn't boot camp, but they would get in shape. Over the next months we did endless drills, fielded countless fly balls and ground balls, ran wind sprints and laps around the field. When the season finally started, many players were glad in more ways than one, but unnoticed by them (perhaps because of sweat in their eyes) was the fact that they were getting faster stronger and better.

Then the season began. First a rain-out; then a 5-7 loss to Peterborough followed by a 7-7 tie with Francestown and a 5-6 loss to Dublin.

Our first win was 16-1 over Hancock, but then an undefeated Temple team beat us 15-1. We closed out the regular

season with a tough 3-4 loss to Francestown and a win, 13-1 over Hancock.

Our regular season record, then, was two wins, four losses and one tie. But we made the playoffs and more important we were getting better with each game. We had also found our roles. We had our regulars: Spenser Cook, Emerson Doty, Drew Beausiliel, Matt Busch, and Elijah Johnson. We had our 12 year old subs who could play any position: Jacob Ruoff, Carter Reilly, Nathan Boulé, and Travis Larouche. And we had our 11 year old subs learning and helping out wherever needed: Chris Brissette, Andrew Attridge, Zachary Proctor, Gillan Doty, and Brandon Larouche.

THE PLAYOFFS

Our first opponent was Hancock whom we'd beaten twice during the season but was ranked ahead of us in the standings. Spenser Cook gave us three strong innings, the Larouche brothers got hit by pitches in successive at bats

and Emerson Doty had three hits. When it was over, we'd won, 10-5. Next up was Francestown, the regular season champs. Spenser, Elijah Johnson and Emerson combined to hold them to two runs, while Matt Busch had two hits and the game winner. We won. Antrim was division Champs!

The championship game was with an undefeated Temple team which was steamrolling opponents. Consensus was that the game would be over early, but that's why they play them. Drew Beausiliel started the game with a single to center but was unable to score. Then Temple loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the first but Antrim played tough and did not allow a run. This pattern continued with each team having chances but the other team making clutch plays. After six regulation innings it was tied, 0-0. Finally in the bottom of the seventh Antrim made a mistake and Temple pushed a run across the plate for a hard-fought 1-0 win. ☘



FIRST ROW: Jacob Ruoff, Gillan Doty, Chris Brissette, Drew Beasoleil, Nathan Boulé, Carter Reilly, Brandon LaRouche. SECOND ROW: Spenser Cook, Matt Busch, Emerson Doty, Andrew Attridge, Elijah Johnson, Travis LaRouche. THIRD ROW: Coaches Bob Holmes, Richard Reilly, Wayne Johnson. Missing from photo: Zachary Proctor.

ANTRIM GRANGE NEWS

By Beth Merrill

Antrim Grange thanks the many people who supported its third annual Spotlight on Community Artists including the exhibiting artists, visiting patrons, providers of refreshments, and general hall set up. Special thanks goes to Tenney Farm for loaning numerous potted plants, and to Shelley Nelkens for her beautiful flower arrangement.

Speaking of exhibits, the Antrim Grange exhibit at Cheshire Fair won the top blue ribbon and will be displayed at Hopkinton, Hillsborough County and Deerfield Fairs, as well. A unique feature of this year's exhibit is our marshmallow challenge in which viewers are asked to guess the number of marshmallows in a container and submit their answer online, via the Antrim Grange website: antrim.nhgrange.org.

In other news, several members of Antrim Grange attended the Northeast Regional Grange Youth Conference in

Connecticut this summer. Eliot Davis placed second in the Public Speaking contest, and Beth Merrill won her division in the Sign-A-Song Contest. Meagan Slater and Bobby Varnum were members of the NH drill team, which earned second place honors in a close competition with other teams from the New England/New York region.

Any questions about these or other Grange projects can be directed to the website antrim.nhgrange.org or call Gloria Davis at 588-3208 or Beth Merrill at 588-6615.

HOME AND HARVEST EXHIBIT

What better way to celebrate Antrim's Home and Harvest Festival, than to reflect back to the days of the annual Grange Harvest Supper? Therefore, Antrim Community Grange is sponsoring a Home Gardener's Exhibit, on September 16 and 17 at the Grange Hall. All Antrim and Bennington home gardeners are invited to enter examples of their produce in the Antrim Community

Grange. Ribbons will be awarded in adult and youth categories for vegetables, flowers, and [portable] container gardens. All entries are to be brought to the Grange Hall on Thursday, September 15th anytime between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The exhibit will be open to the general public on Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday from noon until 5:00 p.m. There are four reasons why exhibitors should enter their produce in this event—for fun, the experience, for the tradition and heritage, and most especially—for bragging rights! Who DOES grow the biggest tomato in Antrim? Are flowers grown in Bennington any more beautiful than those grown in Antrim? There's only one way to find out! For more specific details on this event, please refer to the website antrim.nhgrange.org, or call Liz Robertson at 588-2562 or Beth Merrill at 588-6615. ☞

Definitely The Right Choice

Steve, Tonya and baby Gus Dreher, Francestown



“We knew we had made the right choice when we decided to have our three children at Monadnock Community Hospital's Birthing Center. Coming from a larger city, we were impressed with the innovative maternity services that provide a wide range of choices and the home-like, personal setting. All of our requests were met with a 'can do' attitude. Time and time again, the nurses and doctors exceeded our expectations in every way.

But when we really had a crisis — the premature birth of our third child — the whole team came through for us in a big way. After delivery, Gus was stabilized and airlifted to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon. Today Gus is a happy, healthy baby and we love returning to The Birthing Center where everybody genuinely cares about us.”

—Tonya Dreher of Francestown

Call Pat O'Connell at 924-7191, ext 4174 for more information or to schedule a tour.

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WELCOME BACK STUDENTS

GBS will open its doors to approximately 425 students this fall. It's always inspiring to read about our GBS students in the newspaper over the summer to see how they continue to be involved in our community and practice the principles of teamwork through sports programs, swim team, Andy's playhouse, scouting, and community service activities. Several students will return to school early to assist with our new student orientation on August 25th and to help their teachers set up their classrooms for the ensuing year. We are looking forward to their continued enthusiasm and involvement in school and our community this fall and throughout the new school year.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Mr. Pete Ketchum is excited about greeting our students this fall as he follows his former fourth graders to GBS! Mr. Ketchum was hired to replace physical education teacher, Mr. Hebert, who retired last spring after 35 years of service to ConVal schools. Among his responsibilities as PE instructor, "Mr. K" will also serve as an advisor to 12 eighth grade students and will coach one of our boys Soccer team this fall. We're all looking forward to having "Mr. K" in our school!

Ms. Melissa Knight has been nominated to serve as our full-time French teacher for grades 5-8. She will replace Ms. Suzanne Roy who was married this summer and relocated to the Derry area with her new husband. Ms. Knight minored in French at Wells College in New York where she received a Bachelor's degree in Government and Politics and studied abroad in Paris for a semester. Currently she is working on her thesis to complete her Master's degree at the University of New Hampshire. She worked several summers for the Antrim Recreation Department as a swim instructor and coach. Hence she is already familiar with many of her prospective students. We look forward to her energy and the passion for French culture that she will bring into our classrooms.

Ms. Sue Geiger and Ms. Shawna Hagstrom will be joining our fifth grade team to support individual students with

special needs. Though new to GBS, Both Ms. Geiger and Ms. Hagstrom are not new to the ConVal district; each having worked in the elementary schools with individual fourth graders last year. We welcome them among our faculty and appreciate the continuous support they will provide for our students.

Fifth grade teacher, *Ms. Janet Pietrovito*, is not new to GBS but will have a new position for the 2005-2006 school year. Due to a reduction in the number of classes entering grade five this year (4 as opposed to 5), teaching positions at GBS were reconfigured to compensate for this change. Ms. Pietrovito moved to our sixth grade team where both she and several of her students will enjoy the benefit of having a pre-established relationship and the continuity of program Ms. Pietrovito will provide. Ms. Pietrovito taught at grade 5 for the past nine years. Prior to joining grade 5, she taught special education. We wish Ms. Pietrovito the best of luck in her new role.

Ms. Kathleen Bigford, grade 6 teacher, also will enjoy a new assignment this school year as our Extending Learning Program teacher. Ms. Bigford replaces Ms. Frost who relocated to Arizona this summer. Before Ms. Frost left, she and Ms. Bigford developed a new program brochure outlining many of the new and exciting changes to the curriculum and activities that will be offered to our students (see below for details).

Mr. Dave Backler successfully completed his internship with Mr. Nannicelli last June and his course requirements this summer to receive his Master's degree and state certification as a Principal. We are happy to report that he was recently hired as the new principal for the Milan Elementary School in Milan New Hampshire. We congratulate him on his successes and wish him the best of luck in his new position.

SUMMER CURRICULUM WORK

Teams of ConVal District teachers and administrators worked this summer to discuss and revise our district's social studies, language arts and health curricula. GBS Teacher, Sheila Proctor, served on our Language Arts committee

during the weeks of August 8 and 15. Spelling curriculum was among one of the topics discussed in which we will see some changes implemented this fall.

Grade 8 Humanities teacher, *Paul Bolduc* and Grade 5 teacher, *Anne Kenney* were among several other teachers other ConVal schools who served on the district's social studies curriculum committee. General social studies topics were reviewed and discussed resulting in some changes in the units of studies at each grade level, 5-12.

Linda Compton, our school nurse and CFS teacher, *Nancy Blair* served on our district's health curriculum committee to discuss a general vision and goals for health instruction in grades k-12. This committee was established this summer with the intent on developing a curriculum for our students to be implemented in 2006-2007.

A GBS team of faculty members met this summer to discuss revising our student advisory program in effort to allow more time for students to discuss social issues and strengthen communication from school to home. Self-Advocacy, Peer Relationships, and Self-Assessment are themes under which faculty will provide guided discussion for students this school year.

We thank all of our district's teachers and administrators for their hard work this summer!

EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAM

Students in grades 6-8 will be invited to participate in new activities and studies associated with our revised Extending Learning Program (ELP) this new school year. A new partnership was established between GBS and Acting Out—an improvisational theater group. Together, students from our school will work with members of Acting Out to learn about social issues through the integration of the arts and technology, resulting in the production of a videotaped public service announcement.

ELP students will also be offering their services to the town of Antrim after studying Geographical Information Systems technology (GIS). Using GIS, students will be able to study particular areas in town and develop maps for

various purposes. They will familiarize themselves with this technology as they navigate their way through the White Mountains during one of their first field trips this year.

GBS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Council will be in the capable hands of president, *Michelle Ricco* again this year. We invite you to participate in our monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. beginning September 21st. Each meeting begins with a brief business discussion (from 6:30 –7:00). From 7:00 to 8:00 our PAC discusses school topics of interest and/or concern or hosts a guest speaker for a specific presentation. We hope you will make a special effort to attend. Your input and involvement is important to us. ☞

ANTRIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

By Debbie Lesure, Principal

Ah...summertime and the living is easy. I hope that our students have had a glorious summer, swimming, playing, bike riding, and exploring in the out-of-doors. I remember the summers of my childhood—I was never inside. Even rainy days meant a good time to collect worms for fishing!

Childhood has changed and fewer children spend vast amounts of time outside. At Antrim Elementary School we were surprised to discover that many of our students had never been to the McCabe Forest, such a beautiful wooded area right here in town. What opportunities this land offers children! Given this, teachers began to plan how to use this site to foster student learning and support district curriculum. Dancy Bluhm, Micky Johnson and I met with Susie Denehy from the Harris Center and Beth Lesure from Project Learning Tree. Both organizations will work with us to enhance the education of our students!

Summertime...planning and trainings happen. Twelve of our staff, including two from the preschool, were trained in Project Learning Tree. This is a national environmental education program. The organization has created a wealth of materials that

we can easily link to our science curriculum for instructional richness. Educators from the Harris Center will come along with us as we explore the woods in all seasons of the coming year.

A new book just out this spring is titled *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*. Richard Louv, the author, admits that he has concocted this buzzword and it is not a real diagnosis. He states too many children have too little time to interact with nature, even though the natural world is important for their well-being and development. The author goes on to explain this will provide multi-sensory experiences for students, offer opportunities for experiential learning, stimulate imaginations, and enhance self-esteem. He suggests that experiences in natural settings will lead to improved attention, confidence and critical thinking skills. All this and we hadn't even read his book as we began our planning!

Please look for more information as the year progresses. As our teachers expand their repertoire of lessons for the woods, as we take trips to explore, as your children tell you about their learning, listen carefully to what they say. Explore the McCabe Forest with them. Our students and staff are going *questing*, taking learning expeditions into the woods! ☞

75TH ANNIVERSARY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Antrim's Vacation Bible School celebrated its 75th anniversary this past July with a week-long session at the Presbyterian Church. Forty two children and twelve adults were enrolled, with a staff of thirty five to teach classes and lead activities.

A new feature this year was having the meetings in the evening instead of daytime. Each session began with a light meal, followed by prayer, song, and a mission collection. Then participants divided up into various groups.

Also new this year was participation by adult students who were offered hymn singing complete with brief histories of particular hymns and their composers, provided by Pastor Madeline Klose. The hymn singing was followed by bible study.

SERENGETI TREK

The theme of this year's school involved Africa's Serengeti wild life sanctuary. Games, snacks, stories, videos, crafts and recreation all related to it. An overall project was to raise money for an organization called Heifer International which gives life-sustaining animals to impoverished people. The goal was \$150, but the School far exceeded that and raised \$480.

The closing celebration took place during the Joint Sunday morning worship service. Children sang songs they had learned, and a presentation was made to Phil Lang who had been a member of the first Vacation Bible School class in 1930. Following this, one and all enjoyed beautifully decorated cakes organized by Nina Harding as well as samples of the week's snacks—all this in the presence of a continuously running slide show of photographs made during the week by Rick Readel

— Kristin Readel

THE LIMRIK IS ON THE WEB!

The Limrik is now available on the Web. The Town of Antrim has put the Limrik on its website at www.antrimnh.org. Simply click on "New & Notices" on the left hand side of the Town's home page, then click on "The Limrik Online". Our thanks to Donna Hanson, Assistant Town Clerk, for making it possible for our far-flung friends and relatives to read the Limrik online.

WARNING!

INSTRUCTIONS ON CHILD'S "SUPERMAN" PAJAMAS

"Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly."

ANTRIM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

By Celeste Lunetta

SUMMER PROGRAMS IN REVIEW

Antrim Town Gym and the Recreation office were very busy this summer. More than 60 children participated in our various programs, which included day-camps, tennis camp, arts camp, soccer and basketball camp. We had a dance performance led by Jess Lawler from New Hampshire Dance Institute, which was made possible in part by a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts. We took trips to Squam Lake Science Center, Water Country and Big Apple Circus, trips up to Gregg Lake and more! We had a lot of fun, and hope to see our campers come back next year, maybe with some new friends!

ABOUT DAVID COOMBS

A sad note must be included here, in remembrance and gratitude. We had a wonderful tennis camp this summer, ably led by David Coombs, of Hillsborough, and Mason Gloude-mans. David attended a United States Tennis Association training session in preparation for our camp, and then served extremely well in his role as camp director. We were shocked and saddened to hear that Dave suffered a fatal heart attack on July 31st. We are grateful that we were able to have him work for us this summer. In addition to working at our camp, Dave has been a regular player at Thursday night Volleyball, and he will be sorely missed.

UPCOMING FALL PROGRAMS:

After School Programs: The recreation department, in collaboration with Creating Positive Change, will be running an after school program for middle school aged children, this October, November and December. The program will meet on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Included in the program will be a Dance Team, Basketball, Lego-League, Free Time, Knitting workshop, and hang-out time. Watch for registration forms for this program to come out after Labor Day.

The Recreation Department will also be sponsoring after school programs for elementary aged kids on Mondays and

Wednesdays. We will once again be having an **Antrim Children's Chorus**, which will be meeting on Mondays after school. Also, we are planning to have after school cupstacking again this year. Detailed information will be available at the end of September.

Adult recreation programs include: Men's Basketball on Sunday nights; 6pm contact Dominic for more information at 588-3309. Free. Aerobics: Tuesdays 6pm Town Gym, instructor Jeanine Clark Edmunds. Fee. Call 588-3121 to register. Pilates: Thursdays 6pm Town Gym. Instructor Kim Stearns. Fee. Call 478-1117 to register. Volleyball: Thursdays 7 pm. Town Gym

Family Fun Nights will resume in October, on the First Friday of every month. These are always popular during the colder darker nights of fall and winter. The gym is open to families from 6-9 every First Friday of the month.

There will be a 7th and 8th grade **dance** held at the Town Gym on Friday September 9th. There will be a 5th and 6th grade Halloween **dance** at the Antrim Gym on Friday October 28.

We will hold our **Halloween Window Painting** contest again this year. Contestants must pre register, and the painting of the windows will take place on Saturday October 29.

Youth Soccer League: Antrim Youth Soccer is well underway, as we held registrations over the summer. We have more than 100 children participating, with teams for kids ages 6 through 12. This year, our league has joined New Hampshire Soccer Association, an affiliate of US Soccer. We have provided our coaches with training that gives them a G (recreation) license in coaching, and have also held a clinic to patch some local kids as USSF referees! Some of the kids will be participating in tournaments in Manchester, as well as in a fundraiser called Soccer Kicks for Cancer.

Youth Basketball: Our youth basketball program will begin registrations in October. As this program continues to grow in popularity, we are always looking for folks who love the game and would consider coming out to give us a hand. Please call Celeste at the recreation office if you can help with coach-

ing, mentoring or refereeing in our basketball program.

Everyone's Ski & Snowboard Club: Once again this year, we will be forming a ski & snowboard club, through which you can purchase passes to Crotched Mountain Ski Area. Passes are available in a variety of choices, from a 3 session pass with rentals and lesson for \$89 to an season pass at \$199 for under 17years old and \$219 for adults—Family passes, kids 6 and under passes, rentals—call us if you have questions. All ski and snowboard clubs clubs at Crotched Mountain receive a group benefit payback, and all funds raised through our club go to partial scholarships, and also to pay for a coach bus to take us to a large ski resort, in the White Mountains, during February school vacation. Crotched Mountain is making it even easier to register this year with online registration. If you are interested, give us a call, or come to our club information night on Thursday September 22 from 7pm to 8:30 pm. This is a great opportunity, not to be missed. Our club also provides payment plan options, and will assist some who need financial assistance.

We will be offering a community **CPR and First Aid** class, on Wednesday October 26th and Thursday October 27th. The class will run from 6-9 for both nights. Watch the town website for more information.

The annual **tree lighting**, held by Friends of Recreation, will be on Sunday December 4th. This is a day of friendship, food, visits with seasonal celebrities, caroling and merriment. Save the date!

Finally, an important notice that the Recreation Commission and the Friends of Recreation have both changed their meeting times. The Recreation Commission now meets on the first Saturday of the month, at 8:30 am. The Friends of Recreation meet on the first Tuesday of each month, at 7pm. Both meetings are held at the Antrim Recreation Offices in the Antrim Memorial Gymnasium.

For questions about any of our programs, and to keep an eye out for new programs, visit the town website at www.antrimnh.org and click on the parks and recreation link. You can also email us at antrimparks&rec@tds.net. ☿

A TRIP TO NANTUCKET SENIOR GIRL SCOUT

TROOP 1367

By Sharon Dowling
Senior Scout Leader

Where is the summer going?!!! Troop 1367 closed out the year with a final meeting at Gregg Lake and a delicious cookout in June. Then for 3 days in July, five scouts and two adults packed up and sailed (well, ferried) to the island of Nantucket. This trip had been planned for nearly a year, but the money had been saved for much longer. Because of family and community support with the annual cookie sale, the girls were able to make this trip with very little additional cost per person.

The weather was beautiful as the troop caught the ferry at Hayannis, MA. Once on the island, bikes were rented; a few groceries purchases; and off they pedaled to the America Youth Hostel at Surfside Beach, on the other side of Nantucket.

While on the island the scouts enjoyed a tour of the newly restored and improved Whaling Museum, a bike tour of historic sites; walking to many shops and artists' studios along the wharves and in town; and eating delicious food! Time went much too fast, and the group was boarding the ferry all too soon for home. The perfect weather held out for the entire trip, and the traffic was very cooperative—a success all around!

Many local scouts re-registered in their troops during May. Additional times and places to register girls interested in joining or continuing in Scouts will be announced in the coming weeks in the local newspapers. Volunteers are always needed to help with all ages and in many ways. If you might be interested in helping with the local Girl Scout program, please call the Great Brook Service Unit Manager Jeana White-Beihl at 588-3014. ☿

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BOY SCOUTS - CUB SCOUTS

By Brian Beihl

ANTRIM/BENNINGTON CUB SCOUT PACK 2

First fall meetings for Cub Scouts will take place in the weeks of September 5 and September 12, depending on the den. This year's leaders are Yvette Brinkley 588-4513 for Tigers (1st Grade); Cindy Norton (588-4986) for Wolves (2nd Grade), Scott Sleeper (547-8368) for Bears (3rd Grade); and Sarah Edwards(588-6861) & Beth Aborn for Webelos, grades 4 & 5. Returning Cub Scouts should contact their den leader for details on their first meetings.

During the Antrim Home & Harvest Festival, Pack 2 will have a tent set up at the Shea recreation fields at the Antrim Elementary School 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to sign up new Scouts for the coming year. All necessary forms will be available, and leaders will be available to answer questions. Registration for 2005/2006 Cub Scouts will be \$25.00 per boy. Pack 2 will also bring its Pinewood Derby track, and boys & girls of all ages will be able to race their cars during that time, as well as participate in other fun games.

Trip to Battleship Cove, Fall River, Massachusetts. Pack 2 will sleep over on the battleship USS Massachusetts on September 10/11 as the dens kick off their new year of exciting activities. *The Massachusetts* is a decommissioned WWII battleship moored in Fall River, MA, along with a WWII subma-

rine and a captured East German missile corvette. Boys have the run of the ship, eat in the ship's galley, and sleep in the same bunks as their grandfathers and great-grandfathers may have. Cost for returning Scouts is \$15.00, and \$45 for new Scouts.

TROOP 2 BOY SCOUTS

Scouts Attend Camp Bell. Eight Scouts and two leaders attended Camp Bell in Gilmanton Iron Works in early July, where the boys snorkeled, sailed, tubed behind a power boat, hiked 5 miles including a 2,000-foot peak, help to lash a Ferris wheel out of logs, and helped out with the camp garden. Last year's wreath sales helped underwrite the cost of the adventure, thanks to the generosity of Antrim & Bennington residents.

Troop 2 and Troop 530 of Stoddard complete 50-mile Canoe Trek. Beginning in southern Maine, boys & adults from Troop 2 and Troop 530 completed a 50-Mile Canoe Trek. They canoed the Magalloway River, across Lake Umbagog, and finished on the Androscogin near Berlin, NH. Boys on the trip earned the BSA 50-Miler badge. The trip was led by Assistant Scoutmaster Steve Osienski and his wife Linda Osienski.

Troop 2 will begin the 2005/2006 year on Wednesday, September 7. Returning and new Scouts should attend the first meeting on September 7, 6:30 p.m. to plan the trip for *USS Massachusetts* with Pack 2, as well as Antrim Home & Harvest day activities. This year's registration is \$30.00. ☿



UPDATE MAGIC, THE GATHERING

By Kristin Readel

Antrim's Justin Drew is a 17-year-old senior at Conval High School. He will be leaving for the national MTG (Magic the Gathering) competition on Wednesday, August 10th. Justin, who won a first place plaque at the regional tournament, is one of less than 10 out of 400 New England players to receive an invitation. He will travel to Baltimore, Maryland, to play among the best in the country. Justin will spend about a week strategizing with a carefully chosen deck in hopes of placing for some serious cash and prizes. First place could mean thousands and a ticket to the world competition.

Some of our local players have been sparring at home and traveling to Amherst's Silver Dragon for tournaments while our local MTG host, Skip Perry, was on vacation. Best of luck, Justin, from all the "wannabees" you leave behind.

CITIZEN CORPS

By Missy Taylor

Antrim has received a grant of \$15,000 from the Department of Homeland Security to establish a Citizen Corps. These start-up grant funds are available to and administered by local municipalities to better prepare towns to face the threat of natural disaster, health emergency, crime and terrorism by better educating its citizens and by using the skills and abilities of its local citizens. Citizen Corps use these funds in a variety of ways, including distributing preparedness information, conducting local surveys, establishing neighborhood watches and launching a website.

The Selectmen have appointed Missy Taylor as the administrator for this grant. In the next few months, a Citizen Corps Council will be formed to bring together community members to provide educational and volunteer opportunities for Antrim's citizens and to help coordinate the efforts of Antrim's volunteers. The Council will create an action plan to involve the community in prevention, preparedness and response and will identify ways in which the Council can assist Antrim's excellent existing volunteer resources in making Antrim a safer town.

Follow up grants are also available to set up Citizen Corps programs such as Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Medical Reserve Corps (MRS), Volunteers in Public Service (VIPS) and Fire Corps. Further information about Citizen Corps may be found on the State's Citizen Corps website at www.nhcitizen corps.org. ☿

THE NURSE IS IN

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services offers a FREE clinic at Antrim Village on Tuesday Sept 20 from 11 AM to 12 NOON. No appointment 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.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDY BODY PIERCING

By Elsa Voelcker

*Antrim's Elsa Voelcker is a professional photographer who teaches at both Franklin Pierce and St Anselm Colleges. Her work has recently been seen in galleries in Atlanta, GA, New York City and, closer to home, the Thorne-Sagendorf gallery at Keene State College; also Peterborough's Sharon Arts Center. She grew up in Cleveland, Ohio where, at age 16, she became serious about photography when she bought her first real camera. At Boston University she majored in art history and studied with Carl Chiarenza, an important American photographer. At the Boston Museum Art School she worked with Lee Broman. Amongst her photographer "heroes" are, particularly, Alfred Stieglitz and Edward Weston. One may see her own photographs in her book *A Heritage*, at the Tuttle Library as well as on cards for sale at local stores.*

Elsa has a grant from Franklin Pierce College to do a photographic study of body piercing. In the following essay she writes about this.

—Editor

During the past five years, the practice of piercing the body has moved from a small minority to decorative use by a much larger segment of the population. It crosses all generations but is espe-



cially popular with the young. I'm interested in why people do this and am grateful that Franklin Pierce College has given me a grant to produce a text with photographic images, possibly a book, that investigates body piercing and the concept of the body as a canvas.

I am contacting some twenty piercing parlors around New England to find individual subjects for my investigation, then making appointments with them. Each participant receives a questionnaire and signs a model release. The questionnaire asks (a) age of first piercing? (b) done by self or by a professional? (c) number of piercings and sites on the body? (d) are there plans for more? (e) does the subject think piercing is addictive? (f) the reaction of parents? and (g) anything the subject wants to add.

My procedure is to do taped interviews of subjects while photographing them. I encourage conversation, generally elaborating on the questionnaire. From all this, I will choose statements that, in the subject's own words, can be printed along with a photographic image.

I do not know what final results will be but I have broad questions that may get answered. Is body piercing an attempt to connect the self with the body? Does the pain produce a sense of self? Is piercing an attempt to *feel* in a society where people are increasingly remote from one another? Does it have an effect like acupuncture? Does the physical pain drown out emotional pain or does it simply blend in with pleasure?

So far I've found that I'm dealing with sweet wonderful people who open up very readily. They consider their body piercings to be art and they like having their picture taken. They feel that piercings are an important form of self expression.

It is a privilege to be doing this project. My subjects relate to me more easily than I'd expected. I'd thought they might make me uptight and I might make them uptight but that hasn't happened.

If anyone would like to share a body piercing experience with me, please call me, Elsa Voelcker, at 588-6336. ☿

47TH SEASON OF THE MONADNOCK CHORUS

By Missy Taylor

The Monadnock Chorus, comprised of over 100 singers from the Monadnock and surrounding areas, will begin its 47th season on Tuesday, September 6th. This season the Chorus will be presenting Ludwig van Beethoven's *Mass in C Major* and Anton Bruckner's *Te Deum* at the Peterborough Town House in December. These compositions are eloquent and majestic statements of faith by two of the greatest composers of the Romantic era. In the spring the Chorus will be performing Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, always a crowd favorite.

The Chorus draws singers from over 25 towns and three states. Antrim has long been a source of singers: Bonnie Achterhof, Betty Coffin Brooks, Tom Cochran, Bill Harris, Bill Nichols, Dean Proctor, Dan Shapiro, Missy Taylor, Linda

Tenney and many others have sung in the Chorus at various times and served on its Board. The Chorus is always looking for new singers: anyone interested in joining is urged to contact Sandy Jackson at 525-6660 to set up an appointment for an audition on September 6th. The audition is very rudimentary and is used only to establish that one can carry a tune. Indeed, some Chorus members don't even read music but work diligently to learn their music at rehearsal and with practice tapes to be ready for the concerts, so no one should be deterred by the audition requirement. Rehearsals, starting on Wednesday, September 6, are every Wednesday at the Union Congregational Church in Peterborough.

For many of us, the Chorus is not just Wednesday night's entertainment. The music, of course, is a joy and an inspiration to sing. But the Chorus itself is also a family: the camaraderie of a joint endeavor evolves, close friendships are made, and an important part of each other's lives is shared. That we get to experience all this while learning and singing some of the most glorious music ever written is a privilege beyond words. If you're interested in joining, please visit the Chorus' website at www.monadnockshorus.org or call Sandy Jackson at 525-6660. ☞

HELP FROM THE RICHARDSON TRUST SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

By Izi Nichols

When the Parks and Recreation Commission appointed Celeste Lunetta as the new coordinator of programs in 2001, the summer schedule of activities for local children included, in addition to swimming lessons, badminton and volleyball on Wednesday mornings, and sand-art exhibits on Thursday afternoons.

In four years the program of events has increased dramatically to include the Days of Summer Camp during the month of July, which had a staff of six regular and several guest counselors, and featured bus trips to places like Water Country and the Big Apple Circus.

Tennis and Track and Field Camps were held at the beginning of this summer's vacation, and crafts and stories were a part of the August activities. What a wonderful way for Antrim's young folks to enjoy those hazy lazy crazy days of summer!

Celeste is responsible for the growth of the program, but part of the glory should go to the memory of Bill and Betty Richardson, long-time members of the community. Bill died in 1977, after serving his community for many years as tax collector (not the most popular office to hold, but somebody's gotta do it), and on Betty's death in 2000 a Richardson Trust was put into the hands of the local Selectmen. As noted in the LIMRIK in December, 2001, the trust required that the income from the substantial investment be used for a summer youth recreation program other than swimming and already funded programs.

Although Bill and Betty had no children of their own, they were always interested in supporting young people's activities, and in making this generous bequest they will continue to contribute to the summer fun of Antrim's kids.

Celeste says that knowing the commission can rely on this added income gives her the opportunity to offer new programs at a minimal cost to the parents, and without adding to the town budget. Bill and Betty Richardson saw a particular need, and did something about it; further proof that nice folks have always lived in Antrim. ☞

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TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

By Melissa Lawless and Kathryn Chisholm

PROGRAMS

- Saturday Sept. 17 • Home & Harvest Day Open House
- Saturday Sept. 24 • 11 AM Bookmark Workshop with Kristin Readel
- Friday Sept. 30 • 10 AM Preschool Storytime
- Saturday Oct. 8 • Scarecrow Building Workshop
- Friday Oct. 28 • 10 AM Preschool Storytime

NATIONWIDE OBSERVANCES (AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION)

- Sept. 25 to Sept. 30 Banned Books Week
- Oct. 18 to Oct. 24 Teen Read Week
- Nov. 15 to Nov. 20 Children's Book Week

HOLIDAYS

LIBRARY CLOSED

- Monday Sept. 5 Labor Day
- Monday Oct. 10 Columbus Day
- Friday Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
- Thursday Nov. 24 Thanksgiving

ALL ABOARD FOR HOGWART'S EXPRESS!

Professor Trelawney (a.k.a. Kristin Readel) reports that Muggles and Wizards alike joined us on Saturday, July 30th for a Harry Potter party featuring *Fizzing Whizbees*, *Bertie Bott's Every Flavored Beans* and our now famous *Dragon Snot Punch*. For dessert, *Blast-Ended Skrewts* (neon colored sour gummie worms) were served.

Fourteen children, ages four and up, joined us at Ollivander's Wand Shop for wand making, and at the Leaky Cauldron for fizzing potions, face painting, and filling up loot bags. Harry Potter glasses were also made. Believe it or not, Professor Dumbledore himself (Christopher Brinkley) created alchemy designs in face paint! There was a scavenger hunt for dragon's eggs and the *golden snitch*, with Harry Potter trivia games played at various times throughout the party. Being a place of magic, we were honored to have Harry join us at age six (Colin Brinkley) and at age eleven in Muggle clothes (Chris Commander). Director Kathy Chisholm was easily recognized by Potter enthusiasts as Prof. Minerva McGonagall (Assistant Headmistress of Hogwarts' School of

Magic) with a stylish hat with purple griffin feathers.

Several fortunate children have received copies of various Harry Potter books as door prizes, with Christopher Commander as the lucky winner of the grand prize - the latest book, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, hot off the presses.

Chris Commander has since stopped by to share his Harry Potter line drawings with us. They are now on display.

We have J.K. Rowling's *Half-Blood Prince* in several formats (book, CD, and audio tape), so be sure to stop by or call to reserve a copy.

The film *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* is scheduled for release on November 18th, 2005.

OPEN HOUSE

We will be holding an Open House on Saturday, September 17th during the Home and Harvest Day celebration to officially commemorate the opening of our basement stack room to the public.

BASEMENT STACKS

For your safety as well as ours, the non-fiction and biographies have been relocated from the second floor to a new stack room on the basement level. Our concerns about the excessive weight of books concentrated in one small room without appropriate load bearing support have been efficiently addressed. We now have a dry basement with adequate lighting and non-fiction shelf space to last us a few more years. Oversized non-fiction and science-fiction/fantasy have also been relocated downstairs, giving us a tiny bit of breathing room on the first floor. Our area town histories (mostly rare and delicate) have been sequestered to an upstairs supply room. We would be happy to assist patrons by bringing down these books as needed; we desperately needed room for our expanding *book on CD* collection which has been in constant use by our commuting population.

Many thanks go to former Library Trustee Ron Haggett for supervising this project, to Trustees, Selectmen and towns people for supporting the project. Official thanks go out also to library patrons Deirdre Fitzgerald and Heather Lawless, and Trustees Nancy Benda and Janis King who dutifully and diligently assisted staff in moving more than 6,000 books during a three day period

of sweltering heat. We regret that closing the library during that period was necessary and we thank you all for your patience during this renovation.

Unfortunately, our need for suitable space for a Children's Room, an adequate Young Adult Section, a sufficient stack area, as well as the need for an elevator has yet to be addressed. It has been difficult to adapt our beautiful 19th century style building for use in the 21st century. However, at least we are moving in the right direction.

LAST CHANCE FOR QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS

The winning Library Quilt raffle ticket will be pulled on the weekend of the Home and Harvest Days. You will have until that time to purchase tickets which are available at the Tuttle Library for \$1.00 each, or six for \$5.00. Who will be the lucky winner? It is clear that he or she will be the envy of many in town; don't miss your chance!

BACK TO SCHOOL

As children prepare for their return to school, please remember that a *library card is one of the most important school supplies*. Beginning in September, we look forward each year to having the Antrim Elementary School children come for class visits to the library. If your child is in Kindergarten or new to town, we encourage you to sign your child up for a library card. For those classes which do come to the library, we will send application cards home to children who are not registered. Please fill out the cards and return them as soon as possible. We would hate to have any child feel left out.

JUST A REMINDER

We do provide public access to a computer here at the library, with printing capabilities at ten cents per sheet, and high speed Internet. We are also a *hot spot* with wireless access to the Internet for your laptop. We encourage you to call us at 588-6786 to reserve a time slot during our open hours. There is no need to call ahead for wireless laptop access. Our computer is often in demand, so plan ahead.

DID YOU KNOW?

"One out of every six people in the world is a registered library user." (Reported by OCLC).

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“Libraries are a great source for books, magazines, and newspapers that you don’t have to buy yourself. You could save \$155 a year, the amount spent annually on reading, according to government statistics. Libraries are also a great source of audio CDs, movies, and books on tape. If expenses for a movie rental each week (\$4 each), a CD per month (\$16), and four books on tape a year (\$30 each) are eliminated from the family budget, that’s a savings of \$520. Total savings switching over to the library: \$675.” (*Better Homes & Gardens*: December 2003)

An average of 258 library materials is overdue at our library at any one time with an estimated replacement value of \$6,450.00. Approximately 208 staff hours are expended yearly in an attempt to retrieve these items, some of which are never returned.

Our trust fund income is down substantially this year. If we had to replace all of these overdue items, it would consume 2/3-3/4 of our budget.

NEW BOOKS

FICTION: Isabel Allende *Zorro*; Steve Alten *The Loch*; Robin Cook *Marker*; Jon Fasman *The Geographer’s Library*; Charlene Harris *Dead as a Doornail*; Iris Johansen *Countdown*; Dean Koontz *Velocity*; Elizabeth Lowell *Always Time to Die*; Alexander McCall Smith *44 Scotland Street*; Sue Miller *Lost in the Forest*; James Patterson *Lifeguard*; Douglas Preston *Dance of Death*; Luanne Rice *Summer of Roses*; Karen Robards *Superstition*; Nora Roberts *Two of a Kind*;

James Rollins *Map of Bones*; John Sandford *Broken Prey*; Lisa Scottoline *Devil’s Corner*; Danielle Steel *Miracle*; Adriana Trigiani *Rococo*.

MYSTERIES: Susan W. Albert *Dead Man’s Bones*; James Lee Burke *Crusader’s Cross*; Caleb Carr *The Italian Secretary*; Michael Connelly *The Closers*; Philip Craig *Vineyard Prey*; Laurie King *Locked Rooms*; Katherine Hall Page *Body in the Snowdrift*; Sharon Kay Penman *Prince of Darkness*; Anne Perry *Long Spoon Lane*; Vicki Stiefel *The Dead Stone*.

NEW BOOKS FOR KIDS & YOUNG

ADULTS: Colfer *Artemis Fowl: The Opal Deception* (Also on tape & CD); Drake *Dragonology Handbook*; Horowitz *Scorpiia*; Osborne *Season of the Sandstorms* (Magic Treehouse #34); Nimmo *Charlie Bone and the Castle of Mirrors*; Sage *Septimus Heap Book 1: Magyk* (Also on tape & CD); Sands *Egyptology*; Silverstein *Runny Babbit: A Billy Sook*; Stewart *Last of the Sky Pirates* (#5); Stewart *Midnight Over Sanctaphrax* (#3); Stone *Tiger* (“a graphic novel without the graphics”) (Also on tape & CD) Wooding *The Haunting of Alaizabel Cray*.

NEW VIDEOS & DVDs: Dark Crystal; Kate and Leopold; Peter Pan; Million Dollar Baby; Jeremiah Johnson; 2001: A Space Odyssey; Pay it Forward.

NEW BOOKS ON CD & TAPE: Barr *Hard Truth*; Berg *Year of Pleasures*; Brooks *March*; Delaney *Ireland*; Evanovich *11 On Top*; George *With No One as Witness*; McCullough *1776*; Peters *Serpent on the Crown*; Wells *Yayas in Bloom*. ☿

HOW SMART ARE FLEAS?

By Dr. Tom Dowling
Great Brook Veterinary Clinic

Ever wonder why we keep seeing fleas on our pets? Could it be that the fleas are outsmarting us humans? Or, do fleas even have a brain?

Well, we can all rest assured that the tiny flea is not endowed with a brain or even intelligence, but Mother Nature did give it an amazing ability to survive and create all kinds of nasty problems in the process.

Every fall season fleas return with a vengeance, looking for a blood meal so they can go off and reproduce. Fleas are really good at this. Did you know that for every flea you see, each one lays between 20 and 50 eggs a day? Now, if you have pets and find a flea or two or however many, and figure on how many days you’ve been seeing them, and then do the math, it becomes apparent that all this multiplying really add up! This isn’t even counting on the fleas that you don’t find!

Fleas do best in conditions that are warm and humid (Gee, that’s exactly like the summer we’ve just had!). If you’re thinking what I’m thinking, it would seem like the odds are pretty good that this flea season is going to be a doozy.

So, what do we do to prepare for his onslaught? We must flea-treat our pets and their immediate indoor environment.

A vast array of products are available for consumers to choose from. Some of these are safer than others. Many products can be purchased directly over the counter. Some do an OK job, but generally speaking, people find that they are not quite thorough enough to really make a big difference.

Your best source of help and information is your veterinary professional. Now is the time to jump on your flea problem before the fleas jump all over you. That is, if *you’re* smart! ☿



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FARMERS' MARKETS

By Mary Chauncey

Antrim's Mary Chauncey graduated from UNH in 2003 with a degree in Business Administration and a minor in Agribusiness. She works at First Pioneer Farm Credit in Bedford in the winter and at Chauncey Farm in the summer. The Chauncey Farm farmstand is open seven days a week, 10:00 to 6:00, at 3 Old Concord Road off of Route 202. The Farmstand phone is 588-2857.

— Editor

It was 3:15 on a Tuesday afternoon and I was panicking. I was lost in Bedford, traipsing through an unfamiliar housing development with my truckload of vegetables in search of the Bedford Farmers' Market. (I remember thinking, "I hope the owners of these houses come to the Farmers' Market!") The market was to begin at 3:30 sharp and I was in danger of losing my spot in a successful market that had sprung up like dozens of others across the state and the nation. I, like countless other farmers, was attending the Farmers' Market in hope of leaving with an empty truck and a full cash box. I just had to get there!

In the past decade, the number of Farmers' Markets has increased dramatically. In New Hampshire alone, there are now 54 markets. Chances are if there isn't a nearby Farmer's Market you won't have far to go to find one.

Farmers' Markets are mutually beneficial to the vendors and customers. Customers have the opportunity to purchase the best local offerings like produce, maple syrup, baked goods and flowers, while farmers and producers are given the chance to market their goods in a way that is lost on grocery stores and most conventional market outlets. Farmers' Markets also offer the opportunity for growers to educate consumers about the important role of agriculture in the marketplace.

Last year, my mother and I attended three markets: New Boston on Monday afternoons, Henniker on Wednesday afternoons and Hillsborough on Saturday mornings. The differences in the three markets were distinct and sometimes radical. While we always offered the same product (the basic vegetable assortment coupled with our very popu-

lar sunflower and mixed flower bouquets) customer response was different at each market. At our farmstand in Antrim, we have an established and loyal customer base whose taste vary indeed, but we have a very good understanding of what our crowd is looking for. At any given market, the customer base could change from week to week. This is where the marketing gets tricky. By the middle of the Farmer's Market season, we try to have an established "what sells where" routine.

In any case, the markets are an excellent opportunity for producer-consumer interaction. The concept of purchasing a tomato from the farmer who planted, tended to and harvested the fruit is unheard of in today's colossal supermarkets. One fundamental difference between typical supermarkets and Farmers' Markets is that the purchasing process is entirely altered. Customers don't grab vegetables and run for the checkout. Many customers talk to the vendors. I have had lengthy conversations with customers week after week. It may be hard to imagine that there are people out there who don't know the difference between a cucumber and a zucchini, or that some have never eaten a vine-ripened tomato! This "purchase-from-the-source" process that is found in Farmers' Markets is a key to the success of such markets. It is the kind of contact and education that you can't get from the (gasp!) "speedy self-checkout lane."

Since 75% of consumers surveyed said that they preferred to purchase their produce from local growers, Farmers' Markets, by design, fulfill that proposition. Rich Pirog at the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at Iowa State University put it best in a recent article. "People want stories about their food — where and how it's produced, and how it tastes...local farmers know that." Positive interaction between the agricultural population and the fast growing non-ag world is key to the preservation and continuation of agriculture as we know it, in NH and country wide.

The Farmers' Market format is constantly changing and evolving. Many markets strive to engage customers in activities while they shop—market-wide special buys, music and entertainment for the kids. All of this adds to the expe-

rience of attending a Farmer's Market. With markets becoming more and more popular with consumers, many growers are trying to get involved. While it may seem helpful to accommodate all those who are interested in participating in a market, markets can quickly become flooded with numerous vendors with the same goods. I have seen competition become quite fierce in such an environment. Price wars begin and tempers can flare! I have even seen vendors pack up their tent and leave the market—angry at the influx of competition.

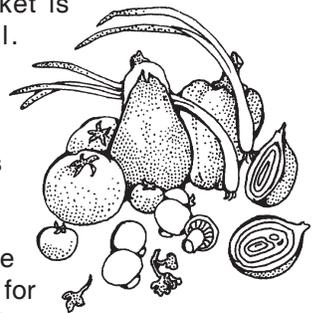
Another aspect of the Farmers' Market vendor variety involves the "craft fair" effect. Crafts vendors can inundate a market originally aimed at providing an outlet for farmers to peddle their goods.

The amount of time that it takes to get ready for, participate in and pack up from a market is substantial.

Even the Hillsborough Market, just ten minutes from our farmstand, is a huge time commitment for us each Saturday.

We always count on having two people attend the market. We have tried going with just one and it is overwhelming. Plus, the second person can act as a gopher when we (undoubtedly) realize that something has been left behind. More than once, we have had our next-door-vendors ask us to watch over their spot as they scramble home for the cash box, the cooler full of lettuce, and bags for the corn. Some temporarily leave bewildered children to man the booth. (I think this might actually be a marketing ploy—who can resist a flustered, red-faced kid trying to sell lemonade?)

My mother and I use our 1979 van to attend the markets. As the summer progresses, we pack more and more things into the van—and not just vegetables. We remember to bring more bags, more buckets, and a better tablecloth. We devote the van solely to markets, which works very well because we don't have to move items from vehicle to vehicle. And we've learned to bring a lightweight table, pack extra and if the



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market is three hours long, to plan on five.

Chanucey Farm maintained a spot in the Bedford Farmers' Market for two years. (And yes, I did eventually learn my way around town.) Some growers produce exclusively for Farmers' Markets and they can pack in eight to ten markets every week. While trying to keep up with our farmstand, we decided to attend markets in which it would be realistic for the market customers to visit our stand on non-market days, I couldn't help thinking, "Wouldn't it be great if all our customers just came to us?" I am still surprised by the number of people who attend the Hillsborough Market that don't know about our stand. Among other things, the market is great advertising for us.

Farmers' Markets are an important and welcome component of New Hampshire's agricultural economy. The overall success of Farmers' Markets is an inspiring symbol of confidence for the agricultural world.

ANTRIM BOOK CLUB

By Mary Allen

Seven years ago, a dozen local readers decided that a great book was worth a great discussion. From its first selection, *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* by Rebecca Wells to its most recent title, Josephine Tey's *Daughter of Time*, the monthly book group meetings have provided a forum for sharing viewpoints on the latest pick as well as a gentle prod to sample something outside the members' normal reading diet.

The group, loosely named the Antrim Book Group although it includes readers from Deering, Hillsborough and Bennington, meets at the First Presbyterian Church during the winter months and at members' homes when it's warm. There's no leader and the only requirement is to have read the book and to be ready to share in the discussion. The one thing that's sure from month to month is that the snacks will be great and the opinions will vary widely.

The group works from a list of book suggestions and sets its own schedule.

The Tuttle Library helps round up copies through the inter-library loan program and current best-sellers aren't tackled until they come out in paperback. Selections over the years have included works of fiction and non-fiction, both recent and from the past.

Kathi Wasserloos of Antrim keeps members up-to-date on when books arrive at the library, where the meetings will be held, and what is being read next.

Busy schedules usually mean a few missing members each month, but June's discussion of Jack Finney's 1970 classic *Time and Again* brought out the group in force (and with a slight delay as three readers finished the last chapter in their car while parked in the driveway).

Thirteen book group members gathered at Diane Chauncey's home on Bridle Road, June 20. They were Mary Allen, Pam Bagloe, Diane Chauncey, Nicki Janulis, Pat Maynard, Helene Newbold, Mary Payne, Dotti Penny, Martha Pinello, April Sullivan, Anita Vacca, Kathi Wasslerloos, and Ruth Zwirner.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

588-2209

Rev. Peggi Kephart Boyce

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

Service schedule as of Sept 11

(nursery available for 4-year olds and under)

Communion celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

AA Meetings on Sundays at 7:00 PM

NA Meetings on Wednesday – Sept 7 and Sept 14 at 7:30 PM

NA Meetings on Tuesdays beginning Sept 20 at 7:30 PM

Spectrum Art Association meets Thursday mornings 9:00 AM – NOON

LOGOS Training School Sept 9 – 11. Please call the office for times and information.

LOGOS meets every Wednesday beginning Sept 21 at 3:45 PM

• **Sept 15 • 5:30 PM Community Supper**

• **Sept 17 • Home & Harvest Day**

Breakfast • 7:00 AM

Spectrum Art Association Sale • 9 AM–2 PM

Church Yard Sale • 9 AM – 2 PM

Lions Club Ham & Bean Supper • 4:30 PM

• **Sept 18 • Rally Sunday** Sign your children up for Sunday School

• **Oct 20 • 5:30 PM Community Supper**

• **Nov 17 • 5:30 PM Community Supper**

Revival Shop quality used clothing Saturdays 10 AM–4 PM

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Main Street, Antrim

464-2701

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

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

• **Sept 11 • 10:30 AM Sunday School Rally Day**

• **Sept 17 • Home & Harvest Day**

Church Fair • Tag Sale • Refreshments

“Quilters Exhibit” • 9 AM – 1 PM

• **Oct 22 • 5 – 6:30 PM Harvest Supper** Adults \$7, Children (5-12 yrs) \$4, Family maximum \$25

• **Oct 22 • Auction (Preview at 6:45 PM First Bids at 7 PM)** Gift certificates, crafts, brand new items

• **Nov 12 • 5:30 PM Anniversary Celebration Banquet** All invited. Call 588-6614 to make required reservations.

BENNINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

588-2398

Rev Dan Poling

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

SAINT PATRICK CHURCH

10 Greenfield Rd, Bennington

588-2180

Rev. Richard A. Smith

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:15 PM

Sunday 8 & 10:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 1/2 hour before all weekend masses and by request.

Baptism: By appointment

Marriage: Couple should make arrangements six months prior to the wedding

Sacrament of the Sick: Please notify the priest at the Rectory if someone is sick in the hospital or confined at home. Call 588-2180.

NEWS FROM THE ANTRIM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By Brian Beihl

The ACC invites Antrim residents to sign up for a free email service that will broadcast time-sensitive information about Antrim events and activities. Sign up is available at the Chamber's web site, www.AntrimCC.com/AntrimInfo.html. This list will be used for such events as the Antrim Home & Harvest Festival, town-wide meetings, community suppers, Chamber & other non-profit events, updates on Main Street construction, Recreation Department events, Antrim in the Evening dates and other information of general interest to the community. No names or addresses are being collected, just email addresses. Any resident wishing to remove their email may do so at the ACC web site at any time. Organizations wishing to send out an announcement may email the Chamber at chairman@antrimcc.com, or see details on the ACC web site. Any other questions regarding Antrim Info or the Antrim Chamber of Commerce may be directed to Brian Beihl, 588-8300.

LOCAL BUSINESS BROCHURES

A brochure rack was recently set up in Ocean National Bank featuring brochures from ACC members. The brochures are designed to highlight the full range of services that Antrim Chamber members provide. Stop by and pick some up!

MAP & DIRECTORY

Thanks to resident Melissa Chapman, the ACC finally has a digital map around which the Chamber's local business map & directory will be built. The directory will include only Chamber members, so if you want to be a part of it, you must join the ACC! Stop in and see ACC treasurer Ericka Leonard (Ocean National Bank), or call vice-chair John Robertson, Contoocook Valley Insurance, 588-6106 for more information.

SOAPBOX DERBY

Kids: Get those Soapbox Derby cars ready! The ACC will host the Soapbox derby this year September 17 on West Street at noon during the Antrim Home & Harvest festival. Contact Brian Beihl at 588-8300 for more information, watch the local papers, or log on the the Chamber web site for details. ☞

**HOME & HARVEST DAY
PARADE**



Folk Tales
ANTRIM HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1955 50TH REUNION

By Edwin Roberts

The Antrim High School class of 1955 celebrated its 50th reunion on June 25 at the home of Truman “Hop” and Diane Sizemore, Goodell Road, Antrim.

Present, of the original 12 graduates were Truman “Hop” Sizemore, Diane (Cutter) Sizemore, Carolyn (Wallace) Gilmore, Gail (Whittemore) Sawyer, Priscilla (Paige) Walton, Betty Brown, Patricia (Ring) Leonard, Charlie Wood and Edwin Roberts.

Also present were two former teachers, Music teacher Isabel Nichols, and Commercial Subjects (and sometimes American History) teacher, Ruth Gerini. Ms Nichols donated a scrap book pertinent to the class of ‘55, filled with pictures and programs for concerts and variety shows of the period.

Not present, but much in our memories and discussions were Elizabeth (Lang) Mandino and Ralph “Buddy” Whitcomb. Jeannette Miner is deceased.

The class of ‘55 was extraordinary in many ways, but especially was it known for its unanimous support of radical ideas. The class of ‘55 was the first to order class rings without a stone—instead, three different kinds of gold. Having tested the waters with that breakthrough, a truly radical shift came when the class elected to design its own yearbook. Class artist “Buddy” Whitcomb designed the cover based on the class slogan “The High and the Mighty” (modestly appropriated from a film and popular song of the time) as well as additional artwork throughout the book.

An extraordinary event of the senior year was a one-week trip to New York City. Funded by myriad cake sales, and even raffles of car tires, we spent spring vacation in a hotel on 3rd Avenue in Manhattan and enjoyed excursions to Radio City Music Hall, Eddie Condon’s club on Washington Square, Greenwich Village, Victor Borge’s one man show on Broadway and the night club act at the Copa Cabana, starring Sophie Tucker—Carolyn Gilmore can still quote dialog from Ms Tucker’s performance!

Unconfirmed reports have it that Pat Ring and Edwin Roberts were seen dancing around a lamppost on 3rd Avenue, and that Edwin, upon hearing a fire siren in the busy street, called the hotel switchboard demanding to know where the fire was, much to the delight of Antrim telephone operator, Jane Pratt, one of the chaperones on the trip.

The self-sufficient “farms and factories” small New England town of Antrim was our crucible. We tasted our early victories as well as first disappointments in the various grades of the school on Main Street, a frame building in the shape of an airplane with a very shaky fire escape clinging to its rear.

In fourth grade, Betty Brown and “Hop” Sizemore joined us by bus from the North Branch School which had been closed. In fifth grade, Gail Whittemore and Edwin Roberts joined us having been promoted over the fourth grade due to Superintendent McCormick’s progressive ideas.

We had been promised a new elementary school at the top of Summer Street which was to have been completed in time for our sixth grade matriculation. Alas, it was not to happen (though it was completed subsequently), and we stayed

in the old building throughout our elementary and secondary educations.

As compensation, however, we did get to shake hands with Governor Sherman Adams on the sixth grade trip to Concord.

About this time, the hot lunch program was introduced. This involved walking to dining facilities, at first to what is now the American Legion hall on West Street, and later to the Odd Fellows hall on Main Street. These noontime rain or shine hikes served to develop our already significant social skills, skills which were further enhanced not only through sports, but with extra-curricular activities ranging from evening rehearsals for plays and musical shows in the Town Hall to dancing at the Antrim dump under a full moon with car doors and windows wide open and radios blaring.

At the reunion, Betty Brown and “Hop” Sizemore (from North Branch) admitted that they were not permitted to go to Antrim village on Friday and Saturday nights—Antrim village was considered too worldly!

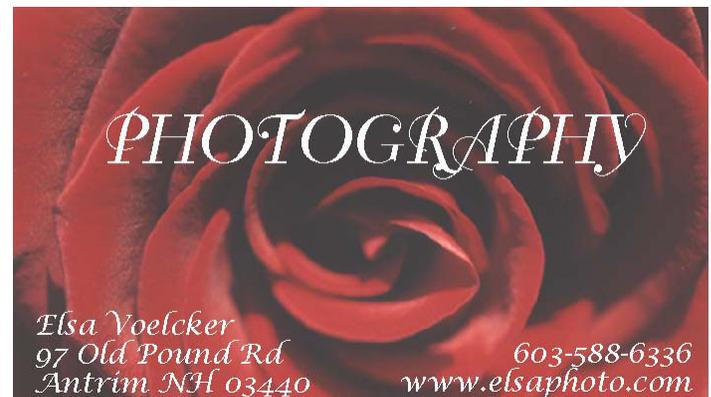
Aside from the reminiscing about the past, the time of the reunion was spend catching up on the important of life, children, grandchildren, careers, jobs, loves and losses—but ultimately, looking ahead with glasses raised high in a toast “to the next 50 years!”

AN APPRECIATION
ANTRIM IN THE EVENING

By Kristin Readell

This past summer’s free concert series in Memorial Park was delightful. It was produced by Brian Murphy who took over last year after Jonas Taub had initiated and made famous the Wednesday evening series. Brian, himself an accomplished musician, has highlighted local artists. It has been exciting to see the talent that exists in our area and rewarding to experience a wide variety of music styles.

Memorial Park in the summer is a fine place to meet neighbors and old friends. Some well-seasoned fans pack beautiful picnics, others get take-out from Rick and Diane’s. It’s always interesting to see the latest in lawn chairs and picnic blankets as well. When children aren’t dancing, they’re usually rolling down the grassy hill near the basketball court. My family has fond memories of concerts with OMa and OPa, fishing a little friend out of the pond and seeing beautiful evening skies over Town Hall. Ah, to pause and breathe in small-town summer—the bug spray, the sunscreen...



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MORGAN CHASE ANTRIM MAN ON JEOPARDY!

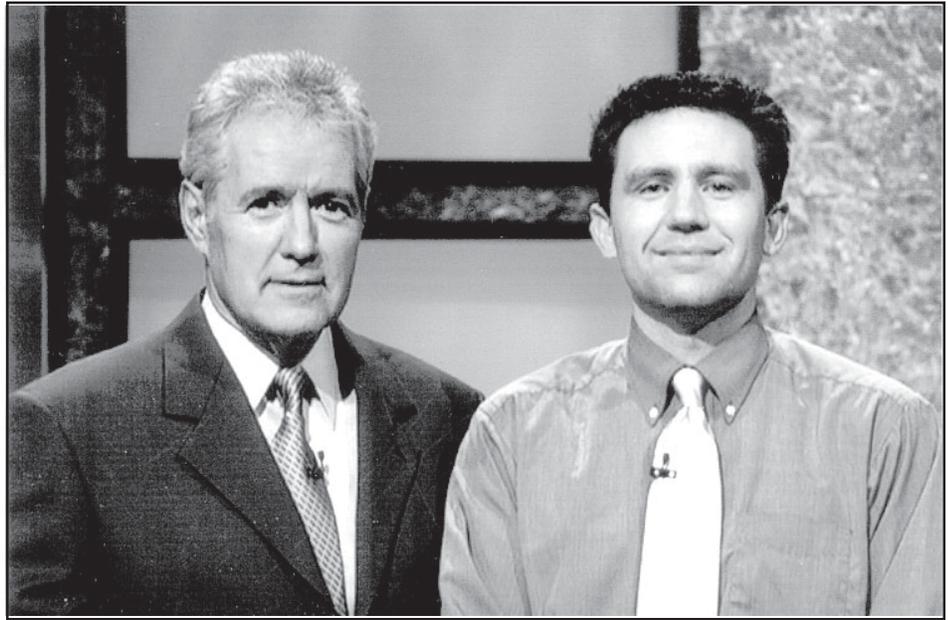
By IZI NICHOLS

Morgan Chase, who lives at Butterfield Farm on Clinton Road, did indeed become a Jeopardy! champion. He was seen on TV on June 24th and 27th by many local devotees of the program as well as 12,000,000 viewers around the country.

The experience, he says, was gratifying in several ways, not the least of which was monetary. But how does one prepare for such an answer-and-question game? The key word is game; Morgan doesn't pretend to be an expert in every category that might come up, but he is a sharp game-player.

"I don't know anything about Popes", says he, "but when the clue asking for a Pope's name contained the word 'blanket', I figured there might have been a Pope Linus sometime, and I was right." (The reference is to the Charlie Brown comic strip.)

He's been playing word games "since forever", and Trivial Pursuit and Pictionary are favorite family games. While he was a student at UNH in the early '90s he began a long association with the Princeton Review, a private resource for students applying to college. Starting out as a part-time tutor he later advanced to



Alex Trebek with Morgan Chase

working full time in New York City where he wrote study guides and practice tests, as well as a vocabulary book.

Thinking like a test writer was his best preparation for competing on Jeopardy!, and watching the show beforehand he made note of how the material was presented. Always on the lookout for clues, he was surprised at how often he came up with right questions to answers in categories that were strange to him. That's known as gamesmanship.

When asked if his earlier experiences on the Antrim Town Hall stage and with the Conval Drama Club was of any help in making a TV appearance he replied, "Yes; I was nervous thinking about going on, but once the taping started I forgot about the audience (in the studio and all of those people Out There!), and just focused on the game."

Judging from his relaxed performance he was very much at home on the Big Time stage. ☿

Home and Harvest Day continued

Antrim's second annual Home and Harvest Day on Saturday, September 17 promises to be a great one. Much planning has gone into making this second Home and Harvest Day even better than last year's.

It begins with a 7:00 AM breakfast put on by the Presbyterian Church. There's a \$5 fee. At 8:30 there will be a road race for all ages, adults to run a 3-mile course out West Street to Old Hancock Road, down Pleasant Street and finishing at the bandstand. There's a \$15 entry fee for adults. The Kids Race is free, to be run over a 1/2-mile course with prizes for all. Info at 588-2086.

Main Street will be busy from 9-12 with exhibits of Arts and Crafts as well as a Flea Market. (Info at 588-4106).

The Parade at 10:30 AM will be led by the Shriners' Band and will include homemade floats, fire truck, various entertainers, etc. We'd love to have more floats this year (call 588-2886 for information). There will be prizes for top floats.

The Soap Box Derby at 12 NOON on West Street will be judged with the use of an Antrim Police radar gun. It's always fun and impressive to see how creative kids can be in building their race cars. Information at 588-2124.

The Grapevine Family Center will hold its Auction right in the middle of it all, at Touchwood Square at noon. This is always a great fund raiser for a great organization. (Call 588-3841 for more information).

From 11 AM to 3 PM there will be Fun and Games for kids on Shea Field next to the Antrim Elementary School. The doings will be assisted by the DJ, Krackar.

For the first time, the Antrim Players will be offering a play as part of our festivities. At 2 PM in Town Hall, the Players will be performing "Picnic" by William Inge. Tickets are \$12 and \$10; reservation may be made at 588-3403.

Between 4:30 and 6:30 there will be a Ham and Bean supper put on by the Lions Club at the Presbyterian Church. You can eat at the church or take it out to the Tenney Farm where there will be a Kids Pet Show. (For info 588-2020)

At 5:30 the Bursitis Brothers will put on a free concert at the Tenney Farm to get us all warmed up for the 7:30 fireworks. (Donations for the fireworks are appreciated.)

For general information call Rick Davis at 588-3388.

THE GRAPEVINE

By Kristen Vance, Director

Although summer at The Grapevine is but a fond memory, you can get a taste of our summer adventures when you visit www.AntrimNH.org and click on community resources, where you'll find fun photos of kids learning about our natural environment and their place in it. You will also find the list of people who supported The Grapevine with a financial contribution during last year's fundraising appeal, raising over \$8,000! Thanks to generous donors and volunteers, The Grapevine continues to promote the health and well-being of families and our community through education, support and the sharing of resources.

We at The Grapevine look forward to welcoming back families and meeting new people as our fall programs begin. This fall we are happy to host an 8-week parenting course led by author and parent educator Bonnie Harris, the Strong Living exercise program for older adults, and a People's Service Exchange New Member Orientation in September, among many other things. Please see program descriptions following our schedule of weekly programs for young children and their parents.

The Grapevine's fall session begins September 6, and parents are encouraged to call about playgroups and "baby group," as there may still be spots available. The Aiken Street Barn, where The Grapevine is located, is fully accessible, and we welcome children of all abilities and learning styles.

- Monday, Tuesday & Thursday — 9:30 to 11:30 — Better Beginnings playgroup
- Monday — 3:30 to 5:00 — Teen and Young Parents playgroup
- Wednesday & Friday — 9:00 to 11:30 — The Learning Vine
- Friday — 10:00 to 11:30 — Better Beginnings for Babies

Better Beginnings for children 18 months through 5 years:

The focus of the children's program is on language and social skills development in a fun, nurturing and supportive environment. Our early childhood educators and trained volunteers provide gentle guidance and support as children enjoy imaginative and dramatic play, outdoor time, arts and crafts, and sensory play (sand, water, play dough, etc.). Circle time with songs, finger plays and stories, and a nutritious snack complete the morning.

Some parents choose to stay in the play areas with their children, while others put their feet up in the parent room for some "adult time." Parents meet with Sydney Wilson-Smith, our parent group facilitator, and other area professionals to talk about child- and family-centered topics such as child development, positive discipline, toilet training, stress reduction and communication.

Better Beginnings for Babies: Last year's babies grew up and moved on to playgroups, and so we are forming a new "baby group" for infants and parents. Expectant parents are welcome, too. Beth Bradford, one of our early childhood educators, will offer various options for guest speakers and topics, such as nutrition, infant massage, caring for yourself while you care for your baby, attachment, simple toys, and reading to your baby. Parents have found this group a great opportunity to meet other parents while their babies make their first friends.

The Learning Vine: This fall, The Learning Vine will enter its sixth year with teacher Carol Lunan M.Ed. The Learning Vine, a parent-initiated, parent-cooperative early childhood program, offers young children hands-on classroom learning and develops social skills that help prepare children for Kindergarten. Several parents have found that The Learning Vine is a good complement to home schooling, as well.

Teen and Young Parents: If you are a teen or young parent (in your 20s) and you think you might like to get together with other parents your age while your child plays, please give us a call at The Grapevine or drop in Monday afternoons at 3:30pm. An informal group of young parents and their children meet weekly at The Grapevine to talk about the unique joys and challenges of young parenthood. Parenting resources and classes are available to interested parents.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Hawkwatching for Preschoolers and Parents — Thursday, September 8 — Join Learning Vine Teacher Carol Lunan and Harris Center Teacher/Naturalist, Susie Spikol for a morning of scanning the skies for hawks, eagles and falcons. Come with your 4 or 5 year old and learn how to soar like an eagle and hunt like a hawk. We will keep our eyes focused on the greatest show in the sky, the annual hawk migration. Meet at Miller State Park's Hawk-Watching Station. Call the Harris Center at 525-3394 ext 111 or the Grapevine at 588-2620 to register and for time and directions. Free Family Program!

Healthy Anger Management — a 3-week series with Dr. Celia Oliver beginning September 12. Discussions will include the benefits and drawbacks of anger, understanding your personal triggers for anger, exploring how your "anger style" can work with that of your child or partner, and productive ways to manage and express anger. We will practice healthy anger management skills that work for you, and skills you can teach your children.

Sessions run from 4 to 5pm. Onsite childcare is available for the first 10 children whose parents enroll. The fee for the 3-week series is \$20. Full and partial scholarships are available. As with all programs at The Grapevine, no family is excluded due to inability to pay.

"Getting to the Core of it" — an 8-week parenting series with author and parent educator Bonnie Harris beginning September 29. Are you worried that your parenting is inconsistent? Do you waffle between leniency and strictness depending on how you feel? Do you find that you doubt your parenting choices more often than not? Parenting becomes much easier when we have a core philosophy—a set of standards—from which we make our parenting decisions. That philosophy becomes our beacon to light the way when we are faced with parenting dilemmas.

This course will examine and debate the principles of Core Parenting. You will come away with a philosophy that you design that will guide you in your decisions, give you the foundation from which to make consistent choices and serve the needs of both you and your child.

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Classes run from 9:30 to 11:30. Onsite playgroup is available for the first 12 children whose parents enroll. The fee for the class is \$95 for 8 weeks. Full and partial scholarships are available. As with all programs at The Grapevine, no family is excluded due to inability to pay.

Second Mondays, 6:30-8pm at The Grapevine

September 12 — Money Management, Making the most of your financial future—with **Maureen vonRosenvinge, Financial Advisor with Waddell and Reed.**

No matter where you stand on the road of life, it is important for everyone to understand it is never too early or late—and it is always possible—to successfully plan your financial future.

You work hard for your money but does it work for you? No matter how much or how little money you have the methods for making your money work most effectively will be presented. We will discuss “What Ifs,” planning for emergencies and setting your personal financial goals. Other topics covered will include discussions on budgeting and identifying the three worst enemies of money. Other topics of interest to the group can be addressed. (Maureen is a Frankestown resident.)

October 10th—Topic to be determined—We’re considering a discussion about “bullying,” possibly to include Dreikur’s “goals of misbehavior” and the role of community. If you have ideas about that or suggestions about other topics, please call Kristen Vance.

November 14th— For Parents of Teens and Pre-Teens— Elizabeth Licht, a family therapist who works with teens and their families, will be on hand to answer questions about raising teens and adolescents.

About Second Mondays: Walk-ins are welcome to the Second Mondays discussions, but we encourage people to call The Grapevine to sign up in advance. On-site childcare can be available for participants who sign up two weeks before the discussion. Have an idea for a discussion? Give us a call!

People’s Service Exchange Orientation September 20

Join us for our fall Exchange gathering, for people who are interested in joining and for members who would like to get together, share trading experiences and have some fun! Members of the Exchange trade their skills and services for “time dollars,” which they then use to purchase services from other members. It’s a great way to get the help you need, share your skills with others, and meet great people. The meeting begins at 7pm at The Grapevine and, as with any good gathering, we will have refreshments.

Community Wood Bank

The community wood bank, located at The Aiken Street Barn and coordinated by The Grapevine, needs donations of firewood and volunteers to cut, split and stack wood. Last winter the wood bank donated over 14 cords of wood to 19 local individuals and families who ran out of firewood and could not afford to buy more.

We hope to erect a simple wooden structure on the Barn property this fall to shelter the wood from the snow. We could use help with that, and one or two more people handy with a chainsaw this year. Many Great Brook School students and a smaller number of adults worked on the wood bank last year. Call The Grapevine at 588-2620 if you would like to help.

WE MET THE CHALLENGE!

Several Grapevine supporters responded to an anonymous challenge to raise \$5,000 for The Grapevine endowment, which the anonymous donor then matched with a \$5,000 to The Grapevine’s general fund. The people who responded to the challenge with a contribution are: Norma Bryer, Ben Pratt, Ocean National Bank, Dr. Greg & Sissel Perry, Lew Feldstein, Billy Horton & Robin Gregg, Laura & Keith Akerley, Neil & Peggy Sharby, Kevin’s Electric, Lyman & Cynthia Gilmore, Andrea Gilbert & Wendell Smith, Dick Winslow, Bill Prokop, Helen Davis Johnston, Rod & Ruth Zwirner, John & Mary Fleischman, Sam & Catrina Young, Arthur & Ann Allison, Althea Ullman, John & Charlotte Goodhue, Joyce Davison and Bob & Sarah Edwards.

The Grapevine endowment was established with Monadnock Community

Foundation in 2003 with an initial principle of \$17,000. The original contributors were Ben Pratt and Wayno Olson of Antrim, John and Judith Vance Peterborough, and The Gilbert Verney Foundation. The purpose of the endowment is to help ensure the long-term financial viability of The Grapevine through annual endowment distributions as well as providing an emergency reserve fund. The Grapevine currently receives an annual distribution equivalent to about 4.5% of the principle—this year’s distribution was just under \$1,000.

The current value of the endowment is \$28,000. The capital goal of The Grapevine board of directors is to have a total of \$50,000 either in the endowment or bequeathed to it by the end of 2006. Grapevine board member Ben Pratt notes that “the community’s response to this recent challenge goes a long way toward assuring that this goal will be met.”

DAD’S GROUP

Fathers of young children are meeting at The Grapevine on a Saturday morning in October (date and time to be announced) to talk about their kids, the ever-changing roles of fathers, and whatever else comes up. Our parent educator, Sydney Wilson-Smith, will facilitate the discussion. Walk-ins are welcome. On-site childcare can be available for parents who call two weeks before the meeting.

STRONG LIVING FOR SENIORS STARTS SEPTEMBER 20

Call now to reserve your space, as enrollment is limited to 12 people. Strong Living is a 12-week community-based strength training program for adults age 50 and older, created by physiologists from Tufts University. Twenty four people participated over the last year, and the vast majority found it invigorating and a great way to meet people.

ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION— SEPTEMBER 17 AT NOON

The Grapevine’s 6th Annual Benefit Auction will be held on Home and Harvest Day, September 17, from noon to 2pm. Marcia Leizure of Withington Auctioneers is once again donating her time and exceptional auctioneer talents. We welcome donations of art, crafts, new

and gently-used household items (no appliances or clothing, please), antiques, barn and attic treasures, gift certificates and services. Thank you for helping to make this our most successful auction yet!

THANK YOU

- Antrim Flooring and Hal Grant, for providing scholarships for summer campers

- Antrim community supper volunteers and contributors, including Rick & Diane's Restaurant (their fabulous Special Recipe spaghetti sauce with meatballs), and Carol Healey, who coordinated our set-up volunteers for an entire year!

- KA Electric, for the donation and installation of a doorbell

- Jacob Essex, Brittany Johnson, and Stacey Johnson—all of Antrim—for assisting with summer playgroups

- Jackie Brown of Ashburnham MA, sister of Julie Brown-Nierman of Antrim, for free facial massages for parents

- Larry Schwartz of Hancock, for wooden benches and help with equipment repair

- Lee Steffy Jenkins of YogaWay in Hillsborough, who offered a free morning yoga class to parents

WISH LIST

- Gently-used pruning shears
- A lawn mower
- A weed wacker
- A child-sized and an adult-sized wooden picnic table

SERVICES AT THE GRAPEVINE

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

- **Heating Fuel & Electric Assistance** for eligible families, provided by Southern NH Services.

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

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

- **Healthy Kids Insurance Applications** offered by Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services.

- **Help Finding Employment** — A.C.C.E.S.S. supports youth in their

transition from school to community, and adults with disabilities in their search for *meaningful* employment.

- **Help Finding Shelter** offered by Southwestern Community Services. People who are homeless or facing homelessness are encouraged to call Karen Bednarski at 1(800)529-0005, or call The Grapevine for assistance.

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

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

ABOUT OUR FUNDING

The Grapevine is a community-based nonprofit service organization, funded by grants and charitable contributions. Contributions to The Grapevine are tax deductible, and can be mailed to PO Box 637, Antrim NH 03440. Thank you for supporting our families and our community. ☘

UPDATE FROM CENS

By Sharon Dowling

The mission of Community Education Network and Support (CENS) is to support families and the community in the education of all our children while networking with organizations in and out of the local area. To that end, two members of CENS attended a very informative resource fair and workshop hosted by Monadnock Developmental Services for New Hampshire Connections.

New Hampshire Connections is an initiative funded by the NH Dept. of Education. Its focus is to help families work with schools and the community to improve student achievement for all children while meeting the unique needs of students with disabilities. CENS has been asked to become an affiliate of NH Connections, and is in the process of learning what and how such an affiliation can best work for the group and our community. Connecting to resources that families may not be aware of, or understand how to use, is one obvious benefit of such an affiliation.

One such resource CENS members were introduced to is a book called *MANEUVERING THE MAZE*, which is available to borrow through the Family Resource Connection at the NH State Library! Families dealing with any of a wide range of learning/health/or emotional issues will find information in this manual easy to read and invaluable for purposes of navigating the programs available. The Family Resource Connection is easy to use- call their toll free number at 800-298-4321 or view

the list of materials they have online at www.state.nh.us/nhsl/frc. They will mail you the materials, for free, which you may keep for a month. Then return them in the same box with the return mailing label, for free, when you are done! The FRC has thousands of resources on parenting, children's health, education, disabilities, child development, etc. They are very helpful and informative folks who donated a copy of *Maneuvering the Maze* to CENS.

Another book that should be read by all adults involved with children is *THE BULLY, THE BULLIED AND THE BY-STANDER* by Barbara Coloroso. It is an easy read, and goes beyond the labels to the heart of the bullying issue. It is available at the Tuttle Library in Antrim. The August 8th issue of TIME has as its special report "Being 13", which includes an article on "cyberbullying". Once again, the point is made that ALL children can try out bullying behavior, for a variety of reasons, and that what our children, and the adults who are around them, need to know is how to recognize the behavior for what it is, and have the tools and skills to deal with it effectively and appropriately. ☘

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