

# The Limrik

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For, by and about the people of Antrim.

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## WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT DICK BERGERON

Mary Allen  
ConVal School Board Representative

Much has already been written about ConVal's new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Richard A. Bergeron. The local press covered his visit to the district as a finalist, news of his selection was widely reported, and he's been the subject of several in-depth newspaper interviews.

And so we know that he earned his doctorate from Boston College in 2003 and that he was both acting superintendent and assistant superintendent for the North Andover, Mass., public schools.

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## ANTRIM IN THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

Erik Tenney

This is the first of a two-part article on Antrim's contribution to the Civil War fought from 1861 to 1865. As many of you may know, I have an avid interest in this war that radically influenced how this country grew to what we have today. Part 1 will discuss the soldiers from Antrim who went to war, and Part 2 the impact on the hometown of these soldiers' going to war. In thirty years of reading widely on the war, I have encountered a lot of interesting information, including the fact that of every three soldiers who died, one was from battle and two from disease, and that patriotism died by 1863 when many men bought their way out of the war by hiring substitutes to serve in their place. About fifteen years ago I discovered in Cochrane's history of Antrim a list of all the men who served from our town.

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## ANTRIM HOME AND HARVEST DAYS

SEPTEMBER 21—23

Rick Davis, Chairman

As we prepare to celebrate our 4th annual Antrim Home & Harvest Days, we can truly say "THERE'S NOTHING LIKE IT!" On September 21-23 we will have our biggest, best, most unusual celebration ever.

Each year we strive to make Antrim's H&H Days better than ever. New to our big weekend is Nashville's Christian recording artist J. J. Heller putting on a free concert at the Presbyterian Church Friday evening 7:00-8:30. She will be opened by our own Don Readell.

Returning this year will be the International Slalom Skateboard Association (I.S.S.A.) whose 75 professional racers will be competing for two days on Summer Street. Also, our local skaters will have a free style exhibition.

New this year is the Pumpkin Regatta sponsored by the Antrim Chamber of Commerce. The Regatta is like a duck race, but with pumpkins floating down Great Brook.

Other new events include an Apple Crisp Social sponsored by the Antrim Historical Society, a Baked Bean Cook-off, and a softball game between the Bravest (Antrim Fire Department) vs. the Finest (Antrim Police Department)

Not new, but HUGE is our "Fun and Games" which will include three big "Bouncy Houses," two "Moonwalk Houses," and a challenging "Climbing Wall," all right in the middle of town on Main Street in Touchwood Square.

Other highlights include our big H&H Parade featuring the Shriners Band and the New Hampshire Fire Fighters Fife & Drum Corps along with lots of local floats (it's not too late to enter your float), local crafters booths along Main Street, the annual Grapevine auction (at the new library parking lot), a Soap Box Derby on Summer Street, and at Tenney Farm a pet show with pony rides and the stupendous Saturday night BBQ, Bursitis Bros concert, and thrilling fireworks display!

*See schedule on page 13.*



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Ben Pratt, Chair

The town's bridge repair and replacement program is continuing on schedule. Obviously, we don't have any problems even remotely approaching the bridge collapse in Minneapolis, but we do have a number of bridges which require significant repairs or replacement. We are fortunate to have already received state approval and are on the state schedule for all our major bridge projects. The bridge fail-

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## NEWS DEADLINE

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## Selectmen's Report

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ure in Minneapolis will tend to create a run on applications for state aid as other towns attempt to catch up. We intend to keep our program on schedule in order to prevent any delays or inconveniences due to inadequate bridge maintenance. We now have the funding for the new bridge at White Birch Point, and the advertisements for Request for Quotations have been sent out. We expect that actual construction will begin shortly after Labor Day.

State funding for the North Main St. Bridge Project (80% of the cost) has now been approved for the current fiscal year (July 07 – June 08). We will be going out to bid shortly and hope to start construction either this fall or next spring. The next high-priority project will be the replacement of the bridge across the North Branch River leading to the site of the former Hawthorne College.

The new parking lot on Post Office Road is now complete and available for use. Note! Overnight parking is not permitted.

Our new tax maps are now available on line. This is a valuable service and you really should take a look if you haven't already done so. They are available at the Town of Antrim website at: [www.antrimnh.org](http://www.antrimnh.org).

Road paving is now underway. The road to the Water & Sewer Plant is being done as is the area around the Town Barn and the Recycling Center.

Lt. Scott Dunn left our Police Department in July to join the NH State Liquor Commission. Matt Elliott has been promoted to Sergeant, and screening is now underway to select a new candidate to fill the vacancy in the department.

The Master Plan and Capital Improvement Program committees are working to finalize the Town's growth plans and requirements for future needs. They hope to have this work completed within the next 60 days. They need your input! If you have suggestions, please attend one of their meetings, or stop at the Town Office and give your ideas to the Town Administrator.

We are making revisions and updates to the Town Ordinances which will be presented at a Public Hearing on Monday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Town Hall. The proposed ordinances will be posted on the Town Website, and printed versions will be available at the Town Office.

Our Grant Administrator, Diane Chauncey, and our Road Agent, Bob Varrnum, have been busy preparing grant applications relating to our May flood damages. So far this year, we have received \$40,000 from FEMA. Additional projects have been approved, and we expect payment within the next 30 days. All told, we anticipate receiving over \$100,000 from FEMA and the State of NH

Have a good "end of summer," and we look forward to seeing you at the Home & Harvest Weekend September 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.



And we know that he was raised in Chelmsford, Mass., currently lives in Nashua, and is building a home in Peterborough. We also have read about how he approaches a budget season, what his vision of education is, and what he wants to achieve during his ConVal tenure.

But did you know that he once played basketball at the Boston Garden? That his first boss was named Tiny? Or that he competed as a trap shooter? We didn't either.

Here's *The Limrik's* behind-the-scenes interview with the very approachable Dr. Bergeron.

**Question:** What was your first job?

**Answer:** Working in a forge. It was my first summer job ... with the company my dad worked for in Somerville, Mass. They made bolts, etc. The foreman was named "Tiny." He was bald, 6-foot-5, and 350 lbs. – a real mountain of a man. This was my father's plan to inspire a love of education in me. After a summer of 150-degree workdays with Tiny ... well, let's just say that pursuing my education seemed like a very good idea.

**Question:** What's your favorite book?

**Answer:** That's easy ... the whole Harry Potter series. And no, I haven't read the last book yet. My daughter has a copy and she hasn't finished it. I'm next. I also loved the Hobbits and Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

**Question:** What's your secret talent?

**Answer:** No one knows about this, but I competed as trap shooter for four or five years. I was captain of a team in Nashua. I really enjoyed it and, well, I was pretty good at it.

I've been an athlete all my life. I played basketball in both high school and college. At 6-foot-2, I was considered tall in those days. Our high school team in Chelmsford went to the state championship series. I was the team captain. I got to play at Boston Garden. That was something.

I was recruited by Lowell State and I played all four years of college. I've also been on a court with some of my basketball heroes – like Wayne Embry and Cliff Hagen.

**Question:** How does Dick Bergeron relax? What's your favorite vacation spot?

**Answer:** I like to stretch out on a chaise on my deck with a good book while sipping raspberry iced tea. Vacations?—Well, I haven't taken one in nine years and that's not a good thing. That's part of my agreement with ConVal. I'm finally going to take vacation time. The last one I took was a family vacation in a rented cottage on the shore in Ocean Park, Maine—just south of Old Orchard Beach. It was a very nice time.

**Question:** What's your first impression of our school district?

**Answer:** It's a very big district—I mean its physical size, for example, the distance from Temple to Antrim. I'm used to a district where I can be in every school, every day, if I'm

needed. And I'm learning each of the nine towns is unique and the ConVal student population is a diverse one. This presents a very interesting challenge, but one I'm really looking forward to. This was what my doctoral thesis was all about: differentiated instruction for a wide range of students. Now I get to put that into practice. ☘

## A LETTER FROM THE NEW CONVAL SUPERINTENDANT

July 30, 2007

Hello Everyone,

I was anxious to share my feeling of gratitude and appreciation to all those who have made my first month's transition so easy and comfortable. A published open letter is one way I can say thank you to all who have been so welcoming. My first weeks have afforded me the time to unpack many boxes, meet many people and begin the process of implementing my personal entry play to SAU 1.

Throughout the recent Superintendent search and interview process, the need and value of easier access and increased visibility were shared as universally expressed expectations of the new Superintendent. To that end, I have scheduled interviews that will provide me a solid foundation of information about our nine member towns. My fall schedule will include frequent visits to our schoolhouses and local town offices. I look forward to the chance to exchange handshakes and share stories, but most of all, to listen to all the members of the many constituencies that make up the Contoocook Valley School District. I am looking forward to facilitating a community discussion centered on a plan to set, pursue and attain publicized District improvement goals.

I am pleased to have been appointed the education and programmatic leader of such a successful school district. I have been thoroughly impressed with the dedication and commitment displayed by District staff. And finally, in an effort to strengthen community awareness regarding student achievement, I look forward to opportunities that will allow me to boast of the many accomplishments achieved by our students. ConVal students excel in the classroom, on stage, on athletic fields and in exemplary models of community service. One of the most important tasks I will embrace is informing the community of the many recognized accomplishments of our staff and our great students.

I look forward to a regular opportunity to engage the community in face-to-face discussions and through frequent submitted articles in our regional newspapers.

Sincerely,

Dr. Richard Bergeron  
Superintendent of Schools  
Contoocook Valley School District

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With that list and the help of another book, *Revised Register of the Soldiers and Sailors of New Hampshire in the War of the Rebellion* by Augustus D. Ayling, I traced where most of these soldiers went and fought and what happened to them. One good way to understand the Civil War is to look at your own town's history.

Some statistics might be useful to indicate how Antrim fared in the overall war effort. At the time of the war, the population in the North was about 23,000,000. Of these, some 2,300,000 men served, of whom 300-400,000 died. There were approximately 7,500,000 people living in the South, with the proportions who served and who died being similar to the North. New Hampshire's census was close to 280,000, with 28000 serving and 5500 dying. Antrim's census was nearly 1200 people, with 127 serving and 29 dying. New Hampshire sent nineteen regiments to war with Antrim being represented in all of them, in some more than others. The reason for the uneven distribution of soldiers from various towns can be understood by knowing how regiments were recruited. Recruiting, especially early in the war, was done as follows: a local politician or notable journeyed to Concord and received permission to raise a company of men (regiments had 1000 men consisting of 10 companies with 100 men each). These recruits could come from anywhere, often a group from the same town. One result of this local recruiting was positive in that morale was high because many in the company knew each other from home. But it could be negative as well because one cannonball could kill many friends and relatives from the same town which was devastating to small towns. Antrim sent sixteen soldiers to the 13<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Volunteers Co B, twelve to the 16<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Volunteers Co I, and ten the 2<sup>nd</sup> New Hampshire Volunteers Co G. Fortunately no cannonballs hit the companies containing Antrim soldiers in these regiments, although some individuals did die of disease and wounds. These regiments received about one third of Antrim's soldiers. Other regiments received smaller numbers.

Most of these groups were mustered-in in 1861-1862. By 1863 in the North few local citizens were enlisting because the word had got out that you could die in this war. Due to this lack of enlisting, the government passed the first draft law. If the government needed more troops, a system was developed where each state and every town in each state was given a quota to meet. The problem with this system was that towns and individuals could purchase substitutes to meet the quotas. About forty soldiers on Antrim's military roles were substitutes who had never set foot in Antrim, and about half of these substitutes deserted before they got to the army. I will talk much more about this recruiting system in the next article. I think it is important that of the 127 men who were recruited for the war from Antrim, a great majority—about

eighty—of them enlisted for purely patriotic reasons in the first two years of the war.

As I mentioned earlier, about 127 men were recruited to serve from Antrim. Of these ten were either killed or mortally wounded in combat: one at Gettysburg, one at Fredericksburg, five in various battles around Petersburg, Virginia, one at Fort Wagner in South Carolina, one at Port Hudson in Louisiana, and one at the Second Battle of Manassas in Virginia. Nineteen soldiers died from disease, fourteen were discharged for reasons of disability, twenty-seven deserted (mostly the paid substitutes), and the balance of the soldiers were either discharged at the end of their term of service or mustered out with their regiment at the end of the war. Antrim ranked 13th in terms of its percentage of loss out of 231 towns in New Hampshire. So it did its part in the war.

In finishing, I would like to describe what happened to one soldier and one family as result of the war. The soldier was Ira Johnson, a young man of twenty-three. I'm convinced that he and some buddies joined the 5<sup>TH</sup> New Hampshire Volunteers in October of 1861 and went to war hoping they were going help "save the Union." The regiment was assigned to the 1<sup>ST</sup> Brigade 1<sup>ST</sup> Division 2<sup>ND</sup> Corps of the Army of the Potomac. On December 13, 1862, the Army of the Potomac made an assault on a hill west of Fredericksburg, Virginia, called Mary's Heights. Private Johnson lost his life in this assault. When he enlisted, little did Johnson know that he would be a part of the Corps that had the heaviest loss of life of any Corps in the Civil War and that the regiment he was in had the heaviest loss of life of any regular Union regiment in the entire war.

The family I would like to mention was the Foster family. In 1861 the father, William Foster, was a Selectman in the town of Antrim. William had two sons, Henry and Aaron. Henry joined the 7<sup>TH</sup> New Hampshire Volunteers which was sent to Florida. Henry was dead in six months from disease. Aaron was living in the South and joined the Confederate Army. He was wounded at the Battle of Malvern Hill near Richmond, Virginia. Aaron survived the war but subsequently died due to his injury. Makes you wonder what their father William was thinking when all this occurred. As I said in the beginning, one way to understand the Civil War is to look at your hometown. ☘

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## POLICE DISCRETION

Todd Feyer, Chief

“Justice consists not in being neutral between right and wrong, but in finding out the right and upholding it, wherever found, against the wrong.”

—Theodore Roosevelt

As police officers we are obligated to uphold laws. We do not write laws, nor do we interpret laws. These are for the legislatures and the courts. However, in certain circumstances we have to exercise discretion as to what sanctions we impose. A police officer’s discretion is different for each of us, molded by not only the statutes, but by the culture of the town, the philosophy of the police department, and each officer’s professional experience.

For example, our primary goal when enforcing a motor vehicle law with someone who has violated that law is to change that person’s behavior for the better. We attempt to do this in the least intrusive way possible, and there are many factors that go into the final outcome. When an officer is deciding whether to issue a warning or a citation for a violation, his decision is not influenced by arrest quotas, as some people believe, but by his determination that his decision will have improved that operator’s behavior. His hope is that the operator will slow down in the future so as to ensure the public’s safety. As trained police officers, we know that traffic enforcement also has a ripple effect. The would-be criminal who is aware of local police presence will be less apt to commit crimes for fear of being caught by an aggressive police force. Those passing motorists who see a vehicle being stopped on the side of the road may also think twice before speeding or passing on a solid line, therefore voluntarily complying with the law.

I believe that those who violate the laws of our country should be held accountable. This is one of the reasons I became a police officer. To the degree that this accountability takes place is case specific and varies greatly with the level of the offense. I mention this because of my perception that increasingly citizens, witnesses, and victims either do not want to report crimes to the police, or if they do report, do not want to get involved or “press charges.” For example, if an individual comes to the police department to report his vehicle stolen by a “friend” who has not returned it for several months, we are more than happy to do everything we can to get the vehicle back. However, with this comes our obligation to charge the friend with theft, send him to court, and ensure that he does not commit theft again. If we respond to a domestic disturbance or an incident in which someone is assaulted, it is our responsibility to arrest the assailant, send him to court, and try our best to ensure that he hurts no one again.

It is important for the public to realize that it is the responsibility of the police to hold people accountable. When a crime is committed, the police represent the state in deciding

whether or not charges will be placed. That is not the responsibility of the victim or witnesses. I am well aware of the many reasons some people do not want to get involved or give statements to the police, and while I respect those feelings—and in certain situations will honor them—I cannot always do so.

It is equally important to know that you can rely on your police department to uphold the laws fairly and impartially. Should you be witness, complainant, or unfortunate victim, know that we will hold accountable those who are responsible. More importantly, we will do everything we can to keep you from harm’s way. Please do not hesitate to call on us, regardless how trivial the issue may seem. We are here to serve you, and we take great pleasure and pride in doing so.



## ANTRIM POLICE SERGEANT MATTHEW ELLIOTT A POSITIVE INFLUENCE

Lyman Gilmore

On 10 July, after two years as an Antrim Police Officer, thirty-four year old Matthew Elliott was promoted to Sergeant.

Ten days later I sat down with Matt in the Town hall conference room to talk with him about police work. When I asked when he first thought of being a police officer, he said that it had been at the back of his mind when he was in high school in Presque Isle near the Canadian border in far north Maine. In that part of Maine high school students were given three weeks off in the fall to pick potatoes, and after four years digging spuds he knew farming was not for him. After high school he enrolled at University of Maine at Orono and began taking business courses. One day, midway through his freshman year, as he was sitting in a macroeconomics class along with about three hundred other students, it suddenly occurred to him that “I don’t want to be here any more!” He left class and drove straight to the Maine State Police barracks and told a trooper “I want to be a cop.” The trooper took Matt to lunch, answered his questions, and told him what he had to do to get into law enforcement. Matt says, “That was it. I went back home and started taking criminal justice courses at UMPI, U. Maine at Presque Isle.” Soon he became convinced that he wanted a more intensive program, and after picking up a color brochure at a college fair for Hesser College in Manchester that had a photo of a tanned officer in tee shirt and sunglasses on a marine patrol boat, he thought “That’s for me!” and sent off his application and was admitted. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice in 1998.

So far Matt hasn’t seen a lot of boat duty, but he’s had considerable experience as a landlocked police officer. While attending Hesser he began his first police job in 1995 at Fort Fairfield, just north of Presque Isle, where he worked in a

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## FROM TOWN HALL

Bill Prokop  
Town Administrator

### LAURIE LEMONS JOINS PLANNING DEPT STAFF

Our Planning Department continues to be one of the busiest departments in town due to number of subdivision plans, lot line adjustments, and special exception requests that are coming before our Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Our Planning staff consists of one full time Planner, Bradley Houseworth who replaced Paul Vasques who retired at the end of May. As of August 6<sup>th</sup>, Laurie Lemons joined the staff as a part-time planning assistant. Laurie is an experienced businesswoman who brings a great deal of administrative, customer service, and marketing skills to the Planning Department. Laurie and her family live in Antrim and have been involved in various town activities. Feel free to stop by the Town Office and meet Laurie at anytime.

### NEWS FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

It is official—you can now do all your state motor vehicle registrations and standard renewals at the Antrim Town Clerks Office. The State of NH MAAP system was up and running as of July 16, so you can now get your annual motor vehicle stickers and most motor vehicle registrations done with one stop. To date there have been over 100 happy customers.

In addition we are accepting credit card payments—voted in at our 2006 Town Meeting—which can be used for recreational activities, dog licenses, property taxes, water and sewer fees, town motor vehicle fees. Credit cards carry a 3% administrative fee, and unfortunately at this time we cannot accept credit cards for the state portion of motor vehicle fees.

Our new Tax Maps and property assessment information are now on our website >[www.antrimnh.org](http://www.antrimnh.org)< which enables you to look up property information from home.

Please remember the Town Clerk/Tax Collector hours are as follows:

**Monday** – 8 AM to 12 NOON and 5 PM to 7 PM

**Tuesday** – 8 AM to 12 NOON

**Wednesday** – 8 AM to 12 NOON

**Thursday** – 8 AM to 12 NOON and 1 PM to 4 PM

**Friday** – CLOSED

We will be closed on holidays and any required training days. Closings will be posted.

### RECYCLING NEWS

The Antrim Board of Selectmen has awarded a five-year contract to Corcoran Environmental Services to manage the solid waste and recyclables for the Town of Antrim. The new contract will begin in October of this year.

This new program will provide the Town with considerable cost savings and at the same time increase our recycling efforts. This new program will lead to “Single Stream” recycling by the end of 2008.

What is single stream recycling? It simply means that all recyclables will be put into one container. You will have no responsibility to separate or sort any of the approved materials that go into this container. Yes, glass, tin, aluminum, plastic (all types), and paper will go into the same container. Today, ninety percent of what each of us throws away as trash is recyclable. Almost every container you purchase still has an inherent value once the product is gone. This “Single Stream” process can capture thousands of tons of material that would normally be sent to the landfill. This process will reduce our cost and be good for the environment as well.

All our material will be going to a new a state of the art facility being built by Corcoran in Manchester that will also serve as an educational center for students and residents of Antrim. We are excited about this new program and will be keeping you informed as changes are made in the coming months. If you have any questions, please feel free to discuss them with our A.R.T.S. Manager, Clark Craig at the recycling center, or stop by Town Hall and we will try and answer your questions. ☘

**Sgt Matthew Elliott** continued from page 5

patrol car full time during the summer and part time the rest of the year. Still at Hesser and wanting a police position closer to the college, he joined York PD on the Maine coast for two years, part-time when school was in session, again full time June through August, but this time walking a beat and riding a bicycle in the summer when the town filled with seasonal residents and tourists. He says that he liked foot and bike patrol because they allowed him to get to know the people.

Half way through his senior year at Hesser, Matt was disappointed in not having landed a post-graduation job, and he seriously considered going into the military. But in March he was hired by the police department in Litchfield, half way between Manchester and Nashua on the Merrimack River, where he worked as a full time patrol officer for eight years from 1998 to November 2005, mostly in patrol cars.

In 1998 Matt completed the mandatory residential program at the New Hampshire Police Academy, which he describes as being similar to military boot camp and very worthwhile. His roommate there was Lieutenant Scott Dunn of the Antrim Police Department who was responsible for Matt's coming here. They worked together in Antrim until this summer when Scott became an investigator at the NH Liquor Commission.

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### THE MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS

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I experienced Matt as a friendly and gentle person, and so I asked him how it feels to have to respond to potentially violent or actually violent situations. He replied that while he would prefer not to have to use physical force with individuals, sometimes it is necessary, and when it is necessary he acts accordingly. He is trained and has become proficient with the various weapons used by the Antrim PD, including pepper spray, nightstick or baton, Taser stun-gun, and side-arm Glock pistol. He told me that injuries to both perpetrators and police officers have been significantly reduced by the Taser stun gun, of which he has been a willing victim during training, and which he has used on bad guys who wanted to hurt him. Pepper spray can be effective, but while someone who is so drunk or crazy that he wants to kill you may be temporarily blinded, he can still do you harm. Police officers are trained to use the nightstick so as to prevent serious injury, but in the heat of a violent fight a blow can go awry and severely injure someone. In the few times that he has had to draw his pistol on people he was apprehending, just seeing it pointed at them has been enough to subdue them, and he has never had to fire his weapon in the line of duty. Considering the awful consequences of such deadly force, it must be the final option.

He told me that the Taser stun gun may be controversial, but it is the weapon of choice for police who must subdue a violent person without either the person or the officer being seriously injured. (I accept Matt's experience and expertise, but as he says, Taser stun guns are indeed controversial, and I suggest that readers who are interested in this controversy check Google for more information. I was amused to learn that "TASER" is an acronym for "Thomas A. Swift's Electric Rifle," named for the early 20<sup>th</sup> century science fiction teenage inventor, Tom Swift.)

Matt says the Antrim PD is fortunate to have on its staff weapons expert Sean Cavanaugh who is conducting ongoing training in all appropriate weapons for the department, including a recent ten-hour session on a firing range.

I asked Matt about the most violent crime he has worked on, and he told me about a horrible murder in Litchfield in which a woman was stabbed multiple times in the face and stomach. He participated in the investigation and was pleased that the killer was apprehended. Thankfully, he commented, such crimes in small towns are rare, and he can spend most of his non-paperwork hours doing what he likes best about police work, doing traffic patrol duty and trying to be a "pro-active" and positive influence in the community. ☘



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## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

### COUNTIES: A VITAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

Rep. David Essex

There seem to be two widely held opinions about our county governments. Actually, one, since many people have no opinion, holding, at best, a vague idea of what counties do. Those with an opinion usually have strongly negative ones, deriding counties as a waste of taxpayers' money. But there is a third group, quieter than the naysayers, who have encountered county workers and come away helped and impressed, or who have benefited from county resources while having little more contact than a phone call or a letter in the mail.

I must admit a bias. Since being elected to my first term as state representative in 2004, I have been a member of the Hillsborough County Executive Committee, a subset of the county delegation, which consists of all 123 House members from the county. By law, the full delegation approves the annual budget, and the 21-member committee monitors it monthly. Policy-making and management rests with the three county commissioners, who each represent geographical areas divided, more or less, by the two cities (Manchester and Nashua) and the towns. The commissioners interact regularly with the elected and appointed department heads who supervise daily operations.

While it's true many county workers hold primarily administrative jobs and spend most of their time in the city offices or at the 540 acre county complex—a dozen buildings next to the state women's prison on Mast Road (Route 114) in Goffstown—many others come out regularly to Antrim and nearby towns to provide services. Cooperative Extension has run personal-finance and agricultural seminars in our area, for example, and the sheriff's department covers for the Antrim police when it is short-handed. The county Department of Corrections sends teams of inmates periodically to paint town buildings and spruce up landscaping through a pro-

gram that town administrator Bill Prokop raves about, calling it a tremendous cost-saver for the town.

Perhaps the county's most visible representatives are the sheriff's department staff, with their brown uniforms and distinctive brown-and-white cars. The registry of deeds, which stores property records dating to the 1700s and is familiar to anyone buying or selling real estate, has a well-used facility in Nashua and a busy Web site that makes documents available electronically. The county attorney is often in the news, prosecuting felony cases, including infamous violent crimes, from offices in the two cities. Corrections runs the 725-bed Valley Street Jail in the south end of downtown Manchester. The county's 300-bed nursing home, also on Mast Road, is known for its quality care.

But the county's most significant role is in administering, and in some cases directly providing, services for the sick, needy, and troubled. The Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs provide financial assistance to low-income adults, with the state and county each paying half. Another, partially federally funded program supports long-term medical care to the fragile or seriously ill elderly in their homes, group homes, or nursing homes. The department also oversees housing and care for juveniles, also funded in part by the county.

The county controls important federal grants to area non-profits such as family resource centers. In administering such programs, it serves almost as a regional arm of state government, an "outpost" that brings services to people where they live. (Admittedly, we in the far northwest corner of the county say, quite rightly, that Goffstown—a 40-minute drive—and farther-out Manchester and Nashua are not convenient to *us*. But consider the alternative.)

The Hillsborough County Executive Committee has a wonderful tradition of non-partisanship. As chairman, I rely heavily on Rep. Shawn Jasper, a Republican from Hudson, to serve as our parliamentarian. Rep. Neal Kurk of Wear-

has a well-deserved reputation as the top financial mind in the legislature, and he applies the same skills to the county. These two, and my Democratic colleagues Peter Cote of Nashua and Maurice Pilote of Manchester, have many years of experience on the committee and carry the institutional memory without which we newcomers could not function. All of us are supported by an experienced and dedicated coordinator named Marcia Rusch.

Though we sometimes quibble over details and have mild disagreements that are slightly driven by party stereotypes (Democrats: bleeding hearts who favor social services; Republicans: fiscal tightwads who tilt toward law enforcement and criminal justice) members of both parties have a strong consensus on our goal: to maintain the county's high quality of service while protecting the taxpayer's pocketbook.

I am not saying that all county functions and departments should exist forever. Some might best be handled by the state or the towns, though resource constraints make the latter less likely. In fact, I serve on a joint House and Senate task force charged with identifying areas of potential reform to lessen inefficiency, perhaps by shifting some functions among levels of government, eliminating others, or adding new ones. The issue can be highly contentious: the 10 counties are currently suing the state over how it funds nursing homes and social services. When the state does not choose to divert a portion of its eclectic mix of fees and taxes to such needs, and when federal aid shrinks, county property-tax payers must pick up the slack.

To those who say counties are an unnecessary layer of government, I note that the services counties provide are not often duplicated by our frugal state government.

What is truly important is that the services themselves remain accessible and effective. As Rep. Jasper said recently, turf wars are pointless, since the town, county, and state governments ultimately all serve and depend on the same constituents. ☘

## SUMMER

### A NOVEL BY EDITH WHARTON

Reviewed by Lyman Gilmore

“How I hate everything!” are the first words spoken by Charity Royall in Edith Wharton’s *Summer*. Wharton (1862-1937) was a hugely important American author of the early 20th century, and *Summer* is one of her most powerful novels. I had read other Wharton novels, but until I happened upon *Summer* in our Tuttle Library, I confess that I’d never heard of it. I’m glad I found it.

Charity, the heroine of the story, lives in North Dormer, an isolated and meager rural New England village that sounds like Antrim in 1800, where “at three o’clock on a June afternoon its few able bodied men are off in the fields or woods, and the women indoors, engaged in languid household drudgery.” Charity was adopted as a child by lawyer Royall and his wife who brought her “down from the mountain” where she had been born among an impoverished drunken outlaw people who eke out a miserable existence making moonshine. As the novel begins, lawyer Royall’s wife has died and he continues by himself to raise Charity, now a sensitive and lonely young woman. Lawyer Royall is a harsh, autocratic man, frequently depressed, often drunk, and their life together is one of silence and mutual resentment, especially after he attempts to enter her bedroom in the middle of the night and she forces him out. The next day he comes to her and says, “I want you to marry me,” to which Charity replies with derision and “a scornful laugh.”

Charity’s declaration “how I hate everything,” which Wharton has her say twice for emphasis, sums up her dissatisfaction with her boring, unhappy life, but everything changes when she meets and falls in love with Lucius Harney, a handsome architect from the city studying old houses in the region. Much to Mr. Royall’s jealous displeasure, Lucius and Charity begin a happy love affair, with trips to a city where they dine at a French restaurant, and secret meetings at an abandoned farmhouse outside town where they make passionate love.

Actually, even before she meets Lucius, Charity does not hate quite everything, for we see in her a deep and sensuous affection for nature: “She was blind and insensible to many things, and dimly knew it; but to all that was light and air, perfume and colour, every drop of blood in her responded. She loved the roughness of the dry mountain grass under her palms, the smell of the thyme into which she crushed her face, the fingering of the wind in her hair and through her cotton blouse, and the creak of the larches as they swayed to it.”

As Charity and Lucius grow together, I began to fear for their future. Unlike most popular novels written in the early 1900s, *Summer* presents sexuality in explicit, positive, even joyful terms. But, from her own life, Edith Wharton knew intimately the many sides of sexuality, and she writes realistically about Charity’s sexual experience in both its positive and negative consequences. This is not a moralist’s book in which sexual “sin” is punished

righteously, but a novel about a good and passionate woman whose trust is betrayed but whose strength and integrity are not sullied by her actions, however unfortunate their outcome. Charity suffers for her behavior, but at the end of the novel she has become a stronger woman who will endure.

*Summer* contains extraordinarily vivid images of Charity’s life: her success and boredom as the town’s librarian, her shame at being the innocent target of village gossip, her fascination with the colorful and crowded 4th of July celebration at a nearby town to which Lucius takes her where she is called “whore!” by a drunken Royall, her frightened return to “the mountain” where she confronts her squalid original family, and her continuing renewal from the meadows and hills and forests that are her comfort. Few novels of the time dealt with unmarried pregnancy and abortion, and while Wharton was no feminist, she knew the hardships women had to bear and possessed the courage to write about them honestly. For this reason *Summer* was banned in several cities in the United States.

If in the past readers have not fully appreciated how great a writer Edith Wharton is and how remarkable her life was, these cannot be denied now that Hermione Lee’s wonderful biography *Edith Wharton* has been published by Knopf in April 2007. *Summer* is unique among Wharton’s many books in that most of her work satirizes the formal manners and customs of wealthy socialites in New York City in the 1890s, in novels such as *The House of Mirth* (1905), *The Custom of the Country* (1913), and *The Age of Innocence* (1920) for which she was the first woman to win a Pulitzer Prize for literature. Lee’s biography shows in great detail Wharton’s extraordinary life, from her birth in the middle of the Civil War in 1862 into the rich New York Jones family about whom the phrase “Keeping up with the Joneses” was coined, through her tepid and sexually frustrating marriage to jolly but insipid Teddy Wharton, a passionate love affair with Morton Fullerton who turned out to be a cad, her expertise in creating beautiful formal gardens after classic examples she studied in Europe, her building in Lenox, Massachusetts, a magnificent mansion “The Mount” (still standing as a Wharton museum where one can hear readings from Wharton’s work), her dedicated work during World War I, “The Great War,” caring for Belgian and French refugees who had lost everything to the German invasion, her friendships with Henry James and other writers and artists, and her leaving the United States for good to settle in France until her death in 1937. In fact it was in her elegant apartment on the exclusive Rue de Varenne in Paris in the middle of the war, exhausted by her visits to the front and her frantic attempts to save innocent civilian victims of battle, that she composed *Summer* about so distant a place and a time as a way of dissociating herself from the horror and chaos of war torn Europe.

Charity Royall is a wonderfully realized character, and *Summer* is a terrific novel. Both *Summer* and Hermione Lee’s biography of Edith Wharton are available in Antrim’s Tuttle Library.



## THE NEW PLACE IN THE WOODS

### DIANE AND JOHN KENDALL TAKE AIM

By Agricola

“Over the past thirty years Place In The Woods has become a pilgrimage for many people.” When Diane Kendall said this to me several weeks ago—we were leaning on either side of a gun showcase—I got to thinking how many times I’ve wended my way there for fishing gear and ammo. People around here who love the woods sooner or later find themselves in Place In the Woods. I was talking with Diane because she and her husband John bought the store July 18th.

When I heard that the Kendalls were about to own Place, I was worried that they would use it for their contracting business and discontinue the store. That would have meant that not only would we lose a good source for Carhartt clothes and sporting goods, but employees Mike Poluchov and Perley Adams would be gone as well, two local natural resources who know as much about fishing and hunting as anybody needs to. So I was glad to learn that Diane and John not only plan to keep the store, along with Mike and Perley, but they intend to increase the depth and range and quality of the store’s products, especially excellent but moderately priced women and men’s clothes—including Columbia, Woolrich, Johnson Wool, and Carhartt—while maintaining the traditional atmosphere created by the original owners, Jack and Marianne Kevit. Diane will carry as many “Made in the US” products as possible, and she plans to include New Hampshire and New England made specialty items such as regional foods, hand made goods, and gifts, as well as classic clothing, workwear, outerwear, and footwear for the entire family. The new name of the business is “Place In the Woods Trading Post, LLC.”

Luckily for me, while I was talking with Diane, Marianne Kevit dropped by the shop and explained its history. The Kevits started Antrim’s Place In the Woods in 1976 in the basement of their house on Route 202. Jack had quit his job managing several small newspapers, and one day he came to Marianne and said, “I’m starting a sports shop, and you’re going to work!” They had owned acreage in Peterborough, and Jack hoped to build a sports store there, but the land

wasn’t zoned commercial and so they landed in Antrim. The business was sufficiently successful that in 1982 Jack opened a second Place In the Woods in Amherst, and that is where John Kendall enters the story.

As a young contractor-builder in the Milford area, John discovered the Amherst store and regularly bought his work clothes and hunting equipment there. When the Amherst Place closed around 1987, John began coming to the Antrim store. He liked the look of Antrim, and when he and Diane married in 1996, they spent their honeymoon night at the Maplehurst Inn. In 1998 they bought the beautiful “Over East Farm” owned by Evelyn Perry on Elm Avenue and set up both house-keeping and their business, J. S. Kendall Custom Builders, LLC, which is doing such a fine job constructing our new library extension.

Back to the history. In 1979 the Kevits built a simple barnboard store behind their house, and in 1985 they began the rustic log Place In the Woods building which had its “grand opening” in 1986. In 1988 they joined two buildings in one large structure. While Jack operated the store, Marianne sold advertising for, and daughter Heidi managed, their weekly newspaper, the “Contoocook Valley Advertiser,” for which Perley wrote a regular outdoor column about hunting. Ultimately, they sold the paper, now the “Hillsborough Messenger.” Jack Kevit died in 2004.

Diane is pleased that she can walk to the store from their home on Elm Avenue. When she is not minding the shop, she tends to their three children Wylie (4), Hattie (7), Emma (9), a mini-horse Tony Rain, several Angora rabbits, Pinocchio the donkey, and thirty sheep from which she gathers and spins wool for sale.

Marianne too is pleased, with the Kendall’s plans for the store, and that she was able to keep her house and land near Place In the Woods which has been such a large part of her life for more than thirty years.

Diane’s parting words to me were encouraging: “One of the most important things we’d like to say is that we’re proud to be a part of this community and will work hard to provide quality products that people need for work, play, and life.”



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# GOODELL – HURLIN – BELLIVEAU

## A TRANSFORMATION

By Dick Winslow

For the past two centuries, there have been Antrim factories and mills all along the Great Brook from its source at Gregg Lake to lower Main Street. At one time there were as many as twenty-two of them. The largest and longest lasting of these establishments was The Goodell Company whose buildings are now called Antrim Mill. Before it was the Goodell Company, it was a shovel factory established in 1856 called Treadwell and Co. Treadwell's treasurer was David Goodell, son of a local farmer, an inventor and entrepreneur who in 1875 bought the facilities, put in place a cutlery works, moved from nearby Bennington, and named it The Goodell Company. During the process of building up his enterprise, Goodell brought electricity, telephone, and train service to Antrim, and employed 175 workers. (He also was New Hampshire's governor for the years 1889-1891.) Goodell ran the company until his death in 1915 and was succeeded by his son, Richard.

### THE HURLIN FAMILY AND CHICAGO CUTLERY

The Goodells' financial officer for many years had been Henry Hurlin who in 1923 at age 67 bought the company from the Goodell family. He then immediately asked his son William (Bill) Hurlin to join him in running the business, and, later, as Henry aged, Bill Hurlin took over. (Henry Hurlin died in 1949 at age 93.) A similar relation obtained between Bill Hurlin and his son, David, who went to work for the Goodell Company in 1950. When his father, Bill, retired in 1960, David was thoroughly prepared to run the show—which

he did, until, in the early '80s, having established that none of his three sons wished to go into the business, sold the Goodell Company to Chicago Cutlery. In 1986, Chicago Cutlery decided to move the operation to Illinois and closed the Antrim facility, putting the buildings up for sale. Cessation of cutlery manufacturing in Antrim was a blow to the town.

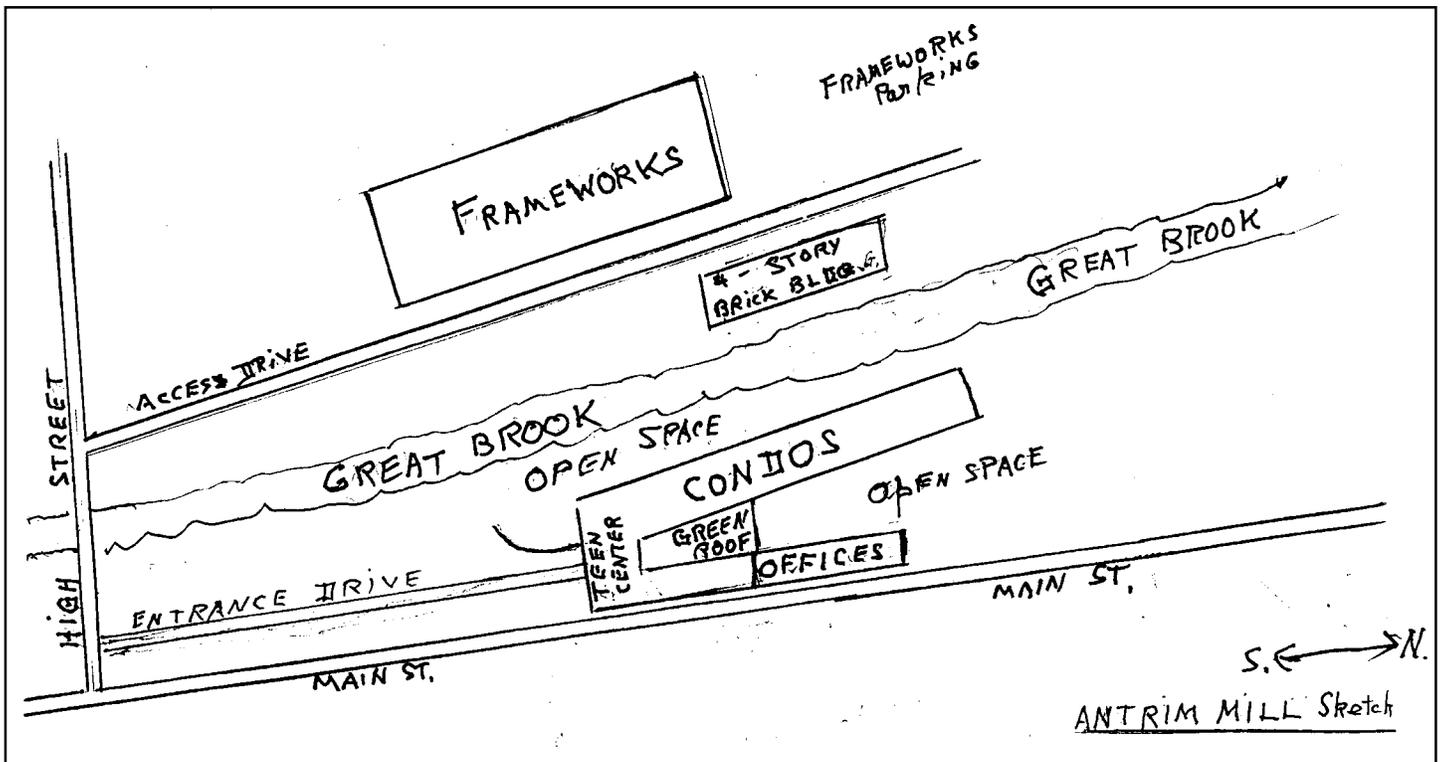
### ENTER THE BELLIVEAUS

This brings us to within shouting distance of the present. In 1999, Leslie and Paul Belliveau of Hillsboro bought the Goodell property with thoughts not only of renovating certain of the buildings but also immediately adding a new 50,000 square foot building on the other side of Great Brook (see Antrim Mill sketch) to house an ongoing operation called Frameworks of which Paul is president. Frameworks had been active in Hillsboro, under contract with Osram Sylvania to process and ship automotive lighting components. Ever since 1999 it has regularly employed 40-50 workers. (The building may be seen by driving across the bridge on High Street and immediately turning right onto a long driveway.)

The Belliveaus have developed plans to turn the brick Antrim Mill building facing Main Street into spaces for professional offices and shops, the size and shape of which will be adjusted for particular tenants as the process unfolds. At the south end of this building is a stunning 1500 square foot space for the Teen Center being developed by Kristen Vance and others at the Grapevine. The group has already hired a director, Dave Kirkpatrick.

Behind the Antrim Mill Building along Great Brook there is a driveway that services both the Mill Building and a green-

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grass open space that will become a private courtyard for the fifteen (15!) three-story, two-bedroom condominiums that will be constructed in the very long building facing the brook.

Also behind the Antrim Mill building, adjacent to its southwest corner, is a structure straddling the entrance driveway the flat roof of which will become a Green Roof, possibly for food and flower gardens maintained by Teens from the Teen Center, and perhaps a climbing wall for Teens as well.

### LANDSCAPING

A crucial element in the Belliveau's vision for the Antrim Mill site is landscaping—turning the Mill's open spaces into park-like areas. In landscape studies at Harvard, Leslie used the Antrim Mill project for a thesis that includes a study of the astonishing amount of vegetation already on the property. *Conifers*—white spruce, red spruce, red pine, white pine, Scotch pine. *Deciduous trees*—sugar maple, river birch, white birch, American beech, common apple, balsam poplar, black cherry, red oak, slippery elm, weeping willow. *Shrubs*—com-

mon barberry, Japanese barberry, red osier dogwood, European spindle tree, staghorn sumac, wild rose, blackberry, narrow leaf spirea. *Meadow plants*—asters, bittersweet, blackeyed susans, cat tails, ferns, geraniums, goldenrod, lupines, milkweed, poison ivy, vetches. In short, there's a lot to work with.

The overall plan would combine functional access paths with lawns, gardens, walkways, steps and resting areas. Visually, the Mill grounds would be related to the Library grounds across Main Street and with other aspects of Main Street amenities.

### WHAT IT COULD MEAN FOR ANTRIM

There is much to hope for from the Antrim Mill renovation. It is already the town's first or second largest taxpayer and, through Frameworks, its largest employer. It could turn an eyesore into something very attractive, including condominiums, and become the major new face of Antrim for the foreseeable future.



## ELLEN EDWARDS LOOKS BACK

Janet MacLachlan

When my editor suggested I interview a woman in Hillsboro whom he felt would have an interesting story to tell, I readily agreed as meeting interesting people is one of my favorite activities. However, I found Ellen Edwards to be more than just interesting. She is a lovely lady in her seventies with sparkling eyes and such an enthusiasm for life that the two hours we spent together talking flew by too quickly and I wished it could have been longer. Recently diagnosed with bone cancer, she is confined to her home with aides to look after her, but that has not diminished her desire or ability to recall her memories of her life and her family history.

She was born Ellen McClintock and grew up in Hillsboro Lower Village in the Jotham Moore house built in 1790. Her family had a farm there, and she said growing up on a farm were very happy days. Her ancestors had owned Riley and Campbell Mountains, and she still has over 200 acres along Franklin Pierce Lake. She studied to be a teacher at Keene Normal School, graduating in 1951. Her first position was in Hinsdale where she taught business classes to high school students for two years, earning all of \$2400 a year. She moved on to teach in Hopkinton for four more years during which she met and married George E. Edwards from Antrim in 1954. When they began having children, she left teaching and her husband, who was a builder with his father, started constructing a home for his growing family. The house is the present home of Ed Rowehl on West Street. She said she loved that first home and named it Crickett Knoll. Three children were born during the fourteen years they lived there; a daughter, Bethany, and two sons, Mark and Andrew. In 1971 the old

family home, the Jotham Moore house on Pierce Lake, became available and they purchased it and left Antrim for the Hillsboro Lower Village.

Ellen feels very much at home in the Lower Village because it was in that vicinity that her ancestors John McColley and Elizabeth Gibson were born, grew up, and married. He was the first child born in Hillsboro, and she was the second. The story goes that the governor at the time said if they were to marry when they grew up, they would be granted a homestead by the governor, and that is what happened. They were married in 1766 and given 100 acres of land in the western part of Hillsboro. Louisa Gibson, sister to Elizabeth, married James McClintock, and that is Ellen's direct ancestor from whom she traces her family tree.

Ellen fondly remembers attending school for eight years in a one-room schoolhouse in Hillsboro Lower Village. The Village Chapel, which was built as a meeting place for spiritual and intellectual purposes in 1890, is a place very dear to Ellen's heart. She is active in the Ladies Aid Society which owns it now and was instrumental in arranging for ministers to hold services there during the summer.

One of the most pleasant parts of our conversation was Ellen's remembering many of her old friends from Antrim including Bev Tenney, Lois Harriman, Izi Nichols, Barbara Black, and Dot Boulé. Though Ellen has been widowed for two years and now faces a battle with cancer, she displays such a happy outlook and a zest for life. An ardent Red Sox fan, she never misses a game on TV and stays up late to cheer them on. Her home is now on Brown Street in Hillsboro where she has lived for 20 years.



## ANTRIM HOME & HARVEST DAYS

### SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2007

Friday Evening	Event	Contact
5:30-7:30 pm	<b>Light Supper</b> —Presbyterian Church	Ron Haggett 588-6715
7:00-8:30 pm	<b>Free Concert</b> —Presbyterian Church	Alan Fahrner 588-3772
<b>Saturday</b>		
7:00-10:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b> at Presbyterian Church	Ron Haggett 588-6715
9:00 am	<b>Soap Box Derby</b> —Summer Street	Brian Beihl 588-3014
9:00 am-2:00 pm	<b>Arts, Crafts</b> —Main Street	Monica Lemaire 588-2124
9:00 am-3:00 pm	<b>Fun &amp; Games</b> —Touchwood Square	Janet McEwen 588-6151
10:00 am	<b>Skateboard Race</b> —Summer Street	Brian Beihl 588-3014
10:30 am-2:30 pm	<b>Apple Crisp Social</b> —Maplehurst Inn	Antrim Historical Society
11:30 am	<b>Parade</b> —Main Street	Ted Brown 588-2886
12:15-2:30 pm	<b>Grapevine Auction</b> —Library parking lot	Graprevine 588-2620
12:30 pm	<b>Pumpkin Regatta</b> —Mill Pond	Brian Beihl 588-3014
2-3:30 pm	<b>Freestyle</b> —Skateboard Park	Brian Beihl 588-3014
3-5:00 pm	<b>Pet Show, Pony Rides</b> —Tenney Farm	Crista Salamy 588-2020
5:00 pm	<b>Baked Bean Bake-Off</b> —Tenney Farm	Crista Salamy 588-2020
5:30-7:30 pm	<b>BBQ &amp; Bursitis Concert</b> —Tenney Farm	Crista Salamy 588-2020
7:30 PM	<b>Fireworks Display</b> —Tenney Farm	Rick Davis 588-4835
<b>Sunday</b>		
12-4 pm	<b>Int'l Skateboard Finals</b> —Summer Street	Brian Beihl 588-3014
Noon	<b>Bravest vs. Finest</b> Softball Game	Sgt. Matt Elliott

### ANTRIM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Celeste Lunetta

The Recreation Department had a very busy summer. The Days of Summer camp program had a good season, and we appreciate the hard work and good programming provided by camp coordinators Erica Hansen and Lisa Hennessey, as well as their staff, Jessica French, Pam Morganelli, Sherri Buckley, Sammi Clough, Danielle Frasier, Shauna Collins and Alex Skinner. The Beach was well guarded and kept in great condition by the Lifeguard staff which included Amanda Burke, Brian Francis, Adam Normile, Amanda Quinlan and Liza Uhl. You may have also seen our upcoming lifeguards as they volunteered and helped at the beach during busy times: Nathan Francis, Barry Powers and Aaron Taub. Gregg Lake also benefits by the diligence and dedication of paid and volunteer Lakehosts. This crew spends their time at the boat launch, educating boaters and providing courtesy boat inspections for the presence of Variable or Eurasian Millefoil, Water Chestnut, Fanwort, and other invasive plants. Brian Francis, Neena Pyzocha, Diana George, Jacqui Pyzocha, Jane Hoehn, Ann Bogrette, Carol Carnes, Jeanne Baker, Ken Akins, David Ross, Marlene and Jerry Schultz, Gloria and

Winslow Sawyer have all dedicated part of their summer to this effort. Special recognition is due to Jacqui Pyzocha, who volunteered more than 60 hours at the boat launch this summer.

The Recreation Department teamed up with the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club, the Antrim Police Department and EMS to run a very successful Bike Safety Rodeo in early June. There was a bike raffle sponsored by the Lions, and the lucky winner was Brianna Rogers! Brianna received a brand new Purple and Orange bike, with flowers...just as she wanted.

The Antrim in the Evening Concert Series was also successful this year, with crowd after crowd of happy concertgoers. The concert series benefits greatly from our major business sponsors: Janet McEwan from Mollers Real Estate, Ocean National Bank, Antrim Friends of Recreation, and Perry, Weigand and Gurwell Family Dentistry Practice. The concerts also received great support from the Limrik, Crochted Mountain Foundation, and RLB Graphic Productions. The series benefits from the efforts of the following

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## BAD BREATH IS BAD NEWS

Dr. Tom Dowling

Yuck! That awful smell! We've all been there: up close and nose to nose with a pet and you get hit with a stench that makes you retch.

Not a pretty picture. This horrible scenario is how dental disease in our animal companions often presents itself. Luckily, there is something you can do about it.

The first step is to see the vet. Get an overall assessment of your pet's general health, and have the doctor pay particular attention to the oral exam. Heavy plaque and tartar is a dead giveaway that a good dental cleaning is needed. The cases with red gums and pus at the gum-line should be done as soon as possible. Keep in mind though, that even a little bit of the brown accumulation on the teeth can be an early sign of more serious dental disease waiting to happen.

It's important to remember and never forget that a diseased mouth can easily lead to serious internal disease in our pet's body. The bacteria and the toxins produced by the germs in the mouth can make their way into the bloodstream and go everywhere: the heart, liver, and especially the kidneys. This means sickness and a shortened life. We can avoid this by providing our pets with proper dental care.

More and more pet owners are discovering firsthand the wonderful health benefits of regular dental check-ups and teeth cleanings. We do a lot of dental work at Great Brook Vet Clinic, and we enjoy helping pets to become more socially acceptable by giving them a fresher breath and more dazzling smile!

Do yourself and your pet a big favor. Come see us and make dental check-ups and cleanings a regular part of your pet's preventive health plan. ☘

Glenn Cook, owner of Mush Cook's Garage, is a fine artist as well as a good mechanic. His most recent metal sculpture made from old car parts is "BUG" mounted on a stump in front of the garage.



## THE BOMB SHELTER LEAVES US

Carole Webber

If you have driven by the Webber home on West Street and Old Hancock Road, you may have noticed piles of concrete block in the Christmas tree field on the east side of the house. I do not know how long they will be there (you could ask any of the Webber boys if you see them), but I do know why they are out there. Let me explain:

In early 1961 there were Russian warhead missiles aimed toward the United States from Castro's Cuba, 90 miles from our shores. President John F. Kennedy attempted to respond to the threat with an invasion of Cuba in the Bay of Pigs. The mission was botched, but in the end Castro and the Russians did back down.

During this time the nuclear threat appeared real to Arnie Edwards (former owner of our West Street house) and his friend Dr. Alfred Chandler, the local doctor at the time. Both men became concerned about the possibility of an attack on New England and the subsequent dangers of radioactivity, Dr. Chandler because of medical results, and Arnie because he worked at NH Ball Bearing company, a defense contractor and possible target. Arnie, an accountant, helped Dr. Chandler with office business, and Arnie's wife, Toni, was one of the nurses who worked for Dr. Chandler. Both men were determined to protect their families from any possible harm in the event of an attack.

Arnie contacted the State office of Civil Defense in 1961 and obtained the instructions and information on how to survive an attack and construct "The Family Fallout Shelter." Both men started their projects on September 13, 1961. Arnie,

a fastidious accountant, left us detailed information about the project, including an expense tally of the construction estimated at \$1500, but actually costing \$1058.56.

This year it became necessary for us to replace some of the structural beams in the basement of this old house built in the mid 1800's. Because the fallout shelter ceiling started to give way and the structure was in the path of the intended repairs, it was time to dismantle it. When we purchased our house from the Edwards in 1966, (formerly, the old Tenney Farm), Toni and Arnie told us that the other shelter in town was at the home of Dr. Chandler. I recently called Priscilla Chandler Shonk, Dr. Chandler's daughter, to ask what became of their shelter. She told me that her dad took it down about twenty years ago but left a wall of block standing in the basement. That explains the mysteriously useless wall to Becky Davison Paquette who recently purchased the Chandler home. Priscilla remembers her dad building the shelter himself when he returned each night from the office. His daughters were enlisted to help carry concrete blocks for the project and learned their civic lessons along with their efforts.

At our house Arnie employed his son-in-law, the late Merritt Peasley, for the labor, and other familiar Antrim names involved with the construction included the Bennett Brothers, Arthur Whitcomb, and Walter Bigelow.

Our shelter required 1200 4x8x16" concrete blocks costing \$299.88. It was supplied with cots, radio, food, and a chemical toilet which were removed when we purchased the house.

Throughout the years the shelter was well used by our children and their friends as a room for chemistry sets, games, etc. and probably for a lot of other mischief that only they can tell you about and I probably do not want to know. For a long time I stored National Geographic Magazines there until the subscription ran out.

So goodbye to a room that two caring men constructed for the safety of their families. They put their energy and money into this endeavor in good faith. I respect their motives but often wonder if an attack had occurred, would anyone really have wanted to come out and try to survive in a radiated Antrim ?

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## TERRIFIC MUSIC BY A DAM SITE

By Agricola

Our old friend, Antrim's Otis Doncaster, has a new gig, and if you want to hear some awesome Blues, Rockabilly, Jazz, Country & Western, and good old Rock 'n Roll, head over to Alberto's any Thursday night from 8:30 to 11:30 for great free sounds, no cover or minimum. Otis says his group, "The Dam Site Quintet," plays the "the music I grew up with," what he calls "American Roots Music." It's not a jam session, but a "fun night" with a little bit of everything musically. If you've been following Otis's career like we have, you know that from his first band "Blue Stew" in 1990, through stands with Skip Philbrick in 1991, and on to "Otis and The Elevators" in 1994, to recording with Luther "Guitar" Johnson in 1997, and now the Dam Site Quintet, Otis has never been still. The Quintet includes Jarvis Adams and Scott Muccio on guitar, John Belanger on piano, Dave Brown on bass, and either Carol Chapman or Eric Bolton on drums, with Otis on harmonica and vocals. Check it out!



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Lyman Gilmore

Stop by the Antrim Marketplace almost any morning and you may be greeted at the cash register by a slight, dark haired man with a delicate mustache and an engaging smile. This is Danilo Lechuza who has come more than eight thousand miles from the Philippines to help you with your groceries.

Fifty-three year old Dan, as he asks to be called, is in New Hampshire to be near his daughter Jel, a nurse in Manchester, and to become an American citizen. Dan lives in the Maplehurst Inn and acts as its part-time innkeeper in addition to working full time at the market, both establishments owned by his friend and fellow Filipino, Juliet Ermitano, who helped him come to this country.

Dan, who landed at JFK airport in New York this past March, has a "Green Card" making him a "lawful permanent resident" of the United States. He can apply for US citizenship after living here for five years, something he is eager to do because then he can bring his wife and thirteen year old daughter Thessa here from the Philippines.

Not knowing much about the Philippine people, I asked Dan about his ethnic background, which, as I discovered, is rich and varied. Most people in the Philippines possess a mix of Spanish, Japanese, Malaysian, Chinese, and Aeta, the original aboriginal inhabitants. Dan's Filipino-Spanish father joined the American military as a scout during World War and served in the Korean War as well. Dan's Filipino-Japanese mother was an elemen-

tary school teacher for thirty years. Dan speaks Tagalog, the official Philippine language, as well as English and three Philippine dialects.

Dan may be a grocer these days, but that was not always so. In fact he is a 1976 graduate with a BA in Political Science from Silliman University, established in 1901 as the oldest American university in Asia. This is where the "Professor" comes in. After working as a representative for a pharmaceutical company for several years, and at a processing center for Viet Nam refugees immigrating to America, Dan completed graduate studies in Health Education and became a college professor in 1996. He has taught Social Studies in high school and college History, Philosophy, and Psychology courses for nurses. Dan explains that central to the Filipino work ethic is the willingness to work hard and do anything necessary to succeed.

Loathe to admit any connection with the US imperialist and colonial past, I was embarrassed to confess to Dan that my great uncle Eugene A. Gilmore had been the Vice Governor of the Philippines from 1922 to 1930, and Acting Governor from 1927 to 1929. I was relieved when Dan exonerated me, saying that Uncle Eugene is a respected name in Philippine history.

Dan knows other Philippine graduates of Silliman University who are now teaching in US schools and colleges, and he hopes to return to his profession as a teacher as soon as possible. But in the meantime, he can be found sprucing up the produce, stacking cans on shelves, and ringing the cash register for us at Antrim Marketplace. And if you find yourself standing in line with your groceries one day and suddenly have a question about history or philosophy, Dan's your man!

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

Recreation Department Fall programs • see schedule on page 26

4 *Fall session programs start at The Grapevine* • see article starting on page 30

6 *Antrim Players Auditions* • starting at 7 PM • Town Hall Auditorium

8 *Antrim Players Auditions* • starting at 9 AM • Town Hall Auditorium

12 *Up and Eat'em Garden workshop* • 1–3 PM at the Grapevine

18 *People's Service Exchange Informational Meeting* • 7:00 PM at the Grapevine

### 21–23 Home & Harvest Days Downtown Antrim

21 5:30–7:30 PM • *Light Supper* • Presbyterian Church

7 PM • *Free Concert* • Presbyterian Church

22 7–10 AM • *Breakfast* • Presbyterian Church

9 AM • *Soap Box Derby* • Summer Street

9 AM–2 PM • *Church Fair* • Baptist Church

9 AM–2 PM • *Spectrum Art Association show* • Presbyterian Church

9 AM–2 PM • *Arts & Crafts* • Main Street

9 AM–3 PM • *Fun & Games* • Touchwood Square

10 AM • *Skateboard Race* • Summer Street

10:30 AM–2:30 PM • *Apple Crisp Social* • Maplehurst Inn

11:30 AM • *Parade* • Main Street

12:15–2:30 PM • *Grapevine's Annual Benefit Auction* • at the Library parking lot

12:30 PM • *Pumpkin Regatta* • Mill Pond

2–3:30 PM • *Freestyle Skateboarding* • Skateboard Park

3–5 PM • *Pet Show & Pony Rides* • Tenney Farm

5 PM • *Baked Bean Bake-Off* • Tenney Farm

5:30–7:30 PM • *BBQ & Bursitis Concert* • Tenney Farm

7:30 PM • *Fireworks Display* • Tenney Farm

23 12–4 PM • *International Skateboard Finals* • Summer Street

12 NOON • *Antrim's Bravest vs Antrim's Finest Softball Game*



## OCTOBER

3 *Harvest Luncheons* • 12 NOON • Presbyterian Church

6 *Blessing of the Animals* • 4 PM • Presbyterian Church

10 *Harvest Luncheons* • 12 NOON • Presbyterian Church

13 *Harvest Supper* • 5–6:30 PM • Baptist Church

*Goods & Services Auction* • 7 PM • Baptist Church

16 *Handling Anger in the Family series* • 6:30–8 PM at the Grapevine

17 *Harvest Luncheons* • 12 NOON • Presbyterian Church

21 "Loveren's Mill" program presented by the *Antrim Historical Society*

23 *Handling Anger in the Family series* • 6:30–8 PM at the Grapevine

24 *Harvest Luncheons* • 12 NOON • Presbyterian Church

30 *Handling Anger in the Family series* • 6:30–8 PM at the Grapevine

## NOVEMBER

10 *Limrik copy & ad Deadline* • December issue

18 "Immigration to New Hampshire" program presented by the *Antrim Historical Society*

30 "A Christmas Carol" presented by the *Antrim Players* • 7 PM • Town Hall Auditorium

## DECEMBER

1 "A Christmas Carol" presented by the *Antrim Players* • 2 PM • Town Hall Auditorium

7 "A Christmas Carol" presented by the *Antrim Players* • 7 PM • Town Hall Auditorium

8 "A Christmas Carol" presented by the *Antrim Players* • 7 PM • Town Hall Auditorium

✚ **CHURCH NEWS** ✚

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR K-4 10:30 AM**

**AA Meetings** Sundays 7 PM

**Spectrum Art Association** Thursdays 9 AM-12 NOON

**Sept 21 • 5:30-7:30 PM • light Supper**

**Sept 21 • 7 PM • free concert by J.J. Hellerman**

**Sept 22 • 7 AM • Breakfast will be served**

**Sept 22 • 9 AM-2 PM • Spectrum Art Association show**

**Oct 6 • 4 PM • Blessing of the Animals**

**Oct 7 • World Communion Sunday**

**Nov 4 • All Saints' Day celebrated with Communion**

**Nov 18 • Special service of Thanksgiving**

**Nov 25 • Christ the King Sunday**

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (preschool-8th grade) **10:30 AM**

**Youths Groups** (grades 6-12): Fridays 6:30 pm

**Sept 22 • 9 AM-2:00 PM • Church Fair**

**Oct 3, 10, 17, 24 • 12 NOON • Harvest Luncheons** with speaker at Presbyterian Church. Bring a bag lunch.

**Oct 13 • 5-6:30 PM • Harvest Supper**

**7 PM Goods and Services Auction**

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**CONCERT**

Nashville recording artist JJ Heller will be performing a Home and Harvest Day concert at First Presbyterian Church on Friday, September 21, 2007 starting at 7:00 PM. JJ will perform with her husband, Dave Heller, who is not only her guitarist but her manager and co-writer as well. Opening for JJ will be church member (and Elder), Don Readell. Don is pretty handy with a guitar himself, and is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church choir. JJ and Dave are a perfect kick-off for the Home and Harvest Day weekend, promising to entertain all who attend with a combination of youthful energy, thoughtful lyrics, godly commitment, and incredible talent. They have released two CDs and an EP (her most recent album, "Only Love Remains," came out in 2006). As this is being written they are working on their fourth release, "The Pretty and the Plain" (due out with a Christmas EP, "Wake up the World," in October), and Dave says they are looking forward to playing some new music in Antrim. Guiding Dave and JJ in the studio is Grammy-winning producer Mitch Dane. There will be no admission for the concert, although an offering will be taken at the end of the performance to help defray expenses. Please visit the First Presbyterian Church web site [www.AntrimFPC.org](http://www.AntrimFPC.org), to learn more about the concert and listen to some samples of JJ's great music.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

October 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday—the Blessing of the Animals will be celebrated on the front lawn of the church, beginning at noon. Bring your friends with scales or fur anytime between noon and 4 pm. Introduce them to the Pastor, and they will receive a special blessing. At 4 pm, a short memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary. Cards will be available for you to fill in biographical information about your beloved departed pets, and their names will be included in the Prayers of Thanksgiving. ☩

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## PRINCIPAL MUSINGS

By Debbie Lesure

Principal, Antrim Elementary School

*“It takes a lot of courage to release the familiar and seemingly secure, to embrace the new.”*

—Alan Cohen

This will be a year of many changes both at Antrim Elementary School and in the Conval School District. As a person who enjoys change, I'm excited. As a staff we read, *“Who Moved My Cheese?”* This is an excellent, but simple parable about dealing with significant changes in our lives. Along with changes come fears, worries, and insecurities. We are a great school and a great district, but these changes will provide us with opportunities to stretch, grow, and improve upon all that we already do.

At AES, we are launching our SOAR program. This is a system of positive behavioral interventions and supports. Our staff has been working to identify expected student behaviors in all areas of the school, extending from the classrooms to the cafeteria, gymnasium, hallways, buses, etc. We've been evaluating our use of consequences. Our next steps are to systematically teach behavioral expectations, model these for our students, and reinforce children for positive behavior choices. In many ways, this will build upon our previous practices and our giving of “trains” to recognize Kindness, Honesty, Respect, and Cooperation. The children voted to have eagles as our school mascots. Look for eagles to be showing up on our walls. Thus our new motto – *Antrim Eagles Soar*.

Ours is a district with excellent teachers and administrators. I know I speak for many who will miss retirees Jean Chance and Mindy Condon, as well as Keith Burke and Paul Bartolomucci who have moved on to other positions. At AES, we have several staff changes:

Dancy Bluhm will become our new second grade teacher, having taught kindergarten at AES for many years. She also has experience teaching second grade prior to coming to Conval. This is a great move for Mrs. Bluhm and for our

school. She and Mrs. Donovan will make a strong second grade team.

Tina Perreault will step into the role of kindergarten aide this year, given our lower kindergarten numbers. Despite her new “title,” Mrs. Perreault just completed her Master's Degree in Education and spent this spring working at Peterborough Elementary School.

Benjamin Cooper will be our new Educational Support Teacher. Mr. Cooper comes to us from Wediko with fifteen years experience in Special Education. He has already taken district training in the SPIRE reading program and has been in and out of our school this summer getting ready for the up-coming year.

Patrick Cogan will be teaching Art and Music. Mr. Cogan came into our school this spring and taught a lesson to one of our fourth grade classes. The children really enjoyed the range of activities and the music. He will be at Antrim Elementary School four days per week, and he will continue to teach Art and Music at Temple Elementary School.

Changes in our central administration will create significant alterations throughout our school district. Dr. Richard Bergeron is our new Superintendent. He comes to us from North Andover, Massachusetts. Donald Johnson, from Kittery, Maine, is the new Assistant Superintendent. They've been working to learn more about our students, families, teaching staff, and the culture of our district. Already we've been talking about state and national standards, essential questions and curriculum mapping to improve student learning, use of data, building professional learning communities, assessment, and more. As they are getting to know us, we are learning about their leadership and their vision.

Yes, there are many changes in our school and in our district. Change can be hard, but we can rise to the challenges. We can use these changes as opportunities to improve upon all that we do with our students, your children.

*“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”*

—John Fitzgerald Kennedy



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Kathryn Chisholm, Library Director

The 2007 Summer Reading Program—*Reading Around the World*—was a huge success this year! 70 children (and many of their parents) participated and enjoyed reading or listening to stories from around the world. Our own Virginia Dickinson designed the logo for the program. There were stories, prizes, contest, raffles and a party! Storytimes were conducted by the Commander family (originally from England), Catriona Beck (Bennington's State Representative and originally from Scotland), and Connie Vandervoort who performed "Dragon Tales From Around the World."

### HOLIDAYS (LIBRARY IS CLOSED):

- Monday, 9/13 (Labor Day)
- Monday, 10/8 (Columbus Day)
- Monday, 11/12 (Veterans Day)
- Thursday, 11/22 (Thanksgiving Day)

### BUILDING UPDATE

At this point, it looks like the Library addition will be completed by September 17, and the move into it should happen that week during which we will have to close. We're hopeful that it will only be a week and we will give our patrons as much advance notice as possible before the move. Because of this, it looks as if we will not be able to participate in Antrim's Home and Harvest Festival this year, and all Library programming will be on hold until some time in October. Check out our collections of home repair and maintenance books, cooking and baking, fall planting and harvesting in preparation for fall and winter and stock up before we move. As you may have noticed, Steve Jones has been busy preparing the driveway and parking area for the building. The parking plan is available at Town Hall.

### AUTHOR FOCUS

Philip Craig, author of the popular Vineyard mysteries (Death on a Vineyard Beach, A Shot on Martha's Vineyard) died recently after a brief battle with cancer. His last book, Vineyard Stalker, was released in June of this year and is delish! The J.W. Jackson recipes (cookbook) was also recently released. Both are available at the Library Mr. Craig

was also known for his mystery collaboration with local author William Tapply and their final collaboration, Third Strike, will be released in December, 2007.

### RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

NH Family Voices—Families and Friends Speaking on Behalf of Children with Special Health Care Needs—Family to Family Health Information and Education Center. Contact @ 800-852-3345 x4525, or [www.nhfv.org](http://www.nhfv.org).

### JUST A REMINDER

\* Kids in grades 5-12—check out the *Name your Space contest* (choose a name for the new Young Adult area) on the Library page of the Town's website at [www.antrimnh.org](http://www.antrimnh.org).

\* Interested in audiobooks? Take a look at the 1,596 titles available for download at NH Downloadable Audio Books; brought to you by the Tuttle Library and the New Hampshire State Library through a Gates Foundation grant. A link is available on the website.

### FOR HARRY POTTER FANS

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### NEW DVDS

Apocalypto; Behaving Badly; Beauty & the Beast – the 2nd season; Blood & Chocolate; Bridge to Terabithia; Dreamgirls; The Fountain; Foyle's War, series 3 & 4; Grease; Hannibal Rising; High Plains Drifter; Hollywood Homicide; The Last Mimzy; Letters from Iwo Jima; Miss Potter; Murder by the Numbers; Night at the Museum; Pan's Labyrinth; Pride & Prejudice (A&E version); Starting over; Sword of Honour; The Terror; 300; When Trumpets Fade; Zodiac.

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**J&Y books on CD:** Revenge of the Witch by Delaney; The Magician trilogy by Nimmo; Stormbreaker by Horowitz; The Alchemyst by Scott; and Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J.K. Rowling, and others.

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# NEWS ABOUT TOWN

## GOODBYE PHIL LANG

Agricola

Maybe you noticed the moving van outside Phil Lang's house on Pleasant Street around the end of July. I did while out walking with the wife and Beck the dog one evening, and when we stopped by to say hello and goodbye to Phil, his son Mark told us he'd already left for Heritage Heights Retirement Home in Concord. Sorry to have missed his exit, I phoned Phil up the next morning and asked if he'd be coming back to Antrim anytime soon so I could get a word from him for the *LIMRIK*. He said maybe he'd be at the Baptist Church come Sunday, but before that day arrived Phil stopped by our back porch one hot afternoon and we had a little chat. Ninety-one years in Antrim is a long time, and he told me that if you stand at the back of Wayno's store—lots of us still call it "Wayno's"—and look across the millpond you can see the house on Jameson Avenue where he was born August 28, 1916. Phil says he plans to keep up his membership in the Baptist Church which he joined in 1930 even though there are plenty of churches in Concord. Going from that big house of his—with the hand-crank elevator to raise and lower the coffins when it was a funeral parlor—to a small apartment will take some getting used to, but he said the old house was getting too much to handle and the new place is pretty nice, what with a big living room, kitchenette, bedroom, and lots of closets. He'll be cooking some meals, but he looks forward to eating out from time to time, especially with his son Mark and Mark's wife Nancy who live in nearby Dunbarton. If you want to get in touch with Phil, here's how: Heritage Heights, 149 Eastside Drive, Apt. #23F, Concord, NH 03301. Phone 225-2460. ☘

## ANTRIM MILITARY REPORT

Pam Caswell

Joel Schacht still serving in Iraq and expects to be home this fall.

Josh Chandler suffered a concussion and three broken fingers when his vehicle was struck by an IED (improvised explosive device) in Baghdad. He is back on duty.

Christopher Adams returned in December from year of duty in Iraq with the Army. He is stationed in Aberdeen, MD, training troops in mechanics.

Kyle Crafts is in the Air Force stationed Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota where he works on B52's. ☘

## ANTRIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO COMMUNITY CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

By Kerry Holt

The Antrim Elementary School PTO is pleased to be sponsoring the Community Calendar fundraiser for 2008, our ninth consecutive year. This fundraiser was a huge success last year, and supported a variety of educational projects and programs at AES.

You may personalize your calendar by posting the birthdays, and wedding anniversaries of your immediate family for the community to see. Personalized calendars are available for \$8.00, and additional copies are only \$5.00 each. We deliver the calendars to you in December, so they make great Christmas gifts.

In an effort to reduce our overhead costs, this year the PTO has decided not to mail order forms to everyone in town. Instead, order forms are available at Rick and Diane's, the Tuttle Library, the Antrim Town Hall, and online at [www.antrimnh.org](http://www.antrimnh.org). If you would prefer to receive an order form in the mail, or have any questions, call calendar chairperson, Kerry Holt, at 588-3652. Orders will be taken until September 21, 2007.

Thank you in advance for your support of our children's education and the Antrim Elementary School PTO. ☘

## EARTH FRIENDLY GREEN HOME CARE

Starting in August and continuing for the next year, Jess Baribault will be "At Home With Nature" providing child care in her "green" home. What she is offering is more than a place to drop off the kids while parents work. Children (ages 1 year and up) will enjoy organic snacks, gardening, nature crafts, art, storytelling, music, and all kinds of enriching, wholesome activities, in a child-friendly, earth-friendly home. She describes her house and yard as just the right kind of space for this, with a balance of openness and security, organization and creative potential.

Some of the activities planned for fall include Harris Center programs, drumming and percussion, walking at McCabe Forest, and visits to local farms. Crafts include making clay pots and jewelry, miniature Zen gardening, hammering cloth designs with plants, pumpkin crafts, dried-flower dolls, and others. There will be regular library visits, as well as free time for imaginative play, dancing, painting, driveway art, bird watching, or quiet rest.

There are a few spots left, so families are encouraged to get in touch as soon as possible, and schedule a visit. Jess can be reached by phone at 588-4219. There is also an online journal <http://360.yahoo.com/greenhomedaycare>, with pictures of the home and yard, as well as news and other information. ☘

## GODSPEED, MADELYN BETZ!

Bill Newbold

On Sunday, August 12th, members and friends of Antrim Presbyterian Church gathered after the morning worship service to share fun and fellowship as they usually do, but this was a very special gathering. This Sunday marked the last service for Organist and Choir Director Madelyn Betz of Peterborough, and church members and friends wished to celebrate and commemorate her more than ten years of service to First Presbyterian Church of Antrim. Although Madelyn was a very faithful Presbyterian Music Director and Organist, she was in fact a member of All Saint's Episcopal Church in Peterborough. She was also more than a member there as she felt called to go into the clergy. She will be leaving to finish her Seminary school in Cambridge, Massachusetts, at the end of this month and will be ordained as an Episcopal Priest next May. She is such an accomplished musician and dear friend! She will be sorely missed by all of us. She said in her farewell words that the organ at Antrim Presbyterian felt like an extension of her body. It certainly felt that there were more than just musical notes coming from that old organ and from our small choir. Although Madelyn will never be replaced, Antrim Presbyterian is currently seeking a new organist/choir director. Anyone interested should call the church at 588-2209 or leave a message at [secretary@antrimfpc.org](mailto:secretary@antrimfpc.org). ☘

## GREAT BROOK SCHOOL

G. Bruce West, Principal

### THE YEAR AHEAD

Fall has arrived, and we have spent the summer busily preparing for the 2007-2008 school year. Much of the preparation has involved work developing the literacy program that will begin this year. We have also spent much of the summer working to hire new personnel for Great Brook to complement the very strong staff that we have in place. The GBS community would like to welcome the following three new members: Katherine Langlois will be our new Assistant Principal. She has taught at the elementary and middle school levels, has a background in special education, and as a reading specialist. Bobbie Double will be our eighth grade special educator. She spent eight weeks with us last spring doing a wonderful job, and we are excited to have her returning. Heather Saucier will be our new Alternative Education teacher. She comes to us from ConVal High School where she has been team-teaching in their alternative program for the past six years.

As I begin my second year as principal, I am excited about the challenges that this year brings with the new initiatives in our reading program, the renewal of our advisory program, and our academic support block.

Please read what we send home from our classrooms and the school office. We want you to know what we are engaged in and the pride we take in what happens in our school. We look forward to a very good year. ☘

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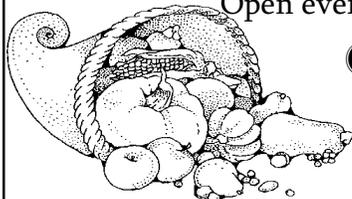
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## ANTRIM FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Since our last report many things have happened at the Antrim Fire Department. We received shipment of our new extrication tools “jaws of life” and have used them on auto accidents a couple of times already. They have made a positive difference in our community.

This year through the same Federal Grant program we have applied for funding to replace our old air-packs with new air-packs with “integrated safety systems.” The grant also includes lightweight composite air cylinders for the packs.

Our monthly training since our last report has included Forestry work where we went over tools and techniques as well as examining our forestry and portable pumps. There also were two segments of R.I.T. (Rapid Intervention Training), a series of self-survival skills and techniques to avoid dangerous situations. Training also included communication skills with portable radios. We have an “auto extrication” drill coming up in September.

Our training day is the second Monday of every month at 6:30 in the evening, usually at the Company #1 station on Route 31. All are welcome to attend and maybe enjoy it enough to fill out an application and join us in our endeavors.

On a final note, as part of the Home & Harvest Days the Antrim Firefighters “The Bravest” have been invited to a softball game against the Antrim Police Department “The Finest” at Shea Field on Sunday September 23 at noon. Hope all can come and root us on. ☘

## ANTRIM PLAYERS SCHEDULE “A CHRISTMAS CAROL”

Bill Harris

Charles Dickens’s “A Christmas Carol” will be presented on Friday Nov 30th at 7pm, Saturday Dec 1st at 2pm, Friday Dec 7th at 7pm, and Saturday Dec 8th at 7pm. Tickets are \$10. For more information go to the Players website: [www.antrimplayers.com](http://www.antrimplayers.com).

### AUDITIONS

The play will be directed by Heidi Schwieger. Audition dates: September 6th, audition groups at 7:00pm, 7:30pm, 8:00pm, and 8:30pm. September 8th, audition groups at 9:00am, 9:30am, 10:00am, 10:30am, 11:00am, and 11:30am

Auditions will be held at the Antrim Town Hall (handicap accessible). Please plan to read from the script. Many actors of all ages needed for male and female principal, supporting and ensemble roles. Children welcome. Non-traditional casting considered. Singers and tech crew also needed. Please call 588-3511 for more information, or simply show up at one of the audition times. ☘

## BOY SCOUT & CUB SCOUT NEWS

Brian Beihl

### PERSONNEL CHANGES

Both Troop 2 and Pack 2 have undergone personnel changes for the new year. Pack 2 said goodbye to Cynthia Norton, Cubmaster for the last four years, who moved with her family to Colorado Springs. Cindy’s husband Mike was a Webelos leader, and son Zach crossed over to Troop 2 in 2006.

Despite the loss of its Cubmaster, Pack 2 is preparing for the new season and is inviting interested boys and parents to call for more information on the Scouting program. Dens meet both in Antrim & Bennington from late August to June, and boys may join at any time during the year. Boys should be in 1st grade through 5th grade. In the absence of a new Cubmaster, please contact committee chair Yvette Brinkley for more information, 588-2092.

### NEW SCOUT MASTER BRIAN BEIHL

Steve Osienski, Scoutmaster and former Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 2, also stepped down in June after 15 years of service in Pack 2 & Troop 2. Helping in many, many Troop 2 activities over the years was Steve’s wife Linda, who hopes to continue manning a canoe during the 50-mile canoe trip each summer. The Osienski’s two sons both became Eagle Scouts. Replacing Steve as Scoutmaster is Brian Beihl, who has been Troop 2 committee chairman. Ed Hebert, also a former Scoutmaster of Troop 2 and committee member, takes over as committee chairman for Brian.

This fall’s activities will include camping on an island, creating a float in the Home & Harvest Parade, and attending the New Hampshire state jamboree at Gunstock ski area in October. Plans are to attend Camp Bell in Gilmanton Iron Works next summer and participate in another 50-mile canoe trip.

### WREATH SALE POSTCARDS MAILING NOV 1st

Troop 2 will again sell wreaths in Antrim, Bennington & Hancock and will send out a postcard to all households. To ensure that enough wreaths are purchased ahead, please preorder if you can. Distribution of the wreaths will be at the American Legion/Odd Fellows Hall on West Street this year. Proceeds from the sale helped to send 10 Scouts to camp in July this year, and helps support the troop year-round.

For information about joining Troop 2, please contact Scoutmaster Brian Beihl at 588-3014 or email [beihl@comcast.net](mailto:beihl@comcast.net).

### NEW EAGLE SCOUT IN TROOP 2

William Johnson is Troop 2’s newest Eagle Scout. William’s ceremony will take place in mid-September, and will highlight his scouting career in Henniker and Antrim. William’s Eagle Scout project included work and signage in Henniker’s downtown park. Parents Ian and Sheenah Johnson run Cogworks & Patriot Mill on Water Street in Antrim. Historically, only 2% of Scouts achieve this honor, which requires achievement, perseverance, and leadership. William will attend New England College this fall. ☘

## ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Liz Robertson and Margaret Warner

The Antrim Historical Society is preparing for its participation in Antrim's Home & Harvest celebration. For the annual parade, the Society plans an antique car ride featuring 91 year-old Phil Lang, who's returning to town for the festivities. As part of its fundraising efforts, the Society will also be selling Antrim home-baked apple crisp in front of the Maplehurst Inn, starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 22—an excellent opportunity to enjoy good home cooking while watching the parade. There will also be an Historical Society table with free brochures about the Society's activities, as well as new membership opportunities and tote bags, posters, and other (non-perishable) items for sale.

Looking forward to the rest of the year, completion of the Tuttle Library construction and renovation will allow reoccupation of the historical rooms on the upper floor, traditionally used for research on town history and for small Society meetings. Access will be facilitated by the new elevator now being installed. Larger meetings will continue to be held at locations which will be announced via Historical Society program brochures and meeting announcement cards.

The Program Committee has scheduled a variety of program topics for the next few months:

October 21, 2007	Loveren's Mill
November 18, 2007	Immigration to New Hampshire
January 20, 2008	Houses of Antrim
February 17, 2008	Sports in Antrim
March 16, 2008	Annual Meeting and Program

Meeting and program information can also be found on the town website, [www.antrimnh.org](http://www.antrimnh.org).

The Ad hoc "Stone Church Committee" consisting of selected Society Board members and three additional Society members, has spent the summer exploring the feasibility of acquiring the old Congregational Church building at Antrim Center. Such issues as restoration requirements, legal processes, and maintenance and insurance costs and responsibilities are all being studied, as well as considerations of appropriate uses for the building in the future. The committee has received helpful advice from several sources, including a number of New Hampshire historical societies (regarding building use and management), restoration specialist John Kendall (regarding the present state of the building), and New Hampshire Architectural Historian James Garvin. If it is determined the acquisition of the church building is feasible, there will be a special meeting of the entire Antrim Historical Society membership to vote on the issue. ☞

## ANTRIM GRANGE NEWS & HISTORY

By Arthur & Beth Merrill

Antrim Community Grange held its fifth annual Art Show in June. It was very successful, with many local artists showing their work. The highlight of the event was the Friday night gala, with a big crowd and Brian Murphy providing live music.

The members have been attending State Grange events including June Youth Rally, Grange Family Weekend, Northeast Youth Conference, and New England Lecturer's Conference. We have also been running food booths at the 4-H Youth Center in New Boston for a series of horse shows.

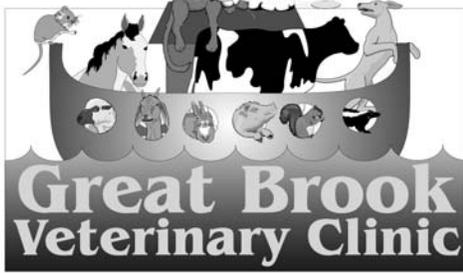
In the coming months, we will send delegates to the State Grange convention in West Lebanon, as well as having Antrim members serve as the New Hampshire delegates at the National Grange convention in Sparks, Nevada.

Some notes from the history of Antrim Grange in 1930, then and now: Discussion then —"Will the radio ever take the place of the newspaper?" Today's discussion —"Will the internet take the place of the newspaper?"

Then, Grange Hall property tax was \$36.30. Today, Grange Halls in New Hampshire, by law, do not pay property tax. We in Antrim feel fortunate to have such a beautiful and historic building in which to meet when so many of our brother and sister members around the state are giving up and/or selling their halls because of the constant strain of maintenance.

The Master in 1930 was Andrew Cuddihy. Our Master today is Carryl Davis, formerly of Bennington, and a graduate of Antrim Jr. Grange. He and his wife, Stephanie, are expecting a baby in October.

In 1930 the Selectmen gave permission to lay pipe for water in the hall. The well was far up on Meeting House Hill, so quite a bit of pipe was laid. For a period of time, the Grange did enjoy running water in the hall. Currently, this is not the case, but we are very proud of our composting toilet, which replaced the outhouse several years ago. ☞



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groups to provide refreshments: Antrim Grange, Antrim Friends of Recreation; Antrim Players, Antrim-Bennington Lions Club and Mountain Sunshine Ice Cream.

### **FALL 2007 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:**

**Fall Soccer**—For the third year running, registration for Fall Soccer has taken place during the summer. Hopefully, those who like to play soccer have already registered by the time they are reading this! This fall, our youth players will play on our fields nearly every day of the week. Soccer programs are organized for players ages 4-13. The maintenance of Shea Field becomes quite a balancing act, between the activities of the elementary and middle school physical education classes, the middle school sports schedules, and the recreation soccer programs. The combined efforts of the school and town staff are tremendously supported by hours of volunteer work, given every week, by Peter Lamb. Peter's dedication to this field has brought it back into a very good condition. The Recreation Commission is working on a plan to keep this field in good condition.

**Bus Trips**—Weekly shopping trips on Wednesdays.

New! Starting on Tuesday September 11, weekly trips to the lunch at Sargeant Camp in Hancock. Bus leaves Antrim at 10:30, gets back around 12:15. Cost for bus is free.

**Friday September 7<sup>th</sup>:** Spirit of America is a patriotic, live-action show presented by the United States Army Military District of Washington. This FREE, two-hour show features performances by the Army's premier musical organization, The U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own," and the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the country, The 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, The Old Guard. Spirit of America, a tribute to the sacrifices and triumphs of the U.S. Soldier, offers inspiration and entertainment for all Americans. This trip is free for Antrim residents, including tickets. Trip will leave Antrim at 9am, return at 12:30. To register, call 588-3121.

**Friday September 28:** Manhattan Short Film Festival at New Hampshire Technical Institute. Cost is \$8.00 for Antrim residents, \$10 for all others. Leaves Antrim at 5:45, returns by 10:30.

**Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup>:** Foxwoods Casino. Call for more info.

**Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Yankee Candle in Deerfield, MA. Enjoy visiting the birthplace of Yankee Candle, with the added treat of hearing the Von Trapp children!

Please be sure to refer to the calendar and the town webpage for up to date information on our regular and special bus trips. Other bus trips being planned for this quarter include: Broadway in NH performances at the Palace Theatre: Dreamgirls, The Nutcracker and WestSide Story, as well as a daytrip to Salem,Mass.

**Family Fun Night** will return at a new time. Starting in November, on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, families can enjoy open gym, organized games, crafts, music and fun in the Town Gym, between 6:30 and 8:30 pm.

**Middle School Dances/events** start up right away in September. Call the Recreation Office for more information. The recreation department is in the process of acquiring a Dance Revolution Tournament package, and will hold dance and game nights for kids starting in late September.

**Skatepark:** There is a group of skateboard enthusiasts who are working very hard to maintain the cleanliness and orderliness at the skate park, in addition to trying to raise money for new equipment. Barbara Reynolds has been working with this group to help them organize their efforts. Please call Barbara or the Recreation Department if you would like to help or have some input or feedback.

**Special Programming:** Starting in early October, there will be special programming offered regularly in the Recreation Office and the Town Gym. These programs will be offered to a wide variety of age groups, from family to school aged to seniors. Please call if you have a special interest and would like to suggest a program.

**Halloween Window Painting Contest:** The Halloween Window Painting contest will be held on Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Watch the website for details.

**Basketball:** Basketball programs will be offered for kids ages 5-13. The registrations for Basketball will be out at the end of September. Please try to get registrations in on time, it helps our program be more organized!

**Ski and Ride Club at Crotched Mountain:** Registration for club membership is due by October 6<sup>th</sup>. Plan ahead now; getting a pass through a club can save you over \$100.00. Our club will have benefits that include bus trips to Loon and Waterville Mountain, with reduced fares for club members. This year, the cost of a season pass is up slightly, but includes some discount benefits at Mt.Snow and Attitash. Call us for more information. You can go to our club page to purchase your pass. The link is [www.crotchedmountain.com/club233](http://www.crotchedmountain.com/club233).

**Recreation Department Office Hours:** For the fall season, the Recreation Department is open at the following times: Mondays: 9-12 am; Tuesdays: 9am -3pm; Wednesdays: 1-4pm; Thursdays: 6-10 pm; Fridays 9-12 am; Saturdays by appointment.

The Antrim Parks and Recreation Commission meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7pm, and the Antrim Friends of Recreation meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Please feel free to call us at 588-3121 and leave a message at any time, or email us at [antrimrecreation@tds.net](mailto:antrimrecreation@tds.net). ☘

## ANTRIM'S LEE CORIGLIANO WINS FIRST PETERBOROUGH LIONS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

CVCSF President, John Vance

When Lee Corigliano of Antrim graduated from ConVal in June he was awarded one of the first scholarships granted by the new ConVal Community Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars® (CVCSF). His scholarship was made possible by the Peterborough Lions Club which pledged more than half of the \$2,500 to be paid for each of two years to the Porter and Chester Institute in Branford, Connecticut, where he has been accepted in a certificate program in Auto Mechanics.

CVCSF is a unique non-profit organization created late in 2006 to assist worthy students unlikely to have a chance for education or job training beyond high school without its assistance and support. The CVCSF mission is "to inspire confidence and hope with community support to help more students in the ConVal Region achieve their potential."

For more information about CVCSF go to [info@cvcsf.org](mailto:info@cvcsf.org) or mail to P.O. Box 372, Peterborough NH 03458. ☞

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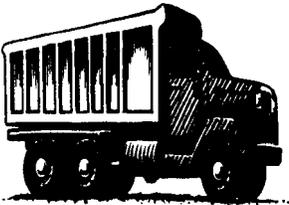
The Tuttle Library addition is nearing completion with a scheduled move into the new section in mid-September. Then the renovations on the original building will begin. When that is finished there will be two areas for reading and research in a quiet, comfortably inviting atmosphere.

There is still time to donate and have your gift named for posterity. Several gifts have already been installed, for example the Palladian window in the new children's area and the circulation desk. We have donations to purchase furnishing, for example a special reference table with built in electric supply, comfortable chairs for the reading area and the young adult area.

Would you like to help with a section of carpeting for the children's area? Furniture for the new teen area? Shelving for the stack room? We welcome any size donation and multiple names can be identified on all items. This list is for essential items and contains the necessities to help the library function.

Stop in at the library to see the list—the staff will explain the details. Thank you for your support. ☞

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## FALLING INTO SPIN CITY

Agricola

When Scott Baker fell two stories in a scaffold collapse at a job site in 2005, he nearly died. And when he learned that he would live but be disabled, he was sure that his days as a contractor were over. That is why he invested more than \$150,000 in creating Antrim's new laundromat, Spin City, so that he would have an income without having to climb ladders. As it has turned out, Scott recovered from his injuries and is back in the contracting business as owner of SDB Builder, LCC, in addition to owning Spin City.

Spin City is equipped with modern machines, twelve washers and twelve driers that can handle loads from twenty to seventy eight pounds, and it is a drop-off and pick-up location for the E & R Dry Cleaners (drop off Tuesdays, pick up Fridays). Antrim's Clarence Chandler had helped with the dry cleaning operation until prevented by his failing health, and now his niece Lori O'Brien from Bennington takes care of the "wash and fold" service.

One July afternoon I spoke with Scott sitting on one of the benches in front of Spin City, and I mentioned that I had noticed his name as one of the contributors to *A Stroll Through Antrim, New Hampshire*, the wonderful photographic history

published in 1997 by the Antrim Historical Society. He was responsible for the inclusion in *A Stroll* of many old photos taken by Antrim chief historical photographer, Frederick L. Nay (1848-1933). Here is the account of how Scott came to own Nay's glass photographic plates, quoted from *A Stroll* (page xi):

When Nay "left Antrim in 1903, there were examples of his work in nearly every home, but the glass plates from which he made prints were assumed to have been taken with him. This assumption was first shattered about fifty years later when Ben and Ida Butterfield, in the process of redoing their kitchen, discovered box after box of plates walled up in the partitions. For reasons unknown they were walled up again where they remained until about 1990 when the owner of the house, Scott Baker, rediscovered them and determined to preserve them. Many Nay prints in this work are thanks to the generosity of Mr. Baker." Scott says he is willing to allow the Historical Society and the *Limrik* access to the plates for research and publication.

Scott Baker is pleased to have helped with *A Stroll Through Antrim, New Hampshire*, and he is proud to have contributed to the economic vitality and appearance of Antrim with his creation of Spin City.



## SPIRALSCOUTS™ SILVERLING CIRCLE #58 NEWS

Jess Baribault

It was a busy summer for Silverling Circle #58, the local chapter of SpiralScouts International. In May we carried our giant puppets at the Children and the Arts Festival parade: a bird to represent air, a dragon to represent fire, a fish to represent water, and a bear to represent earth. In June scouts made their own astrolabe, an ancient instrument used for astronomy and navigation, and talked about the role it played in various cultures. In July we spent a weekend camping with the other SpiralScouts Circles of Granite Tribe, at A Sacred Place in Canaan, NH. We enjoyed scavenger hunts, building fairy houses, exploring the stream, playing cooperative games, sharing meals together, and dancing, chanting, and singing by the fire. In August some families participated in the 8th annual Tailtean Games, also at A Sacred Place. This event is a re-creation of the ancient Celtic tradition of gathering the various tribes for truce, playful competition, and celebration of the holiday of Lughnasadh, or First Harvest.

In September we are looking forward to walking for the second year in the Home and Harvest Festival parade, hopefully with a few more families! Anyone who wants to join us is welcome. We will also have the opportunity to participate in Southern NH Pagan Pride Day, one of many public events throughout the world, held around the autumn equinox to collect donations of food and money for charity, build community among people

of earth-centered beliefs, and bridge the gaps of misunderstanding surrounding Paganism.

In October, we'll be busily preparing for the second annual Celebrate Samhain, an all-ages celebration of the final harvest and ancestors past, filled with magic, music, crafts, and merriment. Stop by and enjoy the faery songs of a traditional Celtic harpist; make and take home your own magical crafts; browse the wares of mystical vendors; learn something new in a variety of free workshops; enlist a reading by a gifted intuitive; drum, dance, or sit and be enchanted by Druid storytelling; and observe the ancient holiday of Samhain in a family-friendly ceremony that honors those who have gone on before. Celebrate Samhain is October 27 at the Peterborough Unitarian Church. The day portion of the event takes place from 10am to 5pm. New this year, the evening ball takes place from 7pm to 10pm. Please visit [www.CelebrateSamhain.com](http://www.CelebrateSamhain.com) for details. We are seeking volunteers to help before, during, and after the event, so please get in touch if you'd be willing to distribute flyers, bake goodies for sale, make crafts, or donate even a small part of your time or energy.

Silverling Circle #58 meets the second Saturday of each month at 10-12, followed by pot-luck lunch. The meeting location varies according to activity, but we try to meet outdoors as often as possible. Registration is \$15 per year, and interested families or volunteers are invited to check out a meeting before deciding to join. For information about our Tribe, contact Jess at 588-4219 or [SpiralScoutsJess@yahoo.com](mailto:SpiralScoutsJess@yahoo.com).

## ANTRIM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

John Robertson and Brian Beihl

**Community Maps Distributed during Home & Harvest** The ACC is just completing a map of Antrim that will be handed out during the H&H parade, along with a schedule for the Home & Harvest events. This map is based on the newest maps from the recent town tax map survey. The map project is being supported by the Antrim Chamber of Commerce members and advertisers in the map, with a special thanks to Monadnock Paper for the donation of the printing paper and ACC member Jane Butler of Shorthill Studios for the graphic design. For more information about the map and directory, contact Jane Butler and 588-2631 or [jane@shorthillstudio.com](mailto:jane@shorthillstudio.com).

**The Antrim Chamber of Commerce "Pumpkin Regatta"** The Pumpkin Regatta will be similar to a "duck race" but with small, specially grown pumpkins from Tenney Farm & Chauncey Farm. Purchase a pumpkin for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00 and your pumpkins will be numbered and entered in the race. The pumpkins will be placed in the millpond at 12:30 and race for the dam over the next hour. First pumpkin there gets the grand prize of \$300, second with \$100, third with \$50, and \$25 prizes for the next 12 finishing pumpkins. To register a pumpkin for the race (only official Pumpkin Regatta pumpkins are allowed) look for signs at participating Antrim Chamber of Commerce merchants downtown. You may also purchase & register a pumpkin online at [www.AntrimCC.com](http://www.AntrimCC.com) using PayPal, and a limited number of pumpkins may be available the day of the event, so get them early! Profits from the event go to support a visitor-information "kiosk" downtown.

**Soapbox Derby** Kids can register for the annual Soapbox Derby by contacting Brian Beihl at 588-3014 for a form, or by logging onto the Antrim Chamber of Commerce website to download a registration form, [www.AntrimCC.com](http://www.AntrimCC.com). Children from throughout the area are invited to take part, ages 8 to 16. Traditionally, these are homemade cars created from recycled materials by the kids themselves with assistance from their parents. There is no registration fee, but there is a waiver that must be signed by a parent or guardian. Inspection of the cars takes place on Saturday at 8:30 at the Great Brook flagpole, and the race begins at 9 a.m. on Summer Street.

**Old Gold Jug Slalom Skateboard Race Returns** Skateboard slalom racers will again gather in Antrim for the second year of the Race for the Old Gold Jug. Due to the warm welcome they were shown last year by Antrim residents, almost all of the 2006 racers will be returning this year, plus new racers from as far away as the U.K. As was the case last year, Summer Street will be closed during the racing, between 8:30 AM and 5:30 PM on Saturday, then again from 11:00 Sunday to 5 p.m.

This year the race will have a "hybrid" on Saturday combining elements of slalom & giant slalom, then a separate giant slalom and a tight slalom race on Sunday. Antrim's race is one of the biggest races on the East Coast, and is one week prior to the World Championships in Statesville, NC. The Saturday race prelims start at 10 a.m., with the race kicking off immediately following the parade. The Sunday racing starts at noon.

Look for t-shirts designed by Claire Beihl to be available at local merchants. Shirts will also be sold during the event, and online at [AntrimCC.com](http://AntrimCC.com) (shipping charges apply). Profits go to support the race expenses.

Most racers will be camping locally, but some do have small children and need accommodation. If you are willing to host a skate family, please contact Barbara Reynolds at 588-6859.

For other information, contact Brian Beihl, Antrim Chamber of Commerce, at 588-3014. Much help is needed during Home & Harvest to be sure all comes off without a hitch. You can volunteer by contacting John Robertson at 588-6106 or any H and H Committee member. In addition to the above events, the Chamber will have an information booth at the Town Hall. Come find out about becoming a member. ☚

We are very sorry that the great overgrown boys of our place cannot behave better than they did at the Exhibition and Concert. We would recommend their fathers—if they have any—to go with them, armed with a few sapling birches of a tender growth, and apply them as often as occasion may require it; by doing so they would confer a favor on those who go there to enjoy the entertainment.

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## THE GRAPEVINE

Kristen Vance, Director

### TEEN CENTER UPDATE

By now maybe you've heard that Dave Kirkpatrick is the new Teen Center Coordinator. You may know Dave from his years with Family on Board, or his work in the Parks and Recreation Commission. Dave's experience with teens includes music studio work and his current part-time position with A.C.C.E.S.S., working with teens who are not thriving in traditional high school settings. Dave is the father of two, a sound engineer, and an avid sailor who grew up in Peterborough and has lived with his family in Antrim for almost 12 years.

Teens have raised the first month's rent and, at this writing, we are awaiting the completion of modifications to the teen center space at 42 Main Street in the Antrim Mill Buildings. We hope to open the center in September, with a community open house in October. This is a great time to get involved—call Dave or Kristen at The Grapevine for more information.

### AUTUMN AT THE GRAPEVINE

The Grapevine's fall session begins September 4, and parents are encouraged to call about playgroups as there still may be spots available. There is plenty of room for more infants and parents in our "baby group," as last year's babies grew up and moved on to playgroups! The Aiken Street Barn, where The Grapevine is located, is fully accessible, and we welcome children of all abilities and learning styles.

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

· *New Better Beginnings Playgroup—Mondays 3-5pm*

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

·Friday—10:00 to 11:30—Better Beginnings for Babies—drop in!

**Better Beginnings for Babies:** This informal group of babies (up to 18 months), parents and expectant parents talks about subjects like infant nutrition, crying, infant massage, caring for yourself while you care for your baby, attachment, simple toys, and sleeping. Parents have found this group a

great opportunity to meet other parents and learn about resources in the community while their babies make their first friends.

**Better Beginnings Playgroups** for children 18 months through 5 years: Our early childhood educators and trained volunteers provide guidance and encouragement as children enjoy imaginative and dramatic play, outdoor time, arts and crafts, and sensory play (sand, water, play dough, etc.). Circle time with songs, finger plays and stories, and a nutritious snack complete the morning.

While their children play and learn, parents put their feet up in the parent room for some "adult time." Parenting Educators Carol Lunan and Jane Richards-Jones facilitate discussions about child- and family-centered topics such as child development, positive discipline, toilet training, stress reduction, communication, and many other issues that impact families.

**The Learning Vine:** This fall, The Learning Vine will enter its 8th year with teacher Carol Lunan M.Ed. offering young children hands-on learning in a setting that develops language and social skills and helps prepare children for Kindergarten. Several parents have found that The Learning Vine is a good complement to home schooling, as well.

### BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

There may still be room in the Before School Club for your Antrim Elementary or Great Brook School student. The program runs Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 8:30am at the Antrim Town Gym. The Before School Club is a project of The Grapevine and the Brown Bag Coalition, and is sponsored by the Antrim Recreation Department. Call The Grapevine for more information or to register.

### SPECIAL FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

**Up and Eat'em**, a free autumn garden workshop with Kin Shilling and Susie Spikol, Wednesday September 12 from 1-3pm. Tips on harvesting, what can stay in the garden... and what to do with that overabundance of kale, squash, rutabaga and more. Indulge your senses as we make some great fresh recipes with local produce—and return home with dinner in hand! Onsite childcare may be available—call to register.

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**Handling Anger in the Family**, a 3-week series with Parenting Educator Jane Richards-Jones on Tuesdays, October 16, 23 and 30 from 6:30 to 8pm. The fee is \$30 for the series, with partial scholarships available. Onsite childcare may be available—call to register.

**Parenting to Prevent Alcohol Abuse—Open House:** *How we can set the stage for health and well-being in the preschool years and reinforce it for our adolescents and teens.* The basics of prevention begin early, first with attachment and dependency, then with communication, limit-setting, encouragement, modeling. It's not so different for older children and teens, but there are the added factors of peer pressure, risk-taking, boredom and a desire to belong. This open house in October (watch for the date and time) will feature a self-paced tour of resource stations, including a new prevention curriculum for preschool age children, a comparative look at the developmental needs of adolescents, and information about local and regional resources on prevention, treatment and recovery. There will be opportunities for informal discussions with parenting educators, as well as homemade soups, bread by Houghton Farms, and Beth and Kelly's Cookies. For more information call Sydney at The Grapevine.

**PEOPLE'S SERVICE EXCHANGE INFORMATIONAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 18**

Join us for our Fall gathering, for people who are interested in learning about the Exchange and for members who would like to get together, share trading experiences and meet new members. The more than 100 members of the Exchange trade their skills and services for "time dollars," which they then use to purchase services from other members. It's a great way to get the help you need and to help others. The meeting begins at 7pm, with refreshments. For more information, contact Coordinator Christine Polito at 588-2620 or [peoplesserviceexchange@hotmail.com](mailto:peoplesserviceexchange@hotmail.com).

**STRONG LIVING STARTS IN SEPTEMBER**

Call now to reserve your space in this popular 12-week community-based strength training program for adults age 50 and older, created by physiologists from Tufts Univer-

sity. People who have participated over the years find it invigorating and a great way to meet people. Classes are lead by Tufts-trained volunteers Betty Avery and Martha Martin, and run from 1:30 to 2:30 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

**ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION—SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22 AFTER THE PARADE**

The Grapevine's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Auction will be held on Home and Harvest Day, September 22, from 12:15 to 2:30 in the new Tuttle Library parking lot. Marcia Leizure of Withington Auctioneers is once again donating her exceptional auctioneer talents. We welcome donations of art, crafts, new and gently-used household items (no appliances, heavy exercise equipment or clothing, please), antiques, barn and attic treasures, gift certificates and services.

**About The Grapevine**

The Grapevine is a nonprofit family and community resource center, funded by local support, grants and charitable contributions. Contributions to The Grapevine are tax deductible, and can be mailed to PO Box 637, Antrim NH 03440. Thank you for supporting our families and our community.

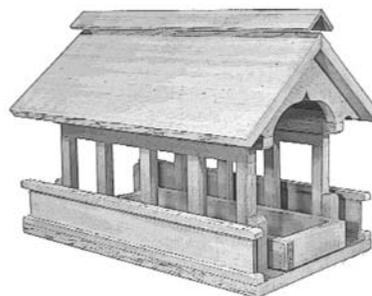


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