

ANTRIM GRANGE ART SHOW

Beth Merrill

The Sixth Annual Community Art Exhibit, celebrating the 125th anniversary of Antrim Grange, is set to go June 12th–15th. Antrim and Bennington amateur and professional artists' work will be on exhibit.

The Evening Gala, Friday the 13th from 7 pm–9 pm, will be held to promote community fellowship for viewers and artist. Refreshments will be served, and Emily Sawich will provide musical entertainment.

General viewing will be Thursday from 4 pm–8 pm, Saturday from 10 am–3 pm, and Sunday from 1 pm–4 pm. Antrim Grange cordially invites the community to enjoy the wide variety of local talent as well as the Grange Hall's welcoming atmosphere.

Prizes, based on a popular vote by guests and patrons, will be presented to exhibitors. Votes will be tabulated at 2 pm

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TO THE TOWN OF ANTRIM: THANK YOU

Todd Feyrer, Police Chief

Almost three years have passed since I was hired as your Police Chief, and I remember writing my first article for the Limrik. There have been tremendous changes since then, and there are certainly more to come. As most of you must know by now, I have resigned to take a command position with the NH Bureau of Liquor Enforcement. I want to take this opportunity to write one final article to the citizens of Antrim to express my thanks and appreciation, and, I hope to shed some light on the future of the Antrim Police Department

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BEN PRATT

Lyman Gilmore

This is an excerpt from a recent interview in the Antrim Historical Society's Oral History Project. Seventy-five year old Ben Pratt grew up in Antrim, he has served the town in many capacities, and his father was a partner in the Caughey and Pratt Construction Company that built Antrim's water system and other public works in town and elsewhere in New England in the 1920s and 1930s. I interviewed Ben in his Gregg Lake Road home 31 March 2008.

I was the eighth and last child to be born to my folks. My brother was twenty-three years old when I was born, so I took my folks completely by surprise. My father was fifty-six and my mother was forty-six. My mother's name was Clara, and my father's name was Henry, but people who knew him called him Harry. He died at the age of sixty-five when I was nine years old, and looking back on it I was an extremely fortunate young man. I would describe the first nine years of my life as idyllic. That's the only word that comes to mind.

We lived in the big house that's now an apartment house right across the street from the Church of Christ on Main Street. My parents came there in 1922. Two of their children, a boy and a girl, had died in infancy when they were living in Waltham, Massachusetts, and they came up here with four daughters and one son. That big house rapidly became something equivalent to a teen center in Antrim. The house was attached to the barn—my father bought a regulation pool table—

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THESE ANTRIM HILLS

BALD MOUNTAIN

Peter Moore

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Bald Mountain is indisputably the most climbed mountain in Antrim. Situated at the southern end of the "High Range," which grace's the length of our town's western boundary, Bald is also the highest, and I would argue, affords the most dramatic views from its main summit of any other mountain or hill within our town borders.

Depending on which source you reference, and the variety of heights-above-sea-level that are given for it, Bald Mountain is higher than all others in town. A USGS map that I have puts the main summit at 630 meters, or 2054 feet. The town website has a section on the

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ANTRIM SELECTMEN

Steve Schacht

We made it through the long winter and we are ready to begin another summer season. Among our many town projects, the White Birch Point Bridge and road are now finished and look great. What a nice place this will be to sit and relax during the summer months.

As you may know, Police Chief Freyer has resigned. We wish him well in his new position. We are currently considering two possibilities for the future of the Police Department. The first is developing a regional police department in conjunction with neighboring towns. We have contacted Bennington and Hancock to see if they would be interested in combining resources. These discussions will evaluate current and future needs of the residents of each town. The second possibility is hiring a new Antrim Police Chief. Sergeant Matt Elliott will be stepping up as acting Administrator for the Police Department in the interim.

By the time you read this article we should be hard at work on the road and bridge replacement on North Main Street. To those residents who live on this road and those who travel it often, the construction will be an inconvenience for a while. Please be patient as these repairs and improvements will be well worth the inconvenience in the end.

The Parks and Recreation Department has high hopes for an active summer at the beach and playground areas as well as many field trips and outings with the town bus.

The fishing derby went very well this year. As usual we all got wet. The top prizes went to the following anglers: First Fish – Sam Cody, First Limit, female – Ariel Frosch. Unfortunately for the gentlemen, this year there was no winner of the First Limit, Male category. Come on boys, the girls are killing you. The Smallest Fish was awarded to Zack Dube, and (angelfish) Avery Joslin. The bonus prize was awarded to Noah Thompson.

No matter the size of the fish, or even no fish, everyone went home with something to show for their efforts and some great memories. A special thanks to John and Diane Kendall from The Place in the Woods as well as Ralph Cody for Snap-On Tools for their generous donations and all of their help with this event. They made many children smile that day.

As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, or just want to say hello, feel free to stop at the town office or attend our meetings. Your suggestions are always welcome and help make Antrim the wonderful town that it is. We wish you all a terrific summer!



THE MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS

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AWARD-WINNING EDUCATION

By Mary Allen, ConVal School Board

What do outdoors lessons at McCabe Forest and a classroom experience at Crotched Mountain School in Greenfield have in common? Both are award-winning programs created by educators at Antrim's two schools.

For Antrim Elementary School, the kudos started last fall when the school's "Reverence of Place" program was the focus of a four-page spread in *Forest Notes*, the quarterly magazine published by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. In January, the program was praised as "exemplary" in an evaluation by the School Approval Team of the N.H. Department of Education. And in March, the AES teachers who created the program were named New Hampshire Environmental Educators of the Year during a ceremony held at the New Hampshire Audubon McLane Center in Concord.

The ongoing "Reverence of Place" program, which was developed two years ago, takes students out of their classrooms and into the woods of the McCabe Forest in Antrim. The 189-acre preserve is owned by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and is within walking distance of the school.

Many schools use outdoor projects to enhance environmental studies, but the Antrim program integrates outdoor learning with the school's curriculum in science, writing and the arts.

Each AES class creates a "quest," a nature scavenger hunt that describes a special place in the forest chosen by the students. During their frequent visits to the McCabe Forest, students use disposable cameras, sketches, written descriptions and poetry to develop clues to lead others to their class's special spot. The "quest" not only helps students retain the science lessons learned, but also allows them to form a special connection with the forest.

That kind of integration, which included all 150 AES students, impressed the N.H. Department of Education team during their mid-January visit. According to the team's written evaluation of the school: " 'Reverence for Place' brings together the school community, the local community, and several organizations who are working together toward a common goal. By integrating the curriculum into the environmental sciences, building awareness/appreciation of Antrim's natural resources, they are preparing our future leaders to appreciate and protect our valuable resources."

"This type of learning goes on at so many levels," said AES Principal Deborah Lesure. "We're hoping that students who learn about the natural environment in this way will want to preserve it and care for it in the future."

At Great Brook School, a program with intensive person-to-person contact has gained a national honor. In April, school officials learned GBS had been named the New Hampshire winner of The National Civic Star Award presented by the American Association of School Administrators and Soldexho School Services. Just 25 states were recognized in 2008.

The Great Brook School/Crotched Mountain School Partnership Program started six years ago when a former Antioch

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LIBRARY CENTENNIAL & DEDICATION

AUGUST 16

Sandy Snow, Library Trustee

Mark the date of August 16 on your calendar so you won't miss the James A Tuttle Library 100th anniversary celebration and dedication of its new addition. The planning committee began planning the celebration in May, and there will be something of interest for every age group. Anyone with suggestions for the celebration is invited to contact Margie Warner at mwarner@tds.net or Sandy Snow at sandysnow@mcttelecom.com. For more details about the celebration, look in the next issue of the *Antrim Advisor* or visit the library's web site at antrimnh.org. If you haven't visited the library's new addition, please stop in and say hello and look around. ☞



Photo by Ral Burgess

ANTRIM SKATE PARK

Barbara Reynolds

The Antrim Skate Park Committee has been busy ordering the plans and materials to build the new Pyramid for the skate park. The special skateboard surfacing material, Ramp Armor, was shipped from Erie, PA on May 1st. The steel has been ordered from Superior Steel in Brookline, NH, and the pressure treated lumber will be ordered and delivered from Antrim Lumber.

Keep your eyes open, the skate park will be buzzing with activity once this large, multi-use piece of equipment is installed. Please come down to the park to see the new pyramid and watch the skateboarders in action.

The Antrim Skate Committee is also planning several fund-raising events this spring and summer. We're looking into the possibility of holding a teen dance at the town gym sometime before the end of the school year, and sponsoring a skateboard competition in mid-summer, as well as a competition during the Home and Harvest Day Festival this fall.

Many people have come forward to support our efforts to make the new skateboard equipment possible for the kids in Antrim, and we want to thank you all.

The Antrim Skate Park Committee would like to extend a very special thank-you to The Antrim Presbyterian Church for expressing their support and enthusiasm for the skateboard park and the Antrim Skateboarders. We greatly appreciate the Presbyterian Church's patronage. It means a great deal to us to have this pillar of the community support our efforts and our children. ☞

geography of Antrim which lists Bald at 2032 feet. And a brochure and trail guide for the dePierrefeu-Willard Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, produced by the New Hampshire Audubon Society, the organization that owns and gives sanctuary to a major portion on the land on and around Bald, depicts the high-point at 2083 feet above sea level. I like that one best.

The somewhat strenuous hike to the summit, on either of the two established and well-marked trails, is well worth the ascent through a forest dominated by red oak, sugar and red maple, ash, white and yellow birch, beech, and nearer the summit, red spruce. Because of the predominance of hardwood trees, I find that autumn and winter are particularly dramatic seasons to make this hike. And, late summer blueberry picking season also is another time—and incentive—to make the ascent. There are lots of berries if your timing is right.

Particularly enticing about the walk up Bald is the quick ascent to views from the steep, rocky ledges and the early reward of open rock outcroppings well below the summit. If you peer down-slope to the east as you climb, Willard Pond comes into view far below, shimmering with the sun and changing color as the day wears on. Owned by the State, and managed by NH Fish & Game, the 100 acre Willard Pond is restricted to fly-fishing, and only human-powered boats may launch there. It is an aquatic sanctuary where Common Loon nest whose wild, eerie call can sometimes be heard on the heights of Bald above.

Bald Mountain, as its name implies, was once much balder than it appears today. Although it is still renowned in the area for its bare ledge slopes, open rock outcroppings, and magnificent views from the summit, history conveys a more dramatic picture of how it once was. In his 1880 *History of the Town of Antrim New Hampshire* the Reverend William R. Cochrane describes what he witnessed over 125 years ago and offers a few theories of how this mountain became *bald*: “The south part of the chain, so far as belonging to this town, is Bald Mountain, so called by the fathers because a forest fire had swept over it, leaving it bare and bald. From some points of observation it is not unlike a broad, bald head. I have heard this mistakenly called *Ball* Mountain, from James Ball, on the supposition the he lived upon it. But it was Robb Mountain on which Ball settled, and the two men were neighbors. Bald Mountain, from the first known of it, was bare and naked. It may be that the Indians kept it so for reasons of their own, as it seems certain that it must have been *many times* burned over to make it as it was when first discovered. Nor would forest fires confine themselves to that mountain without help. Did the Indians have it as a point of observation? Was it a forage-ground of the moose once abounding here? Was it a gathering place in summer for their councils? We

must remember that fire was the only means the Indians had to clear the land. Bald Mountain is properly named for now, as well as then. From a distance it looks smooth and clean and naked as of old.” Moose still abound there.

Through their generosity, foresight, and environmental concerns, Ms. Elsa Tudor De Pierrefeu and her family donated in 1967 some 600 acres of land around Willard Pond and on Bald Mountain to the National Audubon Society. In 1971 this acreage and some additional land was conveyed to the New Hampshire Audubon Society, establishing the 1,056 acre De Pierrefeu-Willard Pond Wildlife Sanctuary and protecting the majestic summit, slopes, and forests around Bald Mountain, the pristine waters and shoreline of Willard Pond, and Goodhue Hill to the east. Additional land gifts since then have expanded the total acreage of this wildlife sanctuary to over 2,000 acres.

Only foot travel is permitted on Bald Mountain; no hunting, camping, fires, trapping, or excavation are allowed. This is a pretty unusual litany of restrictions today in our region where increasing population growth, encroaching development, and environmental degradation so diminish wild nature. Knowing that Bald Mountain, Willard Pond, and the forests and wetlands that surround them are protected in perpetuity make me glad that they are all a part of these Antrim hills.

TRAILS TO BALD MOUNTAIN:

Bald Mountain Trail: From the parking lot at Willard Pond follow the Tudor Trail which meanders along the west shoreline of Willard Pond for about six-tenths of a mile to the intersection with the Bald Mountain Trail, leaving left just short of Pine Point at the far end of the pond. Approximately 1 mile to the summit from this intersection, a two or two-and-a-half hour hike to the summit and back.

Tamposi Trail is accessed at the back of the trailhead parking lot. This trail traverses mostly private land, splitting at an intersection about half way up its length of two miles, and forming a loop-trail to the summit of Bald, and intersecting with the Bald Mountain Trail at the height of land. Two or two-and-a-half hour round trip. ☞

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THEODORE “BUD” HARDWICK FLYING THE HIMALAYIAN HUMP IN WORLD WAR II

This is another personal account in the Antrim Historical Society's Oral History Project. The original idea and initial interviews with Theodore Hardwick came from Antrim's Russ Russell last year. In 2008 Lyman Gilmore conducted subsequent interviews and wrote this article.

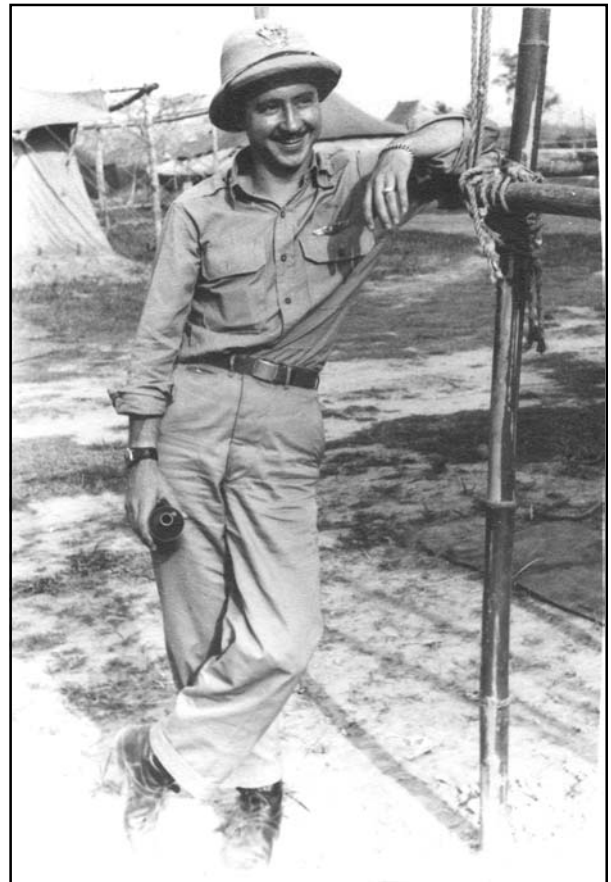
Jorhat Airbase, Assam Valley, Northeast India, Fall 1944 It was a humid ninety degrees in the morning when twenty six year old 1st Lieutenant Theodore Hardwick left his tent, said goodbye to his Indian bearer “Joe”, and walked across the tarmac to the huge B24 aircraft he was scheduled to fly “The Hump” over the Himalayas into Japanese occupied China, bringing supplies to the American, British and Chinese troops cornered between the impassable mountains and the Japanese army. These flights were crucial to the battle in the Pacific in World War II; if the Japanese managed to defeat the allied forces in China and completely occupy the country, thousand of Japanese troops could be moved from a defeated China to Japanese occupied islands defending Japan against the US naval force in the south Pacific.

Today Antrim's Bud Hardwick is eighty-nine years of age, but his memory for his first “Hump” flight is sharp. Sitting in the second floor office of his and his wife Barbara's house on Main Street next to the Town Hall, he pulled out the old battered and scarred brown leather briefcase he had carried throughout his service in the US Army Air Corps from December 1941 to the end of the war in September 1945. The briefcase contains various documents including instruction manuals for different aircraft instrument systems, flight plans for Indian air bases, and of particular relevance to the interviewer, a diary of all his assignments during the war.

He had arrived in India by a circuitous route, flying from West Palm Beach to Cuba and on to Caracas, Venezuela, Natal, Brazil, then across the Atlantic to the Ascension Islands, to Roberts Field in Liberia, to Casablanca and Marrakech, Cairo, Karachi and finally to Jorhat in the Assam Valley near the Tibetan border in northeast India. On his first Hump flight his commanding officer would co-pilot, while “Ted” (as he was known in the military) would actually fly the heavily loaded plane. They climbed into the B24 up through the bomb bay doors, strapped in, checked the instruments, and Hardwick taxied down the 5000foot runway and took off into the predawn sky. As they broke through the clouds, he saw looming up in front of him 29,000foot Mount Everest illuminated by the sunrise, a “beautiful, fantastic sight.” He remembers flying around the world's highest mountain that had yet to be climbed, noticing on an adjoining peak a Tibetan monastery, and then headed east over the Brahmaputra River Valley toward besieged Chengdu Air Base in China.


Hardwick acknowledges that this was very difficult flying. The runways were short and made of crushed stone that could puncture tires, the planes were frequently heavily overloaded with food, clothing, medical supplies, weapons, equipment,

personnel, and most dangerous of all, ammunition and gasoline that could blow up and sometimes did. In addition, weather conditions were perilous, and it took considerable effort for pilots to get their lumbering B24s up over the 15,000-foot mountains to safe altitudes where they were buffeted by harsh turbulence, icing and thunderstorms. Night flights were particularly tough because the instruments were primitive—they had no Radar—and often failed to work properly. On the ground in the Indian and Chinese jungles the heat and humidity, especially the six-month monsoon season when 200 inches of rain could fall, punished both men and their engines, and replacement parts were often lacking. While it was steamy hot on the ground, temperatures in their unheated aircraft at 30,000 feet often dipped below freezing. During the whole



CBI Campaign (China, Burma, India) almost 500 men and 792 aircraft were lost. (Sources: *Air Force Magazine Online*, March 1991, and “Chabua Air Force Base,” *Wikipedia*.)

By the time Hardwick arrived in India in 1944, he had been in love with flying for a decade. He recalls: “Back in 1934 when Franklin Pierce Lake was made into a reservoir for Public Service of New Hampshire, they celebrated with a

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teaching intern at GBS took a part-time job at Crotched Mountain.

According to Kathleen Bigford, who teaches in GBS's extended learning program, the idea of partnering with Crotched Mountain naturally grew out of that connection.

"Our program was created to give students with and without disabilities a chance to learn about each other," Bigford explained. "By placing students of regular ability in classrooms with the severely disabled, everyone benefits: regular education students learn about conditions and diseases that disable humans, make friends and assist disabled students; disabled students gain needed contact with 'regular' students their age; both groups see that they are more alike than they thought."

GBS students in the 5th through 8th grades apply to the program, which also requires their parents' permission. Each semester 15 to 20 regular education students travel to Crotched Mountain one day per week to provide classroom support and friendship to severely disabled students.

But this is more than just a classroom visit. GBS students are expected to keep a journal of their experiences detailing the learning they have seen, design a classroom activity to help in their students' learning, and learn about a disabling disease condition and report their findings to the GBS group.

And the student volunteers also are required to complete all their regular class work, Bigford said, in addition to their Crotched Mountain visits and reports.

For those students who make the commitment, the rewards can be great. "Learning is redefined for these 'regular' students," Bigford said. "They come with ideas of classrooms filled with desks, books, paper work, and grades. What they find looks much different. They begin to understand that learning happens on many levels and that the level of learning is much less important than the fact that learning is happening."

Sometimes, the classroom work isn't easy, but that's where patience becomes the key.

"(The GBS students) often need to work hard for tiny signs of recognition from some of their partners," Bigford said. "They look without staring, listen intently and observe body language keenly. These observations lead them to a communication pattern that was previously unknown to either person."

Students often want to return to CMS to volunteer after their term is over and some of the students' parents also have become involved at Crotched Mountain.

As one student wrote in a journal entry: "I learned how to communicate with blind and deaf people. That's important to me because I never want to be in a position where I can't help."

Congratulations to the students and staff at both schools. Both award-winning programs are prime examples of the creative, community-based education that Antrim schools are known for. The staff, students and parents of Antrim Elementary and Great Brook School should be very proud of their achievements. ☘

winter carnival that included rides in an open cockpit airplane called the Black Arrow. My friend Paul Prescott and I finagled a ride, and from that time on, we were sold on flying. My next step in flying started about 1937 when I was living in Peterborough working at the Gem Theatre earning a dollar a night seven nights a week. Back in those days you could take flying lessons for seven dollars an hour, and I began flying lessons in Keene at the landing field where the Timken Ball Bearing plant is now. It was a good experience because you learned to fly by slipping in over trees, telephone lines, and so forth. In 1941 I took a Civilian Pilot Training Course in Concord, and two weeks after Pearl Harbor when war broke out, I entered what was then called the Army Air Corps as a Flying Cadet. After a lot of training in Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi, I was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant when I graduated from Advanced Flying School. Our uniforms were pink and green, and I felt like I was king of the world!" One of the reasons Hardwick was chosen to fly the Himalayan hump was that after his training he had lots of experience in many types of aircraft with different sorts of instrument systems in his assignments flying planes to training schools around the United States and ferrying various aircraft from the US to Europe. He says that varied experience "was what flying the hump was all about."

Hardwick clocked 380 hours flying over the Himalayas, making a trip about every other day. One of his most memorable flights—he chokes up with emotion when telling about it sixty-three years later—was a night flight in total darkness to Kunming where General Chaing Kai-check and his forces were under heavy attack by the Japanese. The whole area was under artillery fire, and many planes were approaching the base from every direction, circling the black sky in confusion, helplessly seeing fires and explosions on the ground. After flying a holding pattern for a time and running low on fuel, his plane went off to another base.

Hardwick's final assignment in India was a fortunate one as he applied for and was appointed to the very competitive post of Air Crew Assignment Officer in Calcutta, a job that entailed sending flight crews to bases throughout southeast Asia until the end of the war, and that earned him a promotion to Captain. He was awarded the US Air Medal for his service. Barbara Hardwick served during World war II as a military nurse caring for combat wounded amputees.

After the war Hardwick took his accumulated six months of terminal leave and returned to Peterborough where he began working in insurance and real estate. Around 1959 he and Barbara moved to Antrim where he purchased Archy Swett's insurance company. He retired in 1986, and their son Paul started Appleshed Realty. ☘

THE OLD DOG AND THE ANCIENT HORSE

Schatze Moore

The Span of Life

*The old dog barks backward without getting up.
I can remember when he was a pup.*

Robert Frost

Sheba is an old dog. She doesn't hike with us anymore or go out with me when I horseback ride. Her back end is failing. She struggles to get up and her hind legs are now working as one. She no longer has the confidence to climb the stairs with us at bedtime; too many falls from the top to the bottom. Sheba has recently surrendered to her situation. She would just as soon lie where she is. Her sweetness seems to have increased with her acceptance of her weakened condition and her confinement. Sheba can no longer control where or when she poops. Peter and I have developed a great clean up strategy for Sheba's accidents. We think she feels sad and humiliated that she makes "messes" in the house. We try to tell her we understand and love her just the same, but we get tired of scooping the poop and the daily and frequent mopping that has to be done.

Sometimes though, she surprises us and will run around with great abandon till her back legs give out and she falls. Then we laugh and tell her she's a great girl for trying.

Last fall I took my horse Sleet out for a ride and when I got up the hill by Bill Harris Sr.'s house I halted and checked for traffic before proceeding. Right at Sleet's heels was Sheba. She had decided to come with me. I figured Peter would be coming after her soon so I went on and let her follow. I got all the way to Beth Merrill's riding arena on West Street and still no Peter. I knew this was as far as I could safely take her so we turned for home.

Most folks I've talked to described the winter as a "hard one." I know it was hard on Sheba as she had a difficult time getting around, frequently slipping and falling. If she got off the paths into the snow, she got stuck and then she needed to be rescued.

Our old horse, Sugar, took the winter in great stride and moved into spring with her usual zest for life intact as ever. I felt pleased as I groomed her to help her shed her winter coat. She looked quite good for an animal I estimated to be at least 45 years old.

One beautiful Saturday afternoon early in April, Peter and I decided to take both the horses out for a walk. We thought the horses might enjoy a little outing after having been trapped in their paddocks for so long by the deep snow. Sleet, as always, behaved as a gentleman should. Sugar on the other hand, pranced and shook her head all about. She gave Peter quite a workout as she hauled him down the road in advance of Sleet and me. Wherever she could she would stop and drop her head to gum whatever grass she could find. You see, Sugar, had very few teeth left. Her upper front teeth had broken off at the gum line a couple of years ago and without them her

tongue hung out. Her appetite was excellent but her chewing ability poor. She made giant spitballs out of her hay. Because of poor mastication, keeping old horses in good condition can be tricky. If they can't chew their food properly they may not be getting their dietary needs met. They also may experience some digestive difficulties.

In the last few years Sugar has had a few mild tummy aches, but I think she hasn't known many really sick days. This is good since she usually hates being vetted, although she likes our current vet. In her early years she must have had some unpleasant vetting experiences, and as many people hate going to the dentist and expect the worst when they do, Sugar also expected the worst. So in the beginning when the vet came I got whipped around just like a bed sheet on a clothesline on a windy day. But eventually trust was built and she settled down. She didn't like those visits from the vet any better, but at least she kept her feet on the ground, and so did I.

I had just decided that Sugar was going to live forever, so you can imagine my surprise and sorrow in April when Sugar fell very ill and I found myself leading her to her gravesite. Peter and I stood at her head petting her and telling her how special she was while our vet gave her the injections that would put her to sleep forever. He took the lead rope after the second vial because he said "You never know which way they are going to go," and he ever so gently and gracefully guided her to the ground.

What do you do with a horse when you put it down? Well, we call Steve Jones. When I had to put my horse Wea to sleep, Steve using a backhoe dug the hole for her. This time he sent a young man named Jason. This may have been Jason's first time digging a hole to bury a horse. "How deep do you need the hole," he asked. "Well, so that there's at least four feet of dirt covering her" my husband replied. Jason dug the hole and when it was just right he used that big and bulky machine to slide our sweet old friend into her new home. Then with the greatest of delicacy, Jason replaced the dirt, patting it in all around her as if tucking her in for the night. He never rushed to get the job done. He took his time and did it right. He demonstrated the greatest respect for our loss and our feelings. Watching him work the levers that moved that great arm and bucket of the backhoe was like watching a highly skilled concert pianist. I'm an animal person, I don't really relate to machines, but I was truly impressed with Jason and his handling of those levers. So it occurred to me, whether it's animals, people or machines, the success of our effort is all in the handling. I have no regrets about how I handled Sugar. I did my best for her and she gave it all back to me in even greater measure. I'm okay about her being gone. She was suffering and she couldn't be put right.

Which leads me back to Sheba. When her time comes we will have both the responsibility and privilege to ease her out of this life. I don't look forward to that day, but I don't see it as too far off.

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and there was this very large room that allowed for the pool table with all kinds of room left over. It had a wood stove so you could heat it on the coldest day of the winter if you wanted to. The Caughey and Pratt Construction Company office was behind the poolroom.

When did your father and Caughey get together?

Well, you see, they grew up together as children. They both went to the Pond End School in Waltham, and we have a picture of them in that school. I think GH—he was George Herbert Caughey, but he was always known as “GH”—came to Antrim in 1910. He was hired by the town to build the bridge on North Main Street that is now going to be replaced, and the same year he built a very similar bridge on Depot Street. Not the bridge that goes across the Contoocook. There are two bridges before you get to the river, and one of them is a concrete barrel-arch bridge that looks from a side view almost identical to the bridge on North Main Street. My father came up here in 1922 and that was when Caughey and Pratt was formed.

Were you born in Antrim?

Well, no actually, because there were concerns over my mother’s condition. Since I was the eighth child, she was not a beginner at this sort of thing. She knew that she was pregnant, but the doctors knew better. She was forty-six, and therefore she was not pregnant. So, they actually operated on her—I don’t know what portion of the pregnancy—to remove what they thought was obviously a fast growing tumor. And they discovered me, and backed off. My sister Judith, a trained nurse who was very knowledgeable about such things, said it was miraculous that I survived. But anyway, I was born naturally, and I think I was the only one of the eight children that was born in the hospital. My mother had gone back to Waltham just for me to be born, and then they came right back to Antrim.

When did your friendship with Charles Butterfield begin? (Ben’s best boyhood friend was Charles Butterfield, son of Vera and Byron Butterfield and brother of the late Izzy Butterfield Nichols. The Butterfield Farm is on Clinton Road.)

They were still operating the Center School. The next house above Bob Flanders’s was the schoolhouse. I think Charlie went there for his first and second grades, and then they closed it—I think it was in the third grade—and he came down to my school, grades one through twelve, in what is now the Schoolhouse Apartments on Main Street. We immediately hit it off. My father and Byron Butterfield, Charlie’s father, had become very close friends. The two of us had a wonderful time. I had started to go up to the Butterfield Farm before my father died. I remember the very first time. I suppose I was in the third grade which would have made me eight years old. My folks were away for a weekend, and they made arrangements for me to stay up at the farm with Charlie. From that point on, the two of us did all kinds of things together. And then, after my father died in the spring of 1942, I just was up there all the time.

The Caughey and Pratt partnership was dissolved in 1941, and my father took a job in the Bridge Division with the state Highway Department, and he was still employed there at the time he died.

I spoke with Charles Butterfield last week, and he told me that you and he spent a lot of time in the woods.

Yeah, we did. It was quite a Christmas when we both got axes. Back then, before the advent of chainsaws, for firewood people were still cutting cordwood with an axe. Bruce and Russ Cuddihy’s father—I mean the Cuddihy athletic prowess is legendary—held the local record for some incredible number of cords of wood cut with an axe and stacked in one day. Cordwood was typically stacked in one-cord units four feet by four feet by eight feet, with one piece on either end to hold it. I know that this was true—I forget the number of cords, but Bruce would know—but Byron told me about that, he only said “He was in awfully good cutting,” he didn’t have to go far for the trees. He thought it was an amazing feat.

Can you describe your relationship with Charlie’s father, Byron Butterfield?

Oh, anything of any significance that I’ve ever accomplished is due in large measure to my association with Byron Butterfield.

He must have been like a surrogate father to you.

He was. I’m not aware of my New Hampshire accent, unless I hear my own voice played back to me, and then I’m kind of appalled. But I am the only one in my family that speaks that way. I was nine years old when my father died. I had a very great sense of loss with my father dying, and Byron filled a very deep void. Everything, the way he spoke, the way he did things, I emulated him, and I assume that was—I don’t know whether you’d call it a conscious or an unconscious thing—but I think, without any question, he accounts for whatever accent that I have.

Charles Butterfield told me to ask you about the rabbitry?

Well, that was a business enterprise that we had when we were about twelve. There was a vacant chicken-house up at the Butterfield Farm, and we bought cages and we were trying to have a financially successful rabbit meat business. I don’t think we ever broke even, and our parents were our best customers. I can remember Mrs. William Hurlin bought some. We dressed them out, and while it wouldn’t be acceptable by today’s standards, at the time it was quite acceptable. We never got completely comfortable killing and dressing them. He’s dead now, but one of Ray Grant’s brothers lived on Concord Street, and he raised rabbits, mostly for himself, and he was very nice, and I went there and learned how to kill them and dress them off. That was a part of it we didn’t particularly enjoy, but obviously if you’re in the meat business you’ve got to do it.

Byron, Charlie’s father, had an unbelievable amount of patience with both of us because as boys we could screw up a free lunch! I remember when we were freshmen in high

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school around 1946, the town acquired what is now the Odd Fellows Hall on West Street, and that became the school shop. That was the first time the school had ever offered shop. They got an anvil, and the shop teacher wanted to get a large diameter boll of a tree to attach it to. So Charlie and I volunteered one of Byron's trees, and on a Saturday we announced to Byron that we had to cut down one of his hardwood trees for the shop. Byron sold lumber, so he didn't object. He never said anything, but I got the feeling it would have been good if we had checked with him before we volunteered his tree. So we set off with our axes and Byron's two-man crosscut saw and found a suitable tree. We had worked with Byron felling trees, so we knew the proper way to do it. We notched the tree and then started to cut it, but we had neglected to bring any wedges with us, so when we got probably two-thirds of the way through, the tree settled back and pinched the saw. So we just walked away and went back to the house. It was getting towards the end of the afternoon, and we were sick of working. I think Byron was upset that his saw was hung up there. We went back the following Saturday equipped with wedges and a sledgehammer and we got it freed up. When it was getting closer to when the tree was going to fall, we agreed one of us was going to grab the sledgehammer and the wedges, and the other one was going to grab the saw. Well, when the tree finally went, neither one of us grabbed anything, we both ran like hell! Well, the tree went down properly, just as it was supposed to, but as it went down it snapped right off at the butt and kicked up and came back down on the saw and bent one tooth. Those saws were made out of spring steel, and once you do something like that . . . so Byron was not pleased when we came back with the saw with the bent tooth. I can remember him working out there in his workshop attempting to repair it, and he was partially successful, but that tooth always stuck out. So forever after we were cutting too wide a kerf with the saw, and we used to complain, and I can remember Byron would just smile and say, "Make the best of it, boys, you're the ones who bent the saw!" We cut a lot of wood with it after that, but it was always hard. (Editor's note: a "kerf" is the width of cut made by a saw.)

Charles mentioned that you were boy scouts together.

Yes, it was during World War II, and they had a very active troop. We had a week up at the Antrim Boy Scout camp at the south end of Gregg Lake, the Byron W. Caughey Memorial Camp. G. H. gave that land—eight and a half acres—and I think Johnny Robertson, and I don't know who else, are trustees of the land which is held in trust for the use of Antrim scouts. (Here's some genealogy: G. H. Caughey and his wife Rachel Emily had five children: Byron, Winslow, Theodore, Robert, and Rachel Elizabeth ("Betty"). Rachel Elizabeth (Betty) Caughey Robertson was the mother of John Robertson and Liz Robertson. My sister Margaret Pratt who married Robert Caughey was the mother of Margaret Warner.) The camp was named for G. H.'s oldest son Byron Caughey who

Ben Pratt's contributions to the community include:

Assistant Scoutmaster	1960s
Precinct Commissioner	1965-1971
Library Trustee	1971-1974
Water and Sewer Commissioner	1981-1999
Board of Adjustment	1974-1977 & 2000-2004
Selectman	2004-2008
Maplewood Cemetery Trustee	1960s-Present
"Mathcounts" Project	State Coordinator
Grapevine Family/Community Ctr	Trustee
Monadnock Hospital Bed Program	Founder

died in 1925. The original lodge was very fine, but the only thing that remains is the chimney and stone fireplace which is still nice to look at. It had wood burning cookstove, and then there was also a bunkhouse built adjoining the lodge that wasn't as well constructed. Well, eventually I think the bunkhouse probably fell in. What they used to do, the scouts would go up every fall before snow and put cut saplings and prop them all through the bunkhouse so it would withstand the snow load. If you didn't do that, it would be crushed. Eventually they didn't do that. The main lodge required no such support, and eventually it was struck by lightning and burned. I think it was along in the 1950s. G. H. Caughey, Bob Caughey, Johnny Robertson, and a group of volunteers built a replacement building. (I guess I feel a little guilty because I wasn't involved though I should have been.) It wasn't quite as nice as the original, but it was serviceable. That lodge in turn was struck by lightning—some people thought it might have been deliberately set—but anyway that also burned after a few years.

After the original lodge was built it was used fairly intensively by both the boy scouts and the girl scouts. My mother was a girls scout leader, Miriam Roberts was a girl scout leader, and I think the camp was very active. And even when Charlie and I were in the scouts, I don't think the girl scouts were using it at that time, but the boy scouts certainly were.

Charles told me to ask you about Jerry the horse.

Byron got a horse during World War II and actually delivered milk with it. He delivered milk door to door with the horse instead of his truck as part of the war rationing. I don't think that went on very long, because delivering milk all over Antrim with a horse drawn vehicle was a very, very time consuming thing. He might have done that for a year, but I think the rationing laws were changed and he went back to delivering with a truck. But he kept the horse for many, many years. Byron never had a baler, so all the hay was always got in loose. The barn was set up in the old fashioned way where you cleaned out the manure behind the cows and it went down through a trap door and you'd shovel it onto a wagon in the summertime or a scoot in the wintertime and spread it on the fields. Charlie and I did a great deal of that, and for the most part we enjoyed doing it. We used to joke about it, and I can remember Byron saying about shoveling manure, "The work is dirty, but the money is clean!" ☘

Some of you may remember the quote that I included in the September 2006 article which I find fitting once again:

“Change means movement. Movement means friction. Only in the frictionless vacuum of a nonexistent abstract world can movement or change occur without that abrasive friction of conflict.” — Saul Alinsky

My decision to leave Antrim is bittersweet. The last three years have been filled with accomplishments as well as some trials and tribulations. Here are some of our accomplishments:

Installation of Project 54 to the cruisers. With the acquisition of free equipment from the State of NH, all the cruisers have been outfitted with up-to-date light bars, radios, radar units, and laptop computers. The cruisers have become fully voice automated, allowing officers to activate emergency lights and siren, switch radio channels, and activate the various modes on the radar units without taking their hands off of the steering wheel, increasing officer safety.

Addition of a 5th Full-Time Police Officer. Your positive Town Meeting vote in 2007 allowed for the addition of a full-time officer, bringing the number of officers to five. As a result, physical police coverage and services have been increased.

Vacation Property Checks. As a service to the community, we perform periodic security checks on residential dwellings when requested by homeowners who temporarily vacate their homes for holiday, employment assignment, or medical confinement. The House Check, when done randomly, acts as a deterrent to residential burglary, and in cases where a crime has been committed, serves to ensure that appropriate corrective action is taken and an investigation is conducted in a timely manner.

A Child Is Missing Program. The first several hours after a child or an elderly or disabled person is reported missing can be critical to the successful outcome of the case. ACIM is a valuable tool for law enforcement, supplementing a thorough search and/or investigation by police. ACIM will generate telephone calls to local residents and businesses after initiation by law enforcement, providing timely information to the public about the missing person.

Citizens Police Academy. The goal of the Citizen Police Academy (CPA) is to educate the citizens of Antrim about the operation of their police department while obtaining valuable feedback from the community. The Citizen Police Academy is not intended to serve as accredited law enforcement courses but merely to provide insight to the internal workings of the police department. So far there have been two very successful classes. A third is scheduled on July 24, 2008.

Neighborhood Watch Program. With the cooperation of residents and business owners, we have begun the “Neighborhood Watch” and the “Business Watch” programs. These are designed so that individuals and businesses can look out for one another and report suspicious activity to the police department. We encourage everyone to take an active role in assisting to keep the town a safe place to live and work.

Bicycle Patrol. As of spring 2008, we began a Bicycle Patrol for the downtown area. Officers patrolling on bikes are effective in crime prevention, crime detection, and enforcement of state law and local ordinances in neighborhoods, parks, and recreational areas. This program also contributes to our community relations and educational programs.

Partnering With Parents Program. In an effort to strengthen our connection and partnership with the town, we began a voluntary “Parental Notification Program” in which parents sign up to be automatically notified should their children come in contact with Antrim Police officers. After a parent signs up for this program, (forms are available on the website or at the police station), we attempt to notify the parent or guardian anytime a police officer contacts a child. Examples include a child being stopped while operating a vehicle, or as a passenger in a vehicle, or whenever a child is identified by police officers during routine patrols.

Records Management System. We introduced a method for making it easier, more efficient, and more accurate to track calls for service, and we have added or upgraded computers and printers to improve the printing of case files, case labels, criminal complaints, and juvenile petitions. This has all but replaced the typewriter, saving time and money. As a result of Project 54, we were able to install laptops in our cruisers thus adding our records management system in the vehicles. Officers are now able to run record checks and complete calls for service and reports directly from the car.

Accreditation Process. The policies and procedures of the Police Department have been significantly revamped to be in accordance with national accreditation standards. Antrim residents should feel comfortable knowing that officers perform their duties in a professional manner, using established policies and procedures as a guide in conducting business. Furthermore, we attempt to deal with problems in a consistent and professional way, thus reducing town liability.

Cruiser Cameras. As a result of a grant covering 50% of the cost, two state-of-the-art digital cruiser cameras have been purchased and are in the process of being installed. Mobile video will be used to support prosecution of offenders, to review officer performance, and to evaluate training concerns.

Thermal Imager. In 2006, as the result of a grant, the police department obtained an \$18,000 Thermal Imager free of charge. This is used to assist the police and fire departments in search and rescue efforts, house fires, and other emergencies.

Third Cruiser. As a result of your positive Town Meeting vote in 2007, we have obtained a third cruiser. This allows us to have two primary patrol cars thus minimizing the use of our 4-wheel drive vehicle. Also, now we can deal with the inevitable breakdown or maintenance of one vehicle without interrupting service to the town.

Regional Prosecutors Program. For more than two years, Antrim has had an attorney in charge of criminal prosecution and code enforcement, thus freeing up police officers for law enforcement. Antrim’s joining with Deering, Hillsboro,

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THE NINE: INSIDE THE SECRET WORLD OF THE SUPREME COURT

By Jeffrey Toobin
(Doubleday 350 Pages)

Reviewed by Missy Taylor

Six justices are lined up in reverse order of seniority on the steps of the Supreme Court, as tradition holds, the newest on the lowest step. Some are weeping openly, as the casket of the Chief Justice, who had served for 23 years, first as an Associate Justice, then as Chief for the past 14 years, is carried past them. One of the pallbearers, a former law clerk of the Chief, has just been nominated to be the next Chief Justice himself. Another vacancy has yet to be filled as one of the justices has regretfully submitted her resignation from a job she loves in order to spend time with her ailing husband, afflicted with Alzheimer's.

Two justices are not there. One, almost a recluse, has been hard to reach, having returned to his home state of New Hampshire, where he has no answering machine, no fax, no email, not even a television. The other is traveling in China, having been transformed by his years on the Court from a provincial attorney who still lived in the house in which he grew up in California, to a worldly explorer with a passion for international law.

The Court on which they serve is about to change in ways about which they can only speculate. The resignee, a Goldwater Republican, has become the swing vote on the Court, a moderate centrist whose vote is courted by the lawyers on both sides of the suits brought to the Court. Over time, though, she has grown disillusioned with the President, a man of her own beloved party, considering him to be "arrogant, lawless, incompetent and extreme." Yet the President's prerogative to choose a nominee reflective of his own views remains. One thing is sure: the new Chief Justice and the Associate Justice nominee to follow will forever change the Court and the jurisprudence of the country.

Sounds like a John Grisham novel, doesn't it? The opening pages of Jeffrey Toobin's captivating book dramatically set the scene for an absorbing examination of how the inner workings and culture of the Supreme Court, the personalities of the justices and their judicial philosophies, the composition of the Court and the shifting alliances that are formed, and the political climate of the country at large all interact to produce decisions that profoundly affect the lives of us all.

Many of us think of the Supreme Court as a monolithic institution where black robed judges, unelected and appointed for life, perch high upon their bench and solemnly ponder the facts of the cases before them, applying "the law" in an almost mechanistic fashion. As Toobin makes clear, however, the Court is a dynamic, loose-knit assembly of forceful, opinionated, often brilliant, and frequently vociferously argumentative individuals who come to the Court shaped by their own particular backgrounds, education, experience, and values. Toobin's portrait of each Justice, often filled with revealing anecdotes, makes for a lively and engaging narrative that leaves one quickly turning the pages and yearning for the sequel.

Toobin makes the point that with the nomination and confirmation of the new justices in 2005 and 2006, the shift in the Court has been a seismic one, fostered by growing

discontent within the conservative movement over the direction the Court took in the years of the Warren and then the Burger Court when many of the most important decisions in the last 60 years were made, such as *Brown v. Board of Education*, outlawing segregation in public education (1954), *Miranda v. Arizona*, giving us the Miranda warnings used upon arrest (1966) and of course, *Roe v. Wade*, the abortion rights decision (1973). As Ronald Reagan took office in the early eighties, young conservative legal scholars, disenchanted with what they perceived as the liberal orthodoxy of the country's leading law schools and heartened by Reagan's ascendancy, formed the Federalist Society, dedicated to formulating and advocating conservative legal ideas. They were determined to put their stamp on the Court where their ideas could have an impact lasting generations. Their first faculty advisor was a law professor at the University of Chicago named Antonin Scalia. Today, seven of nine of the current justices were appointed by Republican presidents. Four came up through this conservative movement: Chief Justice John Roberts, and Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Scalia.

Yet even this conservative bloc is hardly monolithic. Chief Justice Roberts tenure is too new to be fully examined in Toobin's book, but his discussion of the functioning of the court under former Chief Justice Rehnquist reveals the fissures and clashes that developed even among like-minded individuals. The personalities of the individual Justices have an undeniable impact upon the Court. When Scalia first came to the Court, many liberals feared that his keen and quick intellect, coupled with his undeniable wit and charm, would lead him to become the conservative William Brennan, one of the most influential justices ever to serve on the court (serving from 1956-1990). Brennan was renowned for his warm gregariousness, geniality and collegiality, enabling him to reach across ideological divides. Justice Scalia believes in "original intent," the theory that the intentions of the framers of the Constitution are the "sole legitimate premise from which constitutional analysis may proceed." This is in stark contrast to those who believe, as former Justice Brennan wrote, "the genius of the Constitution rests not in any static meaning it might have had in world that is dead and gone, but in the adaptability of its great principles to cope with current problems and current needs." For all his gifts, Scalia has thus

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JOHN TASKER'S GREATEST SALE

Barry Proctor

At the funeral of John Tasker, who for many years was proprietor of Tasker's Clothing Store in Hillsboro, I told these two stories with the blessing of the family. The stories are true and went like this:

John Tasker was the first boss I had when my stint in the Air Force finished. Also, my dad, Harold "Bub" Proctor, had worked for John during the Second World War. That was a time when clothes for the store were hard to come by and is the subject of my first story.

One day, John had gone to Boston on a buying trip and was lucky enough to obtain some Levi dungarees which he proudly displayed in his store window for \$1.79. The next day my father came into work and announced to John that Feldblum's Store across the street had them in their window for \$1.69. John became very agitated and told my father to mark his down to \$1.59. That was fine until my father came into work the next day and informed John that Feldblum's had now marked his down to \$1.49. John was beside himself and quickly ordered my father

to mark his down again to \$1.39. Guess what, the next day my father announced to John that Feldblum was now at \$1.29. John almost lost it as he stomped around the floor, chewing on his cigar and breathing heavily. Then he went to the cash register and took out all the bills that were in there and handed the money to my father and told him to go to Feldblum's and buy them all because that was a better price than he could buy them in Boston. The next day they were back in Tasker's window at \$1.79.

The other story happened one day in the store when John was feeling expansive and telling us tales of days gone by. It seems that one of John's best customers was the local undertaker, Phil Woodbury Sr. Phil would often come into the store and buy certain apparel for funerals of the deceased. One day Phil entered the store and announced that he needed a suit for a corpse. John found the only one of the right size and ended up selling Phil a suit WITH TWO PAIR OF PANTS.

Phil Woodbury Jr. happened to be officiating at John's funeral, and after the service he snuck over to me and said, "Yes, and I'm still wearing the other pair." ☿

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Bennington, and most recently New Ipswich, for criminal prosecution and code-enforcement has enabled us to have a bar-certified attorney prosecuting cases. Preparing legal cases and engaging in court trials is more suited to lawyers than police officers. This program allows officers to spend more time doing traditional police work.

Antrim Police Association. Beginning in 2007, the Police Association:

- Hosted Community Supper

- Hosted Home and Harvest Bravest vs. Finest Softball Game

- Donated food baskets during the holidays

- Annual "Buster Brooks" 5k Turkey Trot (planned in 2008)

- Made numerous contributions to local charities

Less-Lethal Force Options: Taser. In December 2005 Antrim received a grant for almost \$7,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the purchase of Tasers. Although Tasers are controversial, they are very effective in reducing serious injury and death to both police officers and people being arrested. Antrim police officers have used the Taser a total of six times, the last instance on December 7, 2006.

Memorial Recognition. In 2006, we received a \$200 grant from the "Officer Down Memorial Page" to purchase a memorial plaque recognizing former Antrim Police Chief Ralph C. "Buster" Brooks who died in the line of duty on June 18, 1991. This plaque can be viewed in the lobby of the police station and on the web site.

Our progress these past three years has been a joint effort by the town administration, the Police Department, and, most important, by the Antrim citizens who voted for many of these changes. Those of us in law enforcement tend to become pessimistic from time to time, dealing as we do with the negative aspects of human behavior. As the new Police Chief, it fell to me to make the sometime thorny transition to a new depart-

ment. Change frequently causes tension and conflict between the old order and the new. It is this conflict and the occasional negative emotions caused by change that get the most loudly expressed by some residents. In retrospect, however, it is clear to me and to the other officers, that those feelings and comments are representative of only a small fraction of Antrim people. It has been the quiet, steady, and growing support of the majority of Antrim's residents that has enabled us to make this tremendous progress. We are grateful for this support.

At this writing, selection of the next police chief remains open. There is no doubt that some people have strong opinions about what the outcome should be. I and the town administration welcome those opinions. As the search for a new chief unfolds, I urge you to consider foremost *what is in the best interest of the Town of Antrim*. As most of you know, when I joined the Department three years ago, Antrim had lost most of its officers and needed to be rebuilt. This was a difficult task, one that I hope Antrim never has to repeat. But it was also a terrific opportunity to bring to Antrim some of the most professional, dedicated and talented individuals I have ever had the pleasure to work with. Our current roster of officers is highly qualified, possessed of the highest integrity, and dedicated to serving Antrim. As the town continues to grow and prosper over the coming years, I urge you to continue to build on the significant foundation that we have laid and to continue your support for these men, and we hope someday women, who dedicate their lives of public service.

My decision to leave Antrim was an unanticipated and difficult decision to make. This is a wonderful town, filled with people of good will and great ability. I have learned a tremendous amount here and will always have a very special place in my heart for Antrim. I appreciate all those who supported not only the Police Department, but me as well. Heartfelt thanks! ☿

BETTY AVERY: A CITIZEN OF THE WORLD

Janet MacLachlan

Betty Avery has been popping up in my life in Antrim for many years. She was my instructor when I took the Strong Living exercise courses a few years ago. Before that I knew her through the Woman's Club, and at one of our meetings she was the featured speaker, talking and showing wonderful slides of a trip she had recently made to Turkey. During political campaigns she can always be found holding a sign outside a polling place in all kinds of weather, or participating in peaceful demonstrations. I had never been fortunate enough to really sit down and talk with Betty for any length of time, although I was sure she would be an interesting person to know.

Fortunately, my editor thought so too, and off I went to meet with her. She lives on Liberty Farm Road with her son David and daughter-in-law Renee Blinn, and she was at home recovering from foot surgery when I knocked on her door.

Her greeting introduced me to a Turkish custom. She sprinkled a few drops of cologne on my palms and said to rub them together and then pass my hands over my head and clothes. This was a common practice in Turkey.

We sat down for tea but instead of pouring it into china teacups, she poured it into drinking glasses which she then set in very old copper holders which she said were antiques from the Ottoman empire in the 1800's. I began to feel as though I were in another culture as we sipped our tea and talked about her life.

Betty was born in Michigan 87 years ago, and when she grew up she attended Michigan State University. After graduation she went with the YMCA/YWCA program and was located in New York City where she did social work with young people in some of the city's poorest sections. After a few years she was accepted at Hartford Seminary in Connecticut where she studied sociology and religious education and

acquired her masters degree and a husband whom she met there. Betty and Robert Avery were married and accepted a call to work in a church school in Turkey, and that began a life-long connection with a country which they came to know and love. They lived on the grounds of the school for boys of middle and high school age. Over the years Betty had 5 children of her own, three boys and two girls. One of the girls, Dorothy, is married to a Turkish man and continues to live in that country so Betty returns from time to time to visit her.

In 1979 her husband Robert died and Betty returned to the United States with her children, but in 1981 she was back in Turkey again working with the YMCA. In 1989 Betty came to settle down in Antrim with her son David, and she has involved herself working in the elementary school library and volunteering in the Antrim kindergarten doing progress testing. The Grapevine has been another organization benefiting from her presence. She and Martha Martin lead a group of seniors in the Strong Living Exercise Program there twice a week. I think that is what has kept Betty so lively and active in spite of being in her eighties.

Son David and Renee are following in Betty's footsteps in moving to a far country, Niger, where they will do good work. Therefore, it has become necessary for Betty to move on to live with son Richard, his wife, and her grandsons in Blue Hill, Maine. Before she departs Antrim, though, she has plans to attend a summer gathering in Chautauqua, NY with old friends from her days in Turkey who now live in various parts of the country. Betty doesn't let her age or distance keep her from traveling to be with friends and family wherever they may be. She has a wonderful enthusiasm and zest for life, and you feel it when you talk with her and see it in her sparkling eyes.

Like the little energizer bunny, Betty just keeps going and going. ☘

NEW HEADMASTER AT MAHARISHI ACADEMY

Agricola

Alan Colby will arrive in mid June as the new Headmaster of Antrim's Maharishi Academy of Total Knowledge. In an exclusive telephone interview with Colby in Fairfield, Iowa, the *Limrik* learned that he has been with Maharishi School of the Age of Enlightenment there for twenty-two years, six years as a teacher, and sixteen as principal. He explained that the pre-school through twelfth grade Maharishi School, which is fully accredited by both the State of Iowa and the Independent School Association, is very successful, as its website suggests: "Our Upper School grades consistently score in the top one percent of the nation on standardized tests. Over the past seven years the School has had over ten times the national average of National Merit Scholar finalists, and more than 95% of our graduates have been accepted to four-year colleges and universities." He hopes to bring this sort of accomplishment to Antrim. Raised in Amherst, Massachusetts, where his father was a professor at the University of Massachusetts, Colby became an Eagle Scout while in high school, received a BA from Colby College in Maine, and an MA from Boston University. He and his wife Martha look forward to living in Antrim where they will work to foster interaction between the Academy and members of our community. The *Limrik* welcomes Alan and Martha Colby. ☘



ANTRIM'S ENERGY COMMITTEE

Cutting Town's Energy Usage

Sandy Snow

Antrim's Energy Committee has been active for only a few months, yet it is making strides in dealing with the impact of global warming and keeping energy costs under control. The committee is performing an energy audit of all town buildings to determine how the town can become more energy efficient. In addition, the town has joined the "Cool Monadnock" three-year collaborative project for thirty-six Southwest regional communities. Antioch New England Institute and Clean Air-Cool Planet will provide training, coordination and technical assistance to the region's towns and cities. Cool Monadnock's first goal is to "quickly accomplish a 10% reduction in green house gases." To see what Antrim is doing now and in the future, periodically visit www.coolmonadnock.org.

CFLS FOR FREE (ALMOST)

The Energy Committee also has created a program to provide Antrim residents with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) for free, or at a very nominal cost. See Peter Moore's article for details.

Why swap out your incandescent bulbs for CFLs? First of all, you'll use less electricity. A 13-15 watt CFL produces the

same light as a 60 watt incandescent bulb. An 18-25 watt CFL equals the light of a 75 watt incandescent bulb. A CFL lasts about 8,000 hours compared to 800 for an incandescent bulb. CFLs must be disposed of properly because each contains a small amount of mercury. Old bulbs can be taken to Edmunds Hardware which will recycle the bulbs. Do not dispose of them at Antrim's recycling center. For information on what to do if you break a CFL, go to coolmonadnock.org.

TREEHUGGER.COM

An innovative and sometimes off-the-wall web site, www.treehugger.com contains a wealth of information on how to save energy and the planet. It has hundreds of articles on everything from saving energy at home and work to such things as how to green you wardrobe and how to green your furniture.

Brighten-Up: Save Money and Electricity

Peter Moore

Here is an opportunity for residents of Antrim to obtain for FREE, or almost FREE, up to 10 Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL), and at the same time help themselves save money on their electricity bills.

The Antrim Energy Conservation Committee, in cooperation with Public Service company of New Hampshire (PSNH), and Energy Federation Incorporated (EFI), will be at the Antrim Transfer Station (ARTS) on Saturday, June 21st from 9 am to 1 pm, to provide any interested, and energy conservation-minded residents with a selection of CFL's ranging from 15 watt "twister" lights to the more sophisticated 33 watt 3-way spiral lights, and several models in between.

At this event, residents will be able to acquire these CFL lights, and receive a \$2.00 rebate for them on the spot. Some of the lights, for instance the 15 and 20 watt "twisters" which can be used in almost any residential light fixture, have an initial cost of \$2.00, so with the instant rebate they will be FREE. Others, such as the brighter 25 watt at \$2.50 each, or the 33 watt 3-way "spiral" at \$6.25 each, will cost just \$.50 or \$4.25 with the instant \$2.00 rebate coupon supplied by PSNH in partnership with EFI. There will be a 10 CFL limit per interested participant, while supplies last.

So come join us in the "First Day of Summer" Saturday, June 21st. Bring along your old, weary and energy consumptive incandescent bulbs to "transfer," and brighten-up your future with the new CFLs we are offering. ☿

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ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Missy Taylor

We hope many of you will join us on the Fourth of July when the Declaration of Independence will be read by Dean Proctor and Bill Nichols at the Bandstand. This is a wonderful annual tradition, now in its 15th year. Come join your friends and neighbors for coffee and homemade donuts and sweet rolls on Friday, July 4th from 9 am to 11 am as we celebrate the birth of our nation.

On Sunday, August 17, the Society will present a very special program on the Dunlap Cabinetmakers. The Dunlaps began making fine furniture in the mid-1700s, producing many beautiful pieces of furniture in a variety of styles, all very individualistic. Their distinctive tables, chests, chairs, and clockcases have their origins in the traditions that the Scots-Irish brought to the New World. Two of the more famous members of the family are Lieutenant Samuel Dunlap (1752-1830), known for excellent maple furniture, and Major John Dunlap (1784-1869). Egg and dart molding is characteristic of many pieces attributed to the Dunlaps, as well as combinations of scrolls, open interlaced pediments, and carved intaglio fans. Daniel Dunlap continued the family woodworking tradition when he moved to Antrim in 1812.

Most Dunlap works are now in museums, including The Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, where they are studied by scholars. Today, Donald Dunlap carries on the tradition of six generations of his ancestors in Marlow, while his nephew, Roger, who trained and worked side by side with Donald for several years, now has his own wood shop in Antrim. The Dunlaps have generously offered to host the Historical Society at the Dunlaps in Marlow. Because space is limited, we ask that all interested in attending contact either Thelma Nichols at 588-6766 or Missy Taylor at 588-7146. We shall carpool and use the Community Bus for the trip to and from Marlow.

Finally, we're getting ready for Home and Harvest Days in September, about which more will be in the September issue of the Limrik. Save the date of Saturday, September 20 when the Historical Society will again be selling homemade apple crisp with ice cream, as well as our note cards, tote bags, and historical publications. Our apple crisp was a huge hit last year—we sold out early in the afternoon—so make sure to get yours early.

We have been thrilled this year with the response to our membership drive, which has more than tripled the number of members who now belong to the Society. We thank everyone for the terrific response and for your generous donations as well. If you haven't yet joined and you are interested in Antrim's past and preserving its present, please contact Ron Haggett, Treasurer, at 588-6715 or Diane Chauncey, Membership Chair, at 588-6785, Ext. 228. Dues are a very reasonable \$10 a year.

As the Library nears the completion of its expansion and renovation, we hope to soon move back into our quarters on the second floor and to once again display some of our many

PRINCIPAL MUSINGS

Debbie Lesure, Principal, Antrim Elementary School

As I sit down to write this, I am acutely aware this will be my last musings for Antrim. With the elimination of the position of Principal at Antrim Elementary School and the creation of the AES/GBS campus plan, much will change. I do not see myself in this new campus model and it is time for me to move into a new role. I have taken a position as Principal at the East Montpelier Elementary School in Vermont, effective July 1st.

Reflecting back on my four years as principal, our school has made significant changes in the school culture and instructional practice. It is such a positive place for children to learn and teachers to work. Family involvement is strong. It is my hope that, as the campus plan is implemented, the best of each school will flourish. Our strong, caring, and capable teachers will continue to keep the needs of each child forefront in their day-to-day planning. Community response will be essential to help this model be the best it can be for our students.

I am proud to have impacted the children, staff, and families of Antrim Elementary School in such a positive way. Thank you one and all for your support. I am honored to have served such a wonderful community! ☘

Letter to the Limrik

Feb. 22, 2008

To the Limrik Staff

As a former resident and a 1957 graduate of AHS, I read your December issue from cover to cover and was delighted to recognize names and places. Of particular interest was the article "Antrim's Rural Character." I understand the quandary, "how does the town grow and still maintain its rural character?" Progress is not always pretty. Personally, I hope that Antrim continues as the small town that remains close to my heart.

Enclosed is a check for a subscription to your excellent journal. I look forward to your next issue.

Patricia (Turner) La Montagne King

treasures. Please watch for Historical Society news and program announcements in the newspapers and on the town's website at www.antrim.nh.org. Historical Society programs are usually presented on the third Sunday of every month at the Presbyterian Church at 3 pm.

The Antrim Historical Society is dedicated to the preservation and understanding of Antrim's heritage. The Society depends on member dues and donations for its operating support. All of the Society's programs and meetings are open to the public without charge. ☘

WINDS OF CHANGE

Peter Gagne

In February the winds of winter brought reminders of how cold this all-white world had become. The wind felt like paper cuts and burned my cheeks. It snapped the freezing air around like a bullwhip, making me hesitate to go outside. The winds of winter are the invisible devil of cold hell. They makes trees shudder, snapping limbs like dry spaghetti. Animals huddle in agonizing pain, praying, I like to think, to whatever gods we humans do for the blast of winter winds to lessen. This wind can take a twenty degree, sun-filled winter day, one that I might enjoy, and turn it into a day where the only part of the sun I welcome will come from standing in front of a window wishing the wind would soon bring on the spring. The winds of winter remind even hearty outdoorsmen and women that cold, driven by wind, reduces even the toughest individual to whining and cursing. They reduce me to hugging my woodstove, and I start to understand why so many older folks take to the south.

Then, one day in April, the wind slacks off a bit, and as it sways the trees, yes sir, it brings the long awaited smell of spring. Those of us who love the spring can actually smell melting snow in the breeze mixed with the aroma of emerging grass, old leaves, and fresh dirt. After a long winter, the smell of spring is upstaged only by birds singing their way north. Their song is brought by a light breeze, the daughter of the wind, which like the beauty of women, is soft and gentle and has a wondrous smell of clean. The spring breeze is new life for everything that survived the winter winds. It is calming. The winds and those slow grass-dancing whispers of a spring breeze partner up with the sun and move in and around the snow, pushing it away and driving it out and towards its new home in streams and rivers, exposing the hidden colors of the earth. The winds of spring are welcome, and the soft breeze that follows makes me smile and yearn to touch soil, rake leaves, and watch the first flowers appear.

Summer slides in behind this breeze and with it the winds and breeze seem to go on vacation. I wish their time off was during the winter months when they are less appreciated than in July and August when the air hangs on you like a damp

shirt and you gasp for some clean refreshing air. Then even the shade offers little solace, for in the shade, eagerly waiting, are the mosquitoes and black flies that love the calm air. Like fighter jets, they attack viciously in endless numbers. If you, like me, love as much time outside as you can possibly get, well, you put up with this. But, I must say, I am happy when a good breeze picks up, or even better, a rare summer wind, that blows those irritating, biting demons away. As I watch them struggle to get back at my picnic-like flesh, I laugh and am off to do some weeding or other chores while the wind blows. But I know when it stops, the bugs will once again feast and my laughter will turn to swearing and scratching. Yes sir, I wish the winds would work all summer long and take winter off.

September, which rolls in on a quiet whisper of half wind and half breeze, is a beautiful month. Gardens are at their peak, colors explode with endless flowers, and change is in the air. September is when I notice more than any other time of the year what a wind or breeze brings me. I love seeing a crimson maple leaf floating in the air, whirlwinding around in semicircles, and hanging like a parachute not quite open. Even at my age, I never miss a chance to chase a colored leaf as it outruns me on the tail end of the first fall wind. I love fall winds and breezes, the cleanest-smelling air of the year. Then comes that first cool night when I find myself looking for a sweatshirt or sweater. When a breeze brings that cool in, I take a deep breath and feel refreshed.

October blows in, bringing maybe twice during the month a theatrical performance that never fails to overwhelm me with its power and beauty. The wind picks up from the ground to the sky, strong and circling, attacking the trees, bending them to odd angles, stripping them of thousands of leaves, sending the leaves cascading and filling the air. It is so beautiful to see this, walking on a dirt road or paddling a canoe or kayak. Leaves fly in every direction and colors fill the sky for just a few brief minutes before they settle and cover the grass and clover and garden. The colors have gone from the trees to the ground. Where they wait for the white of snow. Where I will once again stand in front of sunny winter windows asking the wind and snow to take it easy this winter. Where I look forward to the winds of change. ☘



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TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

Kathryn Chisholm, Melissa Lawless, Kristin Readell

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Friday	June 27th	Storytime 10am-11am
Friday	July 11th	Storytime 10am-11am
Friday	July 18th	Storytime 10am-11am
Saturday	July 26th	Summer Reading Program Party 10am-11:30am
Saturday	Aug 16	Centennial & Dedication

CREATIVE ARTS CHALLENGE

The Tuttle Library's new Children's Room welcomed over 15 school-aged artists who submitted creative pieces. Mediums represented included fiber arts (weaving, knitting), crayon, pastel, watercolor marker and colored pencil. We also enjoyed a photo CD of the Antrim Player's Children's production of Perseus and Medusa. Our artist's were especially thrilled to see comments from friends, family, and teachers. All the artists received goody bags filled with inspiring ingredients for their next project.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

We invite your child to participate in the Tuttle Library's 2008 Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "G'Day for Reading." Focus will be placed on Australian authors such as Mem Fox, as well as Australian animals and cultures. This annual program is designed to encourage reading for pleasure in a relaxed environment, far from the pressures of the classroom. Outside of the basic reading program itself, some of the special activities planned at the library include "Storytime" with special guests, collectible patches, guessing jars, take-home crafts and activities. We will finish with a party. Here is a chance to have your kids explore Australia! So...get your kangaroos and didgeridoos and get down under at the James A. Tuttle Library. We're sure to have a ripper of a time.

BUILDING UPDATE

We are so excited about the prospect of having a climate-controlled library for the hot summer months. Look forward to reading local newspapers and surfing the Internet (on your laptop, with our wireless access) in our newly renovated building. When the weather forecaster urges seniors to go to their Public Library for relief from the heat, there will actually be a cool place to go.

Young adults will be spending time this summer in their very own space that several helped us design. The staff and teen patrons are looking forward to having all the books from the Young Adult section reunited in one place. We are still collecting names for that area before a final selection is made, so if you have a suggestion or two don't hesitate to tell us.

COOPERATION WITH ANTRIM REC DEPARTMENT

The Tuttle Library is making plans with the Antrim Rec Department to coordinate rides on the Community Bus to see various movies playing at the Peterborough Community

Theater with screenplays that have been created from books, as well as trips to author museums. We plan to have book and media displays prior to the events. Look for postings on the town website and printed notices at the library for these trips.

LARGE PRINT COLLECTION

Our collection of large-type books has been expanding with generous donations from the New Hampshire State Library's Services to Persons with Disabilities. The State Library has been rethinking how to provide services and is now offering local libraries the opportunity to own their large print books for patrons. Fortunately, we now have plenty of shelf space to accommodate these needed additions. We have been requesting books in various genres to appeal to the many new readers of large print books. Please stop in to browse our shelves.

AUTHOR FOCUS

Archer Mayor is the author of the Joe Gunther detective series, very popular among readers in the Monadnock region. A graduate of Yale University, Mayor lives in Newfane, Vermont, just northwest of Brattleboro. Before turning to writing popular fiction, he held jobs in the US and France as an editor, a researcher for Time Life Books, as well as photographer and journalist. Archer Mayor's first novel, *Open Season*, was published in 1988 and was the first of his Joe Gunther mystery series. Since then he has published a new novel every year, typically in the fall. Mayor devotes much of his time researching his novels in addition to working as a death investigator for the Vermont State Medical Examiner's office and as a deputy for the Windham County Sheriff's Department. He also volunteers for his local Fire Department and EMT squad. When Archer Mayor publishes a new book, his fans eagerly place their names on the reserve list. The library owns fifteen Archer Mayor books.

NEW BOOKS

Fiction: (authors) Susan Wittig Albert, Jeffrey Archer, David Baldacci, Nevada Barr, Stephanie Barron, Geraldine Brooks, Jennifer Chiaverini, Mary Higgins Clark, Jude Deveraux, Linda Fairstein, Joanne Fluke, Sue Henry, Alice Hoffman, Iris Johansen, Jonathan Kellerman, Alexander McCall Smith, Debbie Macomber, James Patterson, Anne Perry, Thomas Perry, Jodi Picoult, Amanda Quick, Karen Robards, Dana Stabenow, Danielle Steel, Stuart Woods.

Non-Fiction: (titles) *Flags of Our Fathers*; *The Longevity Revolution*; *The Animal Dialogues*; *The Bin Ladens*; *Gaia's Garden*; *Madness*; *Last Child in the Woods*; *Bringing Down the House*; *Murder of a Medici Princess*; *Human Smoke*; *The Spectrum*; *The Last Lecture*; *In Defense of Food*; *Ladies of Liberty*; *You: Staying Young*; *Beautiful Boy*; *The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher...*; *Mistaken Identity*.

Coming soon: Patricia Cornwell, Jeffrey Deaver, Janet Evanovich, W.E.B. Griffin, Laurell Hamilton, Dean Koontz, Donna Leon, Steve Martini, James Patterson, Douglas Preston (non-fiction), Jeff Shaara, Danielle Steel. ☞

GREAT BROOK SCHOOL

Terri Sittig, Special Education Teacher

GREAT BROOK'S LITERACY INITIATIVE

Teaching children to read is a school's single most important work. That is because learning to read opens up imaginative worlds to children. It offers them concepts for naming and understanding experiences, helps them learn many subjects, boosts their powers of reflection—and, in short, makes them smarter.

Dr. Keith Stanovich, leading reading researcher and Canada Research Chair of Applied Cognitive Science, University of Toronto.

This quotation reflects the passion that initiated Great Brook's Literacy program. For many at Great Brook, teaching reading is our school's most important work. The program's original goal was to better meet the reading needs of all students. Test scores indicated that we have struggling readers. But something else was occurring in classrooms, something subtle and inauspicious. Teachers noticed that students were reading less and less. When asked to read, often students avoided the task. What was even more concerning was that this reluctance appeared to affect all levels of readers, not just those who were struggling.

With the direction and support of Principal Gib West, every teacher agreed to teach a literacy group. We supported teachers by offering on-going staff development throughout the year. Students were placed in small groups based on their reading abilities making it possible to offer appropriate instruction and reading materials to each student. Teachers spent time in the beginning of the school year getting to know their students, and based on their interests, students were given choices as to what they wanted to read. Everyone was enthusiastic about the program, and that eagerness continued throughout the year. Staff and students were talking about literacy and what they were doing in their groups.

What has our literacy program accomplished? What goals were met? What, if any, imaginative worlds were opened to children? The answers to those questions depend on whom you ask. If you ask administrators, you might hear them say the program was successful because test scores in reading have improved. If you ask teachers, you might hear them say that their literacy class is their favorite class. If you listen very carefully, you might hear students discussing their favorite books.

On reflection, Great Brook's Literacy program has been a success. It accomplished one of the most important goals of teaching reading. Students learned that reading can be enjoyable and fun. We know that the students' imaginative worlds were opened wide this year at Great Brook School.

STUDENT REFLECTIONS

"The difference between literacy and other classes is that in literacy you are given specific time to read a book of your own choosing, not just a book or excerpt picked by the teacher."
— Owen H

"The literacy program, though not exactly welcomed by students of GBS, has in fact made a difference in test scores and understanding of the subject. I'm not really sure how big that difference is, but my own skills in response to and taking information from an excerpt have improved much over the school year."
— Gwyn W

"Literacy is really different from other classes because you don't really ever have time to talk or anything . . . I have been in two literacy classes because my reading scores went up, so I moved up to the next literacy level, and they are really different."
— Claire C

"In the beginning of the year, I didn't read much outside of class, but now I read almost every night. I don't think I like reading more than I did, but I like the books I'm reading more."
— Katherine B

ANTRIM'S LEE CORIGLIANO

Agricola

Antrim 2007 Conval graduate Lee Corigliano, who was a recipient of a grant from the ConVal Community Scholarship Foundation, is enjoying a successful program in auto mechanics at the Porter and Chester Institute of Automotive Technology in Chicopee, Massachusetts. In a telephone conversation in May, Lee told the *Limrik* he is receiving excellent grades and has a job waiting for him as a mechanic in a Hillsborough garage when he graduates in October. Lee is one of four 2007 Conval graduates to win a Community Scholarship Foundation award. His grant was awarded as the CVCSF-Peterborough Lions Scholarship to which the Lions Club made a major financial contribution. ☞



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CALENDAR

JUNE

- 4 **Antrim Grange Business Meeting • 7:30 PM •** Antrim Grange Hall
- 7 **Revival Shop Plant Sale & Swap •** at Presbyterian Church
- 12 **Community Art Show • 4–8:00 PM •** at Antrim Grange Hall
- 13 **Community Art Show Evening Gala • 7–9:00 PM •** at Antrim Grange Hall
- 14 **Community Art Show • 10:00 AM–3:00 PM •** at Antrim Grange Hall
- 15 **Community Art Show • 12 NOON–4:00 PM •** at Antrim Grange Hall
- 18 **Antrim Grange Meeting & Program • 7:30 PM •** Antrim Grange Hall
- 21 **CFL (Compact Fluorescent Light) Bulbs Sale • 9:00 AM–1:00 PM •** sponsored by the Antrim Energy Conservation Committee at the ARTS Center
- 21 **Rec Dept Hike • 9:30 AM •** meet at Gregg Lake Beach
- 23 **Tennis Clinic • 1:30–3:00 pm •** Memorial Park Tennis Courts • sponsored by the Rec Dept
- 25 **Friendly Farm • 9:00 am •** meet at the Farm in Dublin • sponsored by The Grapevine
- 26-27 **Tie-Dying Workshop •** Rec Dept
- 27 **Summer Reading Program StoryTime • 10 AM •** at the Tuttle Library
- 28 **Church Mouse Rummage Sale •** at Presbyterian Church



JULY

- 1 **Rec Dept Bus Trip** to Brookdale Fruit Farm—cherry picking • 8:00 AM
- 4 **Historical Society 4th of July Celebration • 9:00–11:00 AM •** Bandstand at Memorial Park
Declaration of Independence read by Dean Proctor and Bill Nichols
Coffee and Donuts & Sweet Rolls
- 7-11 **Summer Games Camp • 8:30 AM–3:30 PM •** Rec Dept
- 7-18 **Swimming Lessons Session I • Mon, Wed and Thurs •** at Gregg Lake
- 9 **Family Friendly Field Trip • 9:00 AM •** Edes Forest, Bennington • sponsored by The Grapevine
- 11 **Summer Reading Program StoryTime • 10 AM •** at the Tuttle Library
- 14-18 **Outdoor Adventure Camp • 8:30 AM–3:30 PM •** Rec Dept
- 14-18 **Girls Soccer Clinic • 9:00 AM–12 NOON •** Shea Field
- 17 **Rec Dept Bus Trip** Monadnock Music Free Concert • 6:00 PM
- 18 **Summer Reading Program StoryTime • 10 AM •** at the Tuttle Library
- 19 **Rec Dept Bus Trip** Independence Museum & Festival, Exeter, NH • 8:30 AM
- 19 **Family Friendly Field Trip • 9:00 AM •** Memorial Park, Antrim • sponsored by The Grapevine
- 19 **Weed Watcher Training • 9:00 AM •** Rec Dept at Gregg Lake
- 21-25 **Antrim's Got Talent Camp • 8:30 AM–3:30 PM •** Rec Dept
- 23 **Family Friendly Field Trip • 9:00 AM •** Woodland Hike, Franconia • sponsored by The Grapevine
- 26 **Summer Reading Program Party • 10 AM •** at the Tuttle Library
- 27 **Rec Dept Bus Trip** Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site & Concert • 12:00 NOON
- 28 thru Aug 1 • **Ketchums Kickers Soccer Camp • 8:30 AM–12 NOON •** Shea Field
- 28 thru Aug 1 • **Afternoons in our Town Camp • 12 NOON–4:00 PM •** Rec Dept
- 28 thru Aug 8 • **Swimming Lessons Session II • Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs •** at Gregg Lake

AUGUST

- 4-8 **NH Bombers Basketball Camp (grades 4–10) • 9:00 AM–4:00 PM •** Shea Field
- 4-8 **NH Bombers Basketball Camp (grades 1–5) • 9:00 AM–4:00 PM •** Shea Field
- 6 **Family Friendly Field Trip • 9:00 AM •** Norway Pond, Hancock • sponsored by The Grapevine
- 11-14 **Afternoon Arts in Paradise Camp • 12:30 PM–4:00 PM •** Rec Dept
- 16 **Centennial Celebration & Dedication •** at the Tuttle Library
- 16 **Rec Dept Bus Trip** Peterborough Players • evening (time TBA)
- 17 **Historical Society Program at the Donald Dunlap Wood Working Shop**
Call 588-6766 or 588-7146 in advance as space is limited
- 20 **Anniversary Celebration & Potluck Supper & Program • 6:00 PM •** Antrim Grange Hall



PAIN IN THE REAR

Tom Dowling, Veterinarian

Some people call it “sleigh-riding,” some “scooting,” and others “the old butt dance.” These are all common descriptions for what our canine companions would refer to as a pain in the “you know where.”

Although in polite society discussion of perianal or rectal problems may be considered taboo, the distress experienced by our pets is definitely important to them. A very common source of rear-end discomfort in dogs is impacted perianal gland sacs, or “sacculitis.” These glands are similar to skunks’ and are often referred to as scent glands. Anal gland secretions are stored in these sacs and come out through a small duct opening to the outside. This normally occurs every time the dog has a bowel movement. This is one of the ways of identifying their territory by leaving their canine calling card.

Sometimes the ducts that release the secretions get plugged. When this happens, the secretions begin to build up in the sacs with a gradual increase in pressure resulting in pain or discomfort, sometimes causing infection or abscess. Occasionally this can result in a fistula, or hole in the skin, which blows out from inside the sac where everything is festering.

Your veterinarian should be checking your dog’s anal glands with every physical exam, but especially if the pet is showing signs of discomfort. Anal gland problems can occur in any type of dog, but seem to happen more frequently in small breeds, particularly if they are overweight. A common cause of perianal irritation is parasites, particularly tapeworms which belong to the cestode family. These worms reside in the intestine for the duration of their infestation in the host, unlike the nematode parasites such as roundworms and hookworms, which take a tour through the body as they migrate through different organs and tissues. Owners can observe tapeworm segments as they exit the host’s body. What is seen are small, flat, off-white colored bodies about 3/8-1/2 inch long. Some people say they look like rice, or pieces of linguini. The segments can be found stuck to the outside of a fecal dropping or on the skin and hair around the anal opening, or on bedding (wherever your pet sleeps!). Tapeworms are passed by fleas, their temporary hosts. The flea larvae eat the immature stage of the tapeworm which then develops inside the flea. Fido bites at his fleas and swallows a few, and the worm is home!

Cats are also frequently found to have tapeworms. Even humans, particularly small children, can get tapeworms by accidentally swallowing a tapeworm infested flea. Regular checkups, annual stool specimen tests, and parasite control will all help keep your pets healthy and happy. If you find your pet having difficulty with its hind end, we can help him at Great Brook Vet Clinic. There’s no “butts” about it! ☘

ANTRIM PLAYERS CHILDREN’S THEATRE

A SUCCESS

Erika Cutter

Another year of children’s theatre has come and gone successfully for the Antrim Players. As a newcomer to the Antrim Players family, I was introduced to a wonderful community filled with many theatrically talented children and an outpouring of parent support. Over seventy area children, grades 3 through 8, worked very hard in performing two wonderful sold-out shows.

Maryanne Cullinan directed her original *Yo-Ho, Yo-Ho, A Pirate’s Life for Me*. Her group of actors and actresses, grades 3 through 8 wowed the audience with a wonderful pirate’s adventure filled with singing, dancing, and many laughs.

I had the pleasure of working with grades 3 through 5 on the classic Greek myth, *Perseus and Medusa*. The children’s energy and enthusiasm produced an amazing play including daring quests, frightening monsters, mystical creatures, and the Greek Gods. Both productions gave matinee performances to the students of Antrim Elementary School.

Maryanne and I and the Antrim Player’s Board of Directors thank everyone who helped make this year’s combined productions a success. It would not have been possible without all of the volunteer hours that went into building and painting sets, constructing and finding props, designing and making costumes, preparing for show night, selling tickets, running lighting and music equipment, and generally creating a children’s show. And congratulations to all of the actors and actresses for great performances! I look forward to seeing what Antrim Players has in store for next year; I am sure it will be extraordinary! ☘

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Sergeant Timothy Richardson, US Army. Grandson of Antrim’s Madeleine Brzozowski, is serving at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait. Tim graduated from Bishop Brady High School in Concord in 2003 and entered the service the following July. He is in his senior year at the University of Maryland and works as a Satellite Controller for the Army. He will be back in the United States in October 2008. Tim’s parents are Ruth Brzozowski Richardson and Fred Richardson of Weare.

Engineman Third Class Daniel Quinn, US Navy. Son of Robin Martel Quinn and Dale Quinn has been serving aboard a guided missile frigate USS Elrod where he recently received a commendation for “superior performance.” Dan will be deployed to Western Europe on 2 June.

Patriot Missile Launcher Operator, Brian Quinn, US Army. Son of Robin Martel Quinn and Dale Quinn, serves in Kuwait. ☘



NEWS ABOUT TOWN

A PLACE TO RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS

Peter Moore

Clark Craig, our ever resourceful manager at the Antrim Recycling Station, would like all supporters of the ARTS to know that they are now accepting flimsy and forever pervasive plastic bags—of every type—for re-cycling. Bring them in and place them in the same slot with all other plastic. Here's a great opportunity to minimize the number of these bags often seen along the highways or waving to us from trees, and to turn them back into something perhaps more usable and out of the waste stream. ☿

ANTRIM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Todd Bryer

Spring finally arrived and with the snowmelt came dry conditions leading to a few brush fires, the largest burning about an acre. Just a reminder: after there is no longer snow cover, burning brush piles requires a burn permit from a local warden: Marshall Gale, Jay Hennessy, Barbara Beauchamp, or Richard Edmunds. Also, outside fire places and stoves require a seasonal permit.

The annual open house at the Antrim Fire Department will be at the company #1 Fire Station on Route 31 June 21 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. There will be many displays and activities for young and old. Fire Engine rides will be given as well as a demonstration of extracting a victim from an auto crash using our extrication tools at about 11:00am. We hope you can come.

As always, our training night is the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Fire Station, and everybody is welcome, especially if you have interest in seeing what it involves to be a firefighter. Our last trainings included brush training and a pumping drill.

Again thank you for your continued support. ☿

ANTRIM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

John Robertson

Have you seen the Daffodils? Brian Beihl and his crew of volunteers worked long and hard last fall planting them. They have provided a colorful entry to our town on Routes 202 and 31. We plan to plant another 3000 bulbs this fall. As September approaches, the Chamber will need donations for bulbs and volunteers to plant them at strategic locations.

During the last four months the Chamber held two Businesses after Hours events, the first at Ocean Bank, and the second at The Place in the Woods. Both events were well attended and produced a great deal of information about each business.

We held two monthly meetings at the Presbyterian Church. In February Charles Van Horn updated the members on Income Tax Filing, what to expect, and how to be better prepared. April's meeting featured Paul Restuccia of Sign City who talked about the different processes he uses to make signs, labels, and other printed products.

The Chamber is developing an improved, user-friendly website which should be online by July 1st. Each member will be included with business name, address, phone, and web address. This website is a great benefit of Chamber Membership if you have a business in the Antrim area. For more information, contact Jane Butler at 588-2603. ☿

DOGS OF SUMMER

Crista Salamy

It's the time everyone has waited for, summer! Along with the season come people walking, riding bikes, and dogs walking their humans. Everybody should be able to enjoy the fresh air whether they have two or four legs. Please remember when walking with your four-legged friends to please pick up after them. We would not want for someone to have the misfortune of bringing home a surprise on the bottom of their shoes. We all know how unpleasant that can be! Thank you in advance for your help with this, and enjoy your and your dog's walks! ☿



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ANTRIM VOLUNTEER DRIVER NETWORK

Ruth Benedict

Since getting a positive response to the surveys that were distributed at Town Meeting in March, the Antrim Volunteer Driver Network (AVDN) has put together a new ride service for residents. Initially only rides to medical appointments and pharmacies up will be offered, but soon AVDN will consider rides to grocery shopping, the post office, volunteer activities, and meetings. All riders must be at least 18 years old (if not with a parent) and all volunteer drivers must be at least 25 years old. To schedule a ride, call the Town Hall 588 6785 ext.333 at least one week beforehand. Watch for AVDN posters on local bulletin boards.

We need volunteers to help for phone work, posting announcements, and driving. Contact Ruth Benedict at rjvista@comcast.net or 588 6208.

Beginning this fall, the AVDN will join other town volunteer driver networks as part of a regional volunteer driver program being developed by the Contoocook Valley Transportation Cooperative. This regional organization intends to create transportation options throughout the fourteen towns of the eastern Monadnock area. One of those options is a Rideshare Program that will enable residents to share rides and for trips to work, shopping, school, social events, and meetings. Starting in the fall, all CVTC transportation options will be available through a toll-free phone number and through a new CVTC website currently under development thanks to a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation—Monadnock Region. CVTC is additionally supported by grants from the New Hampshire Endowment for Health and the Federal Administration on Developmental Disabilities. For information on CVTC programs, phone 924-2159, ext. 95.

Currently, CVTC operates a weekly Community Supper Shuttle picking up people in Antrim, Bennington, Frankestown and Hancock and delivering them to the rotating 4-Town Community Suppers. Call CVTC at 924-2159, ext. 95 to reserve a seat on the shuttle.

Thank You Volunteers for donating your time and (precious) gasoline to help our neighbors with transportation! ☿

GIRLS' SHELTER NEEDS NEW KITCHEN

Agricola

Finding it next to impossible to prepare meals for twenty residents and staff in an old fashioned single family kitchen, The Lutheran Girls' Shelter on Main Street has started a fund drive to raise \$50,000 for new appliances, cabinets, countertops, windows and floors. Program Director Randa Tenney says they received many bids for the construction work and have hired Hancock contractor Nevan Cassidy. Some money will come from the Lutheran Church, but they desperately need local donations as well. If you wish to help, call the Shelter at 588 3124. ☿

THE LIMRIK LIMERICK CONTEST WINNERS

Ten individuals submitted endings in our limerick contest in March, a record number: Cory Morrill, Mari Hyer Schacht, Amy Proctor, Bev Schaefer, Trish Murphy, Barry Proctor, Geraldine Chagnon, Carol Healey, Janet Edwards, and "Anonymous." All the submissions were quite fine, but two stood out and will receive \$50 gift certificates at the Toadstool Bookshop in Peterborough.

Cory Morrill:

The Teen Center now is the spot
For great games and music that's hot.
You just can't go wrong
Foosball or Ping Pong,
Just hanging with friends or whatnot.

Trish Murphy

The Teen Center now is the spot
For great games and music that's hot.
You just can't go wrong
Foosball or Ping Pong,
Come in, check it out. Why not?

NEW (MORE DIFFICULT) LIMERICK CONTEST

For this contest you must provide the final two lines of this limerick. The best entry will receive a \$50 gift certificate at the Toadstool Bookshop in Peterborough. Email to l_gilmore@conknet.com, or regular mail to Antrim Limrik, PO Box 30, Antrim, NH 03440.

Oh, nowhere on earth can be seen
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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Celeste Lunetta, Director

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

For complete program information, call the Rec. Office at 588-3121 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Help Antrim Friends of Recreation with fundraising. This is a very valuable volunteer group that provides financial assistance to many of our programs. The Friends of Recreation are volunteering at the races in Loudon on Saturday June 28. The more adults we bring along, the more funds we raise. Spend one day helping out a group that helps out the town all year. The Friends of Recreation pay for of the Holiday Tree Lighting, teen dances, and Spring Egg Hunt. They are a major sponsor for Antrim in the Evening, they run the Children's Games at Home and Harvest, and they contribute to the before and after school clubs and Operation Santa. For more information contact Catrina Young.

SUMMER TENNIS CLINIC WITH TAMMY VEZINA Monday, June 23, (1:30-3:00) at Memorial Park Tennis Courts. This will be a rolling clinic with a refresher of the basics as needed, every 30 minutes.

TIE-DYING WITH JOCELYN FROM THE PAINTED COW Thursday and Friday June 26 and 27. Open to kids 11 and older; maximum registration is 14. Thursday: 10am-3pm. Meet at the Rec. Dept. Bring 100% cotton light colored clothes or fabric for tying and soaking. After we tie and soak, we will head up to Gregg Lake for swimming and lunch (byo, or bring \$ for pizza). Then, after the stuff is all soaked, we will head back to the rec. dept for dying. Return Friday morning for finishing the project. Cost is \$10 per person. Transportation provided on Community Bus. White T's will be available for small extra cost. Register with the Rec Dept ASAP.

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Ages 5-13 (JR Counselor positions available for students in 9th and 10th grades)

ANTRIM SUMMER GAMES CAMP July 7-July 11 (8:30-3:30) Learn a new sport activity or have fun playing

one that you love. Activities include, golf, Frisbee, hula hooping, tennis, volleyball, jump roping, badminton, swimming and more. Swim lessons will be included in camp this week.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP July 14-18 (8:30-3:30) Enjoy hiking, climbing, swimming, skateboarding fun and more. Explore and discover NH wildlife with activities and crafts. Field trips: Ropes course (9 yrs+) Wildlife Encounters; trips to Vistas, Bogs & Hidden Ponds.

ANTRIM'S GOT TALENT CAMP July 21-July 25 (8:30-3:30) Theater games, skits and improvisation. Creative movement and Dance with guest instructor, Laura Horne School of Dance. Puppet making workshop with Romper Rhythm Puppeteers, as well as a performance for and with the kids (optional). Field trips: Circus Smirkus July 22 and Fisher Cats July 24.

AFTERNOONS IN OUR TOWN & ROCKETS TO THE MOON CAMP July 28-August 1 (12:00-4:00) Soccer camp is available in the mornings. Legos, forts, and little people peeps. Campers will design and create village-scapes, garden stones and rockets. Field trip: Remote launch pad site for rockets!

AFTERNOON ARTS IN PARADISE CAMP August 11-August 14 (12:30-4:00) Basketball camp is available in the mornings. Arts and crafts galore. Campers will be delighted with a clay workshop and many take home craft projects. Friday, August 15, Field Trip Amusement/Water Park.

SWIMMING LESSONS AT GREGG LAKE BEACH:

Session I July 7-18 Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (Friday will be a make up day) Session II July 28-August 8 Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs. \$15.00 per session.

SPORTS CAMPS AT SHEA FIELD:

KETCHUMS KICKERS SOCCER July 28-August 1 Mon-Fri, 8:30-12:00; 5-11 years old; (Lego Camp in afternoon for full day option)

NH BOMBERS BASKETBALL August 4-August 8, Grades 4-10 Mon-Fri 9:00-4:00.

August 11-August 14th, Grades 1-5 Mon-Thurs 9:00-12:30.

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ED BARIBAUT TO WALK FOR CANCER

Agricola

Antrim's Ed Baribault will be training and fund raising this summer for *the 3-Day*, a cancer walk to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Ed's mother, Claudette Farrell (maiden name Claudette Gagnon) died in April 2005 after a battle with cancer. It is in her memory and in honor of all who have struggled with cancer that Ed is walking.

He must raise \$2500 to register, and he will be training all through the summer. The Baribault family is organizing a chili cook-off in June, an artwork and yard sale in July, and an outdoor movie night in August. In addition to the fundraisers, community members are invited to donate products or services that can be raffled. Anything from a free haircut, to dog walking, to a piece of children's art, to a second-hand treasure is welcome. Monetary donations are welcome, too. The Baribaults have set up a weblog, at EdsWalk.wordpress.com for more information. Anyone interested in participating is invited to call Ed at 588-4219. ☿

The multiple meaning of words in the English language.

"Since there is no time like the present,
he thought it was time to present the present."

MISSING STATUE

Agricola

We were out raking the lawn the other day when Stan Dutton stopped by and asked why he hadn't seen anything in the *Limrik* about the missing Civil War Soldier statue that has stood for many years in front of the Baptist Church. He had read that metal statues in other states had been stolen for scrap, and he wondered if ours had been made off with for a quick buck. A quick call to Bill Prokop in the Town Office revealed that the statue has been removed to safe storage at the Fire Station because its base had disintegrated and it was about to fall on children playing around it. The Town is seeking repair estimates and possible grant money for the project. ☿

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on Sunday and awards presented at 3:30 pm. Prize sponsors are: Peterborough Art Academy, purveyors of fine art supplies from beginners to professionals; Maplehurst Inn, home of fine dining and accommodations; and Edmunds' Hardware, "If they don't have it, you don't need it".

Questions? Contact Beth Merrill, 588-6615 or Liz Roberston, 588-2652 or go to <http://antrim.nhgrange.org>. ☿

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SPIRAL SCOUTS

Jess Baribault

Spring Recap - Silverling Circle #58, the local chapter of SpiralScouts International, enjoyed a busy springtime season.

In March, we made our annual trip to the Sap Gathering Contest. Despite the chilly winds, we enjoyed visiting the dairy cows, seeing horse teams, and tasting the maple syrup. Also in March, we organized a fund raiser for the Monadnock chapter of the Humane Society. We are collecting blankets, cleaning and grooming supplies, office supplies, and food, and will make another visit to see the animals soon. In April, we celebrated each other's accomplishments with a badge ceremony and potluck dinner. Scouts awarded each other with pins and badges for Cooking, First Aid and Safety, Academic Achievement, Sculpture, and other accomplishments. We also celebrated Earth Day. In May, we told stories of heroes and heroines, and decorated banners for the Children and the Arts Day parade. We crafted gifts to honor mothers, including Mother Earth.

Looking Ahead to Summer - Summer begins with a Memorial Weekend camping trip to A Sacred Place in Canaan, NH, where Beltane, or May Day, is celebrated with Maypole dancing, fairy house building, and feasts. June brings lots of outdoor activities, including work on our Astronomy and Hiking badges. For the Solstice (the longest day and shortest night of the year), we'll make camp at Greenfield State Park, together with our sister chapter, Spiral Bear Circle of Londonderry. We're looking forward to the berry picking, campfire stories, plant identification, swimming, stargazing,

and field games, as well as a summer badge ceremony and solstice ritual. In August there is more trail and badge work, a community service project, and another chance to camp up north and celebrate the Celtic tradition of Lammas, with athletic competitions, workshops, and bonfires.

Volunteers Welcome - A balance of male and female leadership is part of the Spiral Scout philosophy. We invite teens and adults in the community to consider volunteering within our group. Helping opportunities can include small jobs such as teaching a skill or craft, or large jobs like organizing fundraisers."

What We're About - SpiralScouts™ International is an independent, non-profit, co-ed scouting organization for youth ages 3-18 and their families. Its activities are directed by the goals and interests of its members, and include everything from drumming and mythology to gardening and astronomy. Its philosophy is rooted in the ideals of ecology, inclusivity, and balance of gender energies, and its mission centers on boys and girls working together to heal our Mother Earth. For more information about the SpiralScouts program, visit www.SpiralScouts.org.

Get Involved - Silverling Circle #58 meets the second Sunday of each month at 2:00. Please get in touch if you'd like to attend. Registration is \$15 per year, and interested families or volunteers are invited to check out a meeting before deciding to join. For information, contact Jess at 588-4219 or email SpiralScouts.Jess@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you. Summer Blessings!



"TRIBALS BARN" NEW ANTRIM BUSINESS

Agricola

Handmade rugs from Iran and Afghanistan are now available at Michaela Chelminski's Antrim "Tribals Barn" on Main Street next to the library. Ms. Chelminski explains that this is an extension of her Peterborough store, "Tribals, Rugs by Hand" (924 4488). All of her rugs are of tribal origin, many from horizontal looms. Currently the Antrim store is open by appointment: 588 2444, or at chelminski@comcast.net. ☿

ANTRIM GRANGE

Beth Merrill

Antrim Grange has been active this winter and spring. We sponsored a meeting with Margaret Hagan of the UNH Cooperative Extension who spoke about container gardening. In May we observed Youth Night with NH State Grange Youth Director, Chris Heath, as our honored guest. The annual Community Awards Night was held, with the following local dignitaries present to receive recognition for their valuable contributions to the community: Educator, Claudia Sysyn; Agriculturalist, Patten Hill Farm; and Community Citizen, Nina Harding. This year's Grange scholarship was awarded to Madeleine Beihl.

Members have been involved in State Grange sponsored activities including the Bowling Tournament and a Leadership Training Weekend.

Antrim Grange will celebrate 125 years of service in the community with a series of events starting with our sixth annual Community Art Show June 12-15. A potluck supper and celebratory meeting and program on Wednesday, August 20th will really kick off the observances. Plans are in the works for a float in the Home and Harvest parade, "Open House" hours at the Grange Hall, and in October a dance at the Grange Hall along with a Chocolate Bake-off and Taste Test. ☿



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far not been able to consistently muster majority support for his views. Often he finds himself isolated on the right, his pugnacious and uncompromising manner expressed in his many caustic and scathing criticisms having alienated justices who might have otherwise joined in his opinions.

The portrait Toobin draws of Clarence Thomas is of a likeable, yet an angry and almost tragically wounded man. Born into poverty, fatherless, he was raised by his grandparents in Pin Point, Georgia, and by dint of hard work, rose through Holy Cross College and Yale Law School. Although personally benefiting from affirmative action, he came to believe that economics, not race, was the root of most poor people's problems. While personally affable and popular with his colleagues and the other staff at the Court, he remains bitter and self-pitying, seared as he was by his confirmation battle. He is famous for rarely asking questions of the litigants in open argument before the Court. He has been quite isolated on the bench, as his deeply conservative views are too far to the right even for Scalia. Thomas, for example, does not believe in *stare decisis*, the legal doctrine of standing by precedent. Toobin notes that in 2005, "Scalia was asked to compare his own judicial philosophy with that of Thomas. 'I am an originalist,' Scalia said, 'but I am not a nut.'"

Despite his irascibility, Scalia has a close personal relationship with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, a liberal Justice whose pioneering work on gender equity cases led President Clinton to nominate her for the Court in 1993. Sharing a love of opera and the gourmet cooking of Ginsberg's husband, the Scalia and Ginsberg families traditionally share the New Year's holiday together, dining at times on venison provided by Scalia's hunting trips. As a "shy outsider," though, her influence on the Court has been limited.

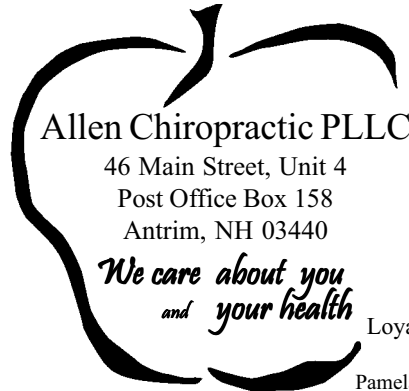
The path to Ginsberg's nomination was messy and tortuous, and Toobin suggests that the way nominations are handled frequently reflects the qualities of the presidency itself. In Ginsberg's case, when President Clinton was presented with a vacancy, he wanted a nonjudge on the Court, not just someone who would vote the way he would, but rather "someone who will move people, who will persuade the others

to join them." He wanted Mario Cuomo, the then governor of New York. But Cuomo, sometimes known as the "Hamlet of Albany," was indecisive, wavering back and forth between accepting and declining. Clinton then turned to others: George Mitchell of Maine, who declined, Richard Riley of South Carolina, who also declined, Bruce Babbitt of Arizona, about whom Clinton had misgivings at the last minute and withdrew the offer, finally settling on Stephen Breyer, chief judge of the federal court in Boston. The offer was made and the announcement was scheduled for the next morning, but it was discovered overnight that the Breyer family's household records were a mess. Fearing another debacle over possible illegal household help, again the offer was withdrawn. Clinton finally turned for suggestions to his new Attorney General, Janet Reno, who said "Why aren't you people looking at Ruth Bader Ginsberg?"

Toobin skillfully limns the lives of the other justices, describing Justice Stephen Breyer, finally appointed by President Clinton in 1994, as the most gregarious of the justices. Enthusiastic, conciliatory, ever willing to try to build alliances, Breyer is presented as a problem solver, always looking for a workable solution to the issue placed before the Court. As the years went by, he became very close to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, appointed by President Regan in 1981 as the first female justice, also a practical, down-to earth thinker with a legislative background and an astute ear to the ground, listening to public opinion. They joined in a number of important opinions such as the 5-4 decision in *Grutter v. Bollinger*, favoring affirmative action in which Justice O'Connor wrote for the majority that the Constitution "does not prohibit the [University of Michigan] law school's narrowly tailored use of race in admissions decisions to further a compelling interest in obtaining the educational benefits that flow from a diverse student body."

It has been widely speculated that Justice O'Connor was a source for much of the inside information in Toobin's book. O'Connor was originally an admirer of President George W. Bush and provided the swing vote in *Bush v. Gore*, which stopped the Florida recount in the 2000 presidential election. As time went on, however, Toobin writes, "the hiring of John Ashcroft, the politicized response to the affirmative action case, the lawless approach to the war on terror, and the accelerating disaster of the war in Iraq all appalled O'Connor." It was a bitter irony not lost on her that the very justice named to replace her, Justice Alito, was the one whose dissenting opinion in the lower court in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* O'Connor firmly rejected when she wrote the plurality opinion in *Casey* in 1992, striking down the spousal notification requirement, stating that it gave too much power to husbands over their wives to

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require women to notify their spouses before an abortion and would worsen situations of spousal abuse.

Justice Souter, from Weare, New Hampshire, remains an enigma to many of his fellow justices. Although a loner who hates Washington, is disinterested in politics, and is ascetic in his habits (Souter has the same lunch every day in the Supreme Court dining room, an apple which he eats seeds and all and a yogurt, served on the same fine china as used by his colleagues), Toobin reports that he is nonetheless perhaps the best liked of all the justices. O'Connor and Ginsberg both tried to take him under their wings and find him a spouse, as did Barbara Bush. But he remains a resolute bachelor, which is perhaps best illustrated by a date for which he had been fixed up by one of the other justices. When the woman reported back the next day on how the date had gone, she said she thought it had gone well, until Souter said to her that he had had a very good time and that they should do it again next year.

Souter was nominated for the court by George H. W. Bush at the behest of Souter's mentor, New Hampshire's Warren Rudman. He is considered a disappointment and a mistake to conservatives as he has allied himself with the more liberal wing of the Court. Souter is described as so bereft over the Court's actions in *Bush v. Gore* that he considered leaving the Court. He is admired for his sense of humor. For some reason, he and Justice Breyer are often confused, although they don't look anything alike. On one trip from Washington back home to New Hampshire, Souter stopped for lunch in Massachusetts. A patron of the restaurant came up to him and asked if he was on the Court. Souter replied that yes, he was. The patron asked "You're Justice Breyer, right?" Always polite and self-effacing, Souter nodded and exchanged some pleasantries, not wanting to embarrass the man who then asked him "Justice Breyer, what's the best thing about being on the Supreme Court?" Souter quipped: "Well, I'd have to say it's the privilege of serving with David Souter."

Toobin does a skillful job of interlacing these vignettes with the broader currents of history, particularly the confirmation process that various justices had to endure. The issues of Constitutional and federal law that the justices face in the suits brought before them are deftly laid out in easily understandable language, never succumbing to deadly legalese. In this season of presidential politics, the importance of the Court cannot be overemphasized. The next president is likely to have the opportunity to nominate several justices. No matter what our own personal beliefs, we must all be concerned with the men and women who will be chosen to serve. The cases that they decide and the precedents they set will affect us, our children, and our grandchildren. Toobin's book provides a terrific primer on the Court as it stands today. *The Nine* is available at the Tuttle Library. ☞

ON REVIVING THE REVIVAL SHOP

Sheila Nichols

When I heard that Marguerite Roberts had decided to step down from managing the Revival Shop at the Presbyterian Church I thought I might possibly, maybe, sort of, kind of, be interested in thinking about taking over the reins. You can guess what happened next. Yup, I was given the keys to the shop!

Standing in the shop shortly thereafter, I wondered what to do first—paint, sweep, dust, hang up clothes, or explain to the Elders that I had made an error in judgment. I decided to take a deep breath and simply listen: to Marguerite's wisdom and experience, to Nina's boundless knowledge of all things and people connected to the church and its history, to the countless people who continue to support the Revival Shop.

Here is what I learned. The Revival Shop sells quality clothing for all ages and occasions at very reasonable prices. Consignments and donations are welcome. Did you know that it donates huge amounts of clothing to families who are victims of home fires, loss of jobs, and flooding? Many local shelters receive clothing from the shop on a regular basis.

I learned that there used to be fashion shows at the shop featuring local talented masters of ceremony Bill Nichols, Ted Brown, and others! This event is definitely going to be revived! The Revival Shop has also been a sponsor of Antrim in the Evening.

Finally, I listened to the shop where mature church mice, wise dust bunnies, and thoughtful cobwebs who told me that people come not only to shop, but to visit, laugh, and tell stories too. I am excited and honored to be a small part of the revival of the Revival Shop!

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HIKE Saturday June 21. Meet at Gregg Lake Beach for a hike to Balancing Rock and Willard Pond. Trip leaves at 9:00 am. Appropriate for all ambulatory ages.

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Yoga: Tuesdays 6 pm Town Gym; **Yoga and Pilates:** Thursdays 6 pm Town Gym; **Stott Certified Pilates:** Saturdays 7:45 am Town Gym; **Fitness Boot Camp:** Wednesdays 5:30 pm Town Gym; **Step Aerobics:** Saturdays 9 am Town Gym; **Modern Dance** with Renee Blinn: Tuesdays 6:30 pm Town Hall; **Volleyball:** Thursdays 7 pm Town Gym; **Basketball:** Sundays 6 pm; **Chess** Thursdays 7 pm Town Gym.

SUMMER BUS TRIPS: Brookdale Fruit Farm for Cherry Picking: Tuesday July 1, 8–11:30 am. Monadnock Music Free Concert: 6 pm Thursday July 17; American Independence Museum, Exeter, Independence Festival, Saturday July 19 leave 8:30 am, return late afternoon; Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site with a concert by the Fischer Duo (cello and piano), Sunday July 27 from 12–6pm; “Our Town” at the Peterborough Players: Sat August 16, evening (time TBA).

WEED WATCHER TRAINING AT GREGG LAKE BEACH. Saturday July 19 at 9 am: Join Amy Smagula from the Department of Environmental Services to become trained as a Weed Watcher! Variable milfoil, fanwort, water chestnut, purple loosestrife and common reed are blanketing water bodies throughout New Hampshire. Infestations of these plants lead to diminished wildlife habitat, decreased recreational potential, and lowered property values. Eradication of these exotics is rarely possible, and efforts are expensive and disruptive. For any invasive species, the best strategies are early detection and prevention. Some plants grow up to an inch a day. If new infestations are caught early, low-tech methods like hand pulling can keep them under control and prevent a whole-lake infestation. Anyone can become a Weed Watcher: lake residents, retirement groups, youth groups, fishing enthusiasts, and many others. Local volunteers are the best line of defense because they are often

the most familiar with the water bodies they choose to monitor, allowing them to notice even a subtle change in plant growth. Weed watching usually takes place once a month from late May through August. Volunteers will be instructed on how to conduct a weed survey, what to look for, and who to contact if there is a problem. Volunteers will also receive a binder full of information on the program and details on the most threatening invasive plants. Included in the binder is a plant identification key for common plants on our water bodies. There is no cost to the volunteer. This training is sponsored by the Antrim Recreation Department. To register, or for more information, call Celeste at 588-3121.

UPCOMING FALL PROGRAMS:

Antrim Youth Soccer: New Hampshire Youth Soccer Association League with Soccer programs for youth ages 4–12. Inter-league play for youth ages 6–10, and regional and state play for ages 11–14. Registration for Antrim Youth Soccer is due by July 25. Registrations received after that date may be put on a waiting list, and will also pay a late registration fee. Please understand that late registrations put unnecessary pressure and difficulties on organization efforts. Some soccer programs continue in to the winter and spring.

FALL COMMUNITY BUS TRIPS:

Saturday September 13: **A Chorus Line** at the Opera House in Boston. Join us for this off Broadway production of one of theatre’s most beloved musicals. The bus will leave Antrim at 10:30 am, returning around 6pm. Cost is \$98 per seat, and includes seats in the front mezzanine of the Opera House, as well as transportation to and from the show.

Sunday September 21: **Trip to Portsmouth NH** for a tour of historical gardens and Fairy Houses, Strawberry Banke, Prescott Park, Wentworth-Gardener and Tobias Lear Museum, and the Governor John Langdon House. Leave Antrim at 10:30 am, return before 6 pm.

Sunday October 19: **Currier Museum;** “Andy Warhol: Pop Politics” will present together for the first-time Warhol’s paintings, prints, drawings, and photographs of political figures. Timed to coincide with the 2008 presidential election, this exhibition will offer a thought-provoking and entertaining

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Sunday November 9: **"Legally Blond"** at the Opera House. It's here, and it's "AN ELLE OF A SHOW" (TIME Magazine). The hilarious MGM film is Broadway's new smash hit musical, and now LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL is coming to you. Legally Blonde follows sorority star Elle Woods, an underestimated blonde who doesn't take "no" for an answer. When her boyfriend dumps her for someone more "serious," Elle puts down the credit card, hits the books, and sets out to go where no Delta Nu has gone before, Harvard Law. Cost is \$75.00 per seat, seats in orchestra/front mezzanine and transportation. Bus leaves Antrim at 3 pm, returns around 11 pm. ☿

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"*Avenue A* is the name of the street the characters from *Rent* live on. *Rent*, the musical, is all about people of different races, religions, sexual preferences and goals in life trying to make it in this world. The teen center should be that place to the kids of Antrim."

Grace won the \$50 prize for having her name chosen by a joint meeting of T.A.C. and the teen center's Steering Committee. Thanks, Grace!

AVENUE A—SUMMER HOURS

Beginning June 24, Avenue A will be open:

Tuesday 11-2pm

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

Monday—1:30 to 3—Better Beginnings for Babies (newborn to 12 months)

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

Friday—10:00 to 11:30—Better Beginnings for Babies (newborn to 24 months)

We are now accepting pre-registrations for the Fall.

SUMMER AT THE GRAPEVINE

We'll begin the summer with a visit to the Friendly Farm in Dublin on Wednesday, June 25—Meet at the Farm at 9am. There is a group rate cost, approximately \$4.00 per person.

"Our Big Backyard" Summer July 7 through August 15

WEEKLY PARENT-CHILD ACTIVITIES

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

Better Beginnings for Babies, Mondays 1:30-3 and Fridays 10-11:30 for parents and their babies (Mondays newborn to 12 months, Fridays newborn to 24 months), and for soon-to-be parents. Our popular "baby group" offers an opportunity for parents to talk about the joys and challenges of parenthood with each other and our early childhood and parenting educators. The summer session will add a focus on getting outside to enjoy the natural environment with your infant or young toddler. Sliding scale fee. Call or just drop in.

WEDNESDAYS: FAMILY FRIENDLY FIELD TRIPS

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- **Aug 6** Norway Pond, Hancock

All trips meet at The Grapevine at 9 am or at the destination between 9:15 and 9:30.

"OUR WILD BACKYARD SUMMER ADVENTURE" FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

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August 11-15 (7-9 year olds), 9am-2pm—\$100—2 spaces left.

August 18-22 (4-6 year olds), 9am-12:30—\$75—Full*
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Parents are welcome to drop off their children or stay for all or part of the morning. Call now to register. Partial scholarships available.

ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

Make your donations early! The Grapevine's annual benefit auction will be held on Saturday, October 4 (raindate October 5), and we welcome donations of art, crafts, new and gently-used household items (no appliances, electronics, exercise equipment or clothing, please), antiques, barn and attic treasures, gift certificates and services. And we're seeking that one Big Raffle Item to showcase (could it be in your attic?). Thank you for helping to make this our most successful auction yet!

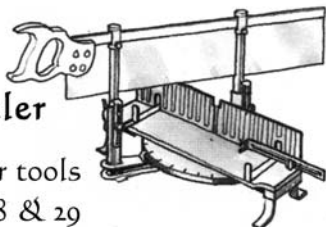
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GRANDPARENTS PARENTING GRANDCHILDREN

Join other grandparents who are parenting their grandchildren to talk about the challenges and rewards, and learn about resources for parenting grandparents. Meets 6:30 to 7:30pm at The Grapevine on the third Thursday of the month, after the Antrim Community Supper. Facilitated by parenting educator Jane Richards-Jones. Call ahead if you need onsite childcare.

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Call The Grapevine at 588-2620 for more information, or to register for programs. The Grapevine is a nonprofit family & community resource center serving the people of Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Frankestown and nearby towns. Find our web pages on www.AntrimNH.org. We welcome visits. ☞

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BIG JOHN DRAKE

Al Gould

On a cool April night in 1982, the phone rang. It was Smith Harriman calling to say that John Drake had been taken by ambulance to the Peterborough hospital, probably a heart attack, and that we should go over. I said that there was really nothing we could do but Smith replied, "I'm going anyway!" I thought about it for a minute. If the situation were reversed, John would have been there for me. I caught up to Smith on the way. We met the ambulance on its way back to Antrim.

As Smith and I walked to the emergency room, he said "This doesn't look good. That was John's wife behind the ambulance." When we entered the emergency room lobby, the duty nurse told us that John hadn't made it! Big John, a bigger than life legend in these parts for many years, was gone. John was a legend not only because of his great size and unbelievable strength but also for his acts of kindness, ridiculous shenanigans and, of course, for his ability to drink more beer than any man I ever knew. Someone said that when John died Schlitz Brewing in Milwaukee had to lay off an entire shift. I doubt it, but they did lose a faithful customer.

This story of John Drake may have little interest to anyone who had not lived in Antrim or the surrounding area prior to his passing. Nevertheless, he is part of the history of Antrim and one of its most notable characters. It is based on my personal experiences with John and some of the stories he told me along with a few from other friends of his. I would also like to note that it would be very difficult to write without including Smith Harriman. Smith and John were life-long friends.

John worked for Smith for many years in all aspects. In all the years we knew John, he drove the log truck for Harriman, a job he took great pride in. I believe he especially liked it for the simple reason that it got him away from Smith and the rest of the crew for periods of time. Some years earlier, John had worked at Monadnock Paper Mills as a rigger moving heavy machinery and equipment, and this proved to be a great asset to Harriman. In those days, Smith would take on any job from moving equipment and buildings to just about anything that no one else would or could do. Big John was

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always the chief engineer for these undertakings. (By the way, if you needed a piano, stove, refrigerator, etc. moved, John was the first one you called).

When my family and I moved to Antrim in the 1960's, the Antrim Reel Mill was still in existence. It was the last operating mill between Gregg Lake and downtown Antrim and was across the road from our home. At that time, Bill Lang was the foreman of the mill and was the first person in town I knew. He was also probably one of Big John's best friends. It was through Bill that John and Smith and I became friends.

In those days, Harriman's shop was on West Street by Great Brook and Guy Hulett's. There is one day that stands out in my memory. We had gotten two to three feet of snow the night before and Smith's yard was a mess. He sent John over to Bennington to get a bucket loader. John didn't return by the time Smith thought he should have, and when he finally did return, Smith started questioning (yelling, actually) where he had been, what took so long, etc., etc. They stood toe to toe for a few minutes bellowing at each other and then John said he had seen Stanley Tenney shoveling snow to get into his barn and had stopped and plowed it out for him. "Oh, that's all right. Glad you did." Smith said.

John told me that one day, many years ago, he was coming from Bennington by the old Antrim dump on Depot Street. It was about twenty below zero and Willy Weeks was walking toward Antrim heading for Proctor's store. John stopped and offered him a lift. Willy, who probably weighed between ninety and a hundred pounds, said "I can't get up in that truck!" Well, John just lifted him up in. When they got to Proctor's, Willy said "I can't get down out of this!" so again, John simply picked him up to help him down. Willy said "Don't drop me you S.O.B.!"

In his younger days, John rode a big Harley Davidson motorcycle. One Saturday afternoon he was coming down Route 31 in Clinton Village. He saw an elderly man he knew walking and stopped and offered him a ride. The man said he wouldn't get on "that damned thing" for love nor money. John asked him where he was going and the old guy said he was going to Bennington to the ballgame. John told him if he kept

walking he'd miss half the game. John promised him that he wouldn't drive too fast or do anything foolish so the old man got on. John told me he gave him a slow, smooth ride to the ball field and when they arrived John asked him what he thought about it. The old man replied "You needn't wait for me!"

John stood well over six feet tall and probably weighed between two hundred and two hundred fifty pounds. In his earlier years, he had jet black hair. At some point, either an accident or illness rendered him bald for the rest of his life. Many people thought he looked like Mr. Clean. I would say that would be the best way of describing him to anyone who had never met him.

There are some in and around Antrim who escaped a punch in the nose or a black eye because Big John had taken their side. His appearance alone was oftentimes enough to end hostilities. John did not like nor tolerate bullies and would always back the underdog, and God have mercy on anybody he ever saw abusing a child.

Bill Newhall once told me that when John was in high school, he would come down to his garage after school and work on trucks, tractors or anything that Bill had to be repaired. He said that John didn't know his own strength and that, with a half inch drive ratchet wrench, he would snap grade 8 bolts like match sticks. Bill said he was continually telling him "Not so tight!"

I recall one Saturday morning John's wife called to say that she and John would like to stop by for a visit later that morning if it was all right with us. Well, of course it was but as it turned out they didn't arrive until mid afternoon. John was well into the Schlitz by that time and his wife was not pleased. Our daughter, who was three or four at the time, was in the corner trying to do headstands. John said to her "I'll show you how it's done" and to the displeasure of his wife and the delight of our daughter the giant did a perfect headstand in the middle of our kitchen.

I had an old Caterpillar bulldozer and, over the course of one summer, John helped me repair it. By fall it looked pretty good with new paint and so forth, and I sold it to a man in East Concord. One evening after work John and I delivered

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it, on Harriman's log truck, to the new owner. John was feeling no pain when he loaded the dozer and had another four or five beers on the way to Concord. When we arrived, the only suitable spot to unload it was a small knoll on one side of the driveway. The problem was that the new owner's wife, who John thought was pretty nice looking, had an old half potato barrel filled with flowers in that exact spot. Half rotten and missing slats, the barrel was in very poor condition. It didn't look like it could be moved without destroying its contents. After some debate between the husband and wife they agreed to sacrifice the flowers for the sake of the bulldozer. At that point, Big John walked around the barrel a couple times poking and tapping it with his boot and said "I can move it without hurting the flowers." With that statement, he lit up a cigar, pulled his pants up, ascended the log truck, put the rigger down, swung the boom into position, fiddled with grapple a few seconds and, with all the style and grace of a neurosurgeon, picked up the barrel and moved it the necessary few feet without harming the barrel or one single flower. It was unbelievable but it was, after all, done by the master himself.

As I mentioned earlier, these stories may have little meaning or be of much interest to those who didn't know John. Those who did, however, are many and could certainly relate many more; just ask any old timer in Antrim and they will probably have a story to tell.

I never realized until some years later that the night John Drake died a part of Smith Harriman died as well. Although Smith never completely gave up until the end, he seemed to have lost some of his steam and drive the night he lost John. Smith was known for being tough and a bit on the crude side! However, he told me on more than one occasion, with a tear in his eye, that on every Memorial Day he went to John's grave in Pembroke with flowers.

Kitty Ring said of John's death, "It was the passing of a gentle giant." I agree and to two of my old friends, John and Smith, I hope wherever you may be you are standing toe to toe bellowing at each other as if tomorrow never happened. ☘

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