

# The Limrik

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For, by and about the people of Antrim.

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Mike Genest, Selectman

As I write this spring has finally arrived, the grass is getting green, and the flowers are starting to bloom. It is a great time of year, and the black flies have not yet arrived.

Town meeting has come and gone and we have welcomed a new member to the Board of Selectmen, Steve Schacht. The Board is still very concerned with the status and improvements needed in the Town's bridges, and our overall aging infrastructure. We are working closely with the various state agencies to obtain the proper permits, engineering reviews, grants, and various funding sources available to us to help offset the cost as much as possible.

April brought us another flood, our fourth in three years, and though it could have been worse, we are estimating that we incurred over \$100,000 in damages

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## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Celeste Lunetta

**Antrim Baseball and Softball:** Ninety youth players are participating in Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Softball. This league program, led by Bryan Hebert, with assistance from the Recreation Department, has a long proud history in Antrim. This year, one Tball team, three Rookies teams, Three Minors teams and Two Majors teams represent our community out on the fields. Please help us thank our business sponsors, Edmunds Ace Hardware, T-Bird, Cheshire Oil, Antrim Lumber, Monadnock Paper Mills, Rick and Diane's, JS Kendall, Dugre Auto, and Tenney Farms. Financial contributions from these local businesses support our teams and league. This year Antrim worked collaboratively with Bennington with a combined Minors Baseball team, as well as for the use of Sawyer Field for our

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## SWIMMING LESSONS AT GREGG LAKE

Organized by Recreation Department: Call 588-3121 to register, or email [antrimrecreation@tds.net](mailto:antrimrecreation@tds.net).

Lessons will be instructed by WSI (and Eagle Scout!) Brian Francis. Liza Uhl will return as a back-up instructor. There are some changes to this year's swim lesson format, so read on. All swim lessons are \$20 per child, \$35 max per family. We will try to reschedule lessons in bad weather so call for canceling more than one lesson.

### SESSION A: JUNE 25 TO JULY 3

Swimming Lesson Intensives: 6-lesson session will be held before July 4<sup>th</sup>.

This session is for kids who are comfortable in the water and need to improve their safety and swim ability.

- Levels 3, 4 and 5 for ages 8 and older: 2:00-4:00 pm.

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## CHARITY TO PRISONERS OF WAR RUSS RUSSELL REVISITED

By Lyman Gilmore

*Our September 2001 Limrik contained a story about a World War II B17 heavy bomber that was shot down and crash landed in Germany in November 1944, and how Antrim's Russ Russell survived the crash, was captured, and spent the remainder of the war in a German prison. We thought our article was the last word on this dramatic incident, but Russ called us several weeks ago to tell of an unexpected and moving sequel to his story.*

Their B-17 was shot down on 30 November 1944, and for two days and three nights Russ and two of his crewmates hid during the day and at night walked through snow toward Belgium to the west where they hoped to reach allied lines. On the third day, 2 December 1944, they were discovered and captured by a German hunter who marched them to the nearby town of Gonterskirchen in the state of Hesse in west-central Germany.

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"Hope no-one saw me. Now all I gotta do is cross Germany, Belgium, France and the English Channel to good old England again."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## NEWS DEADLINE

News deadline is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding each issue. Issues are published in March, June, September, and December. For the next issue, copy deadline is August 10. Please e-mail your article to: Lyman Gilmore at: [l\\_gilmore@conknet.com](mailto:l_gilmore@conknet.com)

## Selectmen's Report

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to our roads, culverts, and bridges. Most of these expenses will be recovered from FEMA reimbursements and hopefully some state funding. We again thank all our employees and citizens for working together to help minimize damages and any inconveniences that the flooding may have caused. We are pleased to advise you, that we have just received our payment, of \$57,500.00 from the State of NH, for its share of the damages in the October 2005 flooding.

We are waiting to hear from the owners of the Gould property on West Street about the status of our proposal on the purchase of the property for use as recreational land. We will keep you informed as soon as we have any new information.

Our new tax maps are now in place and the tax bill that you will be getting soon will be based on the new mapping system. We will all have new map and lot numbers and in some cases updated accurate land records. If you have any questions on your tax bill or your new map and lot numbers, please come to the Town Office and ask for clarification.

Our Regional Prosecutor was hired by the State Attorney General's office and left her position here on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Police Chief's of Antrim, Bennington, and Deering were eager to continue the program and attracted over ten candidates who have been interviewed. An offer has been made to one of the candidates, and we expect to have the position filled by the end of June. This has been a very successful regional program that is benefiting all the towns involved.

As you all can see the Tuttle Library addition is coming along very nicely and we are hopeful for completion by the end of the year. The trustees and the staff are anxious to show off their new space. Please watch for the notice of the open house. We are confident you will be very pleased with the results.

We are waiting to hear about our success in obtaining a grant for the Teen Center. Kristen Vance and the staff of the Grapevine have been working very hard to make this happen. The teens have been very active in getting this program off the ground. We are all looking forward to a very successful endeavor.

Remember, the Selectmen are here to serve you and to answer questions that you may have. Please attend any of our meetings or call our Town Administrator Bill Prokop to get answers to your questions. Have a safe, and enjoyable summer!



## THE MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS

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## AN INTERVIEW WITH SELECTMAN STEPHEN SCHACHT

Lyman Gilmore

*In March 2007 fifty-four year old Stephen Schacht was elected an Antrim Selectman. Exactly thirty years earlier his father Richard Schacht was elected as a Selectman. He too was fifty-four. I interviewed Steve April 4th in the house that he and his wife Mary built on Grove Street, with Mary sitting with us and adding comments from time to time.*

I was born in Henniker in 1952, and we stayed in Henniker until I was in the second grade. In 1960 we moved to Antrim because dad was at the Monadnock Paper Mill at that time. I went straight through Conval and was in the first graduating class in 1971, I believe.

After Conval I worked for one year at Monadnock Paper Mills, and then I started to work for E. H. Edwards and Son, and I worked with George for about five years. I got married to a girl from Stamford, Connecticut. That was my first wife, Holly. I was twenty four when I got married. I started my business in 1975, and I've been in construction ever since. I've worked on almost every house in Antrim at one time or another, either a broken window or a roof, anything. You can go down the road and I've worked on almost every one of them.

After a couple years Holly and I separated, she went back to the Stamford area, and I went on to doing what I was doing with the business. And then I ended up meeting Mary who is my wife now. We were together, oh, I don't know, five years. We have two sons, Aaron and Joel. We got married five years after we got together. Aaron, our oldest, he's twenty-four, and he works full time for Peaks Resorts, which owns the Crotched Mountain Ski Area, where he is head of building their ramps and snowboard park, and stuff like that. Our younger son Joel is just twenty, and he's in the Marines serving in Iraq. I'm doing general contracting, still building houses and additions, remodeling, shingling, almost anything. I don't get too much into small stuff any more. We built this house.

*Before the recent election it became pretty apparent to me that there was a group of you not very happy about the way the town was being run.*

Yes, that's right.

*I wonder if you could you say a little about how you got involved in town government.*

Well, basically we were talking back and forth, and last year I said, "Well, I'll just be a write-in for the heck of it," and David Boule said, "Well, you ought to do that." Of course, I didn't do it. We had one other person who we thought would run this year. I didn't realize that you had to sign up by January, I wasn't knowledgeable about that—and that person decided he wouldn't do it. So I said, "Well, I'll do it as a write-in," and David Boule picked it up and said, "Will you?"

and I said, "Yeah, I'll do it, we ought to change something and get some home town boys in here somehow. It is getting a little bit—I don't want to say the word "flatlandish"—but it's too out of state more than anything. I use the word "flatlander" for people from the city or from out of state.

*I understand that. I've been a flatlander since we moved here forty three years ago, and I'm still a flatlander and always will be.*

*What are some of the major issues that were concerning you and the others?*

There's a lot of government in town, though now that I'm in there I can understand it better, and I can see why some of it is there. But we still have a lot of people working in the town office. I think we can consolidate a little bit better, I mean they are all busy, and they are all doing their thing, but there are still quite a few in there. There's a bunch of stuff that still needs to change, but we're getting there. It's just too large. The Planning Board is large, and they seem to want to pretty much make it so nothing works in town. Even the zoning is tough, like I have this job where there is a twelve by twelve bathroom I'm supposed to build on the first floor. Now the bathroom is upstairs and the laundry is downstairs in the cellar, and they want me to build an addition, a bathroom on the first floor. Now I have to go through a variance which costs something like two hundred and forty dollars just for the permit so that I can go and have a meeting to see if they will allow me to do a five foot setback difference, when you could walk up and see that it's not going to hurt anything. The board should be able to go out and just look at it and say, "Okay, go ahead." If it was something really bad, then yes.

About the police department, I hope the bigger department does what it is supposed to do but it still doesn't have full time coverage. It'll still be twelve hours short. Because they don't have "on call," it is just a straight police department. Hopefully the new guy is going to live here in town, he mentioned that he'd like to. Brian (Brown) had "on call" all the time in the last police department. "On call" means there is someone on call all the time. If they don't get called, they get a base pay, as I understand it. If they do get called out, even if they get called out for just fifteen minutes, it's a three-hour pay period. It means they have to stay home and be ready. Apparently this department doesn't want "on call." And there is a new prosecutor in town who is supposed to have eliminated much of the court work the police have to do, but they still have to go to court all the time. So I'm not sure if having a prosecutor is worthwhile.

*Are these the reasons you ran for Selectman?*

These are just some of the reasons for me running for Selectman.

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They were taken to the mayor's house where many adults and children crowded in to see them. Russ says the townspeople were curious but not hostile, and when they realized that the captured fliers were cold, thirsty and hungry, they were brought to a warm room and given water and food. (Russ puts it in Biblical terms: "We were cold, they made us warm. We were thirsty, they gave us water. We were hungry, they gave us food.") He noticed one woman who was crying, and he wondered why. The woman handed him a white paper bag containing bread that had been freshly baked and butter that had been churned the day before. Someone called the police who came and led them to a jail in a larger town several miles away. Russ and his companions were sent to a German prison near the Baltic Sea for the duration of the war, and he never saw or heard anything about the good people of Gonterskichen again. It was fortunate that the civilian police and not the Nazi authorities arrived on the scene first and placed the three American airmen under arrest. Three other members of the crew who left the downed B-17 and had gone off in another direction surrendered to Nazi officials and were shot to death.



For sixty-three years Russ had not heard of Gonterskichen and in fact hadn't even known the name of the town where he was captured. However, this past January he was surprised to receive a strange long distance telephone call from a man speaking English with a thick German accent: "I've been trying to find you for ten years!" Calling from Germany, Horst Jeckel explained that he has been doing research for the

United States government on World War II fliers missing in action, and on European cemeteries in which American servicemen and women are buried. Recently Jeckel has been seeking information on and writing about Russ's B-17 that crash landed in 1944 not far from his home town, and since February he and Russ have been emailing each other often, Russ sending information about the names of the crew and describing his attempt to escape, and Jeckel about the townspeople in Gonterskichen who remember the incident of the downed plane and Russ's capture.

Jeckel has located the son of the hunter who captured Russ and his companions, an eighty three year old retired professor named Melchior who says he is happy that his father did not shoot the captured fliers and who sends his greetings to Russ through Jeckel.

What is of the greatest interest to Russ is that Jeckel has also interviewed the woman who was crying and who gave Russ and his companions the bread and butter. Now in her eighties, Else Klaus says that she had been crying because she had been told that the three American fliers were to be taken to a nearby town cemetery and shot. For more than sixty years, until contacted by Jeckel, she has believed that Russ and the others had been murdered. Jeckel reports that she is very relieved, and he has sent a current photo of Else Klaus holding a photo of twenty-one year old airman Russell that Jeckel had given her.

Naturally, Russ has been touched by this sudden reopening of his close call with death sixty-three years ago, and once again he is especially grateful for the kindness and charity of the people of Gonterskichen with whom he will continue to correspond. ☚

### **ANTRIM YOUTH FALL SOCCER 2007**

Registrations for the Recreation fall soccer season are underway. Registration forms are due before Friday July 20.

The fall soccer season begins with team practices at the end of July. League games are played in September and October. Antrim Youth Soccer is a member of the New Hampshire Soccer Association and US Youth Soccer. The cost per player is \$30.00. We provide family discounts and reduced registrations if necessary. Our league is made up of teams from Antrim, Bennington, Hancock and Frankestown. Our U10 and U12 teams participate in state festivals, and our U12s travel for play to Peterborough and New Ipswich.

Join us for a great season! To register, or to get information about volunteering, coaching, refereeing, or fund-raising call the recreation office at 588-3121. ☚

# CONVAL SCHOOL BOARD

## A VACATION PUZZLER

Mary Allen  
Conval School Board

Here are three questions for school parents to ponder: Would you prefer the first day of school to be after Labor Day? Or would it be better for your family to start the summer break a week earlier in June? And – here’s the kicker – are you willing to trade either of those weeks for just a single mid-year vacation break instead of the current two?

Change is never easy, but dropping the February and April school breaks in favor of a single vacation week in March could have some advantages. Whether those advantages outweigh any problems created by a calendar shift is a question the school board will debate soon, and now is the time to weigh in with your opinion.

Over the years, parents have complained that starting school in late August cuts into family vacation time. With a three-day weekend for most over the Labor Day holiday, taking off the prior week allows more time for out-of-state travel or family reunions. Often, Conval’s late August start date means students either miss the first few days of school or give up visiting grandma.

Employers can feel the pinch, too. It is tough to run a seasonal business when your ice-cream scoopers or wait staff leave just before the busiest weekend of the summer.

On the other end of the calendar, some parents wonder if students are learning much when the classrooms heat up in June. And if it’s been a snowy winter, those seemingly endless make-up days are a sort of slow torture for everyone. Will the school year stretch into July? (It never has, but it sure can seem like it.)

With all this in mind—and with an eye to other dividends like saving tax dollars, the Conval school board is considering a calendar change for the 2008-09 academic year. What’s on the table is a single school vacation break in March, similar to the traditional spring break for colleges, balanced by either a September opening date or a week less of classroom time in June.

*(Important note: The school calendar for the upcoming school year (2007-08) is set and won’t change. The school board is debating a change that would start the following year (2008-09). In other words, don’t panic if you have a rental deposit down for a ski week in February 2008. But don’t make one—just yet—for February 2009.)*

Changing school vacation dates takes coordination. Since the Conval district is the host campus for the Region 14 Applied Technology Center, both the Mascenic and Jaffrey-Rindge school districts would have to change their calendars as well, or work out some way to accommodate the shift.

But most important to the Conval board is your feedback. If a calendar change is going to work, Conval students, parents and the teaching staff need to be “onboard” with the decision. The benefit of more time off during the warmer months will have to balance out with losing a vacation week during the cold months.

What do you think? If you have a comment, suggestion or any other feedback, the school board would love to hear it. If you favor the change, please weigh in on whether the time should be shaved from the opening or closing date or when in March would be best for a single vacation break. (Do you want Conval’s break to coincide with the UNH calendar or local private schools?)

You can contact me via e-mail at [mallen@conval.edu](mailto:mallen@conval.edu), by phone at 588-2742, or by mail at 21 Summer St., Antrim.

## SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

As you probably know by now, the new Conval Superintendent of Schools is Richard Bergeron.

Superintendent Keith Burke is retiring in August after a 20-year career with Conval. The school board has been working with an education-consulting firm from Massachusetts in a national search for Keith’s replacement.

Conval’s search attracted a strong candidate pool including educators from all over New England, Pennsylvania, and Washington. Eight candidates were interviewed and three finalists recently visited our district for meetings with teachers, parents and town officials. In addition, visitation teams from the Conval district conducted meetings in each of the finalists’ home district.

The finalists were (in alphabetical order):

Richard A. Bergeron, assistant superintendent for the North Andover (Mass.) School District and a former acting superintendent for that district.

Leo P. Corriveau, who currently heads the Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies at Plymouth State University but is best known locally as the former school superintendent for Hillsboro-Deering

Donald A. Johnson, a former school superintendent for Littleton currently working in Maine.

The process was an exciting one for the school board. We feel fortunate that Conval’s search attracted such strong candidates when other districts in the state—Nashua and Keene, for example—have had difficulties with their searches.

Many thanks to all the parents, teachers, staff members and town officials who filled out questionnaires, attended the search forum, gave school or town tours, or attended the finalists’ interviews. We have a strong school district and a committed community—and it shows.

A profile and interview with Richard Bergeron will run in the next issue of the *Limrik* in September. ☞

## INTERVIEW WITH NANCY BENDA

Janet MacLachlan

I met with Nancy Benda this spring at her log home on Clinton Road to talk about her work, her elected position on the Tuttle Library Board of Trustees, her numerous other interests, and her life in Antrim.

She and her husband Terry moved to Antrim in 1999, buying the log home her Aunt Judy Pratt had built and lived in until her death. But coming to Antrim was not new to Nancy. As a child she made many visits to Antrim to stay with family members and even learned to swim in Gregg Lake. She has always loved this area so was delighted to “come home” again for good.

Her parents lived in Waltham, MA, where Nancy was born and raised. She received a BA degree in microbiology from UNH and later a Master of Arts in Teaching from U Mass. She worked as a Masters Level clinical microbiologist for twenty years in the Bangor and Lewiston, ME, areas. However, wanting to have a closer relationship with her patients, she attended St. Louis University where she took a very intensive two-year course and received a Physician Assistant degree, and a Master of PA Studies from U Nebraska. This has been her vocation for the last twelve years.

Over the years she has traveled on seven medical missions treating native populations in countries such as Mexico, Peru, Haiti, and Guatemala. She says this has been very fulfilling work.

Since moving to Antrim she has been located at the Cheshire Hospital emergency room where she works thirty-six hours a week on three-day, twelve-hour shifts. Her husband, Terry, who is an Antrim EMT and firefighter, also works at the hospital in the Intensive Care Unit.

While living in Lewiston, ME, Nancy learned to spin yarn which led to all those woolly sheep in the pens near her house. There are eight sheep: one CVM, one black Columbia, one Cormo, three Cormo/CVM/Columbia crosses, and two Jacob (spotted with the multiple horns). In addition there are two mohair goats, a beautiful brown llama, and fifteen adult German rabbits with six babies. When they are all sheared, they provide Nancy with the wool she needs to spin her lovely yarns. The wools are so soft and come in lovely shades, and Nancy weaves them on the two looms she has in her home. Knitting is also one of her hobbies, and she creates the most beautiful and intricate patterns in her sweaters, mittens, hats, and shawls. She displayed her work at the Wool Show in Hopkinton in May.

You may remember Nancy’s very professional presentation at Town Meeting last year to promote the passage of the Tuttle Library addition. This year she was reelected to the library Board of Directors and is serving as its treasurer. Because her grandmother, Clara Pratt, served as the Tuttle Library librarian, the work now going on at the library is very meaningful to Nancy, and she is very proud that she has been able to contribute to it in her capacity as a trustee.

As another sideline, Nancy also makes and sells goat milk soap and a “bunnysoft handcream” under the The Spinning Bunny label. Her yarns are also available for sale.

As if she isn’t busy enough, she also has two dogs: a corgi and a chocolate lab, and forty chickens who are laying eggs so fast she has had to put up a sign “eggs for sale.”

Nancy and Terry have a wonderful home with all their animals and a gurgling brook running through the back of the property. She is surrounded with many family treasures in her home making it a warm, inviting, and comfortable place to visit. She is back in Antrim where she hopes to stay near friends and family.



### GONE FOREVER?

Dr. Tom Dowling

The Marsh family was completely devoted to its young Labrador retriever, Suds. Suds had just about everything a dog could want: a great home with a loving family and two young boys to play with, the best food and vet care, and even his own pond on the family’s property. It was an idyllic situation.

One fine, sunny day in June a strange dog was roaming the area and happened to be passing through the Marsh’s land while “Suds” was outside with the boys playing Frisbee. When Suds spotted the intruder, he decided to mosey on out to where the other dog stood and check him out. The dogs sniffed one another in the usual way, and then in a flash they charged off like a bat out of you know where.

Now, given this scene, what do you suppose might happen next? Does Suds feel satisfied after a brief encounter carousing with the stranger and wander home, or does he keep running away and find himself lost or stolen?

Although this story is hypothetical, it is very much within the realm of possibility. In fact, it happens more often than you might think, with broken pet owner hearts strewn everywhere. Millions of pets go missing every year. Only 22% ever come home, and while most of the others are adopted, many are killed.

Electronic identification with microchips saves lives. Microchip identification of animals is no longer the way of the future, it is the way of today. Many cities and municipalities hope to make pet microchip identification mandatory. Great Brook Vet Clinic now has the latest “resQ” microchipping system from Bayer Animal Health which is state-of-the-art and head and shoulders above all other systems.

You keep your pets from getting sick. Shouldn’t you help protect them from getting lost? Don’t risk losing them forever. Get your pet on the “resQ” microchip system today! ❧

*What about the town administrator, Bill Prokop?*

The Selectmen can't do the job that Bill does. What I see is that Bill is a very good person. His job is really important. The selectmen could not do what he does, there's just no way. He does so much stuff. He works for the Selectmen, but he does much more than that as the administrator. He brings all the stuff to us, and we can vote on it. There is a lot of stuff I'm learning there, just how busy he is. He is fair, and he's a very good man to work with. He agrees that the government should be reduced, but he doesn't know where because there are so many things happening in town.

*What do you see so far as your biggest opportunity for some sort of successful change in our town government?*

The biggest thing right now is to make sure that the departments we have do not overspend their budgets. The town budget was over this year by quite a bit in some areas.

*What do you think is going to be the biggest challenge that you are going to face?*

One of them will be the local complaints that I've gotten about the police department and coverage. Many people have spoken with me about their concerns, but so far most have

not written them down or signed their names to them. That makes it difficult to bring them up.

I'm more worried after talking with Mike Beauchamp. If there is a domestic problem and there is nobody on call, the medical people, the EMT, can't go in even if there is somebody hurt. They have to have a police officer there. That's where it hurts not having police on call full time. ☞

**Swimming Lessons** continued from page 1

- Levels 1, 2 for ages 4-6: 4:00-4:45 pm.
- Swimming Safely for kids 9 and older: 5:15-6 pm. This is a lesson for older kids to develop fundamental swimming skills. Designed for stroke instruction, safety education, fitness training, and fun!

**SESSION B: JULY 16 TO JULY 26**

- Levels 1-3: 1:00-3:00 pm
- Levels 4-6: 3:30-4:45 pm
- Preschool Level 1-2 (3-5 years old): 5:00-5:45 pm

**SESSION C: AUGUST 6 TO 17**

- Adaptive, Special Requests, Make-ups from earlier lessons. Stay tuned! ☞

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## ANNE OF GREEN GABLES and MY ANTONIA

Two books reviewed by Dick Winslow

*Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Maude Montgomery (1874-1942) and *My Antonia* by Willa Cather (1873-1947) are both winning novels about young women growing up: *Anne*, a widely known book for young people, *Antonia* for adults, less well-known. Each draws on childhood memories of its author, L.M. Montgomery (she uses her initials) from Prince Edward Island, Canada, Willa Cather from the prairies of Nebraska. *Anne* seems the more fictional of the two, inhabiting an idealized, loveable world. We experience the quite normal joys and sorrows of growing up, but nothing that really hurts, either Anne or the reader. *Antonia*, on the other hand, was created by Willa Cather who is reported as saying "with tears in her eyes: I want my new heroine (Antonia) to be like ... a rare object in the middle of a table that one can examine from all sides." And examine from all sides she does.

At the end of *Anne*, our heroine is a tall, beautiful young woman, nineteen years old and brimming with eagerness for life, adored by all. Antonia, when her story ends, is tall, the mother of ten children, physically ravaged but with a stunning inner glow. Let us see how each of these stories unfolds

When we first meet Anne, she's an endearing, wildly talkative little red-haired eleven year old. She'd been adopted quite by accident by prim, tart-tongued Marilla and her shy, silent brother, Matthew who live on a farm

called Green Gables. They had asked an orphanage to send them a boy to help with farm work, but the orphanage had by mistake sent Anne, which creates a crisis: will Marilla and Mathew keep her, as Anne desperately hopes, or send her back as she desperately fears? Mathew has fallen in love with the child at first sight, but not Marilla; will she relent? There is much back and forth, but finally Marilla gives in, Anne stays, and the reader is hooked.

The narrative moves through thirty eight chapters during which Marilla, though trying not to show it, gradually comes to adore Anne as Matthew had done on sight. Chapter titles are suggestive, both about the story and the degree to which everything is Anne-centered: *Marilla Makes Up Her Mind*, *Anne's Apology*, *Anne To The Rescue*, *Anne Comes To Grief*, etc. We experience a series of problems and solutions, friendships and alienations, a grievous death, a "bosom friendship" (Anne's term) with a girl named Diana, a flickering interest in a boy named Gilbert with whom she then vigorously falls out. Ultimately she and Gilbert fall in love with each other, and that's another story.

Mark Twain is quoted as calling *Anne of Green Gables* "The sweetest creation of child life yet written." That's fine with me. The book, clearly an outstanding children's story, was for this adult a sentimental feast.

Willa Cather opens *My Antonia* with Antonia's childhood friend Jim Burton, now a successful New York lawyer, returning on a train to Nebraska for a visit. He is conversing with a friend as the train passes through Iowa. "While the train flashed through never-ending miles of ripe wheat, by country towns and bright-flowered pastures and oak groves wilting in the sun ... we were talking about childhood in towns like these, buried in wheat and corn, under stimulating extremes of climate: burning summers when ... one is fairly stifled in vegetation, in the colour and smell of strong weeds and heavy harvest; blustery winters with little snow when the whole country is stripped bare and grey as sheet iron." They talk about "a Bohemian (Czech) girl whom we had both known long ago ... this girl seemed to us the country, the conditions, the whole adventure of our childhood." Jim says he'd been writing down what he remembered of Antonia and the friend asks to see a copy when it is finished. Months later, Jim brings him a copy titled *Antonia*. He thinks further about this title, then adds another word, making it *My Antonia*.

*My Antonia* does not follow a direct path from beginning to end as does *Anne of Green Gables* with its constant focus on Anne. If *Anne* might be likened to a pen and ink portrait, *Antonia* would be a colorful, complicated oil painting. We meet Bohemian (Czech) immigrants,

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especially the Shimerda family of which Antonia is a member. We witness the Shimerda family's difficulties in establishing a farm from scratch, especially since they do not speak English. (Jim, age 10, teaches Antonia, age 14, this new language.) Antonia's beloved *papa*, incredibly lonesome for the old country, commits suicide.

After a long section on farm life, rich with personalities and events that are often stressful, Jim's family moves into the fictional town of Black Hawk where he learns about small-town life, Nebraska style. Antonia meanwhile had been a hard-working field hand. "She was a strong young girl although her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday had just slipped by." Feeling responsible for her family, she refuses to go to school but privately weeps at this loss. Then she, like Jim, moves into Black Hawk, to become a "hired girl" in a good Blackhawk household. Indeed, a whole section of the novel is titled THE HIRED GIRLS about farm-raised girls working away from their families earning cash to send back to the farm.

Among the many sections are those about Jim's university life, about the seductive Lena Lingard with whom Jim very nearly has an affair (but not quite), about Antonia and the other Hired Girls meeting boys at the weekly town dances, about a miserly money lender who tries to rape Antonia, murders his wife so she can't inherit his fortune, then commits suicide, and a stunning closing section in which, forty years later, Jim visits Antonia and her husband and ten children on their farm. Jim is speaking: "Now she was a battered woman, not a lovely girl; but she still had that something that fires the imagination. She has only to stand in her orchard, put her hand on a little crab tree and look up at the apples to make you feel the goodness of planting and tending and harvesting at last. All the strong things of her heart came out in her body that had been so tireless in serving generous emotions."

I get the impression that although Jim values Antonia above all people, Willa Cather really *loves* her for her spirit and a sensuality that seems never to show in the male characters. Jim remembers, "She kept her sleeves rolled up, and her arms and neck were burned brown as a sailor's." When she was ploughing, "she came up the furrow, shouting at her beasts, sunburned, sweaty, her dress open at the neck and her throat and chest dust-plastered. I thought of the tone in which her poor *papa*, Mr. Shimerda, who could say so little yet managed so much when he exclaimed, 'My Antonia!'"

This is a splendid novel. Its many themes draw on Cather's own Nebraska childhood memories with episodes sewn together after the manner of a large and colorful quilt.

Lucy Maude Montgomery hit the jackpot with the publication in 1908 of *Anne of Green Gables*. It has sold over a million copies, been translated into forty languages, and made into movies. Willa Cather, whose 1918 *My Antonia* at first sold very badly, made a quiet reputation as a leading Ameri-

can author along with Faulkner and Hemingway. In the 1920s she won the Pulitzer Prize and had numerous other important recognitions. Both these authors used their own life experiences as sources for fiction, but their lives differed as sharply as does their fiction. For example, Montgomery wrote seven sequels to *Anne of Green Gables* and spent her entire life on or near Prince Edward Island. Cather, on the other hand, was not interested in sequels; she was an explorer. Her *Death Comes for the Archbishop* is set in early New Mexico which she explored on horseback. *Shadows on the Rock* about 17<sup>th</sup>- century Quebec draws not only on her study of that city's history but also on her own experiences there. *Sapphira and the Slave Girl* is inspired by her family heritage in post bellum Virginia.

And would you believe—after a life in Nebraska, Pittsburgh, Europe and especially New York, Cather chose to be buried in our own Jaffrey Center which she knew from having spent a few vacations there. As I said, she was an explorer.

Both *Anne of Green Gables* and *My Antonia* are available at Tuttle Library. ☞

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**Speed Stacking:** The after school speedstacking club made a very impressive showing at the tournament in Nashua. Thanks to Johanna Kress, Physical Educator, who always inspires our kids to great things.

**Fishing Derby:** On May 5th, approximately 60 youth came out to the Annual Fishing Derby at Mill Pond. Organized by Steve Schacht, and sponsored by the Town of Antrim, Off Grove Street Bait, Place in the Woods, and Village Discount of Hillsborough. This morning is always full of good family fun. Prizes were awarded to CJ Davis for first caught; Sam Cody for largest; Corrine Frosch for first girl to limit; Dakota Nute for first boy to catch limit. All children participating also got to choose some fishing gear from the trove provided by the derby sponsors.

**Take Me Fishing Grant Received:** The recreation department has received a \$1,000 grant from Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation and the National Recreation and Park Association towards improving the adult and youth fishing programs we offer. These funds will be used to purchase equipment and materials to help enhance fishing recreational programs and instructional programs. Steve Schacht and Celeste Lunetta are working on this, and welcome any public input on program or material ideas. Celeste is looking for volunteers to become trained in leading instructional fishing programs. The department has access to a free online training program through June, and we would really like to get a handful of new volunteers involved. You can contact Celeste at [antrimreccdir@tds.net](mailto:antrimreccdir@tds.net)

**Tennis in the Parks:** We have received designation from the National Parks and Recreation Association as well as the United States Tennis Association as a Tennis in the Parks Community. What this means is that, in addition to receiving some coach training, materials and administrative support for adult and youth tennis programs, the town is now eligible

to apply for grants from the USTA for tennis court improvement or renovation.

**Skateboarding and Basketball.** With warm weather here, the basketball and skate area at Memorial Park is always full of kids out enjoying the weather and a place to gather. A reminder to the kids, parents, and folks who use the parking area, this park is in a neighborhood. The users of the park must hold themselves responsible for keeping the park clean and family friendly.

**Chorus Spring Concert Youth:** The Antrim Youth Chorus sang it's final concert under the conductor Kim Stearns. The recreation department extends warm thanks to Kim who initiated this program and led it through six concerts. The kids who participated received quality instruction in singing and performing. Please say Thank You to Kim, if you happen to see her. This program will continue, if another qualified individual can offer their time as a chorus director.

**Community Bus:** (See separate article on upcoming bus trips.) On May 3, a trip free to Antrim residents went to Wings of Knowledge Lecture series at the New Hampshire Technical Institute with John Clayton, "You Know you are in NH when..." Watch for more trips like this to be planned.

The weekly shopping trip on Wednesday mornings started again in March, thanks to the volunteer driving contribution of Kristen Readel. This trip occurs weekly on Wednesday mornings, and alternates locations between Hillsborough and Peterborough. Special pickups can be arranged if someone you know would like to participate in this activity, but is unable to meet at the Antrim Town Hall or Antrim Village at 9:30am. Also, on the first Wednesday of each month, this shopping trip goes down to D.W. Highway, where stores such as Sears, Borders, Trader Joes and Sports Authority are located.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Bike Rodeo June 2:** This is a collaboration between the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club, Antrim Police, and the Recreation Department. The event is held at the Antrim Town Gym, and will be from 10am-noon. All participants will receive a free raffle ticket...the grand prize is a new bike! The funds to purchase the bike are donated by the Lions! Rodeo

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## ANTRIM POLICE ASSOCIATION

Officer Matthew L. Elliott  
President-Antrim Police Association

Greetings to all Antrim Residents!

The members of your police department are currently in the process of establishing "The Antrim Police Association." The purpose of this Association is to promote a spirit of cooperation and mutual support between the police department and the community and to ensure the wellbeing and safety of our officers as well as all town residents. We held elections at our last department meeting, and the application and registration process is currently underway.

Although we are in just the early stages of development, many activities are planned. Some of these include a police versus fire softball game, distribution of gift baskets for children during the holidays, raffles, continuation of DNA Lifeprints, fundraisers, auctions (we are planning on 'auctioning' ourselves off to perform yard work for you!), and an annual golf tournament.

Obviously, activities such as these will involve a lot of community assistance. Therefore, we are inviting you to join our Association as "Associate" members which will include those of you who have an interest in the Association and the department but are not employed by the Antrim Police Department. Associate annual memberships are only \$15. Please see any officer for sponsorship. Your membership costs will greatly enhance our ability to promote these activities.

If you don't have the time or ability to personally assist us but still want to support our program, you can make a donation to the Association. Checks payable to the Antrim Police Association can be dropped at our office or mailed to the Antrim Police Department, PO Box 506, Antrim, NH 03440.

We will be mailing flyers and posting notifications of upcoming events around town, so keep an eye on the local bulletin boards. We also hope to start our own website to keep people informed of our activities. The Police Department appreciates your support and looks forward to serving you to the best of its ability. ☘

## TEEN CENTER PROGRESS

Kristen Vance

Thanks to a great deal of work and planning by teens and adults alike, and a vote of confidence at Town Meeting, plans for a teen center in Antrim are moving forward. Particularly impressive to me is the commitment of the Teen Action Committee (TAC), a growing group of teens who, since early February, have been meeting weekly, creating outreach materials, raising money, actively engaging in team building activities, and collecting donations of furniture and equipment.

TAC was the first group to sign on for the town-wide trash pick-up in May, and has been seen stacking wood at The Grapevine and cleaning up after a community supper. The teens want to get to know people in the community, and I believe they want people to get to know them.

One community member they got to know a little bit during a recent Teen Challenge at The Grapevine is Eric Tenney, who was interviewed by the teens. They told me they really liked learning from Mr. Tenney what it was like to be a teen "back then." I think they came away feeling that teens in the "old days" weren't so different from teens today.

We hope to be in the new teen center space—the former Family on Board space in the Antrim Mills Building—by early June to begin with the interior design, and later in June we will know whether the NH Charitable Foundation will be awarding a grant to pay a teen center coordinator. In the meantime, TAC and the Teen Center Community Steering Group—comprised of parents and other adults in the community—are hard at work raising awareness and additional financial support.

There are many people to thank thus far, and I won't name them all here, but for starters: Thank you to all who purchased 50/50 raffle tickets from TAC, and to the winner—Ruth Readel—who donated her winnings back to the teen center; to Edmunds Hardware, Eric Tenney, Kara Penny, Krissie Wilson, the folks at the US Post Office, John Pierce, Officer Adam King, Doug Stone (who was willing to be duct taped to a wall as part of the teen challenge, but due to logistics didn't get the opportunity), and Debbie at T-Bird.

The teen center is more than a place, it's an ongoing process that has already fostered personal growth. I, for one, am learning a lot from hanging out with the teens in our community. They are creative, thoughtful, good people, and I really enjoy facilitating the TAC meetings. If you'd like to bring your ideas and energy to the table, please give me a call at The Grapevine or come to the next steering group meeting on June 6 at 6:30 at The Grapevine. TAC meets most every Tuesday at 4pm at The Grapevine—all teens are invited to drop in, check it out, and contribute your ideas to the creation of the teen center. ☘

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## “ON CREW”

Peter Moore

When most folks in Antrim are getting ready to go to bed Sunday nights, there are always three members of the Antrim Ambulance ready to go “on-crew.”

“On-Crew” is the term used by our ambulance service members designating which EMTs will cover the all-night-through-early-morning responses if and when emergency medical services and transport are needed. The on-call-crew covers Antrim as well as our neighbors in Bennington and Stoddard.

Beginning on Sunday night at 10 PM and running through 6 AM Monday morning, the “on-crew” duty is repeated Monday-night-into-Tuesday-morning, Tuesday-night-into-Wednesday-morning, etc, until those “on-crew” end its coverage early Friday morning at 6 AM.

Ambulance responses from 6 AM to 10PM each weekday, and at all hours through the weekend, are covered by whoever is available. The ambulance in all but a very few cases always responds with at least two fully trained EMTs, and most often with three. When only two EMTs are available for response during the weekdays and weekend, a firefighter will take the drivers seat so that the trained medical technicians can ride with the patient in the rear.

The Antrim Ambulance has three active “On-Crew” teams: Crew 1, Crew 2, and Crew 3. Every third week one of the teams draws the duty on a rotating basis. Not all members of the Antrim Ambulance serve “on-crew” for reasons of work, family, or desire. But, each of the teams that does serve “on-crew” consists of a minimum of two EMT Basics and one EMT Intermediate. This mix enables our “on-crew” teams to cover just about any medical or public assist situation, from a lift-assist of an elderly or disabled person who has fallen during the night, to more advanced life-support incidents.

The “on-crew” team is not sitting-up all night at the Company One Fire Station playing cards and waiting for Keene Mutual Aid to “tone” them which is

most often prompted by your call to 911. The “on-crew” EMTs are usually sound asleep at home, like you, until their Motorola Minitor Pagers, located only feet away in their charging units, sound-off with an electronic wail that would wake anyone from the depths, causing a quick, unquestioning rise-from-the-rack, and a scurry to dawn turn-out gear as they head for the fire station on Clinton Road. After the awakening “tone” set-off by the all-night technician at Keene Mutual Aid housed in the downtown Keene Fire Station has sounded, a voice describing the severity of the call (as categorized by the 911 operator) and the location, is sounded through the Minitor, and repeated once more for those a bit sleepy-eyed, or slower to rise.

Even when members of the Antrim Ambulance are not on “on-crew” rotation, or are not members of Crew 1, 2 or 3, they will often monitor the tones for Antrim at all hours in the chance that a call that requires even more resources than three EMT’s can provide comes in. These occasions, while thankfully less routine, can consist of incidents of cardiac arrest, unresponsive-not breathing (both classified as ECHO-level calls), or automobile accidents. In these cases all who can respond do respond. And, in most serious incidents involving severe trauma or sickness, paramedics from Keene Fire are only 15 minutes and a radio request away at all hours.

So, the next time you or a loved one are in need of medical, and/or emergency hospital transport services in the middle of the night, know that there are “on-crew” EMTs ready and willing to serve. Just don’t expect them to arrive bright-eyed, bushy-tailed, fully tucked-in with their hair combed. But they will show-up as quickly as possible, and that is a guarantee they are proud to keep. ☘

## TOWN PLANNER PAUL

### VASQUES RETIRES

Dick Winslow

Paul Vasques, Antrim’s Town Planner and secretary to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the past seven years, has submitted his letter of resignation to the selectmen effective May 31, 2007. He has, according to Town Administrator Bill Prokop, “made a major contribution at a time when Antrim was experiencing unprecedented growth—more in the last seven years than in the previous twenty years.” State regulations on growth have simultaneously grown more complex such that new systems and procedures had to be set up for the Planning and Zoning boards.

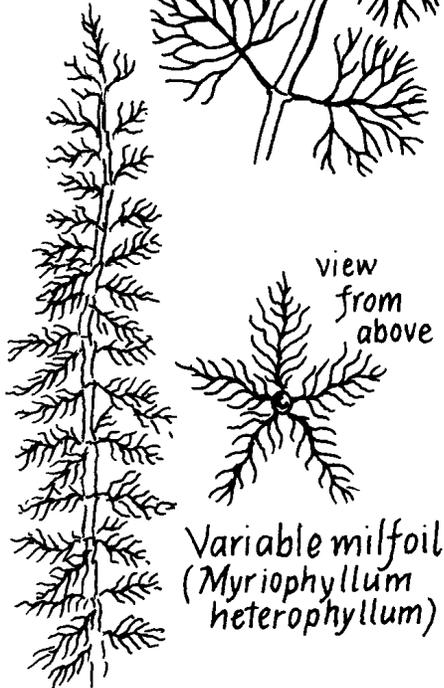
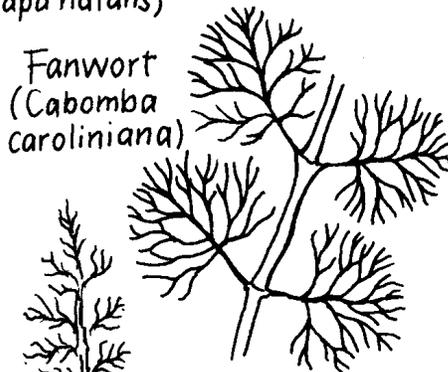
Paul received a degree in 1955 from the M.I.T. Sloan School of Management followed by graduate work in business and marketing administration. After a tour of duty as an officer in the Army Signal Corps., his professional career began in the aero space industry (General Dynamics and Westinghouse corporations) before he became vice president of marketing for a Swiss company which manufactured textile machines. Then he became owner of his own sign shop creating all types of signs for businesses.

He and his wife Sara have vacationed in N.H. for some thirty years, in a cottage on Lake Todd in Bradford, before, in 1999, buying a house in Antrim on Elm Ave where they plan to live in retirement. When asked why he was retiring, Paul said “I’m 75 years old and it’s time to go fishing.” Asked whether he’d be bored he replied: “Heck no! And I’d like to thank Antrim’s Town Administrator and the Selectmen for the opportunity to work with the freedom to do whatever was required to insure the professional application of zoning ordinances and regulations. I am especially grateful to the town’s people for their support over the years.” ☘

# DANGEROUS WEED

Virginia Dickinson

Summer boating season has arrived in Antrim. We are blessed to have Gregg Lake, but like many other lakes, it is at great risk of invasion by harmful exotic aquatic plants, one of the most invasive and destructive of which is Variable Milfoil. We are also at risk of invasion by other species such as Eurasian Milfoil, Fanwort, and Water Chestnut.



The damage that exotic plants cause to lakes can be extensive. Not only do these plants crowd out native species, but they can also rob a lake of oxygen causing fish die-offs. Exotic plants can also become so pervasive that they can turn a lovely lake perfect for swimming and boating into a body of water covered by a mass of floating plant life that makes boating nearly impossible and swimming dangerous. While Gregg Lake has not had an exotic aquatic invasion so far, some of our neighboring lakes have not been so lucky. Recreation Director Celeste Lunetta says that Powdermill Pond in Bennington, Scobie Pond (Haunted Lake) in Frankestown, and Dublin Lake are all fighting invasive Variable Milfoil. Once an exotic species takes hold it is extremely difficult to eradicate. Dealing with an invasive species is expensive and not always successful. Frankestown has tried to get rid of their Mifoil with herbicides which to date have been costly and unsuccessful. Prevention is the key to this problem.

As stewards of our lakes, our responsibility is to be vigilant when boating. Many lake communities have a "Lake Host" program that is funded by the New Hampshire Lakes Association. These Lake Hosts help boaters at launching areas inspect their boats, trailers, motors, paddles, and lifejackets for any plant life that may have caught a ride from another water source. Robert Wood, Assistant Director and Watershed Steward for the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, emphasizes that it is important to know that a piece of a plant as small as 1/4 inch can grow and establish itself in a new environment. Not only do small pieces of fresh plant life pose a problem, but pieces of plants that have been out of water for several days can also reconstitute themselves and grow.

When checking your boats make sure that you discard any plant life in a trash receptacle because just throwing it in the woods or to the side of the launching area will run the risk of its washing into the water during the next rainstorm. If you are not sure that what you see is an exotic plant, err on the side of caution and throw it away.

If you would like more information about Gregg Lake's Lake Host watch group, contact Celeste Lunetta at [antrimreaddir@tds.net](mailto:antrimreaddir@tds.net). For information about Pierce Lake and its program, contact Hillsborough conservation at [conservation@hillsboroughnh.net](mailto:conservation@hillsboroughnh.net).

Happy Boating!



## HOW TO BUY THREE \$40 RADIATORS FOR NOTHING

Ed Winslow, Alabama Farm

First, you have to know that you can obtain a HOME DEPOT credit card at the Courtesy Counter in any HOME DEPOT store. Then, you must go to a HOME DEPOT store in late winter when it has forty-dollar radiators on sale for \$14, on a day when it is displaying a sign reading TODAY ONLY—\$50 CREDIT ON PURCHASES MADE WITH HOME DEPOT CREDIT CARDS.

For the last few years, HOME DEPOT has sold for about \$40 an oil-filled electric radiator I know to be very good because my son, my brother (who lives in Antrim, New Hampshire), and I each have one.

I live in Connecticut as does my son, a builder who recently has focused on renovations and frequently goes to Home Depot stores for supplies. He called me the other day to report that the Home Depot in Norwalk was selling off its winter merchandise at large discounts and that the electric radiators were being sold for \$14, reduced from \$40; and that it was not unlikely that the Keene, New Hampshire, store would be doing the same thing. I was planning to visit my New Hampshire brother at the end of the week anyway and, since I pass right by the Keene Home Depot store on route, I called him to ask if he would like another heater for \$14. He said sure.

So I stopped in at the Keene facility (which has the added advantage that there is no New Hampshire sales tax) and asked the first attendant I saw where I could find oil-filled electric radiators. The reply was “Over in Aisle 2 if any are left.” I proceeded to Aisle 2, found there were four left (on sale for \$14), put one in my shopping cart, and started for a checkout place.

Enroute to checkout I passed the Courtesy Desk with a pleasant looking lady behind it and suddenly thought “why not?” and stopped to inquire whether the \$50 credit on purchases made with HOME DEPOT credit cards required a minimum purchase of fifty dollars or was it good for lesser amounts. She replied “up to”. So I told her I would like to get a HOME DEPOT credit card and filled out the Application she handed me, which required my name, address, telephone number, social security number and annual income. After I returned this to her with my driver’s license, she proceeded to type data into a computer terminal and in less than a minute said a card was being issued. A temporary card came out which she told me to sign and then said I was all set. I noted that I now had a \$13,000 line of credit with Home Depot.

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Continuing on the way to checkout, again the thought “why not?” and I headed back to Aisle 2. Three heaters were still there; I put two more in my cart and once more headed for a checkout line. There a clerk scanned my purchases and I showed her my temporary credit card on which there was a hand written notation about the \$50 credit. She said I couldn’t get any credit because I was only buying \$42, not \$50 worth.

I protested that this was nonsensical, that I had been told “up to \$50.” That was wrong, she said, but asked another clerk who gave the same answer. When again I protested, #2 clerk picked up a phone and spoke to someone who apparently gave the same answer. But I persisted and #2 asked who had told me; I said it was the person who signed my new card, first name “Laura.” So Laura was paged, but she never responded, probably on a break.

Meanwhile, the man immediately behind me in the checkout line, who was both amused and a bit annoyed, said “Why don’t you buy a couple of screw drivers?” “Inspired idea,” I said and got the clerk to let me leave my three heaters with her so I could add to my purchases. I couldn’t find any screwdrivers that I liked, but did find a very good pair of needle-nose pliers that were \$10.90. Back to checkout. The clerk said the tab now was \$52.90 and that, deducting the \$50 credit, I owed \$2.90. I reached for my wallet but was told it had to go on my new credit card.

So, a good hour after pulling into the parking lot I set off again for my brother’s house in Antrim with three heaters and the pliers in my trunk and a new debt of \$2.90. As I drove along I reflected on this bizarre episode, and it came to me that I had been almost forced to take from the store perfectly good merchandise for which I had not paid a dime. It brought to mind the gag about the storekeeper who sold everything at a loss, and who when queried said he made it up on volume. But it also made me wonder if I could be charged with larceny.

Oh well! I can only worry so much, but I must remember to pay the \$2.90 promptly after I receive the statement because I’d hate to have my good credit standing jeopardized. I get a nice warm feeling knowing I have a \$12,997.10 credit line at Home Depot. ☘

## NEW MANAGMENT FOR RICK & DIANE’S PIZZA

Rick&Diane Davis have leased their popular pizzeria to long time friends Larry and Linda Warren. Rick says “We had our business for sale for six months, but no one could come with the financing, so we worked out a lease with the Warrens.” Rick wants to spend more time with Diane who has been afflicted with Muscular Dystrophy since 1989 and recently has needed more care. “So we were happy that our great pizzeria will continue on with our name and the same great food and service. The Warrens grew up in this area and have a love for the restaurant business. They plan to maintain our menu and quality just as we have. We have loved serving our loyal customers for the last ten years and will miss the day-to-day fun of running our business.” Rick has been working with the Warrens for the last three months and plans on working part-time to make sure everything continues to go smoothly. If you would like more information, call Rick at 464-9915 or Larry at 588-3388. ☘

## BODY AND SOUL

Lyman Gilmore

Larry Warren, the new manager and head chef at Rick & Diane’s Pizzeria, can minister to your spiritual as well as your physical hungers because he is an ordained preacher. Larry, his wife Linda, and their nine children spent three years in Lubbock, Texas, while Larry completed his studies at the Sunset International Bible Institute where he was ordained with three specializations: Biblical Studies, Congregational Ministry (how to administer a church congregation), and Deaf Ministry (he is proficient in American Sign Language). In our mid-May conversation, Larry said he has long had two passions, one to become a preacher with a church of his own, and the other a cook with a restaurant. He is realizing both these dreams now as Minister of Antrim’s Church of Christ and leaser of Rick & Diane’s. Linda, who is a Nurse’s Aide at Monadnock Hospital in Peterborough, helps in the restaurant when it is busy. You can reach Larry with emails at [agospelpreacher@aol.com](mailto:agospelpreacher@aol.com), by phone at home at 525-7510, or at his restaurant 588-3388. Also, you can participate in his Church of Christ services Sundays: Prayer Time 9:45 am, Bible Study 10:00 am, and Worship 11:00 am. ☘

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# THE ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ron Haggett

The Antrim Historical Society was founded as a 501C non-profit corporation in August 1984 and is dedicated to the preservation and understanding of Antrim's history and heritage.

The Society strives to collect and preserve the history of our 230 year old community through the acquisition and cataloging of artifacts, the creation of oral histories, and monthly programs of interest. Our 2006/2007 programs have included the annual reading of the Declaration of Independence, complete with costumed presenters accompanied by donuts and coffee, early roads of Antrim and how they appear, disappear, and reappear, ghosts, churches, libraries, and disasters. Our goal is to present programs of the history of our town to appeal to the interests of all our members and friends.

The society is seeking to expand our membership. We need you and want you, the lifelong residents, the summer folks who return year after year, and the "Johnny come lately," sometimes referred to as flatlanders, who chose Antrim as the perfect place to live. We are open to all who share an interest in how our town got to be what you see today. Dues are a modest \$10 per year, one of the few great remaining bargains.

We have the opportunity to acquire the Antrim Congregational church building, aka the "Stone Church" on Route 31 as our headquarters. A committee has been formed to see if the Society can develop the resources in people and money necessary to receive, use, and preserve this historic building for the benefit of the town. To be successful in this effort we need all those, to quote from our mission statement, "who seek an understanding of our past to provide a vision and leadership for the future of our town."

Please come and join us in our quest to preserve the past of Antrim and so prepare for our town's future. To join the Society contact Ron Haggett at 588-6715 or Diane Chauncey, Membership Chair, at 588-6785 ext. 228 or mail your check for \$10 to the Antrim Historical Society PO Box 172, Antrim, NH 03440.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Missy Taylor

The June Program of the Antrim Historical Society will feature Sports Teams of Antrim, with speakers Don Paige, Ella Davies and Rick Davis. Antrim has a distinctive history of athletics, fielding not only school teams but town teams as well. In the early 1900's, the Cuddihy boys dominated baseball in the region for many years. According to *Parades and Promenades*, "Regardless of the sport, one could be assured that if the Cuddihys were playing there would be tremendous thrills, wild excitement, great confrontation, and simulated injuries which were agonizing to behold." We invite everyone to come and learn more about Antrim and its sports teams at the June program. This program was originally

scheduled for April but was postponed because of snow. The time and place of the program will be announced so please watch for flyers and newspaper articles and check the town's website for more information.

On the Fourth of July, the Declaration of Independence will be read by Dean Proctor and Bill Nichols at the Bandstand. Come join your friends and neighbors for coffee, donuts and sweet rolls from 9 am to 11 am as we celebrate the birth of our nation with this annual Antrim event.

On Sunday, August 19, Ben Pratt will present a program on The Bridges of Antrim. Ben's talk last year on Gregg Lake was a standing-room-only event, so you will not want to miss this year's program on bridges. Many of our bridges are quite old, with interesting histories and varied conditions. As they continue to age and, in some cases, deteriorate, we will be confronted with the need for repair and replacement, so this is a great opportunity to come and both learn about the past and the challenges we will face in the future.

Finally, we are preparing for Home and Harvest Days in September, about which more will be in the September issue of the Limrik. Save the date of Saturday, September 22 when the Historical Society will have a display at the Maplehurst and will be selling homemade apple crisp with ice cream.

Please watch for the new Historical Society brochure and for program announcements in the newspapers and on the town's website at [www.antrim.nh.org](http://www.antrim.nh.org). Historical Society programs are usually presented on the third Sunday of every month at 3 pm in the Presbyterian Church.

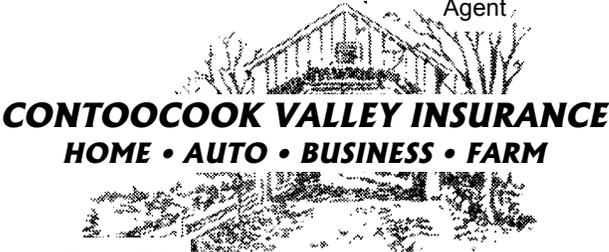
All of the Society's programs and meetings are open to the public without charge.

## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Liz Robertson

People may think the Historical Society focuses only on the past, but as you can see from the above, we are as interested in future events to bring to the forefront all of Antrim's colorful and fascinating history. Please give me a call for any questions or suggestions you may have: 588-2562. I hope to see you at our next program! ☘

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## BETTER PROTECTION FOR ANTRIM'S GLOBALLY RARE ECOSYSTEM THE NATURE CONSERVANCY ACQUIRES 635 ACRES IN ANTRIM & WINDSOR

Erich Aldrich

**JUNE HIKE:** Explore the Wilds of Antrim and Windsor. The Nature Conservancy's Loverens Mill Preserve. Saturday, June 16, 9 a.m. to noon. Explore the wilds of Windsor on this moderately strenuous hike to TNC's Loverens Mill Preserve. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education <http://www.harriscenter.org>. We'll see some of the highlights of this recent 635-acre addition to the preserve, including Holmes Hill, and hear about a few colorful characters who once lived here. Meet at the Loverens Mill Preserve kiosk, Loverens Mill Road, off Route 9. From 9:00 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact Eric Aldrich: <mailto:aldrich@tnc.org> at 603-224-5853, ext. 26.

The Nature Conservancy, which protected the Loverens Mill Cedar Swamp in 1998, has purchased an additional 635 acres in neighboring Windsor. The acquisition effectively doubles the preserves size and adds greater protection to the Atlantic White Cedar Swamp, a globally rare ecosystem.

"To preserve a precious wetland you've got to try to protect the watershed, and that's just what we've done here," said Daryl Burtnett, state director of The Nature Conservancy in New Hampshire. The fact that this project also builds upon terrific past conservation work by the Conservancy and many partners, contributing to landscape scale protection that benefits wildlife, natural communities and the many people who enjoy these precious natural resources, makes it all the more important.

The newly purchased tract is in the southwestern corner of Windsor and contributes to a growing block of protected lands in Cheshire and Hillsborough counties that are owned and managed by several conservation organizations.

The Nature Conservancy has long been interested in the area, in part because it holds one of New Hampshire's largest and best examples of an Atlantic White Cedar Swamp. Mostly in Antrim, this 45-acre swamp is at an elevation of 1,080 feet and has many boreal characteristics. The swamp's relatively cold environment supports northern boreal species, such as tamarack, black spruce, balsam fir, leatherleaf, and boreal lichen species.

Atlantic White Cedar Swamps are among the rarest wetland types in New Hampshire. Of the 500,000 acres of wetlands in New Hampshire, only 550 acres are Atlantic White Cedar Swamps. Threats to these habitats include development, timber harvesting, pollution and groundwater changes, all prime reasons for the Conservancy's interest in protecting watersheds around cedar swamps.

In 1998 and 1999, The Nature Conservancy purchased three tracts in Antrim and Stoddard, a total of 633 acres, including the cedar swamp. A trail from Loverens Mill Road invites visitors to experience the sights and smells of the cedar swamp.

The preserve's new addition was purchased from John and Judith Murray of Charlestown, who provided a significant discount from the fair market value. Before the Murray acquisition in 2004, the land had been owned by three generations of the Perkins family of Antrim. The Perkins family had a hunting camp and sugarhouse there. The preserve, including the addition in Windsor, is open to low-impact pedestrian uses, including hiking, hunting and snowshoeing.

Initial support for the acquisition also comes from Sweet Water Trust, the Barakat Foundation and the Fields Pond Foundation. The Nature Conservancy still has \$105,000 to raise; if you would like to learn more about ways to support this project, contact Debbie Callahan at The Nature Conservancy, 603-224-5853, or [dcallahan@tnc.org](mailto:dcallahan@tnc.org).

The Nature Conservancy is a leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. To date, the Conservancy and its more than one million members have been responsible for the protection of more than 14 million acres in the United States and have helped preserve more than 83 million acres in Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific. Since 1961 The Nature Conservancy in New Hampshire has helped protect more than 265,000 acres of ecologically significant land and currently owns and manages 28 preserves across the state. For more information, visit [www.nature.org/newhampshire](http://www.nature.org/newhampshire). ☘



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**July 16–20 • 5:30–8:30 PM • Vacation Bible School**  
at the Presbyterian Church

**July 22 • 10 AM • Joint Worship** at Presbyterian Church

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**SUNDAY 10:00 AM**

**ROSARY**

**THURS & FRI 7:00 AM**

**ANTRIM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

John Robertson

The Antrim Chamber of Commerce has big plans for the coming months.

In June the third “Business After Hours” will be held. Chamber members will be invited to a member business to see first hand how it operates. This is a great opportunity for business people to meet and discuss mutual concerns.

July brings summer vacations and outside activities. The Chamber will hold its annual picnic for all to enjoy. The date is yet to be set.

Home and Harvest Days comes in September. Brian Beihl champions the Skate Board races. These met with great success last year and look to be even bigger this year.

Watch for details for the Pumpkin Regatta to be held as part of the Home and Harvest Days. Details will be forthcoming as we get closer to Home and Harvest Days

If you are in business in the Antrim- Bennington area and haven’t joined the Antrim Chamber of Commerce, you can by contacting Jane Butler and 588-2603 or Cindy Crockett at 588-2723. ☚

**THIEF CAUGHT**

The buffalo overcoat stolen from Mark Spaulding was found by the directions of Mrs. Whipple, the trance medium. It is not safe to do much work of this kind while she is in town for she can find the thieves every time.

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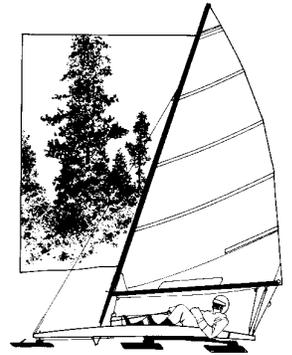
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

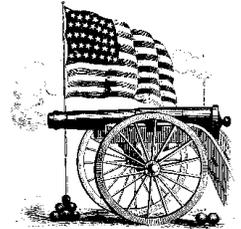
## JUNE

- 2 **Bike Rodeo** • 10 AM–12 NOON • Antrim Town Gym
- 6 **Teen Center Steering Group meeting** • 6:30 PM at the Grapevine
- 7 **Beyond Cheerios and Crackers** • 6:00 PM at the Grapevine
- 11 **Summer Reading Program** (runs thru July 28) • Tuttle Library
- 11 **Talking with Teens about Sexuality** • 6:30 PM at the Grapevine
- 13 **Antrim Elementary School Open House**
- 14 **Fifth Annual Art Exhibit** • 4–8 PM • Antrim Grange
- 14 **Community Supper** • 5:30 PM at the Presbyterian Church
- 14 **Picky Eaters—Help!** • 6:00 PM at the Grapevine
- 15 **Fifth Annual Art Exhibit • Evening Gala** • 7–9 PM • Antrim Grange
- 16 **Fifth Annual Art Exhibit** • 10 AM–3 PM • Antrim Grange
- 17 **Fifth Annual Art Exhibit** • 1–4 PM • Antrim Grange
- 17 **Sports Teams of Antrim** • 3 PM • Antrim Historical Society at the Presbyterian Church
- 19 **People's Service Exchange Informational Meeting** • 7:00 PM at the Grapevine
- 21 **Gregg Lake Beach OPEN** • Lifeguards on Duty from 9:30 AM–5:30 PM
- 24 **Sunday Worship Time Change** • 10 AM • Presbyterian Church
- 25 **Swimming Lessons Begin • Gregg Lake Beach** • Rec Dept (see article on page 1)
- 29 **Fitness Party at Town Gym** • 5–8:30 PM • Rec Dept
- 29 **The Grapevine Trip to Friendly Farm** • 9 AM at the Friendly Farm, Dublin



## JULY

- Recreation Department Summer Programs** • See article starting on page 1
- 4 **July 4th Celebration** • 9–11 AM • Memorial Park Bandstand
- 5 **Trip to Gregg Lake** • 9 AM at the Grapevine
- 9 **Hike to Lily Pond** • 6:30 AM at the Grapevine
- 11 **Teen Center Steering Group meeting** • 6:30 PM at the Grapevine
- 16–20 **Vacation Bible School** (Baptist & Presbyterian) • 5:30–8:30 PM • at the Presbyterian Church
- 17 **People's Service Exchange Informational Meeting** • 7:00 PM at the Grapevine
- 19 **Trip to Edes Forest** • 9 AM at the Grapevine
- 19 **Community Supper Barbecue** • 5:30 PM at Gregg Lake
- 20 **Deadline for Fall Soccer Registration** • Rec Dept
- 22 **Joint Sunday Worship** (Baptist & Presbyterian) • 10 AM • at the Presbyterian Church



## AUGUST

- 1 **Teen Center Steering Group meeting** • 6:30 PM at the Grapevine
- 2 **Blueberry Hike** • 9:00 AM at the Grapevine
- 6–10 **Backyard Adventure week** • 9:00 AM at the Grapevine
- 13–17 **Backyard Adventure week** • 9:00 AM at the Grapevine
- 13 **Summer Camp for Adults** • 6:30 PM at the Grapevine
- 16 **Trip to Daloz Farm** • 9:00 PM at the Grapevine
- 16 **Community Supper** • 5:30 PM at the Presbyterian Church
- 17 **Gregg Lake Beach Party** • 2–6 PM • Rec Dept
- 19 **The Bridges of Antrim** • 3 PM • Antrim Historical Society at the Presbyterian Church
- 21 **People's Service Exchange Informational Meeting** • 7:00 PM at the Grapevine



## SEPTEMBER

- 21–23 **Home and Harvest Festival** (see article on page 35 and more details in the September *Limrik*)

## PRINCIPAL MUSINGS

Debbie Lesure  
Antrim Elementary School

Ah, summertime and the living is easy. In just a few days, school will be out and children will be home with lots of free time. As parents and as adults, we fondly recall the summers of our youth. Were they as great as we remember?

Bored...I remember saying "I'm bored." My mom eventually got out the vacuum...handed me a rake...led me to the dirty dishes. Looking back, I wasn't bored. In my neighborhood, we always had a pick-up game of something going on. Looking back, I wasn't challenged. Much of the summer was the same old, same old.

This summer, help challenge your children intellectually while enjoying a fun and relaxing summer. So many children lose academic ground over the summer, yet educators recognize hands-on learning as essential to children's growth and development. Once you begin thinking about ways to engage your child's brain for learning, you will find the ways to do this are limitless.

**Cooking** creates endless opportunities for fun and for learning. Reading recipes, measuring, setting the oven temperature, doubling recipes, and gathering ingredients allow for new experiences with words and numbers. Analyzing common words, such as "combine" and "blend," enhances vocabulary development. Think of the prefix "pre"—meaning before. Explain that preheat means to heat the oven before putting food into the oven. Challenge your children. Find words in the dictionary that begin with pre.

**Construction** interests almost every child. Many lumberyards have old scraps of wood they are willing to give away. You may have old pieces lying around the garage. Let kids experiment using screws versus nails. As children bind pieces of wood together, they build muscles while experimenting with shapes, angles, velocity, force, and resistance. Use of a tape measure reinforces mathematical thinking, estimation, and number sense. Scrap materials can be used for a doghouse, a dollhouse, a fort, and more!

**Reading** is the typical recommendation for students during the summer months. If you make this a consistent and

regular routine, you will likely have more luck in getting your children to enjoy summer reading. In my house, we all read magazines or the comics at the breakfast table. While out shopping, pick up Sports Illustrated for Kids, Ranger Rick, Geographic World, or another children's magazine. Talk about what you are reading, and soon, your child(ren) will talk too.

**Photography** is an incredible way to help children learn about perspective and point of view. Purchase some disposable cameras or an inexpensive digital camera. Allow experimentation. What does a bug look like from two feet away...from two inches away? Is the photo of a leaf more interesting up close or father away? Portraits are an art form. By scrapbooking summer events, your child(ren) can put together a memory book that will last a lifetime, while developing those creative and artistic tendencies.

These are just a few ideas to keep kids learning and thinking during the summer. The ideas are limitless. I already have a stack of books I plan to read this summer. House projects are ready and waiting for me. Summertime is a break from schooling, not from life - Enjoy!

### SCHOOL EVENTS

- Our school celebrated our Reverence of Place Project with an expedition into the woods and an all-school family picnic in the field at the McCabe Forest!
- Tiger Performance "Let Your Star Shine" - put on at AES by Plymouth State College. The initials stand for Tolerance, Inclusion, Giving, Empathy, and Respect.
- Raptor Rapture - The SILK Audubon Society brought a snowy owl and a red tailed hawk to school to visit! Our students were rapt!
- In addition to two all-school field trips to McCabe Forest, all grades have had multiple explorations for our Reverence of Place Project.
- Senator Paul Hodes toured our school.
- Kindergartens traveled to Stonewall Farm to learn about maple syrup and springtime.
- Mrs. Stacy's Kindergarten went to the Kaleidoscope Children's Museum in Concord, NH.

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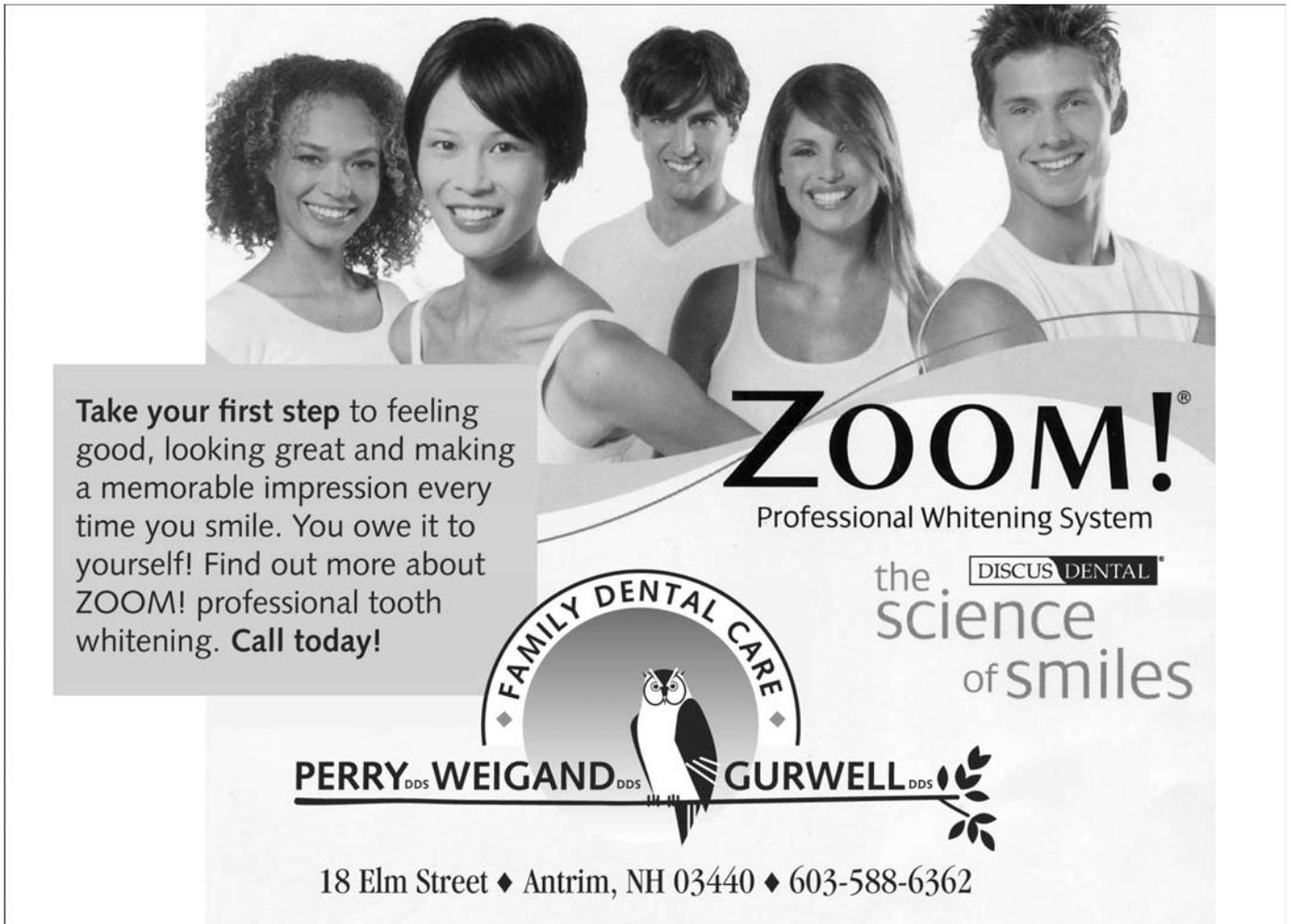
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- Mrs. Stacy's Kindergarten visited Kendall Farm
- First and Second grades traveled to the Boston Museum of Science.
- First graders learned about life in the olden days at the Peterborough Historical Society.
- Second Grade went to the Capital Center for the Arts for the play, "Ramona Quimby"
- Mrs. Donovan's class went to the Sharon Arts Center for an exhibit on children's illustrators.
- Third graders stretched their learning about mammals, reptiles, fish, amphibians, and birds with a trip to the Squam Science Center.
- Loyal Allen came to Ms. Cullinan's class to extend their study of animals with backbones and how to care for our spinal columns.
- Grade 4 traveled to the NH State House and the State Capital for their study of New Hampshire government.
- Grade 4 spent a day at Sturbridge Village learning about life in early America.
- Grade 4 took their annual big trip to the White Mountains.

**HOLD THIS DATE:** Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> for an evening Open House at AES to say "farewell" to two much-loved teachers.

Mrs. Chance has been teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at AES for the past 20 years. Passionate about children and teaching, Mrs. Chance forms wonderful connections with each of her students. If you've been in her classroom, you can't help but notice the kid-friendly atmosphere **and** the animals. Who else but Mrs. Chance has a chinchilla in the classroom? Mrs. Chance, we will miss your laughter, dedication, southern accent, and vitality.

Mrs. Condon has been an Educational Support Teacher at AES for the past 11 years. As a Special Educator, she works with children with the greatest academic and behavioral needs. Mrs. Condon teaches children both in and out of the classroom setting – she is versatile, organized, resourceful, and knowledgeable. Her personal warmth extends like a blanket over students and staff alike. Mrs. Condon, you will be sorely missed. ☘



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## CITY GIRL IN THE COUNTRY

### ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE

Peter Moore

What's old is new...can now be bought, sold, traded or consigned here in Antrim. *City Girl in the Country – Architectural Salvage* is a warehouse (and a web-site) full of “period pieces,” pulled, dragged and extracted from old house, barns and public buildings, throughout New England. We are not talking valuable antiques or used furniture here, we are referring to invaluable, irreplaceable, and what one might consider “historic” home-ware.

At City Girl in the Country, located just a few tire-spins up the Gregg Lake Road, and on the right (look for the sign), you will be treated to a museum of cast iron and soap stone sinks, claw-foot bath tubs, French-door sets, wooden shutters, raised-panel front entries, cast-iron floor registers, chrome-plated faucet sets, fireplace mantle façades, cast-iron radiators, door hardware, school-room fixtures, and all-sorts of “vintage décor” as it were. You just have to visit “the country girl” to get the gist.

Our first foray came as a result of our daughter's encounter there. Molly, in search for an old, two bay cast iron/porcelain sink, to compliment the kitchen in the new home she was “outfitting,” found and fell-in-love with the sink of her dreams. Her success spurred our long-need to find an old, door-knob-lock-set to install on the original front entrance to our home (the previous owner had removed the hardware from this massive door and installed a simple knob which just did not do this passage justice). So up we went one Saturday.

Don't expect anything fancy about the “salvage yard” or the layout of the warehouse; contrived display and retail merchandising are not what this place is all about, although it is relatively clean and organized. We rummaged through a few old wooden boxes full of old door hardware that were sitting there on the concrete floor. We found exactly what we wanted, a complete latch and lock set, complimented by the original clear-glass door-knobs. Digging through another container holding dozens of old skeleton keys we found one that fit and worked the lock! Only \$20.00 for the whole setup and our fun hour of discovery.

You may wonder, as I did, how a place like this came to be called “City Girl in the Country – Architectural Salvage.” Well, that is a story in itself. But the “girl,” that was once city and is now country, is its founder, Paula Bishop. Her road leads from Long Island to Keene State College, back to Wall Street, and comes to rest comfortably here in Antrim, which some folks still consider “the country.”

Paula, along with her husband Bill Bishop, (who does a good deal of the heavy-lifting), and infant son Liam (who

keeps them both on-task), travel throughout New Hampshire, Vermont, and sometimes farther a few times a week, in search of that abandoned door-yard sink, barnyard tub, or weathered household treasure propped-up against the old dog house. Paula says that widows are her best source of old stuff because they're cleaning out their husbands' hoards, and she admits that she is never afraid to stop and ask if something that catches her eye might be for sale, or for free to take away. Might be the “city girl” in her.

And if you can't find the time for a Saturday afternoon drive up Gregg Lake Road (open hours are Saturday from 12-4pm or by appointment—call 588-3417 and leave a short message, or her cell during business hours at 547-5275), you can visit some of Paula's inventory, and her story at [www.citygirlinthecountry.com](http://www.citygirlinthecountry.com). There, you will learn that old “farm sinks” are her love and her specialty, and what got her into the business originally. By partnering with eBay, as a link from her website, she has sold and shipped vintage sinks all over the country. Curiously, most go to customers in North Carolina, and one gentleman drove all the way from Washington, DC to pick-up his coveted concrete barn sink!

So...what's old is new, what's city is now country, and what's pre-owned and vintage is interesting and fun! This “new” business is definitely worth a drive up the old Gregg Lake Road. Check it out! ❧

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# NEWS ABOUT TOWN

## GOLDEN CHOPSTICKS

Janet MacLachlan

The take-out Chinese restaurant located at the Antrim Marketplace plaza has acquired a new name and new managers. Jack and Jenny Cheng are the new owners of the Golden Chopsticks. I was fortunate to meet both Jenny and her three-year old daughter, Jackilina, when they came into the library one Saturday to apply for their library card. Jenny enjoys the rural surroundings of Antrim but misses the convenience of large shopping centers. Originally from China, she has been living with her family in Indiana for ten years where they also have a restaurant, so she has had many years of experience in the preparation of delicious Chinese dishes. Jenny and Jack lived in nearby villages in China, but their paths did not cross until their families came to Indiana.

I stopped by the Golden Chopsticks to see if they had made any changes from the previous owner and noted that the tables and chairs were a more attractive design and a large fish tank with tropical fish had been installed against a wall. Jenny said her little daughter is fascinated with the fish. It also gives patrons something to watch while they are waiting for their orders. They do not use MSG in their recipes but do use a chicken stock base, Jenny reported when I inquired about it. Fresh deliveries of seafood, meats, and vegetables come from Boston twice a week.

Their family also owns restaurants in Newport and North Conway, New Hampshire. At the present there are four persons working in the Antrim Golden Chopsticks, and Jenny is looking for a part-time worker to help out when she has a new baby in June. This expected baby will be a boy and is to be named Jeremy Cheng.

Please stop by to welcome these new entrepreneurs to Antrim and order one of their tempting dishes. ☘

## BOXES-ON-BOARD TO HILLSBOROUGH

The *Limrik* was supposed to have announced in our March issue that Boxes-On-Board had moved to Hillsborough, but we goofed. Our apologies to owner Brian Beihl and all those who went looking for the company in Antrim. Brian and Boxes can be found on Main Street nine tenths of a mile from the Ford dealer toward downtown Hillsborough, two driveways past Angus Lea golf course, on the right side of the street. His phone is 588 8300. ☘

## ANTRIM RESIDENTS SERVING IN IRAQ

Darrell Brinkley, husband of Ann and Arthur Allison's daughter Yevette.

Joel Schacht, son of Mary and Steve Schacht.

Josh Chandler, son of Lisa Woodin and Paul Chandler. ☘

## HELP WANTED

**Teen Center Coordinator:** The Grapevine is seeking qualified candidates for this part-time position expected to start July 9 pending receipt of a grant award.

Application deadline June 6. Call Kristen Vance at 588-2620 for more information.

## CINDY'S BAKERY

Lyman Gilmore

Fresh baked muffins, cupcakes, scones, cookies, croissants, cakes, brioches, and breads of all sorts can be found early this summer at Cindy Crockett's new "Bakery 42 LLC" on South Main Street opposite the library in the fine old building known a hundred years ago as Union Hall. In early May Cindy and I stood in the middle of the empty space where plumbers, electricians, and carpenters would soon create her "eco friendly green bakery" with huge mixing vats, professional ovens, work tables, cooling racks, showcases, and a counter with stools and café tables with chairs for people who can't wait to get their muffins home. I was puzzled by "eco friendly green," and Cindy explained that she is modeling her bakery after a famous establishment in New York City's East Village constructed insofar as possible with organic and recycled materials and using natural, whole grain, and organic ingredients.

Cindy says she will specialize in "artisanal breads" which are old-fashioned shaped loaves with delicious crunchy crusts. If you visited her booth at last fall's Home and Harvest celebration you would have seen several of her beautifully created artisanal breads.

Cindy comes to baking from a mother who always had fresh cookies and cakes on hand, a Harvard graduate degree in science education, and years as a science teacher. Owning a bakery has been a longtime dream towards which she has been working through years of courses in professional baking chemistry, dough preparation, and cooking at the King Arthur Baking Education Center in Norwich, Vermont. When you stop in for some scones and cookies, be sure to ask Cindy where the name of the bakery comes from. ☘

## FITNESS PARTY AT TOWN GYM

### RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Team up for a night of fitness, education, and fun! Wednesday June 27: 5:00-5:30 Staying Fit and Flexible: exercises for the older active adult and 5:30-8:30 various 30 minute exercise formats for adults and teens, including yoga, step aerobics, Pilates, strength training, and Latin dance. There will also be information on nutrition, personal training, healthy lifestyle choices, and ongoing exercise programs in our area. ☘

# JAMES A. TUTTLE LIBRARY

Kristen Readel

*“No kind of writing lodges itself so deeply in our memory,  
echoing there for the rest of our lives,  
as the books that we met in our childhood...”*

—William Zinsser, *Worlds of Childhood*

## NEW BUILDING UPDATE

The new building is nearly on schedule with estimated completion of the addition by the end of July and the move into the new building shortly thereafter. All Library functions will operate out of the new space until renovations can be completed on the old building. The new space will also provide a temporary home for the Young Adult collection, DVDs, and book and music CDs. The renovations of the old building will begin as soon as we move into the addition with estimated completion in late fall. The actual move should take only a few days, during which time the library will be closed. The large room in the old space will become a Reference, Reading, Periodical and AV room. Renovations include: removing radiators, carpeting and the old bathroom and installing new lighting, a sprinkler system, a new heating plant and cooling system, refinishing the floors, and opening up the fireplaces. The old stack room on the first floor will be converted to a small office and a new Young Adult space.

There will be occasional closures as we move to the new space, but we hope to keep them to a minimum. Please call us at 588-6786 with questions. Bear with us as we combine adult Mystery, SciFi/Fantasy and Fiction before the move. Just ask, if you have trouble finding your favorite book or author.

Thanks to many generous patrons, both young and old, we are beginning to imagine a nicely furnished addition. There are still many opportunities left to participate in the “Named Gifts” fund.

## ODDS AND ENDS

Preschool Story time ended in May with a visit from a neighbor from the police department who read our favorite cops & robbers stories. Look for it again in September.

June brings National Audio Book Month. Celebrate by checking out our ever-growing audio collection which includes books in a variety of formats.

Remember to check out the Tuttle Library and New Hampshire State Library new program of Downloadable Audio. It's free! No overdue fees! Download books and listen from the comfort of your own home! Contact the Library for password and access information.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Virginia Dickinson is busy working towards re-launching a Friends group. If you have questions, ideas, experience, or time to share, let her know.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

JUNE 11–JULY 28

“Read Around the World” with us this summer. Participate in the program and earn a reading patch, participate in weekly contests, and read stories with characters, authors and settings from around the world. Join us in July for an end-of-program party. Virginia Dickinson has created the graphics for our program, and cool T-shirts will be available for those who want them.

## YOUNG PEOPLE READ TO RIDE

Luke's already got 2 out of 5 bookmarks (5 bookmarks = Free Pass to the Skateboard Park/\$30 value). He thought Eoin Colfer's first two “*Legend of...*” books were hilarious. We look forward to an end of summer Community Bus Ride to the Park. There's still plenty of time to come choose some books and earn your pass.

## TEENS AND READING

According to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer (Mar. 8, 2007), “Teens [are] buying books at fastest rate in decades” and a “new golden age of young adult literature declared.” They “credit a bulging teen population, a surge of global talent, and perhaps a bit of Harry Potter afterglow as the preteen Muggles of yesteryear carry an ingrained reading habit into later adolescence.” This translates into increased library use as well.

## NAME YOUR SPACE CONTEST

The Tuttle Library will have a new young adult space when the building project is finished! We invite everyone ages 12-18 to help name it. The name will be prominently displayed at the entrance to the new area, and the winner will receive a special gift as a thank-you. For contest rules, call the Library, check out the Town's website, or ask at the circulation desk. The contest winner will be announced at the opening of the new space in the fall.

## NEW YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

Tamora Pierce - *Terrier*; *The Star Wars Complete Visual Dictionary*; *Great Encyclopedia of Faeries*; *The Anime Encyclopedia*; Karen Cushman - *The Loud Silence of Francine Green*; *The Ultimate Unauthorized Eragon Guide*; Patricia Wrede - *Mislaid Magician*; Amelia Atwater-Rhodes - *Wolfcry*; T.A. Barron - *Eternal Flame*; Meg Cabot - *Princess on the Brink*; and *Valentine Princess*; Ann Brashares - *Forever in Blue* (#4); Gail Carson Levine - *Fairest*; Ursula

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LeGuin - *Voices*; Iain Lawrence - *Gemini Summer*; Alice Hoffman - *Incantation*; and *Foretelling*; *The Tough Guide to Fantasyland*; Sharon Shinn - *Safe-Keeper's Secret*; Darren Shan - *Slawter*; *Paying for College Without Going Broke*; Gary Paulsen - *Legend of Bass Reeves*; Katherine Paterson - *Bread and Roses Too*; Angie Sage - *Physik*.

**OTHER NEW BOOKS**

**Fiction** by Nancy Atherton, William Bernhardt, Maeve Binchy, Chris Bohjalian, Rhys Bowen, Rita Mae Brown, Sandra Brown, Tracy Chevalier, Jennifer Chiaverini, Carol Higgins Clark, Mary Higgins Clark, Robert Crais, Barbara Delinsky, Joanne Fluke, Lisa Gardner, Andrew Greeley, Kim Harrison, Tami Hoag, Alice Hoffman, Jonathan Kellerman, Larry McMurtry, Norman Mailer, Shirley Rousseau Murphy, Tamar Myers, Anne Perry, Jodi Picoult, Ian Rankin, Luanne Rice, J.D. Robb, Lisa Scottoline, Jane Smiley, William Tapply.

**Nonfiction:** *The Gospel According to Judas*; *Digging for the Truth*; *The Secret*; *Palestine*; *Peace Not Apartheid*; *My Heart's in the Lowlands*; *The Jesus Family Tomb*; *Beatrix Potter* (biography); *Religious Literacy*; *Catherine the Great* (biography); *In an Instant*. ☞

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**LET THE GAMES BEGIN**

Schatze Moore

We have a little game going at our house. It usually begins with the advent of colder temperatures, but it can be played all year long, too.

We have been playing variations of this sport as long as we have lived in this house, and have always kept a rough score of our successes. This year, though, we have added a formal scoreboard and have thus “upped” the competitive interest.

Initially when we played our “games” it was Peter and I against them, but now I’m a mostly passive player. I’m more like a cheerleader.

We live in a fairly old house that isn’t “tight,” and we have lots of tiny openings for Lilliputian sized creatures to enter by. Like most folks we have used the traditional means to rid our home of pests (think rodents), but since those methods didn’t jive with our “live and let live” philosophies, we had to seek other modes, and thus our game was born. Since we have a “no kill policy” in our household, our method is “catch and release” and involves “deportation” on a one-way ticket to new digs. We hope!

The equipment needed is very simple; it involves a smoky colored plastic cube trap we bought at Edmund’s. The cube is not quite six inches long, and it has a swinging door that opens only inward and air vents; it is wider at the opening than at the rear. You put the bait of your choice (Peter likes uncooked rolled oats) in the trap and “Let the Games Begin.” With this wee apparatus we are catching mice by the plenty, and so far this is how the scores are running. Peter is in the lead with 30 single catches and 2 doubles. The mice have scored 2 points (they got away), and the cats are at 6 (they by the way do not share our policies and hence there have been some fatalities), but we jump to the rescue as often as we can.

Things got pretty dry for a bit, and just as soon as we thought we were done for the season we had another win. So, we never know in this game when the opponents are going to move next...but we do know we had better be ready with our checkmate! ☞



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## SPIRALSCOUTS

Jess Baribault

Springtime has been busy for Silverling Circle #58, the local chapter of SpiralScouts International. In March we celebrated the Spring Equinox by making our annual trip to the Sap Gathering Contest at Stonewall Farm in Keene. Also known as Ostara or Eostre to people of Earth-centered traditions, the Spring Equinox is a day of celebration, signifying the balance of light and shadow and the rebirth of new life all around. The scouts discussed the many gifts that trees give to the world—including maple syrup—and enjoyed observing the process of gathering, boiling, and concentrating the sap into maple syrup and sugar. They also learned about sustainable farming practices and community-supported agriculture, got to know the many animals on the farm, and earned credit toward their Global Ecology badges.

In April we met to compose works of art and writings for the new Spiral Scouts Magazine. Scouts made masks, paintings, sketches, and descriptive stories that will be published in the magazine's summer edition. We also participated in the National Day of Climate Action, a prelude to Earth Day. Volunteers and scouts held signs, learned about the relationships between climate change, endangered species, pollution, recycling, and everyday practices, and enjoyed drumming, music, and face painting. In April and May we attended three workshops to create a set of giant puppets for the Children and the Arts Festival in Peterborough.

We are looking forward this summer to our annual Tribal camping trip and Solstice celebration. This is when the four Circles in our state come together for all the quintessential summer activities: cooking, storytelling, nature walks, scavenger hunts, and outdoor adventures. The scouts will decorate each other with the badges and award pins they have earned throughout the year, and they'll organize their own ritual to celebrate the Solstice—also known as Litha—the day of longest sun, highest energy, and the turning of the Wheel of the Year. For the rest of the summer, there will be swimming, first aid and personal safety, summer community service, and other badges to earn. Interested families are always invited to jump in at any time.

SpiralScouts International is an independent, non-profit, co-ed scouting organization for youth ages 3-18 and their families. Its activities are directed by the goals and interests of its members, and include everything from sculpture and



Ryan (left) and Nicholas (right) hold up two puppets in progress, at a workshop for the Children and the Arts Festival.

painting to drumming and mythology. Its philosophy is rooted in the ideals of ecology, inclusivity, and balance of gender energies. Its mission centers on boys and girls working together to heal our Mother Earth. For more information about the Spiral Scouts program, visit [www.SpiralScouts.org](http://www.SpiralScouts.org).

Silverling Circle #58 meets the second Saturday of each month from 10:00–12:00, followed by pot-luck lunch. The meeting location varies according to activity, but we try to meet outdoors whenever possible. Membership is \$15 per year, and interested families or volunteers are invited to check out a meeting before deciding to join. To learn about our Tribe, contact Jess at 588-4219 or [SpiralScoutsJess@yahoo.com](mailto:SpiralScoutsJess@yahoo.com). This fall, look for announcements about our second annual “Celebrate Samhain,” a celebration of the Celtic harvest festival from which Halloween was born. Save the date, October 27, 2007. This will be a major fundraiser for us as well as a service project, and an amazing experience for the community. We look forward to hearing from you. Summer Blessings!



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### June Bus Trips

- Wednesday June 6: South Nashua Shopping. Leave Antrim at 8:30am, return by 2pm.
- Sunday June 10: Nashua Pride, Cal Riken Day with Petting Zoo
- Saturday June 16: Webs Yarn Store and Northampton, MA for Lunch. Leave Antrim at 8:30am, return at 5pm
- Wednesday June 20: Hampton Beach Fireworks and Sand Sculpture Viewing. Leave Antrim at 2pm, return at 11pm
- Friday June 22: Pick Your Own Strawberries, Brookdale Fruit Farm. Leave Antrim 8:30am, return at noon.
- Saturday June 23: Quilt Show in Lowell, MA. Leave Antrim at 9am, return at 5:30 pm.

(Note: This will provide the opportunity to see an Antrim antique quilt, 75 years old, called the "Gentleman's Quilt," as written about in the last issue of the *Limrik!*)

- Saturday Jun 30: Manchester Wolves. Leave Antrim at 5:45pm, return at 10PM. \$20 pp

### July Bus Trips

(Details available on [www.antrimnh.org](http://www.antrimnh.org) after June 5th.)

- Friday July 6: Phantoms Soccer. Leave Antrim at 6:15pm, return at 10 pm. \$7 youth, \$10 adult.

- Monday July 9: Fisher Cats Ball Game. Leave Antrim at 11am, return at 3:00pm

- Wednesday July 11: Sculptured Rocks and Wellington State Park; Adventure Swimming and Photography

- Tuesday July 17: Manchester Fisher Cats vs. Portland Seadogs. Leave Antrim at 5:30pm, return 10pm

- Wednesday July 18: Rhododendron State Forest/shopping in Rindge, NH. Leave Antrim 8:30 am, return 12:30pm

- Thursday July 19: Shuttle to Hillsborough Balloon Fest bracelet night. Free for Antrim residents

- Tuesday July 24: Big Apple Circus, Dartmouth. \$30 pp Antrim Residents. Leave Antrim at 5pm, return at 10:30pm.

### August Bus Trips

- Friday August 3: Circus Smirkus in Wilton. Leave Antrim at 5:30 pm, return at 10 pm.

- Friday August 10: Fisher Cats Baseball vs. Altoona Curve Leave Antrim at 5pm, return at 10pm

- Monday August 13: Echo Lake, Flume Gorge in White Mountains

- Saturday August 18: Jaffrey Fireworks, leave Antrim at 4:30 pm, return at 10:30 pm.

- Thursday October 4: **Wicked** at the Boston Opera House. Only a few seats remaining. Cost is \$60 pp, and includes transportation and seats in the front rows of the balcony.

**Please Note:** More Bus trips are always being added! Keep an eye on the town website and the local weekly papers. ☿

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## GREAT BROOK SCHOOL

G. Bruce West, Principal

As June fast approaches, I am struck (as I am each year) by just how fast the academic year goes by and how little time we have before we begin again. The lives of our students have been full of opportunities to become stronger academically and personally. Whether students have challenged themselves to become a Student of the Year, to make a community contribution through a co-curricular activity, to play on one of our athletic teams, or to improve as an artist or a student of world languages, they have grown in many ways. It is this growth that we must guide not only through the curriculum we teach but through the many other lessons that become available each day.

So how will we improve the learning opportunities for the years ahead? One of the initiatives that we are developing is a literacy block where students will receive instruction in reading comprehension strategies in small groups at their reading level. The push here is to improve these skills so that students will have greater success now and in the future. We are working with a consultant during the end of this year and throughout next to build an effective model that will yield

results. I want to thank all of the staff at GBS for meeting this important undertaking.

A second change will be building a more effective advisory system. Our goal is to “improve each student’s sense of belonging, connection, capability and confidence to take positive action in his or her school and community.” Each advisor will serve as a key support person for each advisee, will implement character and community education during advisory, and will serve as a liaison between home and the school. As part of this initiative, we plan to involve students in our conferences, making them parent-student-teacher conferences for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

A third change will be our use of the “musical block.” This will provide close to 140 of our students a music opportunity without missing core content time. We will provide an academic support block for non-music students so they can access extra help or simply an opportunity to get started on their homework. We believe that this opportunity for guided practice is critical and should therefore be built into the day.

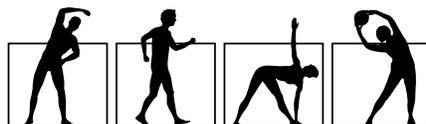
As we move into summer, we urge both students and parents to play together, laugh together, and read together. Thanks for all of your support this year, and we’ll see you in September. ☚



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events include a Scavenger Hunt, Bike Inspections, Bike Safety Course, Giveaways and refreshments. Hope to see all riders there. Event will be appropriate for riders ages 4 and older.

**Gregg Lake Beach:** Volunteers from the community, as well as members of the Town Highway Crew have been working hard to get the Town Beach ready for the summer season. Please remember some guidelines and rules about our wonderful beach.

The beach will open on June 21st, with guards on duty from 9:30-5:30 pm. When the guards are off duty, and the beach house is closed, please use the outdoor toilet provided, rather than the bushes. It may seem okay for one wee child at a time, but we receive numerous reports of people using the bushes as a privy, and this is unsanitary. A portable toilet is located at the Public Boat Launch. There is **NO DIVING** off the swim raft. The water is not deep enough at that spot, and diving is not safe. Diving in shallow water can cause head and spinal cord injuries. Pets, including horses and dogs, are only permitted at the boat launch. Pets are not allowed to swim or be played with off the beach parking lot or on the point. Flotation devices are not permitted while lifeguards are on duty. Children 11 and younger need to be supervised by an adult while at the beach.

**Lake Host Program:** This will be the third year that the Recreation Department has collaborated with the Gregg Lake Association to bring paid and volunteer "Lakehosts" to the beach. (See article in this Limrik for information about harmful aquatic plants and the dangers that non native invasive plants pose to our lakes.) This program really benefits from the volunteer time of Lakehosts. To become a Lakehost, you attend a training provided by the Department of Environmental Services and the New Hampshire Lake Association. This year, there is training in Hancock on June 16<sup>th</sup>. It is a three-hour training, and you learn how to identify harmful lake plants and how they tag along on boats. Please call Celeste at 588-3121 or email [antrimreccdir@tds.net](mailto:antrimreccdir@tds.net).

**Beach Party:** On Friday August 17th, join us at the beach for an end of summer beach party. We will have the grills going, and music playing. Games and family fun abound! Party will be held from 2:00-6:00 pm.

#### SUMMER PROGRAMS:

**Day Camp** will be held from July 2nd through August 17th, Monday – Friday 8:30 am-3:30 pm. The themes of camp this year are:

• **July 2nd-July 13;** American The Beautiful, Swimming; Fisher Cats, State Parks Patriotic Crafts, Capture the flag, Swimming Lessons Included this week!!!

• **July 16th -20th ;**New Hampshire Naturally/ Squam Lake Science Center; Hiking, Fishing, Nature, Fort building; Ropes Course!

• **July 23rd -27th; Ketchums Kickers and Trickster Fox; Canobie Lake Soccer camp** n the morning, or a choice of quiet craft activity in Rec Center. And...Fox Fans! Trickster is back. If you don't know her, Trickster is a clown who brings her act to town along with a little circus school! Join Trickster at the Town Gym on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday for lessons in juggling, extreme hula hoping, balancing, balloon sculpture, unicycling, humor and more! This is a great program for kids 8 through 14.

• **July 30th-August 3rd Stars and Hoops! Christa Macauliffe Planetarium;** Kids in Space: Rocket and Star projects, Robotics, Art Projects, Bombers Basketball Full Day **August 6th-10th- Antrim River Dance and Splash Week!;** **Water Country**Daily swims/splashy fun; plus Irish Step Dancing, Storytelling, Poetry and Drumming with Artist in Residency Regina Delahny. Bombers Basketball Half Day Mon-Thurs

• **August 13-17th Ultimate Aloha: Frisbee show and instruction** Ultimate Frisbee games, Yo yo's. Kites, hula; Beach Party, swimming and more.

**Junior Counselor Program:** This year, we will accept applications for Junior Counselors for kids entering 9th or 10th grade. This is an opportunity for kids to gain valuable skills, and get ready for working as a camp counselor in future years. A small weekly fee pays for supplies and field trips.

At press time, trips and day programs for teens are still in the planning stages. Watch for Daytrips to Old Orchard Beach by Train, and Boston by Bus Train and Subway!

**Antrim Parks and Recreation Commission:** The commission is currently made up by the following volunteers: Sam Harding, Chair, Peter Lamb, Pat Leonard, Dave Kirkpatrick, Ron Hagget, and Mike Genest, ex-officio. We are looking for a few more members to serve as alternates. The commission meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 7pm, at the Town Gym. Monthly minutes are posted on the website, and are available at the Town Recreation Office. The commission has the goal this year of creation a master plan, to cover the Parks and Recreation goals and needs for the next five years. This will be worked on progressively through the summer, and the public input is strongly encouraged. Please contact any of the members listed above, or Celeste at the Recreation office.



## THE TEACHER: SKIP SUDSBURY

Bill Harris Sr.

The world lost a great teacher with the death of Gordon Sudsbury III, and Antrim lost an icon! Known as Skip, to the young and old he was a teacher to us all. He did not have a college degree or a license in trade. What he did have was the ability to fix or build anything and everything with an audience in tears of laughter. Whenever anyone encountered a problem with plumbing, electrical, carpentry, etc, "Skipper" was always there to help. Projects were never completed solo; he always included people as helpers to teach how it was done. Always cracking jokes and making you laugh even when he worked on the furnace that was out on a Saturday night in January, Skip was never stumped.

I think Skip's greatest love was the outdoors. This is where his teaching excelled. He could tolerate adults in outdoor sports, but in this environment his love was children. Camping, fishing, hunting, he was a master craftsman, and when it came to kids, he was the pied piper of Antrim. While most adults slipped off to their favorite spot, Skip was in seventh heaven with children sharing his knowledge and absorbing his sense of humor.

As with adults, he never did anything to show how it was done. He let the kids do it with him so they could learn. Skip's

greatest gift in life was his love of people, and with this came compassion, kindness, and tolerance.

I started this article by calling Skip "the teacher," though by trade he was not. He had more than a single trade, and he will always be remembered as a jack-of-all-trades, an avid outdoorsman, and a stand-up comic. To me Gordon F. Sudsbury III is the epitome of a great teacher! ☘

## THE LIMRIK LIMERICK CONTEST WINNER

We received seven excellent submissions from Andy Chapman, Jacque Cottle, Heather Dickson, Barbara Murray, Trish Murray, Barry Proctor, and Jonas Taub. Selecting the best limerick was difficult, but the winner is Heather Dickson who has received a \$50 gift certificate to the Toadstool Bookstore in Peterborough.

It is clear, without rebuttal  
That we thank you, Mr. Tuttle  
For your generous gift  
Which just got a face lift  
Now it's a gem, not a muddle.

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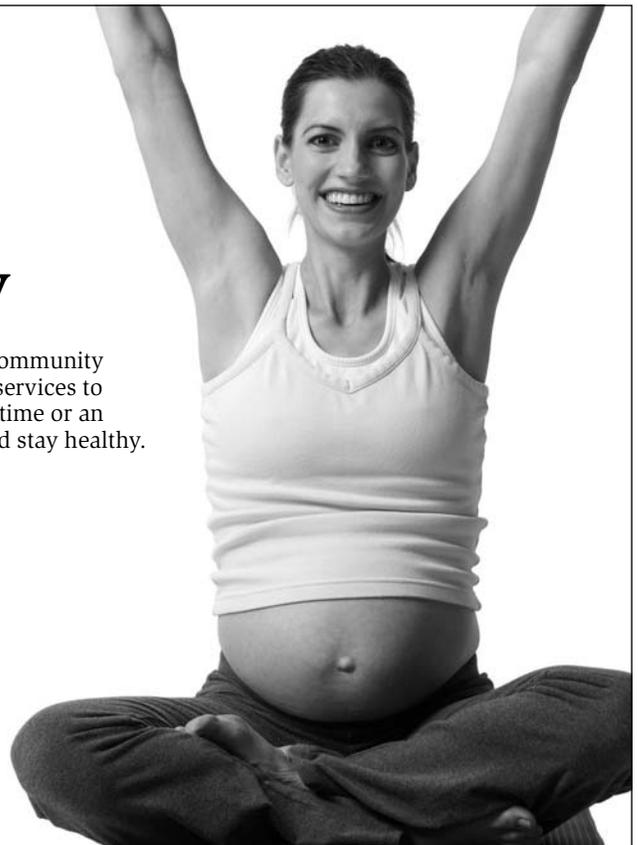
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## THESE ANTRIM HILLS TUTTLE MOUNTAIN

Peter Moore

West of where most of us live in the Contoocook Valley and its foothills lies Antrim's "mountain range." From Route 9 due south to just over the town-line at Route 123 out of Hancock, four hills are strung along Antrim's western boarder, much like a rampart resisting the prevailing winds.

From north-to-south rise Tuttle (517 ft above sea level), Willard (570 ft), Robb (557 ft) and Bald Mountain at 570 feet. As old as the White Mountains, and older than the Rockies, though considerably less spectacular, this mountain range has a story to tell and a solitude to be coveted.

Cochrane reports in his 1880 *History* that "The surface of Antrim is greatly, and sometimes abruptly broken, especially in the west part of town. Many of the elevations have had from time to time the names of the owners. A few have permanent names."

If you hike out the old Hattie Brown Road beyond Gregg Lake, you can follow a pretty good trail—perhaps an old road—that takes you around the south slope of Tuttle Mountain (referred to as Tuttle "Hill" on some of the newer maps). This route, which is probably the best access to the summits of Tuttle, will lead you eventually near the end of Salmon Brook Road. This hike is approximately 2.5 miles, one-way, starting from the Craig Road turn-off (a good place to park), just beyond the Gregg Lake beach and boat landing. To halve the trip, you might consider planting a second vehicle on Salmon Brook Road where the power lines cross it.

Cochrane again: "This range is situated nearly midway between the Merrimack and Connecticut Rivers, and reaches approximately the height of land between them. The northern part of the range is called Tuttle Mountain, from Charles Tuttle who settled well up on the north side of it as early as 1797."

Today, the easiest way to get a view of Tuttle Mountain, aside from actually walking it from Hattie Brown, is from along Route 9 to which its northern slope descends. Between Liberty Farm Road and Loveren's Mill, on the opposite side of the highway, you might spot a "LAND FOR SALE - 300+ Acres" sign nailed to a tree. A glance up-slope reveals what looks to be a pretty roughly cutover hillside, cleared of much of its valuable timber some five or ten years ago. One fellow I know expressed his dream of a small ski area on this north-facing slope, but it was just a passing fantasy, especially with the specter of a warmer climate looming.

Back to days gone-by, Cochran reminisces that, "The range of lots extending along the north slope of the mountain (Tuttle) was called the "High Range" by the settlers, on account of its high location, a name still attached to that section of town. Through these lots lay the Old Stoddard Road, and this was a prosperous and valuable part of our territory, occupied by many families, though most of it now deserted. Tuttle covers

a large area, has several points or summits, and presents very different features as seen from different stand points."

And, attractive "stand points" they are indeed. From Tuttle's pasture-like summit and slopes, its view toward the North Branch River and valley, its abundant wetlands, and wild-land, to the sharply rising, rocky slopes of Windsor Mountain in the north, this once inhabited "territory" may well be populated again in Antrim's future, especially with 300+ acres and views aplenty up-for-sale.

Next issue: Robb & Willard Mountains.



## CROTCHED MOUNTAIN

All winter long, boys, we looked across our Valley to a mountainside on which, carved From an embracing forest, ski trails have Been white even when land elsewhere was bare – Thanks to snow-making snow-spouting machines.

Boys! Spring is now letting snow disappear,  
The trails ever more narrow, until our  
Mountain becomes again regally blank.

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## REMEMBERING IZI NICHOLS

Bill Harris Jr.

This past spring was the second performance of the Antrim Players Theater without our longtime accompanist, Izi Nichols.

My earliest memories of Izi are when I was in elementary school in Antrim when she was the librarian. We'd walk down to the library and listen to her read. She always sat in a rocking chair to the left of her desk. Everyone knew her rules; not to sit too far away from her when she was reading; and not to sit too close to her or she would rock on you. Despite everyone's knowledge of these rules, at least one student would inevitably break them. You can imagine what she had to say.

The first play I was ever in was on the Antrim Town Hall stage under the direction of Izi when I was eight years old. From 1980 through 1986 I was in every child's play she directed with the Turtle Players, sometimes two a year. During that time, inspired by my experiences with Izi, I spent several summers at Andy's Summer Playhouse in Wilton. Izi even came to a rehearsal there once to watch me.

I don't remember when Izi stopped directing plays with the Turtle Players, but in the late 90's her daughter Non and I decided to revive the group and called them the Antrim Players Children's Theater. Every year since then, Becky Paquette and I have directed a children's show for the Antrim Players and Izi was always our musical director. One of her rules when I was growing up was to always cast every

child who auditioned no matter how many there were. In recent years, Becky and I had considered changing this as the number of children auditioning each year was growing beyond what we thought we could handle. Somehow, Izi got wind of this; she approached me questioning the idea of not casting everyone. I explained our reasons to her and she reminded me that *in the past*, everyone that had auditioned had always been cast. I asked her the maximum number of children who had auditioned for her, and she said "Eighty." This was more than double the number Becky and I were dealing with. When I asked her how she handled such a large group, she told me that she spilt them in half and directed two plays! When I said that there was no way I was going to do that she said "Then I guess you'll cast everyone," and we did.

One day, after a particularly frustrating and non-productive rehearsal, Izi asked me why I did this. When I asked her what she meant, she asked me why I directed these plays. I told her that I wanted to give these kids a better appreciation for music and theater and that even if I was only able to reach just one of them, it would all be worth it. She smiled and said "That's why I did it too."

Izi's obituary stated that she was a member of the Antrim Players. I think we would all agree that this is a gross understatement, for in a lot of ways, Izi WAS the Antrim Players. She taught me to respect music. She taught me the discipline needed to make a rehearsal productive. Most of all, she taught me to respect my community by providing it

with something that they didn't already have, something that would bring them together, hold them together, and make them feel better about themselves. This is why she did what she did, and I am proud to continue what she made a tradition in our community. It was a privilege and an honor to have known her. Thank you Izi. ☘

## THE ANTRIM PLAYERS CHILDREN'S THEATER

Maryanne Cullinan, 2007 Director

It may not quite have been Izi's vision of eighty kids, but almost that many came to participate in The Antrim Players Children's Theater this spring. Participation almost tripled this year to sixty four actors and back stage crew. As you may know, it is our policy to find a role for every child who auditions, so there was nothing for me, as the director, to do but go home and write a second play after the weekend of auditions.

After three months of practicing, two fantastic productions were performed the weekend of April 20<sup>th</sup>. It was a double billing of *The Magic Lamp*, based on the book *Stanley and the Magic Lamp* and *Time Detectives: Or What I did Over My April School Vacation*.

*The Magic Lamp* was a one-act play that featured twenty one 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade actors, many of whom had never been in a play before. Will Hendrick, Alex Lowe, Julianna Stone and Gabe Stumpfolf played a family who discover a genie, Katie Howard, and hijinks ensue! It was great to have so much new

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talent emerge from the elementary school this year. It bodes well for future productions.

*Time Detectives* was a two-act play featuring forty one children in grades 3-8. Sean Arnold and Liz Grisafi played a brother and a sister who find a time machine. After the brother gets lost in time, the sister must find him before he gets convicted of being a witch in Salem, MA 1692. This production featured several dance numbers, a prehistoric beaver, knights and lots of disco music! Some of the crowd favorites were Chris Commander, as Sir Charles, Michael Whitney, as a French Revolutionary of dubious morals and Randall and Tyler Phillips as the Black Knight and the Killer Beaver. Lauren Morocco was incredible in a role she had to take over with only nine hours notice, due to another actor's illness!

With sixty four actors, it was important to have a dedicated production team. Renee Mercier was extremely organized in helping make sure all the actors got to rehearsals, Darlene Fox and Betsy Olson provided important crowd control and backstage help, and Kelsy Fox was a very able assistant to the director. Mark Haley was instrumental in making lighting happen for the plays. Bill Harris was a great producer, making things run smoothly. Kim Proctor and Kristy Boule worked extremely hard to provide costumes that spanned two plays and thousands of years, and of course the board helped out with everything from painting to ticket sales.

For all of us, the most important thing is seeing these kids have a great time on stage. We kept up the tradition of having the whole Antrim Elementary School come to a daytime dress rehearsal, and it was amazing to see the childrens' performances come alive before an audience of peers. Antrim and the surrounding towns are just full of great performers. We're already looking forward to and resting up for next year. If this level of interest keeps up, we may have those eighty children sometime soon!



## ANTRIM GRANGE NEWS

Beth Merrill

The Fifth Annual Spotlight on Community Art Exhibit is set to go at the Antrim Grange Hall June 14-17. Amateur and professional artists from Antrim and Bennington will exhibit their work. To promote community fellowship for viewers and artists, we will celebrate the Evening Gala on Friday, June 15th, 7pm - 9pm with refreshments and musical entertainment. General viewing is available Thursday from 4pm - 8pm, Saturday from 10am - 3pm, and Sunday from 1pm - 4 pm. The members of Antrim Grange cordially invite all community members to take advantage of this opportunity to view a wide variety of local talent as well as to enjoy the lovely atmosphere of the Grange Hall. Antrim and Bennington residents are highly encouraged to submit an entry in the special feature of our exhibit this year, a Text Theme Contest using the following subject:

*“Degrees we know, unknown in days before; The light is greater, hence the shadow more.”*

— Herman Melville

Creative interpretations of this theme can be submitted in any of the following five categories: Acrylic or Oil; Charcoal or Pastel; Ink or Watercolor; Three Dimensional (sculpture, ceramic, or model (table display)); and Photography (traditional or digital). Fifty-dollar cash prizes will be awarded for each category.

The annual Community Awards Night was held in May, with three members from the community being recognized for their service. This event is a favorite project of Antrim Grange members, neighbors, and friends alike who enjoy the chance to honor and celebrate the wonderful service work that abounds throughout Antrim and the surrounding area. Recipients this year were: Community Citizen, Rick Davis; Legislator, David Essex; Educator, Pamela Matthews. The fourth annual Grange scholarship was presented to Amanda Burke. Special guest this year was Rebecca Rule of Northwood who delighted the audience with stories and anecdotes using her unique brand of Yankee humor.

Members of Antrim Community Grange pitched in to run the food concession booth for the first of four Barn Fund Horse Shows that will be held throughout the summer in New Boston. Although the weather was exceptional, attendance was down. Some horse owners are still having problems getting trailers off their property due to the damage caused by spring floods, and perhaps others are discouraged with the escalating cost of gasoline. The Grange did make some money and had a good time working together and providing an important service.

Anyone interested in learning more about this great family fraternal organization, please call Beth Merrill at 588-6615, Liz Robertson at 588-2562, or go to <http://antrim.nhgrange.org>.



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# THE GRAPEVINE

Kristen Vance

## AS SPRING COMES TO A CLOSE

Our school-year schedule of weekly parent-child programs, through June 15:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday—9:30 to 11:30—Better Beginnings playgroup

Monday—3 to 4:30—Monday Playtime

Wednesday & Friday—9:00 to 11:30—The Learning Vine

Friday—10:00 to 11:30—Better Beginnings for Babies

## JUNE NUTRITION SERIES

• June 7th 6:00-8:00pm **Beyond Cheerios and Crackers**  
Join nutritionist and parent Stacie London-Oshkello to learn what to include in healthy meals and snacks, and tricks for quick and appetizing food preparation.

• June 14th 6:00-8:00pm... **Picky Eaters-HELP!** Stacie returns to provide helpful ideas for ending picky eating habits, how to make meal preparation easier, and how to make sure all your children's nutrition needs are taken care of.

These free workshops are funded by a grant from Healthy New Hampshire.

## SECOND MONDAYS 6:30-8:00 PM AT THE GRAPEVINE

**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.

**June 11**—Planned Parenthood Part 2 – Talking with teens about sexuality, for parents of children ages 13 and up.

**July 9**—Family hike to Lily Pond (off Rte.31), with the Antrim Conservation Commission and the Harris Center for Conservation Education. Meets at The Grapevine.

**August 13**—Summer camp for grown-ups...come dressed casually and ready to play with Carol!

June 29—Visit to the Friendly Farm, Dublin—meets at the Farm at 9am.

## “OUR BIG BACKYARD” SUMMER AT THE GRAPEVINE JULY 2 THROUGH AUGUST 17

### 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.

Mondays 3-4:30pm—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.

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

July 5—Gregg Lake, Antrim

July 19—Edes Forest, Bennington

August 2—Blueberry picking hike, Frankestown

August 16—Daloz Farm, Hancock

All trips meet at The Grapevine at 9am or at the destination at about 9:15.

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. Our popular “baby group” offers an opportunity for parents to talk about the joys and challenges of parenthood with each other and with Beth Bradford, one of our early childhood educators. The summer session will add a focus on getting outside to enjoy the natural environment with your infant or young toddler. Sliding scale fee.

## “SUMMER NATURE ADVENTURE” FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Two week-long programs for children ages 4 to 6 and ages 7 to 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 6-10 (7-9 year olds), 9am-2pm—\$100

August 13-17 (4-6 year olds), 9am-12:30—\$75

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.** Partial scholarships available.

## 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!

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**BEFORE SCHOOL CLUB 2007-08 PRE-REGISTRATION**

If you would like to pre-register your Antrim Elementary School or Great Brook School student in the Before School Club (BSC) for the 2007-08 school year, please call The Grapevine. There is no fee to pre-register. The BSC provides before-school care Monday through Friday from 6:30-8:30am, and includes time to finish homework, games, and activities.

**SERVICES AT THE GRAPEVINE**

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

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

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

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

**Help Finding Employment** A.C.C.E.S.S. supports youth in their transition from school to community, and adults with disabilities in their search for *meaningful* employment.

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

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

**Visitation Site and supervised visitation** for non-custodial parents

Call The Grapevine at 588-2620 for more information, or to register for programs. The Grapevine is a nonprofit family & community resource center serving the people of Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Frankestown and nearby towns. We welcome visits. ☘

**HOME AND HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Rick Davis

On the weekend of 21 September 2007 we will be celebrating Antrim's 4th Annual Home and Harvest Days. (Rain date Sept. 29th).

Friday evening we will have the Ham & Bean Supper hosted by the Presbyterian Church followed by a Town Concert at the Presbyterian Church.

On Saturday morning the I.S.S.A. will hold a slalom skateboard competition and the Presbyterian Church will serve breakfast. There will be a soapbox derby and a parade featuring local businesses, the Shriner's Band, and participation from local area fire departments.

Saturday all-day the streets and sidewalks will fill with craftspeople, flea markets, live music featuring local musicians, the Grapevine auction, and free games for kids.

Something new: THE PUMPKIN REGATTA sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. It is an idea similar to a duck race, but with pumpkins grown by the Chauncy and Tenney farms. The race will be in Great Brook starting at noon.

Saturday evening there will be a cookout at Tenney Farm, live music performed by the Bursitis Brothers, and another spectacular fireworks display by Atlas.

Sunday from Noon to 4PM the I.S.S.A. will be conducting its slalom skateboard finals.

The Town of Antrim has appropriated \$5,000 to help cover the cost of the fireworks display, however we are looking for additional donations in the amount of \$5,000 to cover other operating expenses.

We hope area businesses will donate to this weekend of fun for the community. The past three years have been huge successes, and we need your financial help to be successful again. We hope you will be able to help in any way you can. Your donation will be greatly appreciated. ☘

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