

The Limrik

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For, by and about the people of Antrim.

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LOIS HARRIMAN

Lois (Black) Harriman died last March 29th at age 79 after a long battle with heart ailments. She was one of the founders of the LIMRIK and served as its business manager for many years.

It has been said about Shakespeare that he didn't write all those plays: they were written by somebody else with the same name. If Lois had not helped found the LIMRIK, someone else with the same name would have done so. She was an instigator and a catalyst for results. For example, the Town Hall Murals, the annual Christmas Tree First Lighting, the Antrim Celtic Festival, the NEXT project, the Antrim Charette all benefited from her energies. She'd been on the School Board, also a past president of the Womans Club and a trustee of Tuttle library, as well as bookkeeper for her husband's construction company.

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CLEARLY RECYCLING AT ARTS

By Mark Reynolds

As of May 1st, there's been an important change at the Antrim Recycling and Transfer Station (ARTS). It's no longer OK to throw black, brown, or anything but clear garbage bags into the trash compactor. That's right: All the garbage bags that go into the compactor must be clear plastic.

Why? The town of Antrim (that's YOU and ME—the taxpayers) has to pay to dispose of every pound that goes into the trash compactor. The more we throw in, the more we have to pay to have it hauled away. Or, the less we throw in, the less tax money we have to spend. Lately, ARTS attendants have been hearing the distinct clink of glass, the clanks of metal, and the clunks of plastic from the black garbage bags that several people have been throwing into the compactor. They realized that some people are costing the

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

By Ben Pratt

Good news! The Summer Street water line, dam repair, and road improvement project is now virtually complete. The finish coat of asphalt should be in place by the time you read this. As everyone knows, the dam-repair project was much more expensive than was originally expected, but it is done, it looks good, and it will serve the town for a great many years to come.

The Main Street improvement project continues. The decorative lighting is in the process of installation and, by the time you see this, the grass reseeding and crosswalk marking should be complete. We understand that our application for Phase II of the project has been approved, and work on that can commence in 2009 or 2010.

The Lutheran Girl's Shelter addition is complete, and the dedication was held on

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PRIDE AND PREJUDICE: A LETTER TO THE LIMRIK

From Peter Gagne

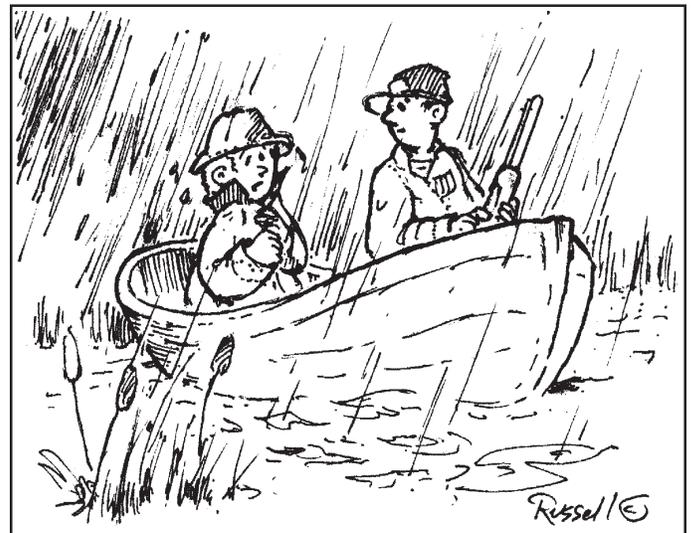
The sun was just rising on this cool morning. It was stunning as it hit the new formed ice on the pond I was about to slip the canoe into. I was overwhelmed with the colors among the ice, water, woods, and sky. I have seen hundreds of mornings like this, yet I still take in all their beauty. I feel lucky to be here.

I was on my first stop to do some duck hunting and check for deer activity. It was hunting season, a time of year men and women live for. It offers us who love to hunt the gift of feeling like a six-year-old on Christmas morning. I can think of at least twelve of my hunting friends who, though they are in their 40s and 50s, still hardly sleep the night before opening day. Their present from Santa is the opportunity to go out in search of game. To a true hunter, it is the single best day of the year, the first day, the last day, and all the days in between. It is nerve tingling, it is Christmas, and the hunters are six-years-old again.

There is much pride and satisfaction in hunting. It is a lot of work for a true sportsman. It is historical because it allows a man or women to feel in touch with the past. Hunting is a chance to earn your food, to experience the challenge of outsmarting game. It is not easy. In New Hampshire, the average success rate for a deer hunter is around 12 percent. That would leave eighty-eight folks out of a hundred who came home empty handed. The same

percent fits pretty much all wild game hunted. The idea that hunting is a slaughter with men and women blasting away and eliminating species by the hundreds is a myth, one of the great fiction stories I hear every year from misinformed folks. There is a lot of pride in hunting, and there is a lot of prejudice against it also.

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"Tell me again. We're having fun, right.....right?"

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STATE TACKLES "DEATH ALLEY," OTHER REGIONAL HIGHWAY ISSUES

By Rep. David Essex (D-Antrim)

The state Department of Transportation (DOT) has lately turned an unusual amount of attention to the state and U.S. highways that serve Antrim. The town's House and Senate legislators are in fairly regular communication with DOT about local concerns over safety and efficiency, the most important being what to do about "Death Alley," the section of Routes 9 and 202 between the east end of Hillsborough and Hopkinton at the Interstate 89 merge. That infamous stretch has seen numerous head-on fatalities, some of which claimed Antrim residents, and I suspect many of us have had close calls of our own, especially in Henniker, where impatient drivers take advantage of the road's precious few passing lanes to make up lost time—sometimes at great risk to themselves and others.

After taking input at previous meetings since last fall, DOT unveiled interim fixes at a sparsely attended public meeting on April 19 in Henniker. Project Manager Bill Oldenburg outlined the changes, which are to begin this summer. Rumble strips along the center line and shoulder will be installed in hopes of preventing single-vehicle accidents, the surprising cause of more than half of Death Alley accidents. Improved signs and road painting will make intersections and turning lanes more obvious, so approaching drivers can more easily see vehicles crossing the highway from one side street to another, or stopping in a turning lane as they prepare to exit. The latter two situations have led to many of the accidents east of the Route 114 interchange in Henniker, at the several intersections in that town and in Hopkinton that lack interchanges, according to Oldenburg. Sections will also be re-paved this summer.

Oldenburg said the DOT engineers who studied the highway are fully aware that much more ultimately needs to be done than these quick, relatively cheap fixes. Widening the road in certain sections to add turning lanes and possibly even full traffic lights and additional overpasses may be needed eventually. But DOT formulas indicate the road handles nowhere near the volume normally needed to justify a widening to four lanes, and the number of accidents is actually below average, though those that have led to fatalities have been far above average just in the past four years, prompting DOT's recent study.

Oldenburg said that while this Route 9/202 stretch was indeed originally laid out as the eastbound lane of an eventual four-lane highway, DOT places little credence in a grandiose plan, long rumored in Antrim and nearby towns, that the federal government envisions this as one leg of a new interstate to be built between Saco, Maine, and Erie, Pennsylvania. There was such a concept plan drawn up long ago, but there are many such plans, Oldenburg said, and this one is not actively under consideration.

What is clear is that New Hampshire sees Route 9 increasingly as an East-West highway for the southern tier, and has been gradually upgrading it to handle more local and interstate traffic. Another project of local interest is a roundabout that has been proposed by the Hillsborough Planning Board to handle the increased traffic that is expected at the west end of the bypass near the Franklin Piece Homestead on Route 31 if the Wal-Mart Supercenter is built, which seems likely. Oldenburg expects to meet with local officials soon to discuss the potential roundabout, which would not be the kind of unintentionally thrilling, merry-go-round-like rotaries seen in Epsom and seemingly every large town in Massachusetts. Rather, roundabouts are much smaller, traffic-calming devices that have been proved to reduce accidents while processing vehicles quicker than traffic lights,

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Continuing our commitment to publish writing by Antrim-Conval students, in this issue we have an essay by graduating senior Nicole Clough, and another by 2005 graduate Zak Baker-Salmon who has spent a year studying in Germany.

And thanks to Linda Tenney for suggesting that we include in every issue the names of the Limrik founders Beverly Tenney, Lois Harriman, and Nancy Timko who will be found on our masthead.

Lyman Gilmore, Managing Editor

Recycling at ARTS

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rest of us money by dumping more into the compactor than they need to. So, if we all stow our garbage in clear bags, the attendants can see what goes into the compactor and remind those of us who aren't recycling. If you're not recycling, you're wasting tax dollars.

Clear trash bags are now available at Edmunds, Antrim Marketplace, and at ARTS.

ARTS makes it as easy as possible to recycle a variety of discarded material. Some recyclable material actually has good resale value, so ARTS helps support itself by selling it. But even when ARTS doesn't make much on some recyclable, we still save money because we don't have to pay to have it hauled to the incinerator with the other garbage.

HERE A LIST OF WHAT YOU CAN RECYCLE:

- Any plastic container that bears a #1 (PETE) or a #2 (HDPE) stamped on its bottom. That includes plastic soda bottles and milk jugs—two of the most common disposable plastic items.
 - Glass bottles and jars. And you no longer have to separate them by colors! Now, that's handy!
 - Aluminum. Beverage cans only.
 - Tin (steel) cans and aerosol cans.
 - Paper. That includes anything clean that you can tear, including magazines, newspaper, cereal boxes, kleenex boxes, junk mail, and your old love letters.
 - Corrugated Cardboard. But please flatten it.
 - Fluorescent bulbs. All sizes.
- (Please rinse the residue from your recyclable containers and remove the caps.)

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

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

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

I know, we all remember the old days when we threw everything—recyclable or not—into a garbage bag and were done with it. But we've got to think now of keeping as much out of the waste stream as we can. Recycling in Antrim is not only the right thing to do, IT IS MANDATORY. It helps save resources and the environment, and it helps save your town money. PLEASE RECYCLE!! ❖

and much less expensively than interchanges. DOT is much less willing to consider the Planning Board's related idea of accommodating Wal-Mart traffic on an entirely new road paralleling West Main Street, but in any case, detailed discussions will take place soon in Hillsborough.

Meanwhile, Southwest Region Planning Commission in Keene is working on a Route 9 corridor study for the stretch between Hillsborough and Stoddard, and an expansion of the Route 9 rest stop in Antrim is being considered.

I agree with a number of my colleagues who believe it is time for a much more ambitious corridor study covering Route 9 between Route 89 and Keene and possibly beyond, to Brattleboro, Vt. It would bring together the Central and Southwest planning commissions, state and local officials, and citizens to plan thoroughly and conscientiously for the long-range improvements that are truly needed to maintain the safety and convenience of one of the major arteries that connects us to the wider world. ❖

GRAPEVINE WINS STATEWIDE COMPETITION

The Grapevine was honored in Concord on May 16 as the winner of the statewide Smith Award competition. The selection criteria include four standards of excellence: 1) a philosophy of service that recognizes the inherent value of skillful parenting and healthy families in shaping a child's future, 2) the organizational capacity to operate family support services in a challenging environment, 3) a program delivery system of exceptional quality, and 4) community leadership. According to Karen Carpenter, Executive Director of the NH Children's Trust Fund, "The Smith Selection Committee felt that The Grapevine clearly met and exceeded all the standards of excellence. In just ten years, the Grapevine's staff, board, volunteers and community have created an exceptional organization."

Carpenter continues: "We selected The Grapevine for its community leadership, dedication to families, and the exceptional quality of their programs and service. The committee had a particularly challenging time this year—the organizations that applied were truly outstanding." The Grapevine was one of four finalists that included The Children's Place of Concord, Good Beginnings/Diana Love Center for Children and Families of Sullivan County, and Riverbend Parent-Child Centers in Concord, Penacook, Franklin and Hillsborough.

The Smith Award, established in 1996, is sponsored by the NH Children's Trust Fund and funded by the Lou and Lutza Smith Foundation. The winner receives a cash prize of \$15,000 over two years. ❖

IMPORTANT BENEFITS OF RECYCLING

Recycling newspapers, junk mail, any old kind of paper, preserves forests. It takes 30 million trees per year to produce the newsprint Americans throw away.

Paper manufactured by recycling reduces air pollution 74% and water pollution 35% and, per ton, saves 380 gallons of oil.

Every bottle that is recycled saves enough energy to light a 100 watt bulb for 4 hours (or a compact fluorescent for 16 hours.)

If America increased by 10% its recycling of paper, cardboard, cans and glass, enough energy would be saved to heat 7.5 million homes, provide electricity for 2.5 million citizens and save about \$771 million in avoided costs for crude oil.

In general—when new products are manufactured with recycled materials, we save raw materials, water and energy, resulting in lessened pollution all over the place. ❖

During her long struggle with heart disease, the Antrim Fire and Rescue squad was called so many times to take her to the hospital emergency room that its members became friends. They attended her memorial service, en masse, in uniform. (In earlier years, she'd been a member of the Fire Fighters Auxiliary.)

One year when Lois was too ill to attend the Christmas Tree First Lighting, her presence was missed—so Santa Claus made a special trip to her house to give her a hug and a candy cane! Lois had an enviable gift for friendship. A number of her friends were wonderfully attentive to her when she became housebound, among them Norma Bryer, Janet Rix, Dottie Penny, Jacqueline Cotter and Hope Phillips. A particularly strong bond existed between her and her niece, Barbara Black whose help during Lois' illness was crucial—a reversal of roles since Lois had helped Barbara greatly in earlier days.

Quite aside from her life in Antrim, Lois had had a strong professional career. After taking a B.A. at Keene State College and an M.A. from N.Y. University, she taught home economics, science and math in Vermont, N.H., Conn. and California, and topped it all off by becoming Director of Home Economics for the State Dept. of Education in Concord.

Surviving family include her husband of 44 years, Smith B. Harriman; her daughter Marie Harriman and husband Christopher Condon of Shelton, Connecticut; her daughter Catherine Harriman and husband Christian Leppin of Schaffhausen, Switzerland: a brother, Bob Black of Hillsboro, and a granddaughter, Julia Harriman Leppin.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Antrim Rescue Squad c/o Mike Beauchamp, Chief, PO Box 517, Antrim, N.H. 03440.

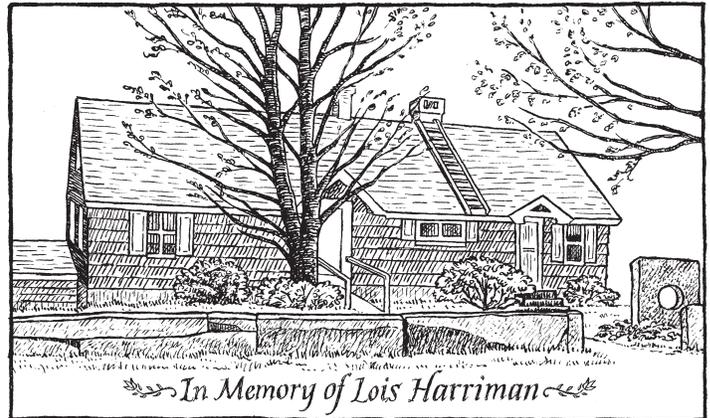


Illustration by Virginia Dickinson

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April 5th. The design and construction of the addition was carefully planned and well executed, and it is a welcome addition to our Main Street improvement project. The new addition is also a welcome addition to our tax base. The Shelter is in the process of acquiring "Touchwood Square" which will serve as their parking area and as the main entrance to their facility. The Town of Antrim will have an easement providing for additional town parking along Post Office Road and an area adjacent to the Main Street sidewalk which can be utilized for town activities.

Work on the repair of the Town Clock is now underway. New equipment for the clock is now being installed, and the Presbyterian Church tower has been cleaned and made relatively pigeon proof. We have submitted a grant application to FEMA for funds to purchase a portable generator which could operate the Antrim or Bennington town wells during periods of power outage. The application has been approved at the state level, and we should hear sometime in June if final approval will be granted by FEMA.

Discussions are now underway between the town, state agencies and FEMA concerning replacement of the culvert at White Birch Point. The best solution would be to install a bridge similar to the new bridge on Summer St. This was originally suggested by FEMA, and they provided funds to do the engineering for the project. Now, we are unsure if FEMA will continue to fund the construction phase as they had originally indicated they would do. We will continue to pursue this and attempt to craft a solution that will best serve the town. Another part of this project will be to arrive at the most cost-effective way of controlling the flow from Gregg Lake. The old control valve, originally installed by the Clinton and South Village Water Company (probably around 1910), is now nearly worn out. We will need to determine if it should be replaced or if it would be better to control the

flow with the wastegate in the new dam which was constructed in 1982.

Work is now under way to install a six-inch ductile-iron water line and upgrade the roadway on Bryers Lane. As this is written, the water line installation is nearly complete. The initial bids for the road improvement came in much higher than expected, due in part to recent price increases in fuel and asphalt. Working with Underwood Engineering, we have been able to revise the specifications to reduce the cost, and the contract for the road reconstruction has now been awarded to Landsite Corporation.

The Master Plan Committee is hard at work. The Town Survey questionnaires are out, and we are getting a good response. A town "Visioning Meeting" is scheduled for 7pm on June 6. Steven Whitman and Jeffrey Taylor of Jeffrey H. Taylor & Associates, Inc. will be attending to help and give advice as to what ideas have worked and not worked in other communities. We will need as much public input as we can get so please, ALL COME!



AN INTERVIEW WITH MARTIN NICHOLS

By Lyman Gilmore

For twenty-one years—between 1963 and 1984—just about everybody in Antrim (and lots of folks from out-of-town) visited Martin and Izi Nichols's kitchen. I first met Martin there forty-two years ago when I went to his house on Depot Street to get a fishing license. Martin served as Town Clerk in those days, and he didn't see any reason not to use their kitchen as a waiting room and the little back bedroom as his office. Ever since that first meeting, just about every time I have seen Martin, one of us asks the other "How's the fishing?"

This interview is a part of the Antrim Historical Society's Oral History Project. It grew out of our March 22nd 2006 conversation in his comfortable living room filled with photographs and mementos of his and Isabel's life together. Occasionally Heidi, his fuzzy, flop-eared, reddish-tan dog hopped down from its chair and stuck its wet nose in my lap, and Martin would holler with good-natured gruffness, "Get back in your chair!" Sometimes the dog would agree.

Martin: I'm eighty years old. I was told I was born July 15, 1925, up to Clinton Road, the house just before Durgin's. I don't remember much about my early childhood, but I do recall that we burned wood in a stove for heat and had kerosene lamps for light. We did have indoor plumbing.

My father was William Ambrose Nichols who lived from 1870 to 1949. I remember that he played silent movies at the town hall, and my aunt Gladys played the piano. He worked for the Goodell Company.

I went all the way from the first to the twelfth grade in the old Antrim School on Main Street. In 1st and 2nd grades I had Gertrude Munhall, who was very nice. 3rd and 4th, Alice Cuddihy; 5th and 6th, Lottie Balch. At recess we'd use our heel to dig a pot in the dirt playground and play marbles. After school, when it rained, we'd play marbles in the big garage that used to be between the Aiken House and the Aiken Barn. The garage, which belonged to the Goodell company, had a dirt floor and was open on the south side.

Sometimes when I was a teenager, I would ride around in Walter Rogers's truck, sort of helping him haul cribs and cradles for the Abbott Company, and logs for Goodell's. (I didn't get paid, it was just something to do.) At Goodell's they used these exotic woods for the knife handles, rosewood from California, and kokobolla from South America. Huge logs came to the Antrim railroad depot just the other side of the river in open coal cars. The men would attach a big chain to one end of a log and prop boards slanting up from inside the coal car to the wall of the coal car, which was about four feet high, and then drag the log out and onto the ground. When they got all the logs out, the guy with the truck would haul them one by one over to Water Street, which was dirt in those days, to the Cucumber Shop where they would be sawed and milled. They called it the Cucumber Shop because the men who worked there grew cucumbers every summer and ate them for lunch. (*The building on Water Street that used to be the Cucumber Shop is now a precision woodworking shop owned by Ian Johnson.*)

When I was in high school I used to mow the cemetery after classes. My best friends all the way through school were David Hurlin, Smith Harriman, and Winslow "Skeezy" Caughey. Winslow used to get me into trouble all the time. He was very smart and very clever in school. I'd be sitting at my desk in the back row and he would go by on the way to the bathroom or

somewhere, and when the teacher wasn't looking he'd spin my chair around and then keep on walking just like he hadn't done anything. Every time the teacher would see me facing the wrong way and get mad at me. But Skeezy never got caught. Later on, when I was grown, I worked for Smith Harriman for a while, and I remember the time he tried driving his truck with a load of logs onto the wet athletic field next to where the elementary school is now, and the truck sank into the mud nearly out of sight!

I always did a lot of fishing, bass up at Gregg Lake, and also little trout that came up the brook from the river through what is now Tenney's field. It would be practically impossible to fish that brook now because you can't get near it for all the thick bushes and alders. My biggest fish was an eighteen and a half pound lake trout that I caught in Granite Lake. I would sit with my fishing rod in one boat, and then a second boat would row maybe twenty yards away and then drop the line with a weight and the hook baited with a sucker. Then I would reel in the line very slowly, letting the sucker swim around near the bottom. (*Martin got up and took me back to his old office to see this huge fish on a plaque hanging on the wall, realistically mounted by taxidermist Norm Hildrith who, until he died, lived on Highland Avenue.*)

I graduated from school in June of 1943, and by October I was in the navy in the middle of World War II. After basic training in Newport, Rhode Island, my unit went to Iowa State College where we finished a four-year electrical course in three months. It was terribly cold out there; the land was flat the wind blew hard. We did more training in Virginia with amphibious landing crafts, and then got shipped to Huston and finally Galveston, Texas, where our LSM—"landing ship medium" (we called it "latest suicide mechanism")—was commissioned on 28 July 1944. The captain came up to me one day and asked me if I wanted to be promoted to Yeoman, a petty officer who does clerical work in the navy. He said the regular Yeoman hadn't come back from leave, and since I had graduated from high school with a commercial course, he assumed I could read and write and do math. So I became Yeoman Third Class and then a while later Yeoman Second Class. They offered me Yeoman First Class, but I turned them down because I would have had to leave my unit and the ship for school.

After sailing through the Panama Canal, we were heading for San Diego when we got caught in a hurricane. The LSM had a flat bottom for running up on beaches to unload troops and equipment, and in the storm it kept rising up on huge waves and then slamming down so hard that we were almost thrown off and the ship developed a crack across its middle. We had to limp into dry-dock and have the crack welded.

In Hawaii we picked up some big Sherman tanks and took them to Iwo Jima where we were in the second attack wave to hit the beach. The Japanese fire was intense and I was so terrified I could have sworn we were on the beach unloading for an hour when actually it was only twelve and a half minutes. It was terrible. One tank hit a landmine immediately and had its track blown off, and the others could hardly move because of the deep layer of fine volcanic dust on the beach. Iwo Jima was the only place where we came under fire. I was mustered out of the navy at Boston in 1946.

The first thing I did when I got home to Antrim was buy my first car for eight hundred dollars, a 1940 four door Ford sedan. Then I went to work as a meat cutter in a grocery store in East Concord owned by my brother's wife's family. I lived in a Concord boarding

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ANTRIM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Brian Beihl

Banners to be Installed this Summer - Thanks in part to a donation from the Co-Operative Insurance Companies through a matching program with its local agent John Robertson of Contoocook Valley Insurance, as well as other ACC members, decorative banners will be installed on the new light poles on the east side of Main Street, and eventually on power poles once permission has been granted by PSNH and TDS Telecom.

The chamber is discussing purchase of seasonal banners as well, including a set which will help advertise the September Home & Harvest Festival.

Professional Skateboard Slalom Event to be Part of Home & Harvest Festival - While the soapbox derby will continue, the ACC was looking for an event to capture the interest of local youth and draw visitors to town for the festival. Unlike the X-Games style event of trick skating, skateboard slalom is a speed event, using a slalom course around cones, with two racers speeding down the course at 30 miles an hour side by side.

Events are held throughout the world, and this is one of only a handful in New England. Find more information about the sport at www.slalomskateboarder.com.

The Saturday September 16 event has been posted to the website for the International Skateboard Slalom Association's New England section (ISSA) and over 30 professional slalom skateboard racers have expressed interest, including boarders from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Maine, Vermont and Ottawa, Ontario. ISSA members have vol-

unteered to run the actual race, and to offer a clinic for local skateboarders on Friday. The race starts at the Great Brook Middle School and will be run to the base of the newly-paved Summer Street. For more information as the race draws closer, please see the Antrim Chamber of Commerce web site at www.AntrimCC.com.

Housing Needed for Racers - Since skateboard racers compete for glory more than money, the ACC is looking for volunteers to house our guest racers. If you can volunteer a bed or two, please contact ACC secretary Crista Tenney at 588-2574. Food will be coordinated through the public dinners during the festival.

Antrim Chamber Puts Bylaws in Place - Now that the re-activated ACC has passed its first year, the ACC has now created bylaws to help govern the organization for the long term. The ACC has decided to incorporate as a non-profit 501c3 corporation, allowing most donations to the organization to be fully tax deductible. Thanks to vice chairman John Robertson and member Bob Edwards for spearheading the effort.

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY MEETINGS

June 21, Noon Location TBD Lunch \$5-7.00

July 19, Evening 6:00 p.m., Gregg Lake BBQ \$8.00

Aug. 23, Noon, Location TBD Lunch \$5-7.00

For meeting locations, access www.AntrimCC.com or call ACC secretary Crista Tenney at 588-2574. ❖

HOME AND HARVEST FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 15 & 16 2006

By Rick Davis

We have put together a tentative schedule for our Third Annual Home and Harvest Festival which will be expanding into Friday evening this year. We are excited about a skateboard event put on by the International Slalom Skateboarding Association. This will begin with a free clinic on Friday between 3:30 and 5:50 PM. We are also planning a supper for Friday night and hope to have another evening event. If you have any great ideas, please run them by the committee or me at Rick and Diane's 588-3388.

Saturday will be a day full of fun for all ages. Each event will be better than last year's, which is always our goal. We are looking for businesses and organizations to enter our best parade ever. Make a float, or just walk in the parade and show us something special! The kids' "fun and games" is still free, thanks to our many great sponsors. Speaking of sponsors, we are looking to you to help sponsor the stunning Atlas Grand Fireworks Finale Saturday night at Tenney Farm.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday September 15 • 3:30 - 5:30 pm Free clinic - International Slalom Skateboarding Association (ISSA) • 5:30 - 7:30 pm Ham and Bean Supper

Saturday September 16 • 7:00 - 10:00 am Breakfast at Presbyterian Church • 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Arts, Crafts, Flea-market on Main Street (Contact Monica 588-2124) • 10:00 am Soap Box Derby (Brian Beihl 588-8300) • 11:30 am Parade (Ted Brown 588-2886) • Noon Grapevine Auction • 12:30 - 3:00 pm Fun and Games at Shea Field • 12:30 - 4:30 pm ISSA Skateboard Slalom • 3:00 - 5:00 pm Pet Show at Tenney Farm (Christa at Tenney Farm) • 5:30 - 7:30 pm Cook-out at Tenney Farm • 5:30 - 7:00 pm Concert by Bursitis Brothers at Tenney Farm • 7:30 pm Fireworks by Atlas at Tenney Farm.

For more information call Rick 588-3388. ❖

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Too often police officers are known only for their forbidding uniforms, badges, weapons, and patrol cars.

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OUR ANTRIM POLICE OFFICERS

Todd Feyrer – Chief of Police

I have wanted to be a police officer since about the time I was seven years old. Striving for that goal, I attended the Massachusetts State Police Student Trooper program my junior year in high school. After graduating from Ralph C. Mahar Regional High School in Orange, MA in 1990, I joined the U.S. Army where I spent the next three years at Ford Ord, Ca. as an Infantry Scout.

In 1994, shortly after an honorable discharge from the military, I worked as a Corrections Officer for a short period of time before being hired by the Jaffrey Police Department. I spent the next 11 years holding the positions of Field Training Officer, Detective, and Patrol Sergeant. I am a certified defensive tactics instructor, Taser instructor, and Baton instructor, and I trained in other areas of law enforcement. Knowing the importance of a college education, I went back to school in 1999 and earned a Bachelors Degree from Franklin Pierce College, graduating in 2002 with honors. I have continued with my educational experience and will complete a Masters Degree in Information Technology Management for Law Enforcement in August of this year.

My wife Jennifer and I have been married for almost 11 years and we have two children, Cameron-5 and Victoria "Tori"-3. I have found that as a parent they have probably taught me more than I could ever teach them. In addition to spending time with family, I enjoy boating, fishing and golfing.

When asked what made us want to become a police officer, the typical response from most officers, including myself, is that we want to make a contribution to society. We want to take part in



Top row from left to right: Office Administrator Sandy Burrows, Sgt, Scott Dunn, Officer Adam King, Chief Todd Feyrer. Bottom row from left to right: Officer Matt Elliott, Part-Time Officer Scott Perrine, Part-Time Officer Matt Estey.

keeping criminals off the streets, and help those innocent victims who are unable to protect themselves. Although we cannot please everyone, and know that we are judged by the uniform and not by who we are, and know we are genuinely disliked by a lot of people, we also know that we are doing something good. As police officers we all have our own personal experiences which have reinforced our career paths, making this job worth the risks, worth the ridicule, and worth the stereotypes. Here are some of my experiences; I am reminded of having to give CPR to a 3-month old baby and bringing her back to life, only to die five days later from shaken baby syndrome. I am reminded of holding a little girl whose foot was stuck in the track of a snowmobile while rescue personnel were able to free her from it. I am reminded about some of the heinous crimes I have investigated, contributing to sending those responsible to prison while their victims try to repair their broken lives. I am reminded of those great and positive people I have met along the way, either just in passing or at events like the citizens police academy.

Scott Dunn - Sergeant

My name is Scott Dunn and I was born and raised in Manchester, NH. I attended

Trinity High School and upon graduation enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. I was stationed with an artillery unit in Kaneohe Bay, HI. While there I was deployed to Japan, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Thailand, Iwo Jima, and Singapore. I was discharged from the Marines with an Honorable Discharge and began work as a correctional officer with the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections. While working there I began college and ultimately received a BS in Criminal Justice.

In 1998 I accepted a position with the Jaffrey Police Department. While there I held many positions, including Field Training Officer, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Use of Force instructor, and Adjunct Instructor with New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council.

I am currently a Patrol Sergeant with the Antrim Police Department where I oversee many administrative functions including the Recruitment Program, Field Training Program, and In-service Training Program. I am currently obtaining a Master's Degree in Justice Administration from Norwich University and have recently joined the Navy Reserves as an Intelligence Specialist.

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TOWN HISTORY REVISITED

ANTRIM'S MAIN STREET FIFTY YEARS AGO

By Eric Tenney

Beginning where we left off in the last article and moving north, the next place of business was Walt Butcher's store. Two things impressed me about the store. First seeing Walt stand in the store window watching the street smoking a cigar, he looked very dignified. Second he sold bubble gum cigars. The next building was the fire station which had the Boy Scouts meeting room on the second floor. Finally you reached the town hall.

The town hall had four entrances off the sidewalk. Each entrance led to a separate area in the building: the selectman's office and second floor hall, a drug store, the post office, and a meat market. The town offices were two rooms about where the tax collectors, town planners, and town administrators' offices are presently located. I remember going to town meeting and watching the activity in the meeting hall. First there were the people voting (the election and business meeting were held simultaneously). They had to go up on the stage check in, vote, shake the moderator's hand as they left their ballot, and finally find a seat for the business meeting if they were attending. I remember two subjects being discussed. Voters from North Branch wanted a fire station which after several years they finally received. Another topic was why the selectmen spent so much on supplies (especially pencils).

Across the street was the Presbyterian Church which, as it does today, held the town clock. The difference between

then and now was how it operated. It had to be wound by hand. I was asked by a town official if I would wind the clock. Being civic minded, I said sure. My tenure at this job was about nine months. First you had to climb a series of ladders just to get to the clock. Once there you wound two spindles that raised the weights that ran the clock. The first spindle wasn't bad, taking about three minutes. The second spindle was smaller and took about 10-12 minutes of continuous turning to pull the weight to its necessary height. After stopping to catch your wind several times, it really took 20-25 minutes. Finally it dawned on me why they asked a thirteen year old to do the job—they ran out of volunteers (they did pay fifty cents a week).

The next major building was the First National Store (now Antrim Marketplace). It looked much as it does today except for the parking. While Wayno owned the store he demolished two houses to expand the parking. The barn of the Davis house is now part of the store. The two gas stations were present. T-Bird was the Texaco station whose owner was the part time chief of police.

From this point north very little has changed. The old school is now a tenement. One memory of the school is being held on detention by my mother, the only detention I had in 16 years of school!

Thus ends the recollections of Antrim's Main Street by a young boy fifty years ago. ❖

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I live with my wife Soula in Weare, and we are expecting our first child in July. In my off-time I enjoy football, baseball, and hockey. My wife's family owns a Greek Restaurant in Manchester, so my favorite food has to be Greek.

Officer Scott Perrine

I am Officer Scott Perrine from the Antrim Police Department. I grew up in Harford County, which is in northeastern Maryland, and attended North Harford High School, graduating in June of 1989. I moved to Massachusetts in 2001 to be with the woman who is now my wife, whom I met while playing cards online. I was hired by the Jaffrey Police Department in September of 2002, and moved to New Hampshire on the same day. I graduated from the 130th Police Academy, ranked 5th in my class of 65 recruits. While with the Jaffrey Police Department, I performed the duties of a patrolman, as well as being the department evidence technician. I obtained instructorships in both OC and Preliminary Breath Tests. I am also a certified Field Training Officer, training several new officers within the department. I resigned from the department in February of 2006 to take a position in Antrim.

I am currently employed by the Antrim Police Department on a part time basis. I am attending college and plan to obtain a degree in Sports Fitness.

In my off time, I enjoy bass fishing and weight lifting. I also spend a lot of time with Nicole, my wife of three years. We have no children, but have three great beagles named Cody, Austin, and Logan.

I have wanted to become a police officer since I got out of high school. The opportunity to help the good people of the community, and to hold responsible those who break the law, were my primary rea-

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sons for getting into this career. I can say that, although I am not liked by many people strictly because of the uniform I wear, this is a very rewarding job.

Officer Matthew Elliott

I grew up in Presque Isle, Maine having graduated from Presque Isle High School in 1991. I attended the University of Maine-Orono for 1 year and the University of Maine-Presque Isle for 1 year. While at UMAINE-Presque Isle, I received my Maine Police Certification. I currently reside in Manchester, NH where I had moved in 1994 to attend Hesser College.

While completing my Associate and Baccalaureate degrees in Criminal Justice, I successfully gained employment with the Fort Fairfield, Maine, Police Department in June of 1995. I worked there for a year before I was hired by the York, Maine, Police Department where I stayed for two years until I finished college. Also, while in college, I interned with the Concord, NH Police Department and the New Hampshire State Police.

In March of 1998, I was hired by the Litchfield, NH Police Department. I attended the 117th session of the NH Police Academy where, incidentally, I had occasion to meet then Jaffrey Police Officer, now Antrim Sergeant Scott Dunn as he was my roommate. I worked in Litchfield for almost 8 years prior to being recruited to join the Antrim Police Department in November of 2005. While in Litchfield, I served as one of the Department's Field Training Officers, assisting in training new police recruits.

I was and still am very active in motor vehicle law enforcement. I've attended and received certification in numerous patrol related in-service schools at the New Hampshire Police Academy. I've also received numerous departmental commendations for outstanding patrol work as well as "Looking Beyond the Traffic Ticket" awards by Police Standards and Training in 2000 and 2001. I've also attended a number of investigative schools and seminars.

My goals are to someday become a patrol sergeant and retire as a road officer as that is the part of the job I love best. Towards the end of my police career, I plan on obtaining a teaching certification to teach at either the Secondary or Post-Secondary Education level.

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with friends and family. My hobbies include boating, reading, computers, and softball. I am an avid Red Sox fan and enjoy going to ball games at Fenway Park.

Officer Matt Estey

I grew up in Manchester and graduated high school in 1994. I completed the NH Police Academy Class #110 in 1996. I'm a full-time Sergeant with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office in the uniformed civil division. I am a Field Training Officer (FTO) and hold several instructor level training certificates.

I have trained as a technician in radiation detection and decontamination. I have organized and assisted security details for special dignitaries and presidential visits. I annually assist Laconia Police Dept. with motorcycle week.

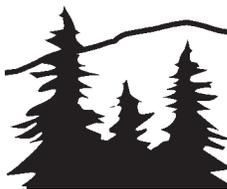
I was hired with the Antrim Police Dept. as a temporary patrol officer in May 2005 and was asked to stay as a permanent part-time officer by Chief Feyrer. I am married with a 15 month old daughter, and I moved to the Hillsboro area in 2003.

I really enjoy being a law enforcement officer working and helping the community. The support the local community gives to law enforcement is great.

Officer Adam King

My name is Adam King, and I am a Patrolman at the Antrim Police Department. I have been employed here since January of this year. I grew up in Plymouth, Massachusetts, and attended High School at Plymouth South High. I went on to study Criminal Justice at Hesser College, where I received a Bachelors degree. I then worked at York Police Department in Maine for two summers, followed by almost seven years at The Youth development Center in Manchester NH as a substance abuse Counselor. While in College I played soccer, and I now enjoy playing golf and working out. My favorite food is anything spicy. I enjoy all types of music, from Pearl Jam to the Beatles. The reason I became a Police Officer is due to my interest in Criminal Law and trying to help people, especially today's youth. ❖

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MAKING KIND CHOICES Everyday Ways to Enhance your Life Through Earth-and-Animal-Friendly Living

By Ingrid Newkirk
472 pp St. Martin's Press \$19.95

Reviewed by Dick Winslow

Sir Paul McCartney (of Beatles fame) provides a forward for this lively book. His conversion to the book's ideas begins like this: "I was sitting with my wife, Linda, eating a roast lamb and watching the sheep that lived in the field outside our window. Seeing the lambs running up and down the field with such joy made us question the wisdom of eating such beautiful creatures. This was to be the start of our inquiries into the vegetarian way of life and our consideration for the welfare of all the beautiful animals that share planet earth with us." Linda McCartney adds that she helped the conversion by secretly substituting textured vegetable protein (TVP) for hamburger meat, which fooled Paul completely.

Ingrid Newkirk, author of *Making Kind Choices*, is president of "PETA," People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, so it should come as no surprise that she favors treating animals virtually as though they were people—not to be shot, trapped, eaten, used for medical research or put on exhibition in circuses and marine parks. Her book offers specific ways to accommodate such views.

Circuses, for instance. In a little chapter titled "Helping Elephants and Whales by Staying Clear of Circuses and Marine Parks," she details the damage done to captive elephants. "...in their homelands, free elephants walk 30-50 miles a day. That's how they exercise, look for food and interact with their large families. In the circus, these highly social, playful, intelligent beasts usually spend 18 hour a day or more chained up like bicycles on a rack." At the end of the chapter, she names five circuses that do not use animals, including the famed Cirque du Soleil. And she mentions that the Moscow Circus traditionally tours Great Britain without animals; the Shriners Circus of British Columbia has ended the use of wild animals and the New York Elks Club has ceased using circuses as a fund raising activity.

It may come as a surprise that insects are included for kind treatment, as well as the environment itself. There is a chapter telling how to create a garden that will "Attract Birds, Butterflies and other Natural Life." There are chapters detailing the way certain cleaning materials release damaging toxins into the air and, via drain pipes, into the soil—and how one can make kind choices of harmless cleaning agents. (Some 19 such products are listed.) There is a chapter on damage to the earth done by many lawn chemicals and pesticides—and how to make great lawns without them. There is even a little chapter, "Selecting

the Purest Candles: Those Without Tallow, Paraffin or Beeswax." I had never known that the ordinary candle produces harmful toxins and carcinogens when it burns, or that tallow is a slaughterhouse product, or that paraffin is a petroleum product associated with health risks. Least of all would I have considered harm done to bees by the production of beeswax through processes by which "these incredible little insects—capable of communication and a sophisticated social network—suffer and die needlessly." As with all chapters, this one ends with a list of alternative products and where to buy them.

In the U.S. Navy during W.W.II, I was trained to defuse live mines. The training was done with a mine so rigged that when the trainee made a mistake, instead of an explosion, a red light went on. Thus I could kill myself over and over until I got it right. I was reminded of this when I read Ingrid Newkirk's chapter, "Getting Through Medical School With a Clear Conscience." It records that whereas formerly in medical schools, dogs, pigs and other animals were anesthetized and sliced open so that students could watch, for example, how a beating heart reacted to various drugs (after which, the animal would be killed), now the majority of U.S. medical schools have done away with animal labs. They can use, instead, computer models that replicate life with astonishing accuracy, even to the point of bleeding and vomiting. With such computer models, students can make mistakes over and over without doing harm. They can also learn by being allowed to observe in operating rooms. One Harvard Medical School graduate is quoted: "It was such a privilege to be in the operating room where someone was being given a life ... compared to being in the dog lab where you were taking a life."

Making Kind Choices is structured around 78 mini chapters, some of which I've mentioned. A few other chapter titles might help give a sense of the book's objectives, for example: "Dealing Kindly with Mice and Other Uninviteds," "Choosing Cosmetics That Give Everyone Something to Smile About," "A Lesson About Lobsters and Crabs," "Understanding and Dealing With Your Dog's Barking and Digging," "Your Vegan Baby Will Shine All The Time," "Alternatives To Catching Fish (And Even To 'Catch and Release')." (Ingrid Newkirk has a rollicking sense of humor and can't resist, in the "Fish" chapter, mentioning an Ellen De Generis skit comparing "catch and release" with intentionally hitting pedestrians with your car. "After you've mowed them down, you wait for them to stand up, brush the dirt from their clothes, then roll down your car window, wave at them gaily and say, 'Okay, you can go now. I just wanted to see if I could hit you.'")

Rachel Carson's 1958 book, *Silent Spring*, detailing the terrible damage coming from the use of D.D.T., became a land-

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mark in the public's awareness of environmental problems. Could *Making Kind Choices* become such a landmark? It, like *Silent Spring*, deals with the environment, but its emphasis also on "Kindness" puts it into the arena of ethics, judgment, taste, and opinion. Unlike *Silent Spring*, it does not posit a frightening point-of-no return. But it powerfully persuades, it successfully cajoles—and it offers a cornucopia of specific suggestions for ways to live without killing things or strangling the environment on which our lives depend.

Making Kind Choices may be borrowed from Antrim's Tuttle Library. ❖

GLEANINGS

By Agricola

RICK AND DIANE GO TO LAS VEGAS

I was picking up my Antrim Special the other week when Rick grabbed me with his free hand while twirling a pizza dough in the air. "I'm just back from attending the biggest Pizza Expo ever out in Las Vegas. What a great time it was to meet all those other pizza operators. They had the World Pizza Games where top pizza guys and gals from all over the world com-

peted against each other, including the biggest hand-tossed pizza (approximately 50 inches round!), the fastest pizza made, and several other contests. I didn't compete, but I did attend many seminars, the best put on by General Mills, "The Dough Boot Camp." I spent four hours of valuable time learning from "G.M." top dough guys. I came back from Vegas exhausted and excited about our business. Now with some small adjustments to our dough recipe, our pizza is better than ever. Our new motto is "Great Recipe—Great Pizza." Rick finished by saying that Rick and Diane's will no longer be delivering pizzas because of rising insurance costs (almost \$10,000 per year) and exorbitant gas prices. "Thanks go out to all our customers we delivered to for almost nine years."

BACK ALI'S GREAT VENUE FOR LOCAL YOUNG BANDS

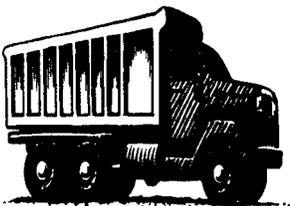
Several weeks ago the wife and I took in a terrific show at Back Ali's Pub where local Conval musician and vocalist Kyle Webber and his group "Trippsmiths" played a lively set before an appreciative audience. In addition to Kyle, the group consists of Josh Blair on bass guitar, Nate Bosworth on rhythm guitar, and Kieth

Mouradian on drums. Interviewed recently, Conval sophomore Kyle said that Back Ali's is "a great place, the only club for the kind of audience we need." He described Trippsmith's music as "alternative, "psychedelic blues" and "90s grunge," like the supergroup band "Cream." Thursday nights are "open mike" when several young bands show up, introduced and mentored by house-band leader and local blues favorite, Robert "Otis" Doncaster. If you want to pick up on the local hot young pop musical talent, there's no better place than Back Ali's every Thursday night when, by the way, there is no admission fee.

WELCOME OUR JAMAICAN VISITORS

This summer Tenney Farm will employ two documented workers from Jamaica. Eric Tenney describes the legal process and paperwork with the U. S. Department of Labor as long and laborious but, he hopes, worthwhile. The two male individuals from Jamaica will live in the building next to and owned by the Baptist Church, variously known as "The Beehive" and "Barbara Shea's house." I think it a fine idea that we shall have the benefit of members from another culture living among us this summer. ❖

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I have encountered over several years many folks who call what we do cruel and unnecessary. I have had my property vandalized and even had a nasty conversation or two with some local folks. It is these prejudiced people who I enjoy listening to and debating with. Unless you are a true vegetarian, one who eats no dairy, no eggs, and pretty much eats just fruit and veggies, then you are in the wrong to call hunting cruel and brutal.

In today's world it seems so many folks want the perfect country life. They want a few acres, gardens, a dog, a cat. They want to have a perfect lawn. They want a horse or a few sheep or goats in the back yard. It makes them feel as though they are in touch with the earth. It seems odd that most of the folks who have the desire for country life do not understand us hunters. I have many friends and foes who look at hunting with twisted eyes and negative comments. Yet, none of my friends or foes are true vegetarians. They love pork chops, eggs, milk, butter, a good steak, and a fun family barbecue. Their children eat hot dogs, and they have McDonald's "Happy Meal" packages in their vehicles.

I just get such a kick out of meat-eating folks who look at those who hunt as cruel. I never would look at people who brings their kids to a McDonalds, Burger King, or Kentucky Fried Chicken, or look forward to a Friday night hamburger pizza or a good dose of Chinese shrimp chow mein, as cruel or mean.

There are a few among us who are true vegetarians, and I say all the power to them! I respect them. I do not want to convert anyone. I would just like those who are not hunters to understand that the food they enjoy—such as meat, dairy, and a large portion of fish—comes from animals that have never spent a day of freedom in their lives. They have never roamed the woods, prairies or fields. They never swam in an ocean, a river, or lake. We humans have ever so slowly created a world where we cannot survive by hunting. There are just way too many of us. So we grow animals the same as crops. We crowd them into a limited area for the sake of cost, and we feed them steroids and growth stimulants in an effort to satisfy the world's desire for meat, fish, and dairy products. I wish for no one who en-

joys meat, fish, and dairy to ever see where and how their delicious food is raised or processed.

It is our fault. Our society loves Big Macs, fried clams, pepperoni pizza. How about a good night out at Alberto's, or stopping at Tenney's stand for an ice cream? We are fast becoming a fat society, a country of fast-food-loving humans. But I can assure you this is not from eating wild game. We all have our ideas about what is right and wrong, which is our privilege. This is one of the benefits of living in this country and our own little town. Choosing is a privilege, the choice to have a nice fat juicy farm-raised steak, a "Happy Meal" from McDonalds, clam strips from High Tide or Diamond acres. How about Stopping in at Rick & Diane's or Alberto's for one of their great sausage pizzas? I have eaten at all of these good spots, and I have enjoyed every meal. Most folks eat foods that are commercially raised. I understand that this is necessary. I also know that folks who hunt do so because they enjoy it, and because they utilize the outcome of their efforts.

I respect everyone who does not hunt, but I wish that more folks would look at hunting thru the same eyes that I look at folks who buy their meat at a grocery. Most hunters have great memories of their success. The fact that I have taken a wild animal as part of my food is more satisfying than knowing where all my other food comes from. It is our nature as humans to be different. The small percent of us who hunt do so out of natural instinct, out of challenge, and out of the desire to utilize wild game. To some this is cruel, and I am sorry for that outlook. Our world is growing so fast, and land is disappearing at a rate that most people have no clue about. I can see fifty years from now that hunting in this country will be extinct. Our population will depend solely on commercially raised animals. There will be no wild animals, just beef stockyards, chicken houses, and pig farms. They will be huge—miles long—beyond what anyone can imagine today. It is coming. And it brings things like bird flu and mad cow disease. It will not get better.

This fall I will go out and hunt, and my friends will do the same. We take pride in hunting, but our hunting will be lost in the future, a future brought on by a growing population and the need to feed the world machine. That is great loss to the hunter

and to most of our wildlife. Over-population makes species disappear. It will never be hunters who do that, it will be the need to use the land to raise animals to feed the out-of-control world. There is something to be said about too much intelligence. We are getting so smart that we live longer, we produce more, and we desire more.

When I again set out to hunt this fall, I will be one person in a thousand. The other 999—less one or two vegetarians—will be in the meat department at the Antrim Marketplace, or at McDonalds, Albertos, Rick and Diane's, or sitting down at home to a meal of hot dogs or hamburgers. They will be eating dinner and wondering how anyone could be so cruel as to hunt an animal. I am proud that I am not prejudiced against them. ❖

THE GHOSTS OF ANTRIM

Missy Taylor

Did you now there was a ghost in residence at the Allen household on Summer Street? Another was reported at the Platt residence on Thompson Crossing Road. And there has been a recent posting on the Web at www.ghosts.meetup.com about a mysterious children's fork under an Antrim house that refuses to leave.

Do you have a ghost in your house? Have you heard strange knocking, heavy footsteps or unexplainable voices? The Antrim Historical Society's October Program will be devoted to the "Ghosts of Antrim". The stories of New Hampshire ghosts are legion: from the Moulton House in Hampton where the original owner General Jonathan Moulton is said to have sold his soul to the devil to the nearby Henniker House, where the ghost of 'Ocean-Born' Mary Wallace is said to visit every Halloween in a horse drawn coach.

Share your story with us. Call Missy Taylor at 588-7146 to tell us about *your* Antrim ghost story. We'd love to unearth as many of these eerie tales as we can. Even better, send us pictures of your ghosts!



MEETING WITH MR. TANDY

By Thelma Nichols

Recently I stopped in at what I know as the John and Barbara Shea home, a Methodist Church in a previous life, recently purchased by the Antrim Baptist Church, and that started me thinking about the people who used to live in the upstairs apartments, namely Elizabeth Tenney and her brother Wilbur Tandy. Even though they were family, they maintained separate apartments, which is easy to understand if you knew these two people.

A week later, the Limrik arrived. Now I always read this from cover to cover, and the name Elizabeth Tenney surfaced in one of the articles. This was followed by my cleaning out one of those boxes where "stuff" gets put to be taken care of another day!! Well, the "another day" came and this box held, among other things, some photos of members of the Antrim Baptist Church including the Baptist Quilters, who went on to become known as The Antrim Quilters. Many of the people in these photos are no longer with us. This got me to reminiscing about many of these people that I had known so well, including the

church's next door neighbors.... Elizabeth Tenney and Wilbur Tandy. Well, I thought ...maybe it's time for me to share my memories of a very pleasant and friendly man. You know, something from a "not so long-time resident".

A few years back at an Antrim Historical Society meeting, one of the participants in the program (a resident younger than I) was sharing his memories of Antrim, and happened to include Elizabeth and Wilbur in his comments. I remember sitting before him steaming as he conjured up Wilbur as the "town character" and proceeded to draw many laughs from the audience as he continually ridiculed Wilbur and his ways.

Well, he was right in that Wilbur did march to his own drummer. But I remembered Wilbur differently than this young whippersnapper who obviously had been embarrassed by Wilbur somewhere in his youth! (Perhaps around the family dinner table.) As a newly transplanted resident of Antrim, all of 22 years old, living downtown with my husband, Wayne and young son, John, Wilbur was a gift. I worked days at Antrim Molding Company and Wayne

worked nights at Sylvania Electric. After coming home and feeding John, we used to go outside and we would walk around town or I would sit on the stoop and watch him ride his tricycle up and down the street. I knew very few people in town and was often lonely. Wilbur would saunter on by and he always had time to stop and talk. We would discuss the weather, growing vegetables—he had many unique ideas on how to grow them the biggest and best—town happenings, eating myths such as not drinking milk while eating cucumbers, or in his diet, eating ice cream with cucumbers (one of his favorites) and just about anything else. His whole world was pretty much Antrim, but we always found something to discuss. He never complained about this health or his lot in life. He always appeared to be a happy man. And he lifted my spirits every time!

I have always felt grateful to him for the time that he stopped and shared something of himself and for making my evenings and weekends a little less lonely.

Now I feel better—and I can stop stewing about a previous impression made public! ❖

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THE FUTURE STILL LOOKS GOOD

By Zac Baker-Salmon

The idea to go to Germany was fueled by a decision about college. This, to me, was a decision that was being made all too hastily by kids and parents alike. Why rush into college? I asked myself. There are so many other ways with which one may educate oneself.

I'd heard of the Rotary International Student Exchange program when I entered ConVal High School as a freshman. A few friends I had made at Andy's Summer Playhouse, namely Ryan McGettigan and Gayle MacDonald, also graduates of ConVal, were spending a year after graduation in Germany. This was something that had not crossed my mind. I considered it for a few moments, then promptly forgot about it. To a freshman, graduation is far, far away.

I got more interested in what Rotary had to offer in my junior year. I applied to spend a year abroad, and I was lucky that I was accepted and would be living in Germany, the country at the top of my list. The German language program at ConVal more than prepared me for my trip, and I most likely would not have made the decision to go if I hadn't studied German in the first place.

Most exchange students have two separate lives. On one hand, they enjoy the company of other exchange students from other countries, swapping stories with kids from all over the world. The first meeting of all the Inbounds (Rotary term for exchange students arriving at their designated countries) was overwhelming. I met about 70 kids ages 16-18 all at the same time. Half of them spoke English and almost all the rest stumbled through a conversation in German. Half of the Inbounds had already been in Germany for a number of months, but I was in the new group, fresh from the airport. Both groups mashed together made a bit of a mob scene. Identifications, addresses, phone numbers, all sorts of things were swapped. Everyone made plans to meet everyone else at such and such a time, on such and such a date, and when it was over we went back to our host families.

The second life is your host family. To be completely honest, I would take a day with my host family over a day with other exchange student's in a heartbeat, and I think I know why. Germans are just so cool. I was picked up at the airport in Bremen by my host brother, Tobias, and my host sister, Lisa. Tobias, 17, had long, unkempt hair and glasses and was wearing a battered old t-shirt, pajamas and sneakers. I immediately thought, either this kid listens to really good music, or he listens to really bad music. Turns out it's a little of both, but I'll talk about Tobias later. Lisa, 21, was dressed much more for the occasion than Tobias was, but it was a rather drizzly day in August and I couldn't see any reason why any of us should have been particularly dolled-up. I loaded my things in the car and we began speaking German. We spoke German the entire ride home. While we were delayed in traffic, a man on a bicycle complained about the position of our car, half on the sidewalk, half in a crowded intersection. Lisa gave him a piece of her mind as he pedaled away. From then on I knew I would fit in this family.

There are things you must get used to being an exchange student, and it both interests and surprises me how strongly some people react to their new environment. We eat a large meal at lunchtime, dinner you get yourself. We drink tea at every meal. Lettuce is hard to come by, so my diet consists of a lot of meat, cheese and starch, but you won't hear me complaining. There's no real mayonnaise, like Hellmann's I mean,

just Miracle Whip. Germans don't have to think when someone says the time is half seventeen, they know it means 4:30 PM, but the clocks can drive some Inbounds nuts. There are no SUVs; in fact, you'll be hard-pressed to find many cars with more than two doors. Yes, there are Mercedes all over the place, but trust me, if you're an exchange student, none of your friends has a Mercedes. Instead, there are large Volkswagen vans, mostly used by larger families. These vehicles all run on Diesel fuel, which is much cheaper here than regular gasoline.

There is one thing that gets me. Germans leave the milk out. Tobias really appreciates milk. I appreciate milk as well, especially cold, and Tobias understands this. It doesn't happen often, but at least once a month, without fail, I will pour myself a bowl of cereal after I get home from school. I will then spend five minutes, searching the refrigerator for a liter of milk, only to glance at the kitchen table and see a nearly full carton that has been lounging there since early that morning. It's shocking. Why do they do this? In five months I haven't gotten an answer. Fortunately for my sanity I have learned to accept the things I cannot change, and in the future I vow to never cry over lukewarm milk.

My host sister Maria, 19, is the sister I wish I had. She's smart and zany enough to be related to my dad and sweet enough to be my mother's daughter. She watches out for me a lot, makes sure I'm doing all right and keeps me from being lazy and dumb. In the very first weeks of being here I helped her build a Heinkel, a German made motorbike from 1965. It was really cool. Even though I was only scrubbing grime off of nuts and bolts, it was fun hanging out and I felt really at home. A few weeks later we drove to the shore of the North Sea and just sat on the edge of a pier and talked. That same night we went to a friend of Maria's house to meet and play games and chat. The friend didn't come and unlock the door for two hours so we sat outside and talked about college and the future and things like that. She asked me why school was so expensive in the USA and I couldn't explain it. I just said it was politics but I'm not sure she was 100% on what I meant; I'm not sure I was either.

All of my host siblings have been exchange students. Jan, 22, is the oldest and managed to go to Tanzania and Mexico. He can speak Kiswahili, Spanish, German and his English is also very good. Lisa went to Australia, and she speaks English with the cutest accent. Maria went to Mexico, and even though I've been told she speaks in a very strong Mexican accent, her Spanish is more than fluent. She's always getting calls from Mexico and she'll chat for an hour or two without missing a beat. It's remarkable. During Tobias' exchange year in Peru, on top of learning Spanish, he made friends with two Americans and he has no trouble chatting people up in English. He spends much of his time downloading American TV shows and watching them in English. He says he can't stand to hear the voices used in the German translations, it ruins the experience for him. One of the two Americans turned out to be Andrew Turgeon, a resident of Vermont, who I got to meet right before I left for Germany. One day, Tobias was calling Andrew to say hello and see what he was up to. He was reading Andrew's home telephone number under his picture on his Rotary ID card. I picked up the card and said, 'I know him.' Tobias didn't believe me so I talked to Andrew on the phone for a few minutes to confirm my suspicions.

In school I was able to make friends outside of my host family. Tobias has some great friends he has over from time to time, and in school I got to know them even better as well as

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make some of my own. I'm in the 11th grade, Tobias' class. The other students in the class are very nice, and most of them very funny. As far as hard-working goes, I can see that attribute only in a select few. Since English is a required course in Germany, I noticed something that I didn't notice as much in the US pertaining to language classes. There were some kids who really didn't care, and never did anything. I kept thinking, why are you learning English if you don't want to? It turns out they have to until they're old enough to drop it in the 12th grade. Even the ones who hate English class like talking to me, though. My conversational German is more than adequate now that I've spent so much time rubbing elbows with the German youth. I see English class as a way for me to really help out while having fun myself. The teacher, Herr Bahn, is quite good, but he's a 'no-bull' style teacher. Everyone is scared of him. Having lived in England and studied at Oxford, Herr Bahn very rarely takes what I say completely to heart. Seeing that I'm an American, my English must be, well, terrestrially remedial. He does, however, ask me to make presentations and lectures now and then. So far my favorites have been about Science Fiction literature and racial prejudices in American schools.

The German view of America is not an especially favorable one, but my classmates do not go out of their way to make sure I know this. There are the usual stereotypes. A McDonald's on every street corner, everyone so fat they all have to drive humungous cars, handguns stashed in every writing desk and only American History taught in school. Those things I can deal with. I deal with people speaking out against our President, and I can also understand why some people ask me how I can be proud of being American when we have such a President in office. I just say that America is a wonderful, beautiful place with millions of intelligent, interesting people and I wouldn't want to have grown up anywhere else. I always find it easy to talk about New Hampshire and Hillsborough County just because I like them. I want to leave the best impression I can on these people who otherwise wouldn't know the first thing about it. It's great to see classmates of mine, some who have a very strong opinion of the US, take what I'm telling them and actually think about it. I think, somehow, we as Americans have lost the ability to imagine ourselves in someone else's shoes.

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house for twelve dollars a week, and I got room and meals with all the milk I could drink.

One of the smartest things I ever did was to buy my second car, a 1948 canary yellow Mercury convertible with a black top. I had to fight the girls off! I was having a very good time.

In 1949 or 1950 I left Concord and came back to Antrim and lived with my parents' in what is now Hebert's house on Depot Street, just up the block from here. I went to work at the old First National grocery store where the Antrim Marketplace is now. Brian Brown's father ran the store, and my job was to do everything he asked me to do. The best thing about working at the First National is that I met Izi there. We were married June 16, 1951, and our son Bill was born December 6, 1961. After we got married I was at the paper mill for a year, and then in 1952 I went to work at the Goodell Company. My brother was running the office, and he hired me to handle the payroll which I did until 1982 when I retired.

So far in my year I've been to Berlin, Bremen, Hanover, Oldenburg, and Osnabrück, and I'm traveling to Cologne tomorrow to visit my friend Allegra Gilfenbaum. Of course, if you want to get anywhere in Germany, you've got to use the amazing train system. Just recently I traveled to London with Maria's English class and visited Anna Mueser, a long time friend from Henniker, NH. London was spit-spot. We had a ball catching up on what we've been doing with our lives away from New England. The tea was scrumptious as well. I was unaware that all the museums in London are free, and I found it very surprising. They cost nothing! I guess I know my dad's next vacation destination. In my travels I've also managed to meet up with Sophie Chambers, another Antrimite living in Germany for the year. I feel lucky to have the friends, and to be able to spend time with them when we're so far away from home is just mind boggling. In June I'll be going to Amsterdam with my class, and this April I will be doing an internship in Bavaria at a voice teacher's studio. (I was fortunate enough to meet Roland Seiler some time ago in Antrim. Roland comes to New England very often, and he is good friends with Antrim's Nancy Knowles and Frank Wallace, the fabulous music teachers/performers/composers.) Roland is a teacher's teacher, and to tell you the truth I'm a little intimidated but incredibly excited to be observing his technique. While I'm in Würzburg, Roland's home in Bavaria, I will most likely pop over to Heidelberg for a short visit with my former German teacher, Frau Pantesco, and this year's troupe of ConVal kids. I'm getting better at planning for the future, it seems it's all I do here. The Germans have a habit of asking, 'what are you doing the second Thursday of next month?' And they expect a concrete answer. Since I'm American, the answer is, of course, 'Nothing! Who in their right mind plans to get together that far in advance?'

Now that I think about it, though, it makes a lot of sense. If I had rushed into college instead of taking a moment to look at what I really wanted, I would have missed out on so much. I can't wait to go to college, but if I hadn't taken this year abroad who knows when I would have had another chance? Maybe during college for a few months, maybe never. I have everything to look forward to, and right now I have everything to enjoy. ❖

From 1963 until 1984 I was the Town Clerk, and the little room off our kitchen here on Depot Street was my office. I held regular hours that were posted around town, but people would show up at all hours. Out-of-state fishermen used to arrive at six a.m. demanding a twenty-five cent license so they could get out on the water early, and other people who had put off getting their cars registered beyond the last minute, would knock on the door as late as ten or eleven o'clock at night insisting that I open up. One woman was always late year after year, and once I climbed out of the bathroom window to avoid her.

Also, I served three six-year terms as Supervisor of the Checklist from 1984 to 2002, so I figure that I've contributed my share to the town.

With our conversation done, Martin and Heidi walked me to the door and bid me adieu. Isabel, Martin's wife of fifty-five, died on November 19, 2005. ❖

ANTRIM RECREATION

By Celeste Lunetta

Late Winter/Spring

ANTRIM FRIENDS OF RECREATION EASTER EGG HUNT

This event was once again generously organized by the Antrim Friends of Recreation. Approximately 75 children attended with their families! Special thanks go out to Becky LaRouche for bringing in a bunch of very cuddly bunnies! Also to the local girl scouts for their help. The Antrim Friends of Recreation is a group of volunteers who organize events all year to benefit the community. New officers: President: Janet McEwan, Vice President: Catrina Young; Treasurer: Lauren Kirkpatrick; Secretary: Monica Lemaire. Thank you for many years of service to immediate past president Nancy Blair, past vice president Jean Nanicelli and past secretary Kathy Maguire. The Friends of Recreation meets every first Tuesday of the month, 7 pm, at the Recreation office at the Town Gymnasium.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT COLLABORATE ON BIKE RODEO

Antrim Recreation and Police Department collaborated this spring to have a Bike Safety Rodeo. The original date was rained out, but the raindate of April 21st turned out to be a gorgeous day, warm and sunny. About 35 kids came out to get a free bike safety inspection, a safety and rules of the road talk, a walk through a safety course, and a first aid demonstration. Antrim Police Department gave away helmets they had received through a police grant. Antrim Recreation helped kids put together first aid kits with materials purchased by a donation received from the Antrim Bennington Lions club post. The bike rodeo benefited by the complimentary services of James from Eastern Mountain Sports Bike department, as well as Rick Edmunds. James performed a thorough safety inspection on all the kids bikes, giving them a tutorial on the way! At the end of the rodeo, James and Rick brought a group of older riders on a very successful bike ride around Antrim.

MEMORIAL PARK

The community can be grateful to four hardworking teens and their adult mentor, Lisa Hennessy. This group spent one of their spring vacation mornings cleaning up litter, leaf, stick and general debris around Memorial Park. This Earth Day Action Party closed with a Pizza Party sponsored in part by Rick and Diane's.

Repairs to the tennis net posts have been made by Chris Baker Salmon. The tennis players of Antrim can look forward to the resurfacing which will be completed this year by Vermont Tennis Court.

FISHING DERBY

It was a rainy but welcome sight to see the kids back at the annual fishing derby on May 13th! This event, held annually, was again organized with the help of Steve Schacht. The kids enjoyed a morning of fishing at Mill Pond in Memorial Park.

JUNIOR OLYMPIC TRIALS

With the help of Susan Phillips and Lisa Hennessy, the recreation program organized the first local Junior Olympic Skills Competition. The participation was small, but mighty! The kids had a fun time, and will be proceeding to a regional competition. They showed their skills in Basketball, Soccer, Track and Field and Tennis.

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL, PITCH HIT & RUN

Antrim Youth Baseball and Softball fielded 8 teams this season! Thanks go to our volunteer coaches and umpires: Bryan Hebert, Rick Davis, John Vest, Bob "Doc" Chagnon, Betsy Hallen, Rick Farella, David Belliveau, Scott Baldwin, Tia Belliveau, Bob Holmes, Scott LaRouche, Tony Burke, Shelly Gardner, Ted Clough, Rick and Karen Fife, Magaret and Callie Dauphinais, and Ken Boucher. Also, we received financial support from many local businesses! We would be hard up with out the support of Rick and Diane's Pizzeria, Monadnock Paper Mills, Bellows Nichols Insurance, Battaglia Foundations, Small Town Auto Repair, Dugre's Garage, Edmunds Ace Hardware, TBird, Chancey Farm and Tenney Farm. Thank you local businesses!

The Shea Field Concession Stand is in full operation this season, selling snacks, hotdogs and hot & cold beverages. The Pitch Hit and Run competition was also held this year, with the athletes showcasing their skills in hitting for distance, pitching for accuracy, running for speed. Athletes with the best scores proceeded to the state tournament in Concord.

CHORUS

Antrim Youth Chorus, directed by Kim Stearns and sponsored by the recreation programs, celebrated its third season with a concert on May 15. The community is fortunate to have Kim continue to volunteer her time to conduct this enthusiastic group of kids in music! The group meets after school on Mondays. There will be a winter concert next year. Registrations occur in October.

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

A TAXI COMES TO BENNINGTON

We are indebted to our neighbor Joe MacGregor, proprietor of the Bennington Garage, for this story.

One day last April, a taxi drew up in front of his garage. Since taxis are a rarity in these parts, he immediately suspected that something unusual was afoot, and sure enough: a young woman stepped out of the cab and asked directions to "the College." Joe knew, of course, that there is no college in Bennington and guessed correctly that the taxi was wildly off course. When he suggested as much, the young woman's mother stepped out of the cab and explained that she and her daughter had flown from California to attend a 3-day writers seminar at Bennington College in Bennington, Vermont. She'd planned to rent a car in Boston, but her driver's license had expired so, instead, she'd hired the taxi for a fixed fee of \$300. The driver, an immigrant, had mistakenly taken I93 north out of Boston and they'd gotten all the way up to Franconia in the White Mountains before anyone realized they were off track. The driver then consulted a map—and made a bee line for the wrong Bennington.

Joe says that although the women retained a sense of humor about their problem, the driver did not. He said he was exhausted, wanted out, and offered to give back \$100 to be released from his commitment. But then, what were his passengers to do? Joe phoned an acquaintance who agreed to drive them to the correct Bennington and would accept the leftover \$100 for his troubles. We're sure they arrived there safe and sound, but we wonder about the taxi. ❖

IN THE MILITARY

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

PVT FC James Murdough. Since February 2005 Private First Class Murdough has been on Special Assignments with the US Army Calvary stationed at Fort Hood, KY in supporting operation Iraqi Freedom.

His mother is Sharon Stickney of Antrim, father David Murdough of Windsor, brother Brent Murdough, grandmother Vi Murdough of Antrim, and grandparents Shirley and Robert Bingham of Greenfield.

James was inspired to join the military by his grandfathers who serviced in WWII. He was injured during basic training, but continued with his training even when a superior urged him to take time to heal.

PVT Brent Murdough. Since November 2005 Private Brent Murdough has been a Striker Operator with the US Army stationed at Fort Louis, WA in supporting operation Iraqi Freedom.

His wife is Kimberly Murdough; mother is Sharon Stickney of Antrim, father David Murdough of Windsor, brother James Murdough, grandmother Vi Murdough of Antrim, and grandparents Shirley and Robert Bingham of Greenfield.

Brent has followed in the footsteps of his brother James. Following his graduation from Basic Training he married his childhood friend and sweetheart Kimberly. Brent will be stationed in Germany in July.

Please contact Pam Caswell at 588-2906 if you have news about someone serving in the military. ❖

THE RABIDEAU FACTOR

The name *Rabideau* should have been included in last issue's article about Antrim folk who pursue wool-related activities. The late Charles Rabideau with his wife Geraldine and their six children—Thomas, Suzette, Michele, Renee, Matthew, and Bernadette—kept as many as 100 sheep at their place on Elm Ave. After Charles's sudden and unexpected death in 1989, this activity became smaller in scale, but even now Geraldine, with the help of the three of her now-grown children who still live in Antrim—Michele, Renee, and Bernadette—maintains a flock of 20. (Thomas now lives in Illinois, Suzette in Dublin, and Matthew in Penacook.)

All the children, when they were growing up, were heavily involved in 4-H activities including sheep judging at fairs. Thomas, in fact, is mentioned in the Antrim Town History, *Parades and Promenades*: "... his sheep were winners at the Hopkinton Fair and he was picked by the Hillsboro County 4H clubs to attend Camp Miniwance on Lake Michigan ..." This writer, in assembling facts, got the feeling that growing up learning to care for animals was an enriching experience for all the Rabideau children. When asked about this, Renee said, "Absolutely. Caring for the sheep taught us responsibility. It also led to friendships with the kids we'd meet at state and county fairs.

And sportsmanship. After all, when your animals are being judged, sometimes you win, sometimes somebody else does."

Charles and Geraldine Rabideau moved to Antrim from Malden, Mass. in 1954, the year they were married, and the six children began arriving a year later.

— Dick Winslow

GREGG LAKE ASSOCIATION

PREPARES FOR SUMMER

By Genie Woodworth

The Gregg Lake Association's objectives are to promote and preserve the environmental quality of Gregg Lake waters and shoreline, and to protect the environment as a family recreation area. We are a non-profit organization for families who have a strong and vital interest in the wellbeing of Gregg Lake.

All are welcome to join the Association and attend our meetings. The annual dues are \$10 per family.

We held our first meeting this season on May 27th at Win and Gloria Sawyer's cottage. Win is this year's president. The next meeting will be August 26th. For more information, call 588 2372.



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ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY A LETTER OF MARITAL ADVICE FROM 1821

By Gif Russell, Curator

The Antrim Historical Society exists to preserve the history of your town and its people. Most of the items that are part of our collection were donated by you: photos, written documents, artifacts, family histories, diaries, and letters.

This past month we discovered an 1821 letter written by Thomas Duncan to his brother in Antrim.

Robert Duncan came to Antrim in 1787, settled a farm, was married, and had a large family. Their oldest child, Thomas W. Duncan, graduated from Dartmouth, studied with Rev. Whiten, became a Presbyterian minister, and lived and preached throughout New Hampshire. He was 40 years old when in 1821 he wrote to his brother John Duncan, then 25, who had inherited and was living on the family farm in Antrim.

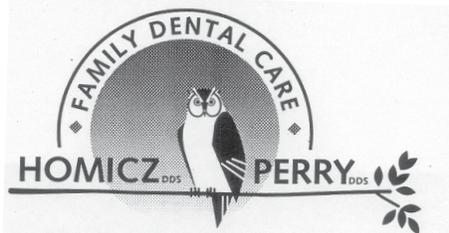
After an initial paragraph in which Thomas responds to his younger brother's request to write about several biblical scriptures: "that teach the doctrine of election absolute and unconditional; that God is a sovereign disposer of events..." he gives John some practical advice:

"I could say more on this subject had I the opportunity, but I wish to give you a little advice on temporal things. You cannot perhaps do better than to stay on the farm. I think if I were in your place I would, if I could, find the girl of my choice, marry soon, endeavor to get matters settled quickly as possible and bring a wife home, then you will be more contented than you are now and enjoy yourself a great deal better. Do therefore think of these things, for unless you could have a large sum of money you could not obtain a better place than you have in no

part of the world, nor a more comfortable one for there are inconveniences everywhere. A single life is not desirable and you can as well marry now as ever, so look out and don't live alone another winter. I intend to find a wife myself before the year comes round again and I advise you to do likewise and stay where you are. I will thus close my letter and bid you adieu. And may God grant all you need for both time and eternity is the prayer of your brother. T.W. Duncan"

John Duncan did marry in 1823 and lived the rest of his life on the farm. Thomas married soon thereafter.

If you or any members of your family have items about Antrim's history or its people, we hope you will consider donating them to the Antrim Historical Society. We are located on the second floor of Antrim's Tuttle Library. We promise to take good care of them. Their contents can then be shared by all Antrim citizens, and they will be in safekeeping for your descendants. ❖



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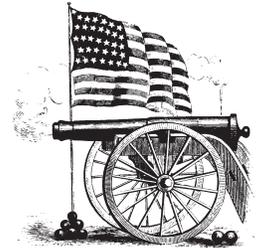
JUNE

- 5 **GBS • 7 PM** Incoming 5th grade Parent's night
- 5 **La Leche League meeting • 7 PM** • The Grapevine
- 5 **Conval School Board meeting** • Great Brook School
- 6 **Brown Bag Coalition meeting • 11:30 AM** • The Grapevine
- 6 **Town of Antrim Open Workshop • 7 PM** • Master Plan Committee • Town Hall
- 8 **GBS • 6:00 PM** • Spring Concert & Arts Day Video
- 12 **"Raising Cain" • 6:30 PM** • The Grapevine
- 14-18 **Spotlight on Local Artists Exhibit • Antrim Grange**
- 16 **Antrim Community Supper • 5:30 PM** • First Presbyterian Church
- 20 **People's Service Exchange New Member Orientation • 7 PM** • The Grapevine
- 20 **GBS • 7 PM** • 8th Grade Graduation
- 21 **Chamber of Commerce Meeting • 12 NOON** • location TBA
- 21 **GBS • Last Day of School - ½ Day**
- 21 **Gregg Lake Beach open** • lifeguards on duty from 9 AM-5 PM
- 26 **Summer Reading Program registration starts • Tuttle Library**
- 26 **Antrim Recreation Department • Summer Camps begin**
- 26 **Antrim in the Evening First Concert • Bandstand at Memorial Park**
Enjoy Strawberry Shortcake with the Historical Society



JULY

- 3 **La Leche League meeting • 7 PM** • The Grapevine
- 4 **Reading of the Declaration of Independence • 9:30 AM** • Bandstand at Memorial Park
Enjoy coffee and donuts with the Historical Society
- 5 **Trip to Daloz Farm • 9 AM** • (The Grapevine) Meet at Hancock Town Hall
- 9-15 **Boy Scout Troop 2 • Camp at Hidden Valley in Gilmanton Iron Works**
- 12 **Developing Responsible Behavior • 6:30 PM** • The Grapevine
- 19 **Trip to Willard Pond • 9 AM** • (The Grapevine) Meet at Hancock Town Hall
- 19 **Chamber of Commerce • 6 PM** • Gregg Lake BBQ
- 23 **Historical Society gathering • 3 PM** • Chauncey Farm
- 29 **Summer Reading Program Celebration • Tuttle Library**



AUGUST

- 1 **Brown Bag Coalition meeting • 11:30 AM** • The Grapevine
- 2 **Trip to Monadnock Paper Mills • 9 AM** • (The Grapevine) meet at Paper Mills parking lot
- 7-11 **Summer Nature Adventure week • 9 AM** • The Grapevine
- 7 **La Leche League meeting • 7 PM** • The Grapevine
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- 14 **Summer Nature Adventure week • 9 AM** • The Grapevine
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- 16 **Blueberry Picking Hike • 9 am** • (The Grapevine) meet at Francestown Town Hall
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GREAT BROOK SCHOOL NEWS

By GBS Staff

GBS THANKS OUR POLICE DEPARTMENTS

The police departments in our four towns have been actively involved in our schools and supportive of our programs. Recently, officers from each of the four towns participated in the GBS Arts Day Celebration and have assisted our staff with our Students of the Month program activities. As a result, our students are building a positive rapport with many of our officers and have developed an appreciation for the jobs that they do. We are pleased to announce, that in order to enhance this partnership, that the town of Antrim has applied for grant monies to fund a full-time resource officer at Great Brook School. Should we receive the funding for this project, law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents, and community members will collaborate to offer law related educational programs in our school.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL NURSE

Our school nurse, Mrs. Linda Compton, was recently elected President of the New Hampshire School Nurses Association. We are proud of her and are appreciative of all that she does to support health care in our school and in our state!

STUDENT DESIGN-A-MEAL WEEK MENU

GBS students designed a week's worth of breakfast and lunch menu items for our school using the USDA nutritional guidelines. The meals were served during the week of April 24-28. We thank our Food Service Director, Tony Geraci, for this creative approach to educating our students about nutrition!

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“NEW PLAYGROUND IN THE “WORKS”

Great Brook School has received the “green light” to begin a new playground for their middle schoolers. Currently the students are making do without a developed playground now that the Antrim Elementary playground is truly “little people” friendly.

The current plan calls for a new “Wall Ball” court, basketball court, swings, tether ball and a GaGa court. In addition, we plan to build a bar-b-que and incorporate a reading garden into our existing outdoor classroom space.

Mrs. Kathi Wasserloos, a recently certified Landscape Designer, is in the process of drawing the necessary plans. ServiceMaster has graciously agreed to help with the site development and Donna Noonan is offering her expertise in managing playground development.

We are looking for donations and volunteers to help bring this playground to life. If you are interested please contact Deb Parker at 588-6630.

GBS BIKE CLUB NEWS

“Over hill, over dale, we will hit the muddy trails, and our bike wheels go rolling along!”

Yes, the Great Brook Bike Club is riding again. Each week between five and ten students mount their rugged bikes and head out to explore the local back roads and trails. Many of us try to anoint out bikes and bodies with as much mud as possible, which is not too great a challenge in the spring. (Amazingly, the teachers stay dry!) A typical ride is ten miles and includes several stops for checking out the flora and terrain. A favorite ride takes us into Hancock, up an old logging road to the remains of a hotel. We have discovered that this site deteriorates from season to season, but we can still see evidence of “the olden days”. Along the trail are several old cellar holes and a well. The best part of the ride is the downhill section from the top. Some of us really zoom!

At the end of each weekly ride, Mrs. Bigford and Ms. Ripley provide each rider with a traditional Reese’s Peanut Butter Cup. When there are fewer than ten riders, they offer two. It’s a tasty and well deserved treat following good, solid exercise.

There is always room for more students to join us. Parents are also welcome to join our rides any time. Mountain biking is a terrific non-competitive sport that we are pleased to offer at Great Brook.

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GBS KHOKO CLUB NEWS

The GBS KHOKO club (Kids Helping Other Kids) has completed another busy year. In addition to our traditional UNICEF collection @ Halloween, we also had a successful drive to help the victims of hurricane Katrina. Our annual Thanksgiving trip to help prepare the feast at the Keene Soup Kitchen was a lot of fun. We all got wrinkled and tired hands from peeling at least 150 lbs. of squash and potatoes.

New activities this year included a visit to Harborside Healthcare Facility, where we played Bingo and gave out our handmade prizes to residents there. We also participated in the Bowl-a-thon for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, which took place in Peterborough. KHOKO member Liz Horn collected the most money from her sponsors for this event and won a beautiful kayak! Our first fundraiser was KHOKO cocoa mugs at the GBS Christmas Concert and we sold out everything. In April we completed a Sock Drive for the homeless. The GBS Community contributed 250 pairs to help keep feet dry and warm this spring, for those less fortunate.

We would like to reach out to the community for our last project. The Antrim Girls' Shelter sees many girls come and go during the year. As new girls arrive, it has been a tradition to welcome them with Belonging Bundles. These bundles typically include items such as towels, facecloth, personal journal, sham-

poo, soap, toothbrush, etc., and they cost about \$35.00 to put together. KHOKO members are in the process of writing letters to local businesses, but individuals and families can help out too! If you would like to donate money to sponsor a bundle or two, KHOKO members will shop and put together in the fall. Contact Laurie Stevens or Pat Maynard at GBS anytime for more information or just drop off your donation to GBS. We will include a card with your name on it or you can remain anonymous if you prefer.

Many thanks to those student, teachers and families who have supported us in so many great causes throughout this year.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH UPDATE

During the past school year over 100 students in grades 5 – 8 participated in the Student of the Month program every month. Each student maintained a grade average of B or better in all subjects, participated in a co-curricular activity, and volunteered at least four hours of community service.

Ninety-four of those students have been Student of the Month each and every month this school year. As a result, they have attained the status of **Student of the Year**.

Our **Students of the Year** will place their handprints high on the hallway walls just before the end of school this year. In addition, we will celebrate their achievements in mid-June by traveling to Newburyport, Massachusetts, for an all-day whale watch. We salute them for a very successful year! ❖

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 2

By Brian Beihl

Dick Jennison Receives Award of Merit - Dick Jennison, former scoutmaster and current committee chairman of Troop 2, received the 2006 Mt. Monadnock District "District Award of Merit," the highest district-level award for leaders. "Mr. J," as he is known to the boys, has been involved in Troop 2 for over 30 years, has influenced two generations of Antrim and Bennington's finest young men. No Eagle Scout achieved his rank without Mr. J's oversight, and no 50 mile canoe trip was complete without his presence. He received his award at the April 30th Mt. Monadnock District awards banquet, attended by current Scoutmaster Steve Osienski, Linda Osienski, Ed Hebert, Phil Lang, and Brian Beihl.

Troop 2 Returns from Backpacking in Whites - Six scouts and four leaders just returned from a weekend backpacking in the White Mountains, hiking into the Pemigewasset Wilderness to Sawyer Pond. The scouts, most of whom had never backpacked, had to cross the Swift River which with snow melt was a leg numbing 40 degrees, then scramble over several large trees which had fallen over the trail last winter. The boys fished, saw a loon, and admired the cliffs overlooking the campsite.

Thanks for Supporting Hike-a-Thon Camp Fundraiser - Troop 2 again co-sponsored a Monadnock District Hike-a-Thon, a fund-raising hike to help kids attend summer camp. Over 100 hikers attended this year, hiking the Hillsborough rail trail from Bennington to West Deering. Troop 2 scouts manned stations to help other scouts to identify trees along the trail, then hiked or biked the trail themselves.

Scouts to Attend Camp in July - Thanks to community support of the wreath sales and Hike-a-Thon, Troop 2 will be taking 10 scouts to Hidden Valley, the Daniel Webster Council camp in Gilman Iron Works, July 9-15. Most scouts will earn three merit badges while at camp, and will participate in swimming, boating, shooting and other camp activities.

Troop 2 Open to All Boys 11-17 - No previous scouting experience is necessary to join the Boy Scouts. Just a desire to camp, backpack, kayak, rock climb, hike, and have fun!

Activities will continue through the summer, with the regular weekly program resuming in late August. Contact Brian Beihl, Troop 2 vice-chair, 588-3014. ❖

FOR THE RECORD

A Few Highlights From the Town Meeting, March 16 '06

Tuttle Library Addition: a warrant article for an \$850,000 bond to enlarge the now -badly-crowded building was passed by an overwhelming margin. Nancy Benda spoke eloquently in favor of the bond; no one spoke against it. \$96,000 from capital reserve funds will be added to this, so that \$946,000 will be available for construction.

Cutter Building Parking Lot: A Warrant Article to sell the Cutter Building Parking Lot, next to the Antrim Video Store, for \$1.00 was defeated. Bill Nichols had proposed an amendment to make the price \$5600 which was voted in, but then the whole thing was defeated. Thus the Town still owns the lot.

Flood Damage Repairs: \$700,000 was voted to repair roads and bridges damaged by last fall's serious flooding. \$600,000 will come from the Federal Management Agency and \$100,000 from our own Emergency Bridge Fund.

Grapevine Support: \$5250 was voted in support of the Grapevine Family and Community Center. Kristen Vance's remarks in favor of the Support were enthusiastically received.

Credit Cards: It was voted to allow the town to accept payment of taxes and/or fees by credit card. A service charge of 3% will be added for such use of credit cards.

Conservation Commission Moneys: It was voted that 50% of tax moneys, accruing from the tax on sales of land in Current Use status, shall go to the Conservation Commission without the \$5000 ceiling that has until now been in place. As Peter Moore pointed out, this gives the Commission stronger ability to secure protective Easements on land that otherwise might be bought for development. An example of this is the easement that the commission has already completed for the protection of some 300 acres around Campbell Pond. ❖

FROM THE LIMRIK STAFF A MESSAGE

Lyman Gilmore's second book, seven years in the making, was published in April. Titled *The Force of Desire, A Life of William Bronk*, Talisman House, Publishers, it is a critical biography of the poet, William Bronk, 1918-1999, one of the most accomplished of his generation. Of this book, Michael Heller has written, *William Bronk spoke of the act of creation as that by which "we ascend from the infinite pit of our perception to the finite life of words."* Lyman Gilmore's biography follows a similar flight path, precisely and movingly rendering Bronk's life, illuminating the transmigration of intellect and intellectual development into one of our major bodies of poetry.

The Limrik staff is proud of and congratulates Lyman, its managing editor, for this memorable achievement!

The Force of Desire, A Life of William Bronk, is on sale at the Toadstool Bookstore in Peterborough and, as well, may be borrowed from our own Tuttle Library.

— Richard Winslow

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ANTRIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL MUSINGS

By Debbie Lesure

Have you noticed **AES – Where Kids Are # 1** is the motto of our school? When I came to interview for the position of Principal, I saw this on the doormat at the entrance and made a mental note. I wondered, are kids truly number one at this school? Over the past two years, I've determined that it is a fact. I believe it is important for parents and community members to know the values of our school. So please, let me tell you a number of ways I've observed that *Kids Are #1*.

1. Our vision statement holds that we value **Kindness, Respect, Honesty, and Cooperation**. We recognize that respectful and responsible behaviors are key aspects to success in life. In our school, we focus on student behaviors. Rules specify what children can do, as opposed to what they cannot do. We understand that much of student learning is impacted by connections students have with their teachers and each other. We implement both the *Second Step* program and the *Responsive Classroom* model of classroom management and student community.

2. In keeping with our community spirit, we also reach out to the community. For example, our Drumming Group played at the *Children and the Arts Day* in Peterborough. Mrs. Stacy's and Mrs. Donovan's students marched in the parade. Our children have sung at Antrim Village, held food and clothing drives, and 4th graders collect all of our recycling.

3. Our teachers understand that academics, the **basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic**, are critical for lifelong learning and future jobs. In the course of instruction, our teachers weave concepts and essential understandings into student learning. For example, in the Kindergarten, children learned about farms, food, and animals as a way to understand our world. Third graders studied the needs of the early pioneer families as Antrim was settled. Through this, they also learned about family responsibilities, food production, tools, and survival. Our students sing, read, learn poetry, and solve creative math problems through thematic learning. We know this background in the basics will be critical to our students as they pursue their dreams and interests.

4. We recognize that **reading** is a life skill, essential to all other learning. As a staff, we always strive to improve upon student learning. We have a new Language Arts curriculum that

emphasizes the five critical components (phonological awareness, phonics, comprehension, vocabulary, and fluency) of a good reading program, as identified by the National Reading Council. In addition to district trainings, our teachers have devoted staff meetings, professional development days, and professional readings to better help our students acquire reading skills that will enable them to succeed in school and their lives.

5. Due to No Child Left Behind legislation, mandated testing has become a fact of life in schools. In New Hampshire, students take the NECAP test (New England Common Assessment Program). This was designed to measure school progress against state standards. In our school district, we also assess children through MAP tests (Measures of Academic Progress). This gives us the ability to look at test scores, assess *each child's learning* in critical areas, and to make changes for individual learning needs. MAP testing allows us to **"Follow the Child."** Please understand, however, that at AES we know that test scores are only one indicator of a child's progress or success in school. There are so many intangibles, such as character, ingenuity, or desire to learn. These cannot be measured by any standardized test!

At Antrim Elementary School, everything that we do...every decision that we make...every meeting that we have...focuses on what we do for our students. Every day we try to do more and better. After all, at **AES - Kids are #1**. ❖

TOM MANGIERI

The body of Antrim's Tom Mangieri was found was found April 1st in the North Branch River less than a mile from where he was last seen on Oct. 9th. He had been kayaking on flat but very high water, upstream of his home, on the river which very heavy rains had turned into a downstream raging torrent. The kayak had been pulled into swift water, capsized and left him clinging to a tree branch. Antrim Fire and Rescue had been called and worked in vain to save him before he was swept away by the overpowering current. Many volunteer searchers, along with family members and N.H. Fish and Game people, looked for his body last fall and winter, but not until April did volunteers from the New England K-9 Search and Rescue, using five teams of search dogs, find it in a marshy area about 200 yards east of the Rte. 31/9 intersection.

Mr. Mangieri, 66, came to Antrim in 1986 and built a home on the river near Liberty Farm Road. He had been active with the Antrim Fire Department and also served on the town Planning Board. He is survived by his wife, Jen, along with six children, six grandchildren and two brothers. It was suggested that contributions in his memory be made to Antrim Fire and Rescue c/o Chief Mike Beauchamp, P.O. Box 517, Antrim 03440.

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FROM MY KITCHEN WINDOW

By Joyce Davison

It has been awhile since I sat down to share my thoughts and observations and it is time to do just that. What a fall season we had didn't we? The chills of the season seemed to come early, and those short and darkening days are certainly not my favorite....then the rains, dropping the leaves before they had a chance to show their colors. My brook that babbles along nicely became angry and swollen even before the Saturday when the boards on the Gregg Lake/Birch Point bridge broke away.

I had made plans with a good friend, to attend the tour of the Holiday House which was a Peterborough Historical Society event. Through the pouring rain we trudged as parking was not allowed in what had been planned as the parking area in a field that had turned to mud, with a few cars having to be pulled out by a wrecker. We enjoyed the tour, but cold and wet, we crawled into my car to head home. I became a little anxious as I drove my friend to her place. Several low places in the road were all ready flooded over, and as I turned homeward it continued to pour.

I had always been told that us folks living next to the brook during times like this would be safe, "as long as the Gregg Lake dam held." Well you may have guessed by now...anyway, I started up Clinton Road and saw the sign telling me the road was closed. Okay I said, I'll go up North Main to Smith Road onto Miltimore Road, back on to Clinton (Rt. 31) by the Grange Hall and down. So far so good until I got to "Clinton Corner". There I saw Arthur and Christina Bryer out of their little house, along with other folks standing around and a couple of trucks. Stopping to speak with Chris and Arthur, I looked down Old Hancock Road and discovered there was no longer a road/bridge over Great Brook and the old "Creamery" was surrounded by swirling water. The "dam is out at Gregg Lake," they said. At that point I wondered what the brook was doing as it curved under two more bridges before it rounded the bank beside my little house. I continued going toward the village and my place but as I started down "Brooks Hill" it was evident the brook had taken out the main road and the bottom of the driveway of my old homestead where my sister continues to live. There was no way the road crews would let me go any further (I just live around the next corner), and I remembered quickly that the second bridge was just above my house and very close to Kevin and Alice Cutter's place and Buttercup Lane. Yikes! Backing my car up, to return up "Brooks Hill" my plan was to retrace my tracks up 31, down Miltimore, heading back to Main Street, and my last hope, (before leaving my car somewhere and walking home) was to go up West Street onto Buttercup Lane and then home. It worked!!! That wonderful babbling brook that I have spoken about before and love to listen to, was a roaring river that had carved out a whole new path. Fortunately, I learned that I am lucky to be on the "high bank" side as the water had spread out into the woods on the lower side. So despite the warning of "when the Gregg Lake Dam goes" (which goes back to hearing it from my Dad when I was a kid), my house was high and dry (except for my cellar)! Do I have to add, I was mighty glad to get home?

That was fall. My bird feeders have been busy all winter, counting seven cardinals one Sunday morning. In February, on one of the Sunday's that we had snow and wind, I looked out and the small crabapple tree that my son Pete put in for me just last summer, was alive with birds. At first I thought they were evening grosbeaks, but I was thrilled to realize that they were cedar waxwings, lots of them, just getting every last little dried up frozen apple they could. It is such a pleasure to go out to each of my three feeding area's and listen to various bird noises. Of course the favorite chickadee with their little black caps, all the various finches, the nuthatches, and of course the mourning doves, an occasional group

of pigeons, and the woodpeckers. Squirrels galore, and three times this winter a flock of turkeys has wandered up the bank from the brook through the back yard. The fox has passed through on a regular basis, difficult to see the tracks with the lack of snow this winter. The brook has never completely iced over and my snowshoes have only been off the hook from the cellar once.

As I walk in the early mornings, with the days getting longer and lighter, I watched two deer cross the road a few weeks ago. What wonderful memories I had as they trotted across Merrill's field and into the adjoining field. That field was "Ben Tenney's field" (now Webber's) when my brother, sister and I would slide down those hills with our friends. If we were lucky, on a moonlit Friday night, we would get the Paige kids and the Cuddihy kids and head out from our house to slide. One night, Prilly and Sally Paige and I decided we would go down together on my little sled, layered like a club sandwich, which was not unusual. Not all of us had our own sled in those days. We had a nice hard crust (which is what we hoped for to have a great and very speedy ride) that had hardened up after day time sun. Of course I had to do the steering, after all it was my sled, so I was on the bottom, Sally was in the middle and Pril was on the top. Away we went. Down over the first rise was fine and past the rock, but as we headed down the second rise one of the sled runners broke through the crust. Off like a missile went Prilly, face first into the crust, followed by Sally and then I who had the advantage of the sled to hang on to. That ended the night's fun. We all surrounded the injured Prilly, who was crying lustily with a face bruised, bleeding and scratched, resulting from her topple from the top "bunk" so to speak. In we went to the house where my mother washed up the scraped face, reassuring all of us and Pril, that she would survive. If I remember correctly, my brother and I walked the Paiges home that night; they lived up in Clinton Village (the house that the Bob Quinlan family lives in now, next to Claude and Patty Grant). Not far really, and don't forget, very few families in those days had their own cars, so it was a common occurrence to walk friends home.

And now spring has arrived. Grace (Paige) would be pleased with my gardens around what was her little house. The new little crabapple tree is covered with buds and I have a wonderful pile of compost to continue to spread around.

Can't say my life isn't simple, and I like it that way. Town meeting is behind us, and what a great event that was. Not held at the wonderful old Town Hall anymore, but at the Memorial Gym which was full of folks, the way town meetings used to be. As kids, we would get the day off from school to attend the event, and sit in the balcony to giggle and listen to the towns folk argue and vote on the business of the town. My brother and I would try to hide when my father would get up to speak his piece and let me tell you, everyone was able to hear him! We knew all the folks, knew where they lived, and on that day we learned about where their political thoughts were. Things have certainly changed. They have had to! It is very reassuring to see and hear some of the "new" folks in town taking active and necessary roles in the decisions that have to be made, in conserving the open spaces and working to maintain the small-town caring attitude as close as possible to the way it has always been. I am grateful for all the officers of the town, men and women, who give many, many hours to carry out that mission, and for our fire and rescue folks, our police officers (give them a break) who have had a particularly hard job breaking in their own shoes after Brian and crew left. We need to help them *want* to move their families into town!

Enjoy the summer ahead. Watch the birds and listen to their sounds. Much better than the news. Leave a few brush piles around for them and the other small wood creatures. Fall will come only too quickly.



THESE ANTRIM HILLS

By Peter Moore

Living in Antrim, we are surrounded by, and blessed with, an abundance of beautiful landscape features. Some of these are more vibrant than others, almost alive, moving and breathing around us, in and out of our daily routine. The lazy Contoocook, swift North Branch, sparkling Gregg Lake, meandering Great Brook, our peaceful mill ponds, all are sources of reflected light, coolness in summer, and inspiration. Pulsating wetlands and swelling and changing forests abound. At every turn the richness of our fertile river inter-vales and upland farm lands give us comfort, and pause.

And when we get out and look up from our groundling routine and seek respite farther afield, we are struck with more outstanding, majestic, but silent landmarks, the hills and mountains of Antrim. Sitting out there looking down at us, are summits sparsely visited, but first to feel the rain clouds pass, and last to see the sun go down. Home-on-high to countless flora, fauna, moss bed, fragmented outcropping, and all the mystery that these secret, sacred places hold.

In his "History of the Town of Antrim" in 1880, Reverend W.R. Cochrane wrote—in Chapter XVII, which he titled "Various Descriptive Items of a Topographical Nature"— "The surface of Antrim is greatly, and sometimes abruptly broken, especially in the west part of town. The east part slopes gently and gracefully toward the Contoocook, forming from the hills of Deering a most beautiful picture." Further, Cochrane finishes, "Many of the hills have, from time-to-time the names of owners—a few have permanent names."

Not only have the names of Antrim's Hills changed over time, as the Reverend points out, some of them have stopped being "hills" and have become "mountains," and vice-versa. Within the borders of our town we have six "hills" and six "mountains" by my count from casual observation, hiking, map study, and reading a little local history. Some residents who have lived here longer than I may differ on this count. It is likely that two-of-the-twelve conspicuous rises would conjure further hill-mountain debate, *Tuttle* and *Hedge Hog*.

Tuttle, in the western highlands, is referred to by most modern maps that I could find from the 1970's to the present as *Tuttle Hill*. But, in the "first" Antrim history, penned by Cochrane, it was recorded as *Tuttle Mountain*. So I have taken the liberty and stuck it in my "mountain" column to makes our alps an even half-dozen, those being: *Bald, Gibson, Riley, Robb, Willard*, and now *Tuttle*. I suppose one might figure that in the 1800's men-were-men, and mountain-were-mountains, not hills!

Now, in the "hill" column, some people might argue that there are just five in town: *Goodhue, Holt, Nahor, Meeting House*, and *Patten*. But Cochrane rightly or wrongly includes *Hedge Hog Hill* among them. Here, in our midst, but off the beaten trail and known by few, is a small but prominent "knob," clearly unique, pine and hemlock adorned, sitting above and east of the Lily Pond. This *Hedge Hog Hill*, not to be confused with that "range of hills" of a similar name, that rise above the Contoocook on the Deering side, and to which Cochrane referred as "a most beautiful picture," is a hidden gem-of-a-stone-outcropping, and a winter haven for many deer, moose, porcupine and bobcat.

And so, with this historic proposition and topographic perspective in place, *Hedge Hog Hill* completes my tally, and confirms Antrim's bounty as having an even dozen landmarks that we can look up to; six mountains and six hills. In future issues of this publication, I propose to take you to the summit of each of these promontories, and to relate the geologic attractions, the natural history, the historic lore, and views above us... from these Antrim Hills.

Next issue: *The Central Hills - Patten and Meeting House*



LIMERICK CONTEST

The LIMRIK invites readers to complete the given, unfinished, limerick by supplying its missing final line.

A limerick is defined as "a verse, often nonsensical, having five lines with the rhyme scheme a,a,b,b,a. The 1st, 2nd and 5th lines each have three stresses; the 3rd and 4th have two stresses."

There is an easy way to remember the how these stresses work:

da da **DUM** da da **DUM** da da **DUM**
da da **DUM** da da **DUM** da da **DUM**
da da **DUM** da da **DUM**
da da **DUM** da da **DUM**
da da **DUM** da da **DUM** da da **DUM**

An example:

Said an **ape** as he **swung** by his **tail**,
To his **off-spring** both **fe-male** and **male**;
From your **off-spring**, my **dears**,
In a **cou-ple** of **years**,
May e-**volve** a pro-**fess**-or at **Yale**

Here's the unfinished limerick; you provide the last line:

If you like things all warmed up and nice,
There's an old Antrim piece of advice:
It would be a mistake
To go off to Gregg Lake

For the solution that our editors judge to be best, the LIMRIK will award the winner a \$50 gift certificates to the Toadstool Bookstore in Peterborough.

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SpiralScouts International is an open and inclusive alternative scouting program for boys and girls ages 3-18. Based in the principles of ecology, inclusivity, and balance of gender - energies, SpiralScouts philosophy is rooted in the beliefs of Earth religions, including Wicca, but accepting of many different spiritual paths and viewpoints. Many of the families who join SpiralScouts are looking for a way to build connections with others while engaging their children in activities that foster respect for diversity, reverence for the earth, and responsibility for self and others.

In the three and a half years since starting Silverling Circle with my son, then two, I have had the great joy of getting to know some pretty amazing kids. The most rewarding part is knowing that together with our scout families, we have created a safe, accepting environment where every person is free to walk his or her own spiritual path in harmony with nature's

rhythms, all the while having great fun and learning about themselves and each other. Our family and our Circle has grown since then, and many of the scout families have become lifelong friends.

We have many exciting adventures coming up this summer, including a Solstice camping trip and badge ceremony, planting in the gardens for a CSA, swimming and first aid, a mountain hike, and night skywatch. This fall we have planned children's activities at Pagan Pride Day, a Samhain (Hallowe'en) party that will include costume-making and a charity food drive, Drama badge work, and our second annual Yule Festival in the Ancient Tradition.

We are currently looking for anyone interested in helping to lead the Circle, as well as new scouts. I can tell you that the energy put into this group comes back threefold! The group is forming two branches at the end of the summer, and there will be plenty of opportunity for new members, as well as a need for adult volunteers. Meetings are held once (sometimes twice) monthly, and the location may vary depending on the activity.

We invite you to come to a meeting and check us out before registering. Feel free to contact me for meeting details. Registration is just \$13 per year for scouts or \$10 for volunteers, which includes insurance coverage. To find out more about the program, visit <http://www.spiralscouts.org/> or contact Jess Baribault at 588-4219 or email SpiralScoutsJess@yahoo.com

As we often say in Circle, "Merry meet, and merry part, and merry meet again!"

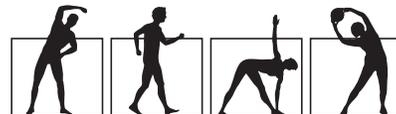
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ANTRIM GIRLS SCHOOL AND SHELTER

By Janet MacLachlan

The newly renovated school with its brand new addition had a grand opening on April 5th during which a number of townspeople were given a tour of the building. It is a beautiful restoration and fits in with the other improvements taking place on Main Street

The new rear section merges with the historic Victorian house which enables the program to serve 15 girls at one time. College style dorm rooms house 2 girls each. A computer lab and a large new classroom have expanded the educational experience. For more than 20 years the Antrim Girls School and Shelter, operated by the Lutheran Social Services of New England, has served troubled young women from throughout the State of New Hampshire. They are sent by the juvenile court to spend up to 60 days at the Shelter where a caring staff of 25 people, headed by Randa Tenney, offers a highly structured behavioral program. The girls learn to respect one another, the meaning of politeness, and good manners. They acquire new life skills they might not have been exposed to before in their troubled lives. They have their chores such as keeping their rooms clean and orderly and doing their own laundry. They attend a full time school with qualified teachers during their stay, and they have a wide choice of support services and activities available to them. I saw some wonderful artwork which had been created by the students. They learn to cook, work in the garden in the summer, and go on shopping trips for food.

As part of the community, they have volunteered their services to help the Antrim Recreation Department clean up its grounds in the spring, and they have visited a nursing home in Jaffrey. Prior to the visit each girl chose a name of a patient to whom she wrote a letter, and on visiting day the girls were able to meet and spend time with their particular persons and share a program with them. It proved to be a very positive experience for both the girls and the patients.

Some of the girls come from large cities like Manchester and Nashua, so Antrim must seem very rural at first. In the summer they have the opportunity to go hiking and swimming, and even an overnight camping trip may take place which can be an experience they have never had an opportunity to enjoy. All these activities are learning and teaching times. Winter offers chances for a ski trip down a nearby slope or learning the new skill of snowshoeing.

There is a constant turnover of students, with new ones coming in while a few others are returning to their families. During their stay in Antrim the girls' families are in contact with them by afternoon visits and by telephone. While the girls are turning their lives around and learning how to have a more positive future, their families are also receiving counseling to help them get along better with their girls when they return home. A month or two doesn't seem like a very long time to create a new way of living, but it is an intensive program that has had a very positive effect in the lives of many of the girls. In later years some of them write to their counselors at the Shelter and tell them how they are progressing and what they have accomplished. They appreciate the opportunity which came to them during a difficult and unhappy time in their lives and realize what a difference it has made to them and their families.

The Antrim Girls School and Shelter is the only one of its kind in the whole State. The work they do there is so important and worthwhile. A countless number of lives are set on new paths to grow up to be happy, healthy contributing members of society. Antrim can be proud of that beautiful house on our Main Street where good things are happening. ❖

MARY ALLEN TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

Mary Allen has been appointed by the Con Val School Board to complete the term of Tom Lawless who had resigned. She joins William McKinnon as one of Antrim's two representatives on the thirteen-member Board (where her husband, Gordon, served three terms in the '70s and '80s).

Mary has over the years made many contributions to community affairs. She has been active with the Antrim *Players*, was supervisor of the town Checklist for 18 years, served on the Board of Adjustment for 12 years and is presently an alternate member of the Planning Board. She is also a new board member of the Contoocook Housing Trust.

Community affairs aside, Mary has for many years been a journalist, writing and editing for several publications but particularly the Keene *Sentinel* which she served for 14 years. She plans to complete a master's degree and hopes one day to teach writing at the college level

Mary and her husband Gordon have lived in Antrim since 1975 and are the parents of two adult sons, Jonathon and Jesse, both Con Val graduates. ❖



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TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

By Kristin Readel

Thank you to all the voters of Antrim who supported the Library's warrant article for expansion. Your help and support are greatly appreciated, and we can't wait to see the final result. Now the exciting part—building it! Trustees are reviewing bid applications and conducting interviews. The plans are designed to have minimal impact on the day-to-day operations of the Library so that we can continue business as usual. Hope to see you here!

SEED STARTING WORKSHOP

Diane and Mary Chauncey hosted a small but enthusiastic group of novice and seasoned gardeners for seed starting the last Saturday in April. We appreciate the Chauncey's generosity in offering this event to library patrons for the past two years.

SUMMER READING 2006

Ahoy Mateys! It's time to join us on a high seas adventure at the James A. Tuttle Library. You too can search for the treasure in every book when you register for the 2006 Summer Reading Program—"Treasure Reading!" This annual state-wide program is sponsored by CHILIS (Children's Librarians of New Hampshire) to encourage year-round reading by children.

Children may register at the library beginning June 26th and throughout July. Special programs relating to our pirate/treasure theme will be offered throughout the summer. Kids who enjoy summer reading with us this season will be invited to attend a final celebration on Saturday, July 29th at 11 p.m. For a complete schedule of events and more information about the program, please contact the library at 588-6786 or check the town's website at www.antrimnh.org.

LUCKY RAFFLE WINNERS!

Jacqi Cottle won the Chocolate Lover's Basket and Don Woodhouse won the Tranquil Delights Basket. Enjoy!

BOARD BOOK BAGS FOR BABIES & TODDLERS

Your NH State library has shared a gift of two book bags chock full of 10 board books each. Chloe and her family are test-reading the infant bag. Adam and his family are working on the toddler bag. Each bag has board books with favorite titles and authors like Sandra Boynton and Tana Hoban and beautiful illustrations and photographs to entice our youngest readers and their favorite laps. It's never too soon to start exploring books together. Check at the library if you'd like to enjoy these new bags with your favorite infant or toddler.

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Library will be closed for the July 4th Holiday. ❖

GRADUATION

By Nicole Clough

Graduation. The end of an era. I know it sounds extremely corny, but it's true. It marks the end of one part of your life (childhood), and commences your journey into adulthood. But for some, like myself, graduation also signifies another move, from the safety and security of your childhood home to someplace foreign and unfamiliar.

I've lived in Antrim since I was six years old. I really don't remember living in any other place. This year I'm graduating from high school. I'm leaving this place that I've known for so many years and moving away. And I'm not going to lie; I'm excited! I really honestly can't wait to begin the next leg of the journey. On the other hand, parting is such bittersweet sorrow. Even though I'm excited about this next part, it's bittersweet because I love it here.

Antrim has been my home for twelve years. I know my way through every back street and every wood trail in town. I've worked in this town since I was old enough to be hired. A big thank-you to my family at Tenney Farm for putting up with me the past four years. You all have helped shaped who I am becoming. I also love the fact that on Home and Harvest Day you can't walk ten feet without seeing someone you know. I'm moving to the city, and let's face it, coming from Antrim is going to be a big change. After I'm done with school, I want to come back. The small town life grows on a person. Everybody knows everybody, and people are always there to help one another. In today's changing and fast-paced society that is so hard to find. The fact that we have it here is so rare and something we should treasure. After being exposed to it for such a long time, I feel an obligation to give the same opportunity to my family the same way my parents did for me. I simply hope that once I'm all done with school and living in the city, that this wonderful town accepts me back with the same open arms that it did before.

So, I guess the real point of my rambling is simply this: thank you Antrim for all that you have done for me. I'll remember it always. ❖

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LITTLE FROGGIES

By Schatze Moore

When my daughter was new born we lived on a dead end road here in Antrim. We were the second to last full time residents on that road. The last full timer was a woman of 80 years and she drove off to work each day. There were trees to the front and back of me, trees to the right and trees to the left, nothing but trees. It was winter, it was cold, and I didn't get out much.

Then spring came bringing brighter skies and longer, warmer days. Plants and sleeping animals began to emerge and the songbirds returned to the landscape. Melting snows and spring rains created vernal pools the places where wood frogs and salamanders return to breed. In the ponds and wetlands other creatures began to surface from their long winters snooze. Soon thousands of tiny voices could be heard as they joined in a mighty chorus.

Mornings would find me, my baby, and our dog, Finnegin, out for a walk down to Pierce Lake. If it had rained during the night I would notice an interesting occurrence, tiny frog bodies smashed and smeared on the road. This carnage struck me as truly pitiful and I felt a deep sorrow. After seeing this a few times I constructed a little poem, not a great poem, just a little poem of grief. Here it is:

Little froggies dead on the road.
How come little froggies dead on the road?
When it rains, everybody knows...
Little froggies dead on the road.

Later, when my daughter was in middle school and we had a different address, I took her and a friend shopping one spring evening. When we came out of the mall we found it raining and when we were nearly home we noticed frogs sitting on or hopping across the road. Molly, my daughter, remembered my old poem and asked me to share it. The girls found my poem "yucky" and we had a good laugh, but I found the remaining miles challenging. I would never have jeopardized our lives for the frogs, but I wasn't happy knowing my car and I brought them death.

Early this spring, my husband and I were walking on Smith Road just down the hill from Antrim Lumber. On the left hand side of the road is a little pond and from that pond came a tremendous noise. I knew just the treat in store for us because I had been fortunate enough to see it years earlier in this place. We approached carefully and thus were able to spy upon the hundreds of tiny skinny dippers floating in the dark water, heads just breaking the surface and all speaking at once. Pee-eep, pee-eep, peee-eep... We drew nearer and the voices ceased one by one and the peepers each disappeared into the depths below.

I live on Clinton Road and below my house the road cuts between a wetland. A culvert connects the waters beneath the road. This year a American Bittern pair is in residence. The warblers, the Red- Winged Blackbird and the American Goldfinch seem to find this an ideal place to live, flying from one side and back to the other. Marvelous creatures inhabit the waters, beavers, otter, mink, giant snapping turtles and frogs are all dependent on this particular habitat. This little area is more than a home for turtles and peepers. This place also attracts wildlife from forest and upland seeking food and water. The eggs the turtles lay roadside make tasty meals for raccoons and skunks. We've seen a bear cross after an early morning swim, and deer crossing over sometimes, coming into our fields to graze. Fox, coyotes, moose and wild turkey have all been seen at this location. Not too long ago and early in the morning we found a young coyote that had been struck by a vehicle. It's death provided us with a wonderful opportunity for a close-up study but we were very sorry it hadn't made it's way safely home. This is a very busy road and the traffic usually moves faster than the speed limit allows. The creatures that live in the surrounding fields, forest and waters are vulnerable to our powerful and fast moving machines. I once read that over one million animals a day are killed by automobiles in this country, and while we humans can't stop living our own busy lives, I would like to believe that we can all slow it down a bit and make way for little froggies.



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Bible 101 Adult Bible study class on
June 4 and June 11 at 1:00 PM

AA Meetings on Sundays at 7:00 PM

Spectrum Art Association meets from
9:00 AM – 12 NOON on Thursday mornings

Ballroom Dance Lessons every Friday
evening at 7 PM

- **July 17 — 21 • Vacation Bible School**
at 5 PM (beginning with a light supper)
at the Baptist Church. This year's theme
is 'FIESTA!'. Classes for all ages.
- **July 23 • Joint Worship** at the Baptist
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- **July 26 • Antrim in the Evening • Ice
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Rev Dan Poling

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SCHEDULE**

The Antrim Historical Society began
the New Year by electing a new slate of
officers. Elizabeth Robertson is the new
president, Nina Harding Secretary, and
Ron Haggett Treasurer. The Program
Committee, made up of Thelma Nichols,
Missy Taylor and Mary Allen, is planning
interesting meetings for this coming year.

On May 23rd Marcia Duffy and Jenny
Wojenski of Keene, who are the co-
founders of LifeStories, gave a talk on why
preserving life histories of families and
communities is so important to develop
a sense of the culture of the time.

On June 28th "Antrim in the Evening"
will be starting at the bandstand, and
strawberry shortcake—with Tenney's
strawberries—prepared by the members
of the Antrim Historical Society will be
served to the community. Please be sure
to attend.

The glorious 4th of July will be com-
memorated by Bill Nichols and Dean Pro-
ctor reading the Declaration of Indepen-
dence at the Bandstand at 9:30 a.m. Cof-
fee and donuts will be served, and this
will be an opportunity for friends to meet.

On July 23rd at 3:00 p.m. there will be
a gathering at Chauncey Farm where
guest speaker Stacia Dziengowski, who
grew up on that farm, will be sharing sto-
ries of her young life in those earlier times.

On August 20th, with rain date of Au-
gust 27, members and friends will meet
at Gregg Lake to hear about the history
of the lake and enjoy a box lunch social.
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THE GRANGE

By Renee Mercier

Antrim Community Grange has had a very productive spring-time! We have handed out numerous dictionaries to many 3rd grade students in the ConVal District. They were all very excited to use these right away. We received many thank-you letters and pictures from some of the students. We all look forward to continuing this for our 5th year next year!!

April was a great time to have a meeting that was all about cleaning up the grange hall. This was a job that was made fun with the fellowship of our grange members and friends.

On the 17th of May, we held our annual Community Award Night. This special night honors the people in Antrim and surrounding towns that we feel have made a great difference in our community. This year, we gave out 3 awards and 1 scholarship of \$500.

Educator: Cindy Zawacki (AES)

Agriculture: Tenney's Farmstand (Antrim)

Citizen: The Limrik Staff (Antrim)

Scholarship: Jaimie O'Brien (Bennington)

Our Spotlight on Local Artists will be held at the Grange Hall on Rte. 31 in Antrim and all are welcome to attend. The times are as follows: June 14 & 15th from 4-8 p.m., 16th from 7-9 p.m. (this is also the Gala and viewing time), 17th from 10-3 p.m. and will be open only from 12-4 p.m. on the 18th. Don't miss your chance to see what some of your local neighbor and friend's talents are! You'll certainly be amazed!

Our group of Antrim Grangers is awaiting a special night out. We are all planning on attending the Keene Swampbats vs. the Concord Quarrydogs on June 21st in Concord. This will be a first for some of the members and old hat for a couple of others! It should be a fun night for all though!

We will slow down a bit in the summer with a few fun things happening. If you are interested in finding out more information about the Grange, visit our website at: <http://antrim.nh.grange.org>.

Have a great summer and we'll update you in the fall! ❖

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HAVE SAY ON ANTRIM'S FUTURE

OPEN WORKSHOP SET FOR JUNE 6TH

By Missy Taylor

On Tuesday night, June 6th at 7 pm, the citizens of Antrim will have the opportunity to express their vision of what type of town they want Antrim to remain or become. An **Open Workshop** will be held at the Town Hall as part of the Master Plan Committee's work to update the Master Plan for Antrim. All Antrim residents concerned about the future of the town are urged to attend and to share their thoughts and opinions. If you want to have a say on what happens to Antrim in the next ten years, attend this Workshop and have your voice heard.

There is no dispute that Antrim is growing and that change is inevitable. The Master Plan Committee, formed by the Planning Board to update Antrim's Master Plan, is attempting to gather as much information as it can from the community, as it grapples with how to provide a framework to guide our land use boards in the future development of the Town, both residential and commercial. That framework is intended to be used to design ordinances for Antrim that best meet the demands of growth and change while preserving and enhancing the quality of life in our town and protecting our resources. The Committee has received an excellent response to the surveys sent out in May to all Antrim households. Now that that information has been collected and reviewed, the Committee will hold the June 6th Workshop to develop a set of vision statements, community goals and objectives that best describes what the citizens of Antrim desire for the future of the Town.

The Committee will use the information from the Surveys and the Workshop to create a 'Vision Statement' for the Master Plan as required by the New Hampshire State Statutes. It will spend the rest of the summer drafting the various sections of the Plan, guided by the collective vision expressed by Antrim's citizens. The sections of the Plan will include current land use, future land use, community facilities, conservation and preservation, economic development, traffic and transportation, construction materials and energy. Members of the Committee are Mary Allen, Diane Chauncey, Ron Hagggett, Bob Holmes, Bradley Houseworth, Bill Prokop, Brian Sawich, Alex Snow, Missy Taylor, and Paul Vasques.

The Workshop is free and open to all Antrim residents. Facilitating the Workshop will be Jeffrey Taylor and Steven Whitman of Jeffrey H. Taylor & Associates, Consultants in Community Planning and Economic Development. Free refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Missy Taylor, Chair of the Master Plan Committee, at 588-7146. ❖

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THE GRAPEVINE

By Kristen Vance, Director

A WOOD SHED FOR THE WOOD BANK

Thanks to Antrim resident Carol Healey and the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation, cordwood for the 2006/07 community wood bank will stay dry under a new wood shed. Carol researched and wrote a successful grant proposal to the Hunt Foundation to build the shelter as part of a grant-writing course at Springfield College School of Human Services. Carol is in a Masters program for Management and Organizational Leadership, and the grant-writing course was an elective. Says Carol, "The professor asked students to target a real world need for a nonprofit organization in our community. So, I thought of The Grapevine." We're glad she did. Construction of the shed is slated to begin soon. Thanks, Carol!

As Spring comes to a close... Our school-year schedule of weekly parent-child programs, through June 15, is as follows:

- Monday, Tuesday & Thursday—9:30 to 11:30—Better Beginnings playgroup
- Monday—2:30 to 4:00—Open Playroom
- Wednesday & Friday—9:00 to 11:30—The Learning Vine
- Friday—10:00 to 11:30—Better Beginnings for Babies

"Our Big Backyard" Summer at The Grapevine July 5 through August 18

WEEKLY PARENT-CHILD ACTIVITIES

Mondays and Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 —Better Beginnings Parent-Child Program—For parents and their children (18 months to 5 years of age). Children play and learn in a fun and nurturing environment while parents have some "adult time" and facilitated discussion about parenting and other topics. School-age siblings welcome—we have games and opportunities to help with the little kids. Sliding scale fee \$1-\$12 per week.

Mondays, 2-4 pm—Open Play room and Play yard—an informal playgroup for parents and children together, offering a chance for children to play and parents to socialize. Resources available, snacks provided. Free, drop-in.

Wednesdays, 9:00-11:30—Family Friendly Field Trips—Free—rain dates to be announced if necessary.

• July 5—Daloz Farm, Hancock—local Community Supported Agriculture with pond ducks, frogs, garden exploration—meets at Hancock Town Hall

• July 19—Willard Pond, Antrim—swimming and splashing in crystal clear water, exploring nature—meets at Hancock Town Hall

• August 2—Monadnock Papers Mills, Bennington—meets at the mill parking lot

• August 16—Blueberry picking hike, Frankestown—meets at Frankestown Town Hall

Fridays, 10-11:30—Better Beginnings for Babies, for parents and their babies (birth to 18 months of age), and for soon-to-be parents. Sliding scale fee \$1 to \$5 per week.

"SUMMER NATURE ADVENTURE" FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

This year we are offering two (2) week-long programs for children ages 4-6 and ages 7-9 years. Carol Lunan M.Ed., our Learning Vine teacher and former Harris Center educator, leads the programs with our Early Childhood Educator Beth Bradford. Activities include investigating flying creatures, creepy crawlers and swimming bugs; exploring mud and water; and scavenger hunts, hikes, nature stories, songs, crafts and painting. This is a wonderful opportunity for young children to discover the natural world—and their place in it!—with their peers under the guidance of our exceptional early childhood educators.

• August 7-11 (4-6 year olds), 9am-noon—\$75

• August 14-18 (7-9 year olds), 9am-2pm—\$100

Parents are welcome to drop off their children or stay for all or part of the morning. The programs are filling up—Call by June 30 to register and to request a full or partial scholarship. As with all Grapevine programs, no family is excluded due to inability to pay.

SECOND MONDAYS, 6:30-8PM AT THE GRAPEVINE

June 12—"Raising Cain" Part 2—"Adolescent Boys: What are they all about?" The evening will focus on adolescent and teen boys, how to help boys resist the pressures of culture and peer influences, and an examination of what boys need from their parents and community. The evening will begin with viewing the second half of "Raising Cain." Participation in "Raising Cain" Part 1 is not a prerequisite, but if you wish to view the first half of the documentary before the June 12 discussion, please call.

July 10—"Developing Responsible Behavior" with parent educator Carol Lunan M.Ed. How can parents support their children so that they grow up to take responsibility for their actions, resolve conflicts in a positive manner, and meet challenges with problem-solving skills that help them to move forward with confidence? You can begin supporting the development of responsible behavior at a very young age and continue as your child matures and grows.

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August 14—"Sensory Play" with early childhood educator Beth Bradford B.S. Parents will explore why water, mud and mess are so much fun and so good for their young child's development. Try your hand at messy play, bring home ideas for activities with your child, and make your own "5 o'clock Box."

About Second Mondays: Walk-ins are welcome to the Second Mondays discussions, but we encourage people to call and register. On-site childcare can be available for participants who sign up in advance.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

The 1st Monday of each month at The Grapevine, 7:00-8:30pm. At La Leche League meetings mothers find a continuing source of information, inspiration and support. Services available include monthly informational meetings, lending library and 24-hour phone help for breastfeeding problems or questions. All mothers and their babies are welcome. For more information, please call Jess at 588-4219.

People's Service Exchange Orientation June 20

Join us for a summer Exchange gathering, for people who are interested in joining and for members who would like to get together, share trading experiences and greet new members. 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 people. The meeting begins at 7pm at The Grapevine and, as with any good gathering, we will have refreshments.

SAVE THE DATES!

July 14-16 at Abracadabra! This is your opportunity to purchase quality toys at clearance prices and support The Grapevine. The Grapevine was selected to work the annual Warehouse Sale of Abracadabra! Toys in Peterborough. The Grapevine will receive all proceeds of the sale, thanks to the generosity of Isis and Abracadabra!

Looking Ahead to Fall

Our Fall session begins September 5, and parents are encouraged to sign up now for playgroups and baby group to ensure their children a spot.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PLANNED FOR FALL

As the end of the first Before School Club year draws to a close, the "Brown Bag Coalition" (BBC) is working on the details of an "After School Club" expected to start the first day of

the 2006/07 school year. For more information about this developing program, or to pre-register for the Before School Club, please call The Grapevine.

REGISTER NOW FOR PRESCHOOL

Parents with children who will be 3-5 years of age by September may call The Grapevine now to register for The Learning Vine 2006/2007 school year. Enrollment is limited to 10 children. The Learning Vine offers hands-on, active learning through a balance of child-initiated and teacher-initiated activities.

The program runs from 9-11:30am. Parents may drop off their children, or participate in the parent cooperative. Tuition rates are lower for parents who participate. Financial assistance with tuition is available. Please call The Grapevine at 588-2620 for more information.

**STRONG LIVING FOR OLDER ADULTS
FALL SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 19**

"Strong Living at The Grapevine" has been a great success since it began about two years ago, and another 12-week session is planned for September. Call now to reserve your space, as enrollment is limited to 12 people. Strong Living is a 12-week community-based strength-training program for adults age 50 and older, created by physiologists from Tufts University. Certified Volunteer Trainers Betty Avery and Martha Martin have been leading this class faithfully and expertly for quite some time now, and we are grateful to them for their commitment to health and well-being!

**ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION
MAKE YOUR DONATIONS EARLY!**

The Grapevine's annual benefit auction will be held on Home and Harvest Day in September, and 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. And we're seeking that one Big Raffle Item to showcase (could it be in your attic?). Thank you for helping to make this our most successful auction yet!

THANK YOU...

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ing the Dust Buster on our wish list; **Kiersten Streeter, the Essexes, and Monica Steele**, for donating the Duplo blocks on our wish list (Monica also donated a really nice train set—thanks!); the many Secret Santas who helped us to fill our last minute gift-giving for area families, including **Lauren Kirkpatrick, Catrina Young, and Sonja Ehlers; Kirk Schellinger**, for our new attic railing; and State Rep. **David Essex**, for talking with parents about current bills and legislation; **Anne Hennessey**, for teaching more Grapevine parents how to knit; Pam Carter for many donated items, including paper towels and food for holiday baskets; **Jess Baribault**, for her donation of books and tapes from Barefoot Books; **Amy Boyle** and friends for landscaping work in and around the play yard; and many others for your donations of time, talent and wish list items.

WISH LIST

• 2/\$75 scholarships and 2/\$100 scholarships for children to participate in the Summer Nature Adventure programs.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

This year, there was after school programming for both middle school and elementary aged kids. The recreation program is working in conjunction with the elementary and middle schools, the Grapevine, and Plus Time NH, to continue and expand this program for the next school year. We anticipate that there will be programming 5 days per week for both age groups. Stay tuned!

Summer Programs DAY CAMP

This summer, the recreation department is expanding the Days of Summer camp to eight full weeks of programming. We are excited to be welcoming back Lisa Hennessey as our Camp Assistant Director. Lisa works closely with Director Celeste Lunetta to provide a fun and secure environment. With low staff/camper ratios and a variety of programming, we hope that our summer programming encourages children to gain new skills and positive social experiences. We are welcoming back almost all of our staff from last season, and are looking forward to a great season.

The camp day runs from 9-3. Kids can be dropped off at 8:30 and there is after-camp care available. The cost to register is \$85 per week. Each week will offer choices in a theme. There will be activities in arts, crafts, sports, movement, swimming and games every week. Camp starts the week of June 26th, and the themes for each week are as follows: Week one (June 26-30) Tennis, Golf, Track and Field; Week Two (July 3-7) Baseball and flag making; Week Three (July 10-14) Quest week/Village & Community Building; Robots; Week 4 (July 17-21) Juggling, Fabric Art, Big Apple Circus; Week 5: Ketchums Kickers Soccer, Kite Construction; Trail Hiking; Week Six: Bombers Basketball FullDay or Archery; Squam Lake Science Center; Week Seven: Bombers half day; Fishing, Volleyball; Swimming, Trip to Water Country; Week Eight: Speed Stacking tournament; Hula Dancing; Barbeque and Outdoor Cooking;

Adventure Camps for Older Kids: Register Before June 24th! We need a minimum number of participants in order to run these programs. If there is room after the registration deadline, and

- A wheel barrow
- A spade, hand trowel, hedge clippers
- Weed whacker
- Fine sandbox sand
- Perennials
- Mulch

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 local 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. ❖

we have not cancelled the program because of a lack of participation, then we will still allow your child in. Call and ask!

11-14 year olds: We will have three weeks of special programs for older kids. Boys and Girls ages 11-14 have an opportunity to participate in one-week (four days with one overnight) adventure camps. These camps are not coed. The boys adventure camp is July 24th-28th and the girls adventure camp is August 7th-11th. The kids will have three days of group and skill building, followed by an overnight camp-out. There is a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 campers allowed on this trip, and kids must be registered before June 24th.

13-16 year olds: We will have a teen adventure camp for ages 13-16 from August 14-17th. This trip will have two overnights and will venture to explore the lakes and mountains of our great state. There is a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 campers allowed on this trip, and kids must be registered before June 24th.

The cost for all of the adventure camps is \$150.00 per camper. We provide reduced registrations and family discounts for our camps. If the fee restricts your family's ability to participate, please contact Celeste at 588-3121. We want your child to be registered! We are grateful to the continued support of the Richardson Fund and the Antrim Bennington Lions Club for our camp programs.

GREGG LAKE BEACH

Lifeguards start their season on June 21st. The staff will be on duty daily from 9-5:00. Sometimes, weather conditions or staff illness cause the guards to be off duty unexpectedly. It is always a wise idea to call the recreation center at 588-3121 if you are depending on the lifeguards to be on duty when members of your family are at the beach. Please note that our policy is that any child under 12 must have an adult chaperone at the beach.

We are also pleased to have the New Hampshire Lake Association sponsored Lake Host program back at Gregg Lake this year. A grant for \$3,000 has been awarded by the New Hampshire Lakes Association to support the collaborative work between members of the Gregg Lake Association and the Antrim

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Recreation Department. This grant will support the Lake Host program at Gregg Lake public boat launch this boating season. The Lake Host program provides training and funds for paid staff and volunteers to provide education and boat inspections at the boat launch. Currently, Gregg Lake is free of milfoil, an invasive aquatic weed that is one of many lake hosts are trained to educate about and inspect for on crafts entering the lake.

The town of Antrim and the Gregg Lake Association lead the way in the state as the only private volunteer group and municipal agency working in partnership to provide the program. In this collaboration, the Lake Association has applied for the grant, and provides many volunteers at the launch. The town provides the point person for the grant, as well as managing the employee work for paid and volunteer hosts. The town also provides supplies to maintain the program.

Gregg Lake is a valuable natural resource for our region. The Lake Host position thrives on volunteers, who can provide any amount of time helping to educate and inspect boats. Training, including transportation, can be provided to the volunteers, and interested persons should contact Celeste at 588-3121 or antrim_parks&rec@tds.net. We really need community volunteers who are interested in protecting Gregg Lake to help us with this mission.

SWIM LESSONS

At Gregg Lake Beach. American Red Cross certified Water Safety Instructors Liza Uhl and Brian Francis. Cost is \$20 per child.

2006 SWIM LESSON SCHEDULE:

Preschool Schedule: ages 3 & 4- parents please join us if you wish!

Session 1: (A) Daytime MWF June 26th-July 9th; 11-11:45 ; (B) Evening Tu/Th June 20/22;27/29 5:30-6:15 pm. **Session 2:** Evening M,W,Th: July 25th- August 5th; 5:30-6:15pm

Swim Levels 1-7: Ages 5-14 **Session 1:** July 11th-22nd **Session 2:** August 1st-12th Level 1: 10am • Level 3: 2:15 • Levels 5,6,7: TBA • Level 2: 12:30 • Level 4: 3:15 **Session 2:** Adaptive.

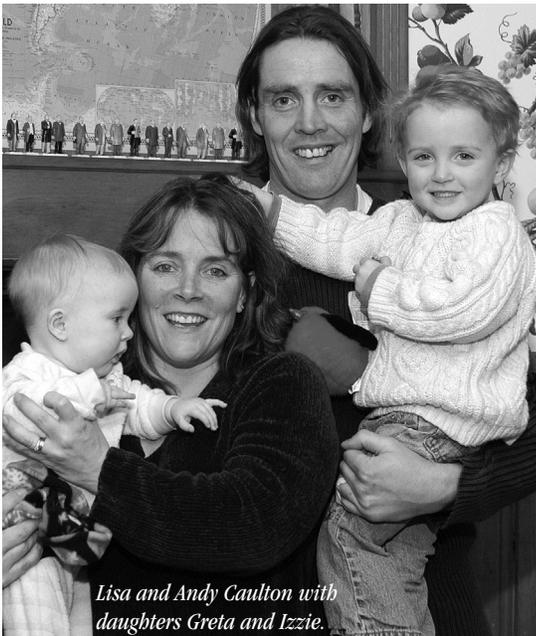
We will also be having crafts, activities and storytime at the beach, watch the beach bulletin board for a schedule!

BEACH CLEAN UP:

We have some improvements at the beach house this year. New steps and ceiling panels have been installed on the deck. The sand raking and brush management is an ongoing effort. Please contact us at the recreation department if you wish to help us with the beach work.

Recreation Office Staff and Hours: 588-3121, antrim_parks&rec@tds.net. Celeste Lunetta: Recreation Director. Office Hours: Monday 8-1; Tuesdays 5-9pm; Fridays: 8-1; Saturdays 8-1, Kristen Estey: Program Assistant/AfterSchool for Elementary: Mondays 12-2; Wednesdays 8-12; Thursdays 5-9pm, Lisa Hennessy: Summer Camp Assistant Director/After School for Middle School: Tuesdays 9-12; Fridays 9-12 ❖

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