

ANTRIM'S 5TH ANNUAL HOME & HARVEST DAYS NOTHING LIKE IT!

Mark Reynolds

Antrim's Home & Harvest Days just keep getting better. Each year's success and fun generate even more excitement for the next festival. We're really proud of how our citizens come together to share in the good times and the effort that makes Home & Harvest such an engaging celebration. So get ready for a humdinger weekend this Sept 19-21.

Nearly everyone in town gets involved, whether in making a donation, building a float or marching in the parade, selling their wares on the sidewalk, taking the wheel of a soap-box racer or piloting a skateboard, playing music, cooking scrumptious food, setting off fireworks, playing softball, or just cheering and enjoying the fun. The whole town shows up and shows off!

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WAYNO OLSON

Kristen Olson Vance

Wayno Olson has been a major influence on the growth and development of Antrim for nearly fifty years. Recently the Limrik asked his daughter Kristen Vance if she would be willing to conduct an interview with Wayno in which he could describe his history. We are grateful to her and Wayno for the following. —Editor

"I lived next to the fire department before it burned down," says Wayno Olson with a wry smile. Wayno is referring to the building that now houses Rick and Diane's Restaurant which, nearly fifty years ago, was the first Wayno's Store. My father's sense of humor is what you might call legendary around here, and those of us who have lived in town for a while remember Wayno's unmistakable laughter ringing in the aisles of his Main Street store. Wayno's was a landmark in town for 40 years. This interview tells a bit of the story behind the store and the man.

EARLY YEARS, FAMILY

"I was born in West Deering in 1935. To the best of my recollection, my mother told me we moved two weeks after I was born because the owner wanted the house for other reasons. We moved out onto Pleasant Street in Antrim, where Marguerite Worth (Roberts) lives now, and three weeks later the farmhouse I was born in burned down.

We moved to Depot Street in '36 or '37, I'm not sure which. We were there in '38 during the last major flood in the state. You know where Brian Brown lived? That's where I lived, and the water came up to the house. Water Street was under water."

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OVERFLOW CROWD GATHERS TO CELEBRATE LIBRARY DEDICATION AND 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Alexander Snow, Library Trustee

An overflow crowd gathered Saturday morning, August 16, to celebrate the dedication of the James A. Tuttle Library new addition and the 100th anniversary of the original library dedication.

The ceremonies began with Sharon Dowling, a former trustee, playing the Celtic harp. Lyman Gilmore served as master of ceremonies. Rebecca Paquette sang *America the Beautiful* and *Loch Lomond* accompanied by Ray Sweeney on the keyboard. Rev. Peggi Boyce provided the invocation and Margaret Warner, chairman of the library trustees, welcomed the crowd and thanked everyone who had a hand in making the addition a reality. Selectman Michael Genest spoke on behalf of the board of selectmen. Constance Kirwin, the longest serving trustee on the present library

board, was cited for her service over the years.

State Representative, Gil Shattuck from Hillsborough, read a State Senate resolution introduced into the senate by Sen. Harold Janeway of Webster, citing the town's achievement in building the addition. Peter Moore read a commendation from Governor John Lynch which also cited Antrim for its library and the new addition. An American flag, which was flown over the U.S. Capitol was sent to the town by U.S. Senator John E. Sununu. Ron Haggett, former trustee,

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CONVAL SCHOOL BOARD

Lauren Kirkpatrick

My name is Lauren Kirkpatrick and I was elected to the Conval School Board in March of this year. I have lived in Antrim for over twelve years. My daughter is a third grader at Antrim Elementary School and my son just started Kindergarten.

I was motivated to run for the open School Board position during the budget process when many changes were introduced to Antrim Elementary and Great Brook Middle School. While I am still a rookie, I have learned a great deal in my first six months, for example, the connection between Title 1 Federal Funding and the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Title 1 Federal Funding is determined for each school by the number of students qualifying for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Parents, please read through the paperwork you receive at the beginning of the school year. If your family qualifies, please submit it. The information is confidential and you are not required to participate in the program.

Most recently, I was involved in the focus group and interview committee that helped AES/GBS Principal Gib West choose an Assistant Principal. Although the candidate chosen was ultimately Mr. West's decision, every member of the committee had a respected voice. It was a collaborative effort that had a very successful result. We now have a highly qualified administrative team that is child-focused and can continue to move both schools in a positive direction.

In the spirit of positive direction, I encourage everyone to become informed and involved. The public is welcome at School Board meetings which are held at the SAU office in Peterborough every other Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Meeting agendas and minutes from previous meetings can be found online at www.conval.edu. I will make every effort to be available for questions and concerns. You can contact me at lkirkpatrick@conval.edu. Thank you. ☪

RUSS RUSSELL GOES TO PRISON

Agricola

On Memorial Day Russ Russell spoke to the prisoners at the New Hampshire State Prison in Concord about his having been shot down over Germany and captured during World War II. He had been invited by the organization "Viet Nam Vets in Prison," and he was pleased to have been joined in his presentation by three Generals and two Colonels. He says his captive audience was very attentive and appreciative. ☪

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Mike Genest, Chair

It is hard to believe that summer has come and gone. The Board of Selectmen has been kept very busy this past summer interviewing for a new Police Chief, finalizing the details of the North Main Street Bridge project, following up on the goals that we set for the year, studying the possibility of regionalization for some or all of our safety services, and exploring new avenues of energy conservation and possible cost savings. The budget approved at Town meeting is being followed very closely by all department heads, and we are monitoring all expenses on a monthly basis. Soon we will start our 2009 budget process.

As you probably already know, we have hired a new Police Chief, Scott Lester of Highland Avenue in Antrim. Our hiring process was rigorous and thorough, involving consultation with law enforcement professionals, and local residents. We wish to express our sincere thanks to Lt. Kathleen Kimball of the NH State Police and a resident of Antrim, Lt. Peter Thomas of the Keene Police Department, Michael Healy of M.R.I., David Boule owner of Antrim Lumber and a resident, and Crista Salamy of Tenney Farms, also a resident, all of whom spent considerable time reviewing resumes and interviewing candidates as part of our Police Chief Search Committee. We appreciate the information that we received from residents as to what they want from our police department.

The bridge repair and replacement program that we started several years ago is well under way and you are able to see tangible results. If you have not had the chance to visit and see the bridges on Summer Street and at White Birch Point, we invite you to do so. Each of these projects cost in excess of \$500,000.00, and we were able to get state and or federal

aid to offset over 80% of the cost. Construction has begun on the North Main Street Bridge project which should be finished by the middle of November. Traffic in that area will be open most of the time to residents only, and well-marked detours have been set up.

Our library was probably the biggest news of the summer. On August 16th, the James Tuttle Library held its centennial celebration and dedication of the new addition and renovations. We now have another municipal building that we can all be very proud of for years to come. We offer our sincere congratulations to the Library Trustees and the Building Committee for a job well done.

We are about to begin our 2009 Budget process which will be difficult this year. The town will have to face the rising cost of fuel, heating oil, insurance, pensions, salt, and other basic materials. In addition, we will have an additional cost of approximately \$200,000 for our portion of the school budget, all due to the current school funding system. We will be working very hard to present a reasonable budget, but we have to be realistic and balance the services wanted vs. the cost to deliver them.

Finally, we regretted having to accept the resignation of our Town manager Bill Prokop on August 11. Bill describes himself as merely a "facilitator," but those of us who have worked with him know that he has been far more in helping Antrim run smoothly and successfully. Certainly he has been an invaluable resource to the Selectmen who have profited from his knowledge of town government, his organizational skills, his patience, and his good humor. We wish him well in his new endeavor, and we shall miss him.

Have a good Fall! We look forward to seeing you all at the Home and Harvest Weekend, September 19th – 21st.



THOUGHTS ON LEAVING CONCORD

By Rep. David Essex

Having decided against a third term, it seems appropriate for me to reflect on nearly four years as one of your representatives in the legislature, to share what I learned about state government, and to offer a candid assessment.

On balance, I believe the time was worthwhile, even the hours spent on dull or infuriating speeches (most heard, some delivered) and long drives through the snow. I think I made a modest contribution to preserving what makes New Hampshire unique "its natural beauty and strong sense of community," and to addressing long-neglected problems. I helped revive the Democratic Party in our town and district by running serious campaigns and encouraging others to get involved.

I believe many would judge me an effective communicator and a studious, reliable legislator who took every aspect of the job seriously. Yet I must look with some envy on the achievements of many of my colleagues who were more effective at getting legislation passed or pushing the bureaucracy to get things done. I have much to learn about the persistence, self-confidence, and flexibility needed to persevere in the face of opposition and indifference. I am not so good at the behind-the-scenes

persuasion and deal-making that are the keys to influence in Concord.

Despite helping to advance my party's interests and valuing its guidance on legislation, I often chafed under its dictates and have come to loathe partisanship. While old hands insist that nothing would ever get done without the majorities enabled by parties, I believe nearly the opposite to be true. Free to speak their minds and informed by rigorous public debate, non-partisan legislators might well achieve more that is truly in the general interest. We sometimes did just that, yet too often the parties forgot the people we were elected to serve, often sabotaging good legislation out of spite.

A few individuals seemed unintimidated by partisan pressure, routinely bucking their party either out of contrariness or real courage. I wish I had emulated these independent thinkers,

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and I did to a large degree, sometimes voting against the Democratic consensus on issues of conscience or local concern. But the official positions of my party were too much on my mind on voting days.

Constituent service was perhaps my hardest challenge. With virtually no staff, House members must volunteer scarce time to requests from individuals. When constituents call attention to a personal problem that can be solved by legislation or an inquiry to a state agency, the result can be reforms that benefit many others. There is also great satisfaction in helping one person. Unfortunately, a few constituents abuse the accessibility of their representatives, dragging them into personal grievances, often simply to make trouble for their enemies. Public resources are wasted on problems that have little to do with the wellbeing of the community.

I learned the truth behind certain clichés about politics. One cliché says it's all about money, power, and special interests. An overstatement, to be sure, but I have seen firsthand how money relegates the public interest to an inferior rank among other priorities.

For some, it meant inviting lobbyists to breakfast with Senate incumbents and candidates at a law firm within sight of the gold dome of the State House when the Senate was still scheduled to vote on bills that directly impacted the special interests that the lobbyists represent. It led the Speaker of the House to host a reception for fellow candidates, with the party encouraging lobbyists to bring their checkbooks. That money went to a committee of the state party, which will redistribute it to candidates in blatant laundering that somehow meets the letter of ethics laws.

Money's pernicious influence led an industry association to offer me a campaign contribution after ranking me among the most business-friendly Democrats (a relative term). It drove the party to threaten a primary opponent for a hard-working Senate candidate who refused to take money from lobbyists. It caused union lobbyists to badger the Senate President publicly outside a committee room in hopes of eviscerating a bill that would have overhauled the state retirement system and save local taxpayers millions of dollars. They succeeded, and hundreds of hours of honest work by legislators went down the drain along with the greater good.

Few things can kill a bill quicker than the business community going on high alert against legislation perceived to be against its interests. It's not as if lobbyists for my favorite causes—conservation, agriculture, renewable energy, human services, and community development—are much better. The local chapter of the Sierra Club has done as much as any multinational corporation to squash legislation I have labored over for months. Misrepresentation, backstabbing, and veiled threats to attack other legislation are tactics common to lobbyists across the political spectrum. I simply believe that non-profits and charities are more motivated by the public good than the average business.

It is the system that is bad, not the individuals involved. Lobbyists were among the kindest, smartest, most professional people I encountered in Concord. Most respected the limits of their role and were extremely helpful; many are as altruistic in their devotion to their communities as any volunteer legislator. But the money-driven vicious circle that they inhabit is a threat to good government, which is why I support public financing of elections. Money should have minimal influence not only on who runs for office, but what they do once elected.

The biggest, most pleasant surprise of my time in Concord was making so many friends with members of both parties. We enjoyed many hours of camaraderie in the State House cafeteria, during committee hearings and work sessions, on cold, windy Main Street, and in long, hot springtime voting sessions in the House chamber. I often found myself overcome with feelings of admiration for many colleagues' sincere dedication to the public good, their dogged advocacy and thankless work for unappreciated causes, often over many years and at personal cost.

I have two major regrets. I was unable to secure funding for a new courthouse to replace the aging, inadequate Hillsborough District Court. Though I tried to play a leadership role by drafting a bill and rallying local support, I underestimated the extent to which legislators are expected to be *de facto* project managers. An inefficient system is partly at fault. Courthouse projects require the cooperation of two territorial state agencies—the department of administrative services and the judicial branch—both of which must rely on an often parochial legislature for money. This results in under-funded courthouses and some nonsensical political decisions about where to locate them.

But by far my biggest regret is the failure of the legislature to reform education funding and address the Supreme Court's Claremont mandates, despite my party's having large majorities in both houses and a wildly popular governor. Never an income tax zealot, I have always been willing to consider any means, especially a reformed statewide property tax, as long as it achieves rough parity among towns and taxpayers and is sensitive to people's ability to pay. I was dubious of the definition of educational adequacy that we adopted, believing it low-balled the costs actually paid by school districts in a cynical effort to pass off the state's responsibility. I was crushingly disappointed when House leadership, run by my party, made an apparently political decision to defer the funding problem until after this year's election. But many of us were angered by their apparently disingenuous advocacy of a constitutional amendment similar to one pushed by Gov. Lynch that the House had soundly defeated just one year before.

It is not my intent to paint a dark picture. Despite my concerns, I am confident that New Hampshire will thrive as long as it nurtures the social capital created by its people working together in community. In its best moments, our volunteer legislature is simply an extension of that spirit of community, a Town Meeting writ large. Thank you for the honor of representing you there.

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HISTORICAL ANTRIM

By Dick Winslow

Documents being referenced:

History of the Town of Antrim from 1744 to 1844 by Rev. John M. Whiton, published 1852; 95 pages including a genealogy.

History of the Town of Antrim from its Earliest Settlement to 1877 by Rev. Warren R. Cochrane, published 1880; 785 pages including a genealogy.

Genealogical Records of Antrim N.H. up to 1940 by Rev. Ralph H. Tibbals, published 1967; 640 pages.

Parades and Promenades, the Second Hundred Years by a committee, published 1977; 299 pages.

A Stroll Through Antrim by 24 contributors; material drawn from the archives of the Antrim Historical Society, published 1997; 98 pages, 199 photographs, some dating back to post-Civil War days.

A Stroll Through Antrim's Changing Landscape: South Village by the 5th grade class of Great Brook School guided by its teachers Anne Kenney, Pam Donoghue, and Barbara Black, published 2000; 22 pages, 24 pictures.

Rains Finely Today, Denison Gould's Diary 1831-1865, published 1974; 128 pages.

All these publications may be read at the Tuttle Library. All also maybe borrowed there except the Town Histories by Whiton and Cochrane and the *Genealogical Records* by Tibbals. *Parades and Promenades* and *A Stroll Through Antrim* may be purchased at the Tuttle Library for \$15.00 each, and *Rains Finely Today* at the Fuller Library, Hillsborough, for \$10.00

There's both a garden of delights as well as sobering tragedies to be found in Antrim historical writings. Each, delights and tragedies, can be found in the above-listed publications, along with background descriptions of those who settled Antrim, Philip Riley in 1744, James Aiken in 1767, and then the rest. We learn that the early settlers' forebears were Protestant Scots who, in 1612, had emigrated to northern Ireland to buy land, became known as "Scotch-Irish," and subsequently emigrated to America where many settled in Londonderry, N.H. whence they spread out to establish such towns as New Boston, Peterborough, Frankestown, Deering, Bennington, and Antrim. (An excellent background summary may be found in the opening chapter of *Parades and Promenades*, which synthesizes material from the massive *Cochrane History*.)

Tragedies can be fascinating as long as they're happening to someone else. (There's an old Chinese saying: "to be having breakfast and see your neighbor fall off his roof – ah! is not this happiness!") The Cochrane history details early Antrim hardships, some of them desperate. For example:

"James Aiken's first winter featured deep snows and little respite from the cold. He had no near neighbors. His good wife, Molly, saw not a woman's face, save her own, through all that dreary winter, yet she was called to see one of her little ones die when thus alone. It was the first death amongst the settlers of this town. The little child had come into the wilderness to die."

Again, from Cochrane: "In the long and terrible winter of 1811-12 the spotted fever broke out in Antrim – the most fatal scourge that ever swept the town. ... Robert Nesmith, child of Deacon Jonathan, was taken and lived but a few hours ... Cases followed rapidly all over town ... There were two hundred cases and forty deaths ... Everybody wore mourning till the deaths became so numerous it was impossible to provide mourning apparel. It was hard to find well persons enough to take care of the sick. As this was a new disease, physicians did not know how to manage it, and most of them adopted the roasting process. This they carried to such an extreme that many were actually roasted to death ... with hot bricks, hot stones, hot blocks of wood, hot rooms, hot drinks and piles of clothes. The poor creature, burning with fever, was roasted out of this world."

I'll complete this litany of tragedies by quoting from *Rains Finely Today*, Denison Gould's Diary, using several entries to set the tone. All are from the year 1832:

"April 24 — I saw a swallow today, first this spring.

"April 26 — Sowed one acre of oats today ... and planted 20 hills of potatoes.

"June 3 — We worked our highway road tax yesterday, \$3.76.

"June 16 — We had a mess of new potatoes and mowed considerable of a piece south of the house today.

"July 20 — Old Tom Moor, brother to Hugh Moor, drowned himself. (Hugh hung himself two years ago.) Tom got some rum and he and his wife took some for their comfort and then they had a small dispute about 3 lice being on a bumblebee's nest. So they got mad and she took the broom and he took the fire shovel—each for their own defense. She hit him on the butt with her broom and he hit her on the head with his shovel, and chopped a piece of the hair and skin off of the bone above her ear. So he thought the Devil or Justice would overtake him, and he laid his face in a little puddle and had spunk enough to hold it in until he was dead."

On the other hand, Dr. Whiton observes that between 1809–1852 there were only 780 deaths out of a population of 1300. (That would average 18 or 19 a year.) "Of those 780, 20% were between ages 70 and 97. This life expectancy in Antrim seems remarkable, thanks perhaps to Antrim's being remarkably free from stagnant swamps sending forth pestiferous exhalations."

The century and a half between 1850 and 2000, during which Antrim historical documents were written, contains a profound change in the kind of "glue" that held the community together. Historians Whiton in 1850, Cochrane in 1875,

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ANTRIM SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Mary Allen

James Jameson? Alice Thompson? Guy Tibbetts? Do these names mean anything to you?

While 18 enterprising Antrim students might recognize a name from a recent award letter, the quiet generosity of three almost-forgotten benefactors is one of Antrim's best-kept secrets.

Each spring, the Antrim Scholarship Committee gathers one night at the Town Hall to go over the thick stack of applications for the Jameson, Thompson and Tibbetts awards. This year, the committee had four members – a selectman (Mike Genest), a trustee of the trust funds (John Robertson), a school board member (me) and a community member (Loyall Allen).

This was my second year on the committee and my first handling the award notifications.

While working on the individual award letters, I got curious about the Drs. Jameson and Tibbetts and Miss Thompson. And I realized the students getting those letters had no way of knowing the history of the scholarships, and those students also had no way to get the public recognition they deserve.

So here's a quick primer on the Antrim scholarships: who endowed them, how they work, and why they are important. And listed separately are the 18 winners for 2008 – all of whom get a heartfelt "Way To Go!" from members of the 2008 Scholarship Committee.

So, who were these kind souls? I got out my copy of Cochrane's town history, the Tibbals genealogical records and the most-recent history, *Parades and Promenades*. And then, of course, I called Nina Harding to fill in the missing details and to make sure I get things right.

Dr. James Walker Jameson was born to a prominent Antrim family in 1878. He graduated from Princeton University in 1901, where he was the first to be elected twice as president of his class. He graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City in 1905 and was an intern at Presbyterian Hospital in New York.

He settled in Concord and became one of the foremost surgeons in New Hampshire, working on the staff of Margaret Pillsbury General Hospital (which later became Concord Hospital). He also served with the Evacuation Hospital No. 6 in France during World War I. In 1913, he married a widow, Oleonda Busche Prince, who was born in Hamburg, Germany.

Dr. Jameson had a long and productive life, but never had children. He died in 1972, at the age of 94, and didn't forget his hometown roots. *Parades and Promenades* notes that he was "always interested in the town's welfare."

There's almost nothing about **Alice Ruth Thompson** in the town history books, but Nina filled in the gaps. What we do know is that Alice was born in 1892 and was the youngest of Samuel Thompson's three children. Her father was a farmer and the family lived in the Reuben Boutwell place near the Over East Cemetery. The farmhouse burned down in 1905 and for the next three years they lived on the adjoining farm.

Around 1908, the family bought the Parker Bryer home on Main Street.

Miss Thompson never married and she lived with her father until his death in 1936, and then lived in the Main Street house for the rest of her life. But she wasn't the quiet spinster that you might imagine. Thompson was a well-known Republican and alternated with Democrat Earl Cutter as the town's postmaster whenever her party was in power in Washington. According to town history, Miss Thompson served as Antrim's postmaster for a total of 12 years. "They had to change jobs when the administration changed, so she and Earl alternated," according to Nina.

Dr. Guy Daniel Tibbetts was born in Gloucester, Mass., in 1888. He graduated from Tufts College Medical School in 1911, and was an intern at four hospitals in Boston. He practiced in Bennington for about a year before he was commissioned as a first lieutenant in U.S. Army's Medical Corps in 1917.

Dr. Tibbetts was one of a thousand American doctors loaned to the British government during World War I. He was attached as a medical officer to the First Fourth East Yorkshire Regiment and was wounded on March 22, 1918. In May 1918, he was taken prisoner at Craonelle, France, and held in a German prison camp until November 1918. He received the British Distinguished Service Cross by King George V during a ceremony held at Buckingham Palace later that year.

After his discharge in 1919, he returned to Bennington but moved to Antrim in 1920 where he ran a "large a successful practice" from his Main Street home, now the site of the Antrim Girls Shelter. His wife, Anna, was a registered nurse; the couple had no children.

According to *Parades and Promenades*, after a second doctor opened a practice in Antrim, the much-beloved Dr. Tibbetts finally took a well-deserved break in 1939 and spent the winter in Florida. He returned in the spring and died six weeks later. A military funeral was held at the Baptist church and local businesses and schools were closed so the whole town could attend the services.

THE SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

Miss Thompson and the Drs. Jameson and Tibbetts left their bequests in the care of two oversight groups. The Tibbetts and Thompson funds are the responsibility of the Antrim Trustees of the Trust Funds; the Jameson Fund is overseen by the N.H. Charitable Fund.

Each spring, the trustees tell the committee how much interest was earned by each fund and that becomes that year's "pot." The Jameson Fund is by far the largest of the three endowments and generated about \$10,000 in interest this year; the Tibbetts is the smallest at roughly \$900; and the Thompson Fund produced about \$4,000.

In addition, the trustees make sure the committee adheres to the rules set down by the benefactors. The Jameson Fund

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awards go to “entering” students (freshmen); the Tibbetts Fund can only be used for medically related fields of study; the Thompson Fund is unrestricted as long as the student is an Antrim resident. The committee’s role is to weigh each application on the merits of the student’s academic potential and financial need. All applications are kept confidential and they are destroyed after the committee finishes its work.

Applications are due in May (usually May 1) and the forms are available at the guidance department at ConVal High School, at Town Hall and on the town’s website. Applications must be complete and received at the Town Hall by the deadline.

Students who receive grants as freshmen are encouraged to apply for additional funds as their college careers progress. Sadly, grants for upperclassmen are limited and students should not assume they will receive the same size grants as their freshmen award.

EVERLASTING GIFTS

Why did two doctors – one who didn’t even practice in town – and a postmaster leave these wonderful legacies?

It wasn’t for the glory; few remember their names. And they weren’t in the teaching field or in daily contact with youngsters, the usual courses for establishing scholarships. So, we’re left to our imagination. Perhaps each had a love of learning, a pride in their hometown and the rare foresight to understand that educating the town’s children was the key Antrim’s future. Or maybe they were just very nice people with no heirs to inherit their life savings.

Some day another Antrim scholarship fund may be added to these three. Let’s hope so. These quiet bequests are the best examples of gifts that keep on giving.

And the winners are ...

On June 1, award letters went out to 18 Antrim students pursuing college degrees. Congratulations to all the 2008 scholars for their hard work and academic achievements.

THE ALICE R. THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Eleven students, all in at least their second year of college study, received awards from the Thompson Fund this year. This is an unrestricted fund, but since the Jameson scholarship is limited to freshman, Thompson grants most often go to upperclassmen. Below are the winners, the schools they attend, and their class year in the fall.

Kevin Boucher, Keene State College, junior
Amanda G. Burke, University of New Hampshire, sophomore
Dylan Chace, The Culinary Institute of America, junior
Troy French, Springfield College, sophomore
Byran W. Hebert II, Keene State College, sophomore
Chloe Morel, Boston University, sophomore
Stephen Nichols, Daniel Webster College, sophomore
Nicholas C. Seymour, Keene State College, junior
Emily Taub, Goucher College, sophomore
Juliana Williams, Bridgewater State College, senior
Michael Williams, University of New England, sophomore

THE JAMES W. JAMESON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Seven students entering their freshman year received grants from the Jameson Fund. This fund restricts its awards to freshmen. Below are the winners and the schools they will be attending in the fall.

Madeleine J. Beihl, University of New Hampshire
Daniel S. Burke, Plymouth State University
Alicia Gould, Messiah College
Elisabeth A. Hebert, Eastern Nazarene College
Nicholas Nannicelli, University of Rhode Island
Jonathan Nichols, Plymouth State University
Philip Proctor, University of New Hampshire

THE GUY D. TIBBETTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Tibbetts Fund is restricted to students entering the field of medicine or a related field of study. Two freshmen scholarship applicants qualified for Tibbetts grants this year, in addition to receiving money from the Jameson Fund.

Congratulations to **Alicia Gould**, who plans to pursue nursing at Messiah College, and **Elisabeth A. Hebert**, who is entering a pre-pharmacy program at Eastern Nazarene College.

presented a brief history of the library, and Richard Winslow, also a former trustee, read excerpts from the poem read by W.R. Cochrane at the 1908 dedication. Ceremonies concluded with the ribbon cutting performed by Constance Kirwin and Kathy Chisholm, library director. The ribbon for the ceremony was held by two children, Marion-Anne Noble-Winchester and Colin Brinkley.



Photo by Ral Burgess

Kathryn Chisholm, Library Director, and Connie Kirwin, Trustee

Following the dedication, refreshments were served and a slide show portraying the history of the library was shown. People were invited to look around the library and view the Historical Society's exhibits. Children were invited into the children's section for hat making, library card designing and face painting.

Not unlike the creation of the original library, the addition was mired in controversy and false starts. Various proposals for an addition to relieve serious overcrowding in the original building were considered by the library trustees over the years, but none were deemed suitable, primarily because of the cost. On December 31, 2005 the trustees and various town officials traveled to Sanbornton, NH, to view construction of that town's library addition. That was the beginning of the concept of an addition for the town's library that would alleviate overcrowding while being within financial reach of the town. In 2006 the project was approved at the annual town meeting. Later that year, construction began.

A little more than one hundred years before, there was similar controversy over creation of a library. The debate began in 1906. James A. Tuttle had bequeathed the bulk of his estate for the construction and maintenance of a free public library. However, Charles Jameson wrote, "The money should be used for books not a building." William Braisted countered, "The intent of Mr. Tuttle was to create a building of note to house the library." The public agreed with Braisted

and in March, 1906, at a town meeting, voters accepted the bequest, appointed a committee to select a site and hire an architect to design the library.

Later that year, a \$12,000 budget was established to build the library. Unfortunately, in May 1907, the town learned that the estimated cost of the library would be \$16,000. A special town meeting decided that the construction costs should be held at \$13,000. The cost reduction would be achieved by eliminating expensive interior and exterior detailing.

The library was dedicated on August 19, 1908. An estimated 900 people attended the celebration. The building's completion was not without a humorous side. According to the *Antrim Reporter* (the local newspaper), in late May, 1908, the building committee, its work completed, turned over the keys for the library to the selectmen. The selectmen, in turn, notified the library trustees that they were ready to pass the keys to them. However, when the selectmen and trustees met, the selectmen refused to give the trustees the keys because construction had gone \$70 over budget. Ultimately the matter was resolved and the library was opened in July, 1908.

One of the hallmarks of the James A. Tuttle Library is the generosity of Antrim residents and others from surrounding towns. Consider that the original building was made possible through the bequest of James A. Tuttle. The land was donated by former New Hampshire Governor, and Antrim resident, D.H. Goodell. The Wyman Kneeland Flint library of 2,000 volumes also was given to the library. (Estimated value of the building and books when the library opened was



Photo by Missy Taylor

Left to right: Lyman Gilmore, Rebecca Paquette, Ray Sweeney

\$20,000.) In more recent history the land for the addition was donated to the town by James and Carol Rymes. Hundreds of other area residents and businesses made large and small donations which have enhanced the attractiveness and usefulness of the new addition and refurbishment of the original

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THESE ANTRIM HILLS

HOLT HILL

Peter Moore

The hills and mountains that surround our town or rise in our midst have a recorded history as well as mysteries hidden along their ledges and in their wild landscape. At times some of these hills hosted human life on their summits and slopes, often taking on the names of these families about whose lives we wonder.

Holt Hill, one of the less spectacular among our hills, appears to be just a tree-feathered rise when viewed from the flat water of Gregg Lake. Once Holt had completely open slopes to the top, as did many of the hills of southern New Hampshire. Today, not even the great chimney or the gabled roofs of the newer, large house on its top it can be easily seen. All that remains of what went on there many years ago are a few bits in our local histories or in the romantic memory of its descendents.

In the past, this rounded rise of land was known as Holt's Hill, not the singular *Holt* Hill we know it as today, because it was the Holt family that settled upon it, carved-out the forest homestead, and tamed it into productive farm land. The recorded Holt history goes back to 1823 when Daniel Holt, then 27 years old, came northwest from Wilton, where the Scottish-Irish Holt family was well established. Daniel, and his wife of one year, Hannah (Green), actually followed in the tracks of earlier Antrim pioneers, the brothers Enoch, Elijah, and Deacon Barachias, who came from Wilton to Antrim in 1794. (But that is a story for another time.) Daniel who came twenty-nine years later first settled on this hill.

Daniel Holt must have been an industrious, skilled, and ambitious young man when he arrived in Antrim and worked-

out with Deacon Alexander a purchase agreement for the hill and the log cabin on the south slope below the summit. He and Hannah had six children on their hillside homestead, three daughters and three sons, while at the same time he "made many improvements on the farm and built the massive stone walls that may be seen today." (Tibbals, *Genealogical Records of Antrim*) Tibbals goes on to say: "His house was burned Sept. 2, 1833, but the people turned out to help him, and in just four weeks from the day of the fire he moved into the house recently taken down."

The 1880 *History of Antrim* by W.R.Cochran makes only one reference to Holt Hill: "Holt's Hill, north of the Pond (Gregg Lake), was named from it's owner, Daniel Holt, has a wide and beautiful prospect, and a fine farm on its summit." After Daniel and Hannah worked their farm for forty-five years, they retired in 1868 and moved to Hillsboro Bridge where Hannah died in 1873 and Daniel in 1876. At the time of their departure, they turned the hill and homestead over to the second born son, Samuel Augustus Holt, whose two brothers had died at young ages. Usually daughters did not inherit property in those early days.

Samuel Augustus, and his wife Mary Minerva (Whitney, also of Antrim) continued to work and greatly improve the homestead for almost thirty more years, until 1897, when Samuel died at the age of sixty-one. But over the three decades that this hard-working couple tended the farm, they were "middle class," having cash money, and owning the place and the land "free and clear." They raised Black Faced sheep, lamb, cows, and chickens and planted the whole south slope of the hill in potatoes, cabbage, and beets, which they stored in basement sand to eat and to sell. Every May 10th, "Pasture Day," the cow herd would be driven up to the open grass slopes of what is now the western declivity of Patten Hill

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Library Dedication continued

section. Plaques for some of the more substantial donations have been placed in the corridor connecting the original library and the new addition.

Although the dedication is over, work continues. There is wiring to be completed in the old part of the library. The walkway in front of the library has to be finished and landscaping will open up some of the shrubbery and trees in front of the library.

If the original founders of the library could see what their legacy looks like today they would be amazed. Not only has the physical building expanded but there are DVDs, CDs, computers, and audio books, to name a few of the innovative technologies that make today's library so rich and diverse. If it weren't for the foresight of the men and women more than 100 years ago Antrim would indeed be poorer.

Members of the Dedication and Celebration Committee, who made the ceremonies possible, are Kathy Chisholm, Lyman Gilmore, Ron Hagggett, Kara Penny, Sandy Snow, Missy Taylor, Margaret Warner and Dick Winslow.



Photo by Missy Taylor
Seated: Marion-Anne Noble-Winchester, Marion Noble, Ann Hagggett, Nancy Benda, Trustee. Standing: Sandy Snow, Trustee

and Tibbals in 1940, were all, characteristically, Protestant clergymen whose spiritual, moral, and social anchor was the Church. Later publications relate to the Church mainly through the historical importance of its buildings.

The early-on importance of Church is suggested by a startling fact: in the beginning, towns like Antrim did not recognize a division between Church and State. Here is how Cochrane describes it: “Up to the year 1836, the town and the church were unified, the town in public meeting calling the minister and paying him out of the town treasury like any other town officer.” For example:

“March, 1779 — the town voted 8 days preaching.

“March 1780 — the town voted 12 days preaching.

“March 1785 — voted 12 days preaching and voted Public worship be at Daniel Miltimore’s this year. (It was there that the little dwelling, crowded full, the floor gave way and dropped them all, minister, people, furniture and Bible into the cellar. Strange to say, nobody was hurt (and after) a short interruption the service went on.” (Note: the Miltimore house stood where Alabama Farm on Smith Road now is.)

There are 626 names detailed in the Rev. Ralph H. Tibbals’ 1940 book of Antrim Genealogies, but none beginning with the letters Q or X and only one each for I, U and Z (many of us know Charlie Zabriskie: his father, Al Zabriskie, came here in 1915.) But there are numerous names for the rest of the alphabet. Five (B, C, H, M and S) have, each, 50 or more names and one, C, has 68 names: “Caldwell, Call, Cameron, Campbell” ...all the way to ... “Cummings, Cunningham, Curtis and Cutter.” Tibbals is not only meticulous with his material but leavens the entries wherever possible with human details. For instance: “Dea. Amos Parmenter, son of Amos and Mary Parmenter, was born in Framingham, Mass. in 1769. (He came) to Antrim in 1800. He had great difficulty finding the town, then called in common parlance ‘Enterum.’” Or this about the much admired Rev. John M. Whiton: “It is said that in his later years he grew absent minded as all studious men are prone to do. On one occasion (dressing) to officiate at a prominent wedding ... he remarked to his good wife that he must ... wear his black silk stockings. She gave them to him and he proceeded to put them on, probably thinking all the time of the dignified words the occasion would demand of him. Having dressed one foot he asked for the other stocking. Not finding it, they both searched the room, the bureau, and every possible place without avail and finally gave up. Taking a common pair of stockings to put on, he drew off the silk one when, to his great astonishment, he found he had both on one foot.”

Whereas the Town Histories by Whiton and Cochrane, the Genealogy by Tibbals—and for that matter, Denison Gould’s Diary—are the work of single authors, our other publications were written by groups. *A Stroll Through Antrim* (1997) features 199 photographs, each with an informative sentence or two, exploring buildings, period dress, manufactories, town

layout, scenery, and indeed is a happy treat. *A Stroll Through Antrim’s Changing Landscape: South Village* written and edited in 2000 by members of the Great Brook School fifth grade, with the help of teachers, offers 24 pictures of “downtown” Antrim past and present, as well as very direct language. Thus: “Antrim, N.H. looks like a typical New England town. We’re quiet and we have a white church in the center. In fact, we have two white churches and a brown one.” “Main Street today looks different from the way it looked in the early 1900s. Once white picket fences in the front of houses went all down Main Street in Antrim. The fences were there so the sheep being driven down Main Street wouldn’t eat the grass on the lawns.”

I close with a nod to Antrim’s most recent full-fledged Town History, *Parades and Promenades: Antrim’s Second Hundred Years*. Published in 1977, it reaches back to 1877 when the town celebrated its first century. It is authored by a remarkable eight-person committee, each of whom had been assigned a topic. It anchors itself not, as with Whiton, Cochrane and Tibbals, in the Church, but in Antrim’s social makeup and social strengths. Its opening sentence points the way: “In a review of the events of the past 200 years, one fact stands out: Antrim was a very social community. The list of clubs, lodges, and kindred organizations is staggering. The Antrim Players, The Grange, the Music Club, the Odd Fellows, the Rebekahs, the Woman’s Club, the DAR, the Chamber of Commerce, the Women’s Relief Corps, the American Legion, the PTA, the Garden Club, the social groups of various churches, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts and Brownies and 4H-ers.” The book is informative, probing and written with verve.

In its chapter on the Arts in Antrim—plays, painters, composers, writers, etc.—*Parades and Promenades* mentions an Antrim poet laureate, Avis Turner French, who came here in 1923 when she married Malcolm French. After listing her professional accomplishments, it quotes her lovely little poem *The Mirror Cat* which made me think a bit about the degree to which recorded history sometimes serves as a mirror in which one may see oneself. In the poem, a cat is speaking:

*The mirror cat of silver gray
Surprised me so I walked away,
But I returned as girls will do
When they have liked the mirror’s view;
Then purred a song with loving grace
And charmed the thief who wore my face.*



SPIN AND WEB COMES TO ANTRIM

Agricola

Juliet Ermitano, owner of the Maplehurst Inn and The Antrim Marketplace, has opened next to her grocery a new laundry and internet café which will have giant washing machines handling eighty pond loads and “wi-fi” wireless computer access.



SKATEBOARD SLALOM CLINIC

Dave Kirkpatrick

On Saturday July 26th, you may have noticed a buzz of activity in downtown Antrim: roads closed, traffic redirected, and lots of people on rather unusual looking skateboards carving up and down Summer Street, briskly dodging orange cones with the aid of a 4 foot launch ramp. We have seen something like this before at the Home and Harvest Festival, and we'll see it again in September this year, but this was not a race. This was a Slalom Skateboarding Clinic, organized by the Avenue A Teen Center and sponsored by the Antrim Parks and Recreation Department. It was designed to introduce newer skaters to the sport, to give people a chance to try some real, very specific racing equipment, and to let those who just wanted a chance to (legally) "hit" Summer Street a few times a chance to have fun as well. The clinic was taught by several racers who competed here in years past, including Karl Floitgraf, currently the No.1 ranked amateur slalom skater in the world!

The clinic was a great success. About 25 skaters from age 5 to 45 gave it their best, and kids who once told me "Yeah, I skate but I would never, I COULD never do THAT!" actually tried it, liked it, and did really well at it. Several have indicated interest in "taking it to the next level," possibly competing in the H&H race in the fall. Having a few more local entries in that race would be tremendous. Despite the stigma put on skating in general, there were no crashes or noteworthy injuries on Saturday. The only one who felt a bit of pave-

do it, if you say you REALLY like your shoes and just want to try them out, but there are oh, so many reasons to do it with the equipment the others are using, particularly if you intend to be competitive.

Slalom Racing is very much a real sport, not to imply that freestyle isn't, which it most definitely is. But those who skate "street" seem to bask in the unstructured nature of doing so.



Showing up at a given place and time, pre-registering, studying the competition, is not typically of interest to most park skaters. Just about any decent board will do for street, and they are mainly designed to flip well and survive a hard beating. With slalom racing, by comparison, there has to be some structure, and every little thing matters. On race day, competitors need to arrive on time, get their equipment tuned up carefully, and be mentally prepared with their "A game on" when their number is called. There's no trying the trick over and over 'til it's landed successfully. From start to finish, every turn, every cone, every pump for speed will count. Races are won by hundredths of seconds. And if you enjoy learning tinkering with gear, you have some great toys to play and research on rainy days. You'll want a board with a shape that fits stance, that has a wheelbase suitable to the course that has been set, or better yet, with an adjustable wheelbase. The wheels are mounted in pairs of different hardness, carefully matched to the rider's weight and to the road conditions. The tradeoff in duro (hardness) is faster vs. grippier wheels, and both are critical to winning races. Bushings are also adjusted differently, front and back, top and bottom, for optimal performance. And trucks, the most important element, are built with different geometry for front and back, fine-tuned with angled risers to provide precision steering on the course. Throw in a set of delicate ceramic bearings for well over \$100, and one could easily have an \$800 racing board in the "quiver." No worries for the beginner, though, a very work-



ment-slide was trying the course on his own deck, one that was not very suitable for slalom racing. This would be rather like running the hurdles in dress shoes. I suppose you could

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Wayno's mother, Flossie French, grew up in West Deering. His father, August Olson, "came up from Henniker. He was born in Connecticut. My father and his five brothers all had motorcycles, Harley Davidsons, they were kind of a motorcycle gang. I was nine when my parents divorced in 1945."

When I asked Wayno what he remembered about his only sibling, his older brother Lelon, my father paused. "Gosh. My brother always went to my father's side. My father lived in Hillsborough from 1944 on, and I stayed home with my mother in Antrim. Every weekend my brother would go to Hillsborough. When my brother and I were older, we'd visit my grandfather in West Deering, bum some money from him, and walk down Longwoods Road to the movies in Hillsborough."

"Lelon went to school here until he was a sophomore, and then he asked my mother to sign for him to go into the service. He was seventeen and needed her signature. (pause) He went into the service in the fall of '50. To my recollection he was in the service only sixteen weeks by the time he went to Korea. He was a paratrooper, and the reason he was a paratrooper is that they gave him \$50 more a month in pay. The regular pay was only \$21 a month in those days."

"Lelon was dropped right on the enemy. Most of them were shot in the air, two-hundred or so of them shot in the air. We were living up over Proctor's Store on Main Street at the time, and we didn't hear about it until a month or so later. Rupert Wizel, our chief of police in those days, came to the door with a man from the service with a telegram."

I commented to my dad that Lelon's death must have shook up the household. "It was already shook up. After Depot Street, we moved up to Clinton Village on Old Hancock Road in '45, then we moved over Eddie's store in '47. (Eddie's was on Clinton Road, just before Old Hancock Road.) In '48 we lived over Proctor's Store, which is where we were when Lelon died."

"I stayed with my Uncle Raymond (French) and Aunt Mary in the summers of '47, '48 and '49 (in North Branch near where the Maharishi School is now). In those days, my father and Ray worked as caretakers for the Loomis Estate, which later was Hawthorne College (and is now the Maharishi School). The head caretaker, William Linton, used to give me two dollars a week for weeding the garden. He was shocked I knew the difference between a weed and a plant."

SCHOOL, SPORTS

"I never would have graduated if it hadn't been for girls and sports. I never did like school very much. Basketball was the sport I excelled in. There was no track, no football. I played the two sports available, basketball in the winter and baseball in the summer. In later years, I refereed Antrim High basketball games. And I supported Little League and Antrim baseball for ten years or so by buying the uniforms."

"I tried college, New England College, in '53. I went for

one semester, but all the Korean War veterans were there, they were older and drinking. I was only 17 and college didn't seem to fit for me. I was certainly in a different class.

WORK ETHIC, JOBS, MIAMI

"My mother worked in Goodell Company all those years, in the grinding room, right in back of where Bakery 42 is now, sharpening knives. During the summertime when we lived over Proctor's store, I'd get orders from people who worked at Goodell Company, probably twenty or so, and they'd give me a nickel for a bottle of soda and I'd go uptown and buy them a soda—get them cold at the First National store—which I eventually bought. There was a 2-cent deposit on the bottles and that's how I made my money. I did that every day, five days a week during the summertime. (The First National grocery store was first located where Rick and Diane's Restaurant is today, then moved in the late 1940s to the building that now houses Antrim Marketplace.)

"Before that, when I was ten or eleven, I used to collect old bottles I'd find at the dump out by the Depot Street Bridge, and I'd wash 'em, and turn 'em in for 2-cents and 5-cents."

I asked my father where he got his work ethic: "We didn't have much money when I was growing up, and I always wanted to have money in my pocket." At age 15, Wayno got his first grocery job, at the First National.

"In '53 I graduated from high school and followed your mother to Florida; when she was a sophomore she went down there to Miami Edison High School. We both lived with Herb Gordon and his wife Alice. I had about 500 dollars, I can remember, and Carter Proctor gave me a ride as far as Fayetteville, North Carolina, on my way to Florida—I had never been farther than Bennington, I think—and I left him in North Carolina, on a Greyhound bus with my nose and eyes up against the window. He was in the service and used to being away, but it was a very tearful situation for me."

"I got to Miami, hand on my suit case—I guess everybody told me don't take your hand off your suitcase, if you do somebody will walk off with it—and I looked around and saw that the buildings were high compared to Antrim and I called the Gordons. Took me about twenty minutes and six tries to get the telephone to work because my mother didn't have a phone at the house. When Mr. Gordon answered, I wasn't smart enough to say 'this is Wayno.' I said 'Who's this?' and Mr. Gordon said 'Who's this?' and I said 'Well who's this?'"

"I went down to Miami for two weeks and stayed for two years.

"It took me approximately all my \$500 before I found a job because I was too chicken to ask for a job. Miami had six movie theaters and I used to hit every one every week. I finally went to an agency, and they found me a job with Food Fair. It was really my start in the grocery business. The agency took my first week's pay for finding the job. Ten of my \$40 a

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week for four weeks. It was a lot.”

“I stocked shelves at Food Fair. That’s where I met my good friend George Lamont. George, from Rockport New York, was three years older than I, and he knew the system, he was kind of my protector. The manager was saying about me, “he’ll never make it, too slow.” I stayed with them until the supervisor told me that I was not the right nationality to go up in their business. I was as high as I was going to get.” (Apparently the family that owned Food Fair was Jewish and the supervisor believed that if one was not of that “nationality” then advancement in the business was unlikely.)

Wayno moved back and forth from Florida to Antrim for a number of years, working construction in Antrim in the warmer months. “On Christmas Eve 1955, Longfellow’s Wayside Inn in South Sudbury, Massachusetts burned down, and Roy Baker got the job from the Ford Foundation of restoring it (in the spring). Approximately twenty men from the Antrim area worked for Roy, and we all went down there. I was the youngest man in the group. That was probably the most fun job I ever had. I worked as an apprentice carpenter for Roy and Phil, got great money, got myself a brand new Chevy, and I think I was the only man in town with a new car. My mother was bringing in about \$35 a week at Goodell Company and I took home \$128 a week plus subsistence money plus I was giving four or five guys a ride to work and they were giving me \$2 a week. Gas was 5 gallons for a dollar.

“Well if it weren’t for Roy Baker...He laid me off in winters and I went to Florida. One year I was down there with Bill Bezio and I saw an accident where a lady got hurt very badly, and later when I was back in Antrim I got a telephone call from the lawyer saying I had to come down to testify. They gave me \$1,500 to drive down, which was a pile of money. I got down there and it was settled out of court so I never had to testify. I decided to stay down there and went to work for Eastern Airline. My job was to stand on a ladder under the wings—that’s where the gas tank was—and you opened these little doors and you had something about like a toothbrush and you’d scrub the inside of the wings because the gas oxidized and added weight and had to be scraped out. Awful job! The guy told me I wasn’t keeping up with the rest of the guys and I’d have to do more. I said OK, I’ll do more, I’ll see you around! That was the only job I ever quit. It was 1956. I did a lot in those days, I was always on the go.”

WAYNO’S STORE

“Your mother and I got married in ’57. Todd was born in ’58, and your mother and I planned to move to Florida. I got a job with Holsum Bread in South Miami where I was going to drive a delivery truck. But my Uncle Maurice Tucker talked to me about buying Walter Butcher’s Patent Medicines store in Antrim—Rick and Diane’s now. I quit Roy Baker’s, and Roy said, ‘Oh you shouldn’t quit, it’s a good job!’ I told him I was buying Butcher’s and he said ‘You’ll never make it!’”

“I bought Butcher’s in ‘59. Walter had alligator bags, used to go to Mexico and buy stuff and bring it back. Walt had been there 41 years, and he and Helen had lived up over the store. I bought it for \$18,500. It was a lot of money because I didn’t have any, but my Uncle Maurice helped me and we got a loan. And so I went into business October 10, 1959.”

“There were two entrances to the Butcher place, and on one side I had patent medicines, a soda fountain, and started a luncheonette. It went really good, it was very busy. On the other side Walter had men’s clothing and other dry goods. I sold that out, and I started going to Claremont twice a month in the station wagon and getting groceries to fill the shelves. I’d buy half cases so I could afford to buy more variety. So that would have been about 1960 when I started my own grocery store on the other side. “

“I used to get down to the store at 5:30 every morning and stay open ‘til quarter of twelve every night except for Sunday. The reason I stayed open so late is because the paper mill shift got out at 11 o’clock and all the boys would come by and buy beer. I was actually in competition with Bub Proctor. I had worked for Bub Proctor, who had the store farther down Main Street of course, when I was in high school. It was the place in Antrim to go, a lively place, and so I modeled my store after that.”

“In about ‘64, Carter Proctor and I doubled the size of the store to go into competition with the First National. We put a meat counter in. Howard Humphrey Sr. said I’d never make it in the meat business, but I had more refrigeration than First National had. We lived over the store until ’65.”

“The First National store went out of business in ‘66, and it sat there empty. I hired a lawyer and he looked up the owner—Mr. Tassle was his name—who sold it to me for \$12,000. I didn’t do anything with it for a year except remodel it. I remodeled it all myself while running the store in the Butcher building. In 1967, Haywards, Wonder Bread, Nissen, and three or four other outfits that delivered to my store came down on a Saturday and Sunday and moved the groceries from one store to the other, lugged them all. We had pickup trucks, and people pushed grocery carts right up the Main Street of Antrim. All those people worked for nothing, they were all vendors I’d been doing business with. We had cookouts in front of my new store to feed people.

“Two years later, Carter and I built onto the back of the store—from sixty nine feet to one hundred and forty nine feet—room for a huge meat department in those days. Dave Geoffreys showed me how to cut meat. I didn’t even know how to grind hamburg. Dave would come by at night after finishing up his day at Roy’s Market. In those days, they’d deliver the whole side of beef—350 pounds of meat—and the butcher would break it down. I cut meat for 39 years.

And about 1972 or ’73 I expanded the store parking lot. I

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bought the building next door that Ethel Davis owned, and the one next to that, Herb Harvey owned it at that time. I had Smith Harriman come in with John Drake and put chains all through the buildings and squash them both down to nothing and pushed them over to the corner of the lot. I asked the firemen if I could use the fire truck, also a few guys to give me a hand, and we burned everything right up. The town of Antrim was covered with smoke for pretty much a week and nobody complained! Of course, I was on the fire department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

“I was on the fire dept for twenty-one years. I went to a lot of fires where I was the only one there. The one I remember most was Mark Foreman’s house. His kitchen was burning, and the interior walls were on fire. I ran in with the hose, laid it down, ran back out, turned the pump on—it had to be primed—ran back in, sprayed the walls. [The house was saved] Everybody else on the fire department worked out of town. The fire department was fun. Bruce Cuddihy, the Sudsburys, Harry Clough, Don Paige, Pete Flood, Eb Chamberlain. It was a lot of fun. We had fireman’s dances about four times a year. People did things in those days.”

WAYNO’S ROAD RACE

“In the 1970s I read the Jim Fix book on running and started running with a bunch of guys. That’s how I got the idea for the road race. The first race was in 1976, for the U.S. Bicentennial. We called it a marathon, but it was only 5 miles. We had no idea what a marathon was. Sandra Nay helped me with every race. Without her, I never could have put it together.”

“Thirty or forty people came to the road race meetings up at the farm—many of the Antrim runners and their families—and we’d plan, run, play volleyball. Fifteen or twenty of us would do two races every weekend in the summer. We traveled up north, camped out overnight. It was good, clean fun. On the weekend of the race, my house was filled with runners. Twenty or thirty people came up every year from the Niantic, Connecticut Running Club and stayed at the farm. [A plaque from the Club dated 1985 reads “Wayno—He has mastered the art of giving...He gives the greatest gift: a portion of himself.”]

“The prizes were \$500 runs in the store for the first man and first woman. Every runner got a t-shirt. I got donations from vendors—Pepsi, Coke, Budweiser. The Fire Department put hoses on Main Street in front of the store after the race. That’s how all the runners got cooled off, that and drinking free beer. All the proceeds went to the Fire Department and Rescue Squad.”

“We had some real elite runners for those times, as well as forty people from Antrim in the first race. Brian Brown led the race in the cruiser, and learned the first year he had to speed up because Jim Crawford was about to run by him. Very few women ran in the beginning, then it got so the women were running by

some of us [men]. There were seventy-eight runners in the first race. The largest race had over 400 runners.

“It was one of the first road races in New Hampshire, and we did it for eleven years. By 1987 it got to be very expensive, and there were a lot of foot races, so I stopped doing it. The race drew the largest crowds on Main Street that the town of Antrim had ever seen.”

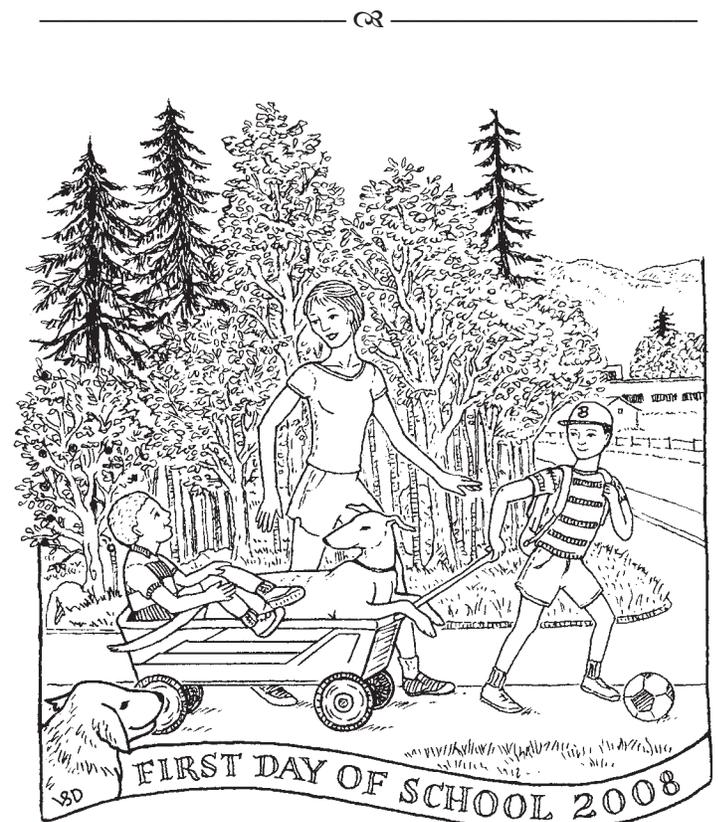
THE END OF AN ERA

“In 1974, I added on to the store. It was 12,000 square feet, the biggest around. Back then it was called a supermarket. Today it would be a convenience store. Ten years or so later, when Hannaford’s in Keene opened, we downsized to go along with the times. I sold the business in 1999.”

When I asked my dad what was special about the store, he said “Well, I can’t think of anything spectacular about it. I was one of the first in the state to make my store accessible to people who use wheelchairs. I made free home deliveries every week to anyone who had a hard time getting to the store—elderly people, of course, but also families without cars. I delivered to Antrim Village every Thursday. I worked for myself, a small town grocer. I loved it, loved laughing with the sales people every week, being in business for 40 years. If I had it to do all over again, I’d do it the same way.”

I know I’m not the only one who loved to hear my dad laughing in the aisles of the store. For me, and I think for the people who worked and shopped there, that was the heart of Wayno’s.

Wayno Olson was the first inductee into the New Hampshire Food Industry Hall of Fame on April 19, 1997.



N.H. AUDUBON LAUNCHES WILLARD POND LAND PROTECTION PROJECT

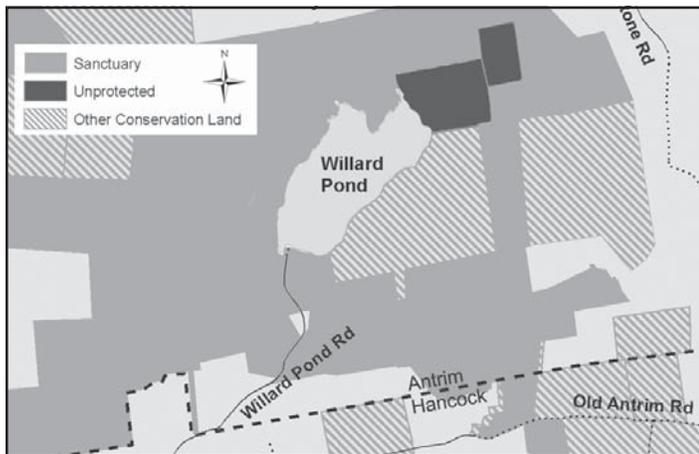
Peter Beblowski

There's one remaining unprotected shoreline property on Willard Pond, and on August 1 N.H. Audubon signed an agreement to buy it for \$85,000 from the estate of Alain dePierrefeu, grandson of Elsa dePierrefeu who established the Willard Pond Wildlife Sanctuary in 1967. The property—45 acres with some 1,000 feet of shoreline—falls within the Antrim Open Space Protection Priority area.

Sanctuary founder Elsa Tudor dePierrefeu lost her husband to World War I and became a peace activist soon thereafter. "Peace among all beings," reads the commemoration rock at sanctuary entrance. In establishing the sanctuary, she was clear that her concept of peace and sanctuary included wildlife.

Land donations by her family, and land protection over the years by the Harris Center and N.H. Audubon, have more than doubled the acreage owned by Audubon. Other than the state boat launch (no gas engines allowed) and small swimming area, the shoreline shows no human presence.

N.H. Audubon has six months to raise the money, and early pledges from the Audubon board and dePierrefeu family total \$31,000. If you would like to contribute towards guaranteeing that no residential lights will ever shine from Willard shore, or docks be built along the shoreline, checks made out to "NH Audubon Willard Pond Project" can be mailed to NH Audubon, 84 Silk Farm Rd., Concord, NH 03301. For further information, contact Peter Beblowski or Martha Pinello at 588-3761. ☪



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A SCOTTISH ARTIST IN OUR MIDST

Janet MacLachlan

If you happen to encounter a pretty, tall, dark-haired woman with a warm smile and a beautiful Scottish lilt to her speech, you have probably met Liz Brett who lives in Antrim with her husband, Jeromy, and their three children, Charlotte, Chloe, and Lukas. Liz was kind enough to spend some time visiting with me on the deck of her home recently where she told me a little bit about her life prior to coming to Antrim two years ago.

She was born in Torphicen, Scotland, but grew up in Dechmont, a small town between Glasgow and Edinburgh. Her parents were both teachers, and though she had never planned that as her career, after she had her honors degree and post-graduate diploma in art, Liz found herself teaching in a residential community school for children with developmental disabilities in the border country of Scotland. The school laid a strong emphasis on the therapeutic strengths of the arts and agriculture. Then fate stepped in and brought a young man from Australia who was working his way around the world and found employment at the school. He also found a bride as Jeromy and Liz fell in love and were married in 1988.

After their marriage they moved to Sydney, Australia, with their first daughter Charlotte, now 17. Though they liked Sydney, it was not their ideal place to raise a family so they returned to rural Scotland and the kind of work they had done previously, living and working in a residential community for young adults with special needs in the Scottish borders.

The dark and dreary winters of Scotland were becoming difficult for an Aussie who was used to much more sunshine, however, so Liz and Jeromy began searching for another place where they could locate. They sought a lifestyle and work similar to that which they had enjoyed in Scotland. The Lukas Community in Temple, New Hampshire, had openings, and after several months of negotiations, it was settled that they would be moving to the U.S. In 1996 the Bretts relocated in New Hampshire, and Jeromy found that it was much brighter and sunnier in the winter months here than in Scotland. Their son, Lukas, now 11, was born during their first year in New Hampshire. They were with the Lukas foundation for almost 10 years.

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across the Gregg Pond. Samuel kept a telescope handy at the window to watch the cows that might be ready to calf, so that when they went into labor he could rush over to help that process through.

As rugged, hard working, and skilled a man as his father Daniel, Samuel kept and trained a fine team of oxen essential to the task of clearing land, plowing fields, bringing in cordwood to heat the house over the long winters, and moving the huge stones that set upon the landscape all over the hill. When the “new” Stone Church was being built in Antrim Village at the foot of Meeting House Hill in 1897, Samuel and his oxen team brought large loads of rock and ledge down from Holt Hill to help build the foundation and exterior walls. “You could hear him swearing at the oxen all the way from the village,” as they came along!

Animals, vegetables, and rocks were not all that Mary and Samuel raised during their years on Holt Hill. Having children may be hard work, but bringing them up and making them good citizen’s can be harder. They had three children born on Holt Hill, Emma, Cora Ella, and Frank Augustus. Frank, being the only son, was expected to be quite prosperous when he inherited the farm in 1897 at his father’s death, but he proved to be a “ne’r do well” and “let the fields go.” Regrettably, unlike the Holt men before him, Frank took to gambling and lost the farm playing cards. Frank and his wife Isabelle ended up renters in a “town-owned home” across from where Old Pound Road leaves Clinton Road. Antrim’s genealogical record makes no mention of children that Frank and Isabelle may have had, and their deaths are not recorded.

While documented history does not confirm who “won” the Holt’s Hill farm in that card game, Ben Tenney, grandfather of Eric Tenney, who lived and farmed at that time where the Webber house now stands at the corner of West Street and Old Hancock Road, ended up owning the hill and pasturing his herd of cows there, although never taking-up residence on Holt Hill himself.

Frank Holt’s loss of the property was not the last unfortunate twist in the Holt Hill history. In the 1930’s, the Cuddihy family, who owned and operated the old Waumbek Inn which sits at the foot of Holt Hill on the shore of Gregg Lake, raised

large numbers of chicken’s for eggs and meat to feed their overnight guests. As such an attraction would have, fox and coyote found their way down from the overgrown hillside farm and woods to help themselves to such a bounty. To rid the place of this threat, the cousins Cuddihy, Jimmy sixteen, and Richard, fifteen, went up the hill one day to hunt the fox and coyote. Although they were responsible young men, they were distracted by the abandoned old farmhouse up the hill that had been vacant since Frank Augustus lost his bet years before. A game of “shoot-it-up” in the empty, echoing rooms and halls of the deteriorating structure ensued, and when the last shot was fired through a closed door or plaster wall, Richard Cuddihy lay dead.

I am told there is a well established rose bush growing at the North Branch Cemetery, brought there long ago from the Holt’s Hill. It is a beautiful memorial to those who have gone before, a reminder of firm roots of a large family whose descendants live in Antrim to this day. It is a symbol for all of us who contemplate the past, that there was life, sometimes tragedy, always death, and forever hope in these Antrim Hills.

Special thanks to Janice Brooks, whose great grandfather and great grandmother were Samuel Augustus and Mary Holt, for the time she spent on my porch recounting her prodigious and entertaining family, and for her insight into some of the defining events of their lives.





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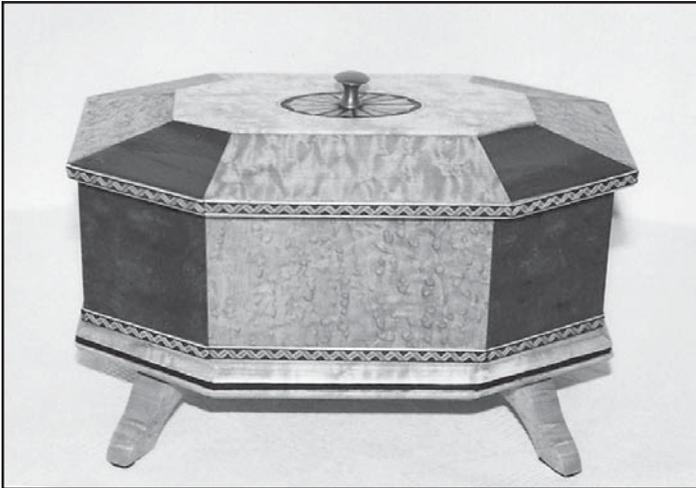
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ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FALL PROGRAMS

Missy Taylor

The Historical Society is getting ready for Home & Harvest Days, when, on Saturday, September 20, we will again be selling homemade apple crisp with ice cream, as well as our note cards, tote bags, and historical publications in front of the Maplehurst Inn. Don Dunlap of Dunlap Cabinetry and the host of our August program has generously donated a beautiful Dunlap box for an Historical Society raffle. We will have the box on display and start selling raffle tickets at Home



& Harvest. Tickets will be sold through the fall and the winning ticket will be drawn at our December program. Please stop by to see us and make sure to get your apple crisp early – it was so popular last year, we sold out by early afternoon.

We're delighted that Bob Flanders, our Town Moderator and former State Senator, will join us on October 19, to present a program on the Goodell Company, one of the many industries that once were located along the North Branch and Great Brook. David Goodell (1834 – 1915) moved to Antrim from Hillsboro at the age of seven, returned to Antrim after dropping out of Brown University in his sophomore year because of illness and went on to invent the "lightning apple parer" in the 1860s. Thus began the Goodell Company which for many years manufactured table cutlery, seed-sowers, and fruit and vegetable parers. Bob has a wide-ranging knowledge of the Goodell Company history and an extensive collection of its memorabilia. It promises to be a fascinating glimpse into Antrim's industrial past and we hope many of you will join us to hear Bob and see some of his many Goodell artifacts.

On November 16, Eric Aldrich of The Nature Conservancy will present a program on Loverens Mill Preserve and the Loverens Mill Cedar Swamp. Located off Route 9 along the banks of the North Branch, the Preserve contains remnants of the mills that once lined the river as well as an abundance of wildlife. The first mill was established in 1798 and mills

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In 2006 the Brett family bought their first home in Antrim. The children were thrilled to live in a larger town where they could walk to the library, school, and downtown to the shops, and to meet their friends. Lukas is a skateboard enthusiast and enjoys using the new skateboard facilities in Antrim. Liz supports his interest by serving on the skateboard committee of the recreation department. Jeromy worked for one year at Crotched Mountain Foundation but is now a member of the maintenance crew at the MacDowell Colony in Peterborough. Liz decided to further her education by attending the Upper Valley Teacher Institute in Lebanon, a school geared to mid-life career changers who wish to become certified to teach. She said it was a very intensive course but one she enjoyed as it was very much a hands-on, in-the-classroom learning environment.

In the fall she will continue working in the Conval School District elementary school Art Enrichment Program as well as taking up a new position teaching art part time at the Wells Memorial School in Harrisville.

Most of Liz's art making in the past year has been in some way related to her teaching, but she hopes to find more time soon to further her explorations in painting, papier-mâché sculpture, and stained glass. Although she exhibited quite extensively in Europe, Liz has not seriously pursued exhibiting since moving to the United States, although she occasionally exhibits paintings in the Sharon Arts member exhibits.

During this summer Liz was an artist in residence at Crotched Mountain, leading workshops in giant puppet making as well as doing some teaching at the Sharon Arts summer camp. She recently designed and painted the stage set for Conval High School's production of "Bye Bye Birdie." Liz is committed to supporting arts in the community and is a recent member of the Children and the Arts Committee in Peterborough.

A trip back to Scotland is on the planning board for the whole family in 2009. although it will be just a visit. They are putting down roots in New Hampshire where they have found friends and a way of life they are enjoying. ☞

operated on the site through the 1920's. Pollen from the site indicates that Atlantic White Cedar has been present at the Preserve for more than 4,000 years. The Nature Conservancy purchased the Cedar Swamp in December 1998 and expanded the preserve in 2006 with the acquisition of 635 acres in Windsor, doubling the preserve's size to 1,268 acres. Anyone interested in Antrim's history and the preservation of its natural resources will not want to miss this program on one of Antrim's great treasures.

Mark your calendars for our December program, "The Inns of Antrim," a pictorial display to be held on December 14 at the Maplehurst Inn. We will host a holiday celebration with music and refreshments as we celebrate the progress we've made in 2008 and look forward to the coming year. More about the December program will appear in the December issue of the Limrik.

The Historical Society room is now open on the second floor of the Tuttle Library. For more information, please pick up the Historical Society brochure and watch for 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, although dates and locations many vary, depending on the program.

The Antrim Historical Society is dedicated to the preservation and understanding of Antrim's heritage. All those who are interested in Antrim's past and preserving its present are urged to join. Dues are \$10 a year for an individual, \$20 for a family. For more information about joining, please contact Diane Chauncey, Membership Chair, at 588-6785, Ext. 228. 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. ☞

BEST CUCUMBERS

Agricola

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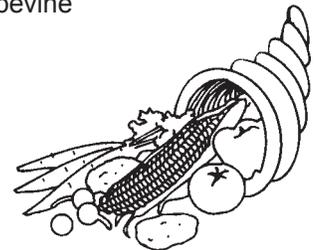
SEPTEMBER



- 3 **New Boy Scout enrollment night** • 6:30 PM • American Legion/Odd Fellows Hall
- 5 **New Cub Scout enrollment night** • 6:30 PM • American Legion/Odd Fellows Hall
- 8 **Fall Parent-Child programs begin** • 9:30 PM • The Grapevine
- 8 **“Canning and Planning” a Second Monday Eating Local workshop** • at Presbyterian Church
- 13 **Indoor roller Skating** • 6–7:30 PM (families) and 7:30–9 PM (young adults & adults) • Rec Center
- 19–21 **Home and Harvest Days** • SEE INSERT
- 20 **People’s Service Exchange informational meeting** • 9:00 AM • The Grapevine
- 20 **Deadline for PTO Community Calendar** • Kerry Holt 588-3652
- 21 **Prescott Park Fairy Houses Garden Tour bus trip** • 9:30 AM • Rec Center
- 21 **Blessing of the Skateboarders** • 12:00 NOON • Presbyterian Church
- 26–29 **Scout Pack 2 and Troop 2 Camporee** • Hancock
- 27 **People’s Service Exchange member potluck brunch** • 10:00 AM • The Grapevine

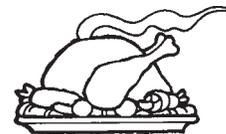
OCTOBER

- 2 **Currier Museum-Andy Warhol Exhibit bus trip** • 4:30 PM • Rec Center
- 3 **Family Fun Night** • 6:30–8:30 PM • Rec Center
- 4 **Grapevine Benefit Auction** at the Tuttle Library parking lot • 12:00 NOON
- 4 **Blessing of the Animals** • 1–3:00 PM • Presbyterian Church
- 8 **Harvest Luncheons** • 12:00 NOON • Presbyterian Church
- 11 **Dance and Chocolate Bake-off** • 7:00 PM • Antrim Grange Hall
- 15 **Harvest Luncheons** • 12:00 NOON • Presbyterian Church
- 18 **A Family Walk in the Woods** • 9:30 AM • The Grapevine
- 19 **Historical Society program: Goodell Company** • 3:00 PM • Presbyterian Church
- 22 **Harvest Luncheons** • 12:00 NOON • Presbyterian Church
- 25 **Halloween Window Painting contest** • register before Oct 17 • Rec Center
- 29 **Harvest Luncheons** • 12:00 NOON • Presbyterian Church



NOVEMBER

- 4 **Harvard Museum of Natural History & Peabody Museum bus trip** • 8:30 AM • Rec Center
- 7 **Family Fun Night** • 6:30–8:30 PM • Rec Center
- 16 **Historical Society program: Lovers Mill Preserve & Cedar Swamp** • 3:00 PM • Presbyterian Church



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WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION

Missy Taylor

Sweltering heat, high humidity, and no air conditioning. Dorm rooms with rock hard mattresses covered in crinkly plastic and shared baths. Mediocre food three times a day in the dining hall. Intense, painstaking work from 8:45 in the morning to 9:30 at night. The best week of the summer once again.

Why? If you love singing, the Berkshire Choral Festival is the place to be. For the past 27 summers, about 200 amateur singers arrive each Sunday at the BCF campus on the grounds of the Berkshire School in Sheffield, Massachusetts or at a BCF site in Vancouver, British Columbia, Salzburg, Austria or Canterbury, England, to rehearse major choral works in preparation for a concert with a professional orchestra at week's end. The week I attended this year, there were singers from 26 states and 4 foreign countries, including six of us from the Monadnock Chorus and Keene Chorale. What makes BCF so special, though, is not just the shared experience with good friends, but the camaraderie and esprit de corps that develops along with new friendships during the grueling but immensely rewarding week. Once you go, you're hooked and singers come back year after year, just as I hope to as long as I'm able to sing.

Renowned conductors come each week to lead the chorus. This year, for example, Craig Jessup of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir conducted an all American program, Joseph Cullen, director of the London Symphony Orchestra Chorus, led an all-Mendelssohn concert and Tom Hall of the Baltimore Choral Arts Society conducted the program I sang, Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* and Ludwig Van Beethoven's 4th Movement from the *Ninth Symphony*, the famous "Ode To Joy." Frank Nemhauser, the Festival's Music Director, tells a story about one of BCF's first conductors from the New York Metropolitan Opera Chorus. When asked by his colleagues how he could stand to conduct a bunch of amateurs each summer, many with no musical training at all, he replied that nothing could match their eager enthusiasm and love of singing and that it was like having 200 puppy dogs in front of him, wagging their tails.

The challenge of putting on a successful concert with all these amateur singers can be daunting, but Tom Hall was well up to the task. With humor (the "Baroque Obama" t-shirt, e.g.), compassion and grace, he patiently molded us into a cohesive whole. Almost everyone arrived having learned their notes, but mastering the pronunciation of the Latin, Middle High German and smattering of Old Provençal in the *Carmina* was another matter. Tom put it all into perspective, telling us to have fun, that *Carmina* is essentially about drinking, gluttony, lust and love, things to which we can all relate. While the sentiments of the piece may be prosaic, the music is glorious, with rhythmic complexities, thun-

dering percussion, exuberant choruses and shattering solos. Written in the mid-1930s, *Carmina* was instantly popular and remains so today. You would probably recognize one or two of its choruses as they have been widely used in many movies and commercials for products as diverse as potato chips, beer, and sneakers. For the Beethoven, Tom wanted us to learn part of it by heart and so had us hip-hopping to the words alone as we all paced the rehearsal hall together, trying to drill the German into our minds: "Freude, schöner Götterfunken, Tochter aus Elysium..."

One of the joys of BCF is the opportunity to learn more about music theory and singing, the composers, the history of the music and the period in which it was composed. Each day after morning rehearsal, the faculty holds classes on the beautifully scenic campus nestled under Mount Everett in the Berkshires. BCF also offers apprenticeships to college students training for a career in music and it is thrilling to watch and hear these young, very talented students in master classes for singing and conducting. Every night at 5, there is a lecture or concert by the conductor, the faculty or the apprentices before dinner that is so interesting and so much fun, all 200 singers usually attend. After dinner, it's back to the rehearsal hall (the gym, also not air conditioned) for another couple of hours of singing.

The highlight of the week for me was the Beethoven and Tom's inspiring depiction of the composer. By the time he completed the Ninth Symphony in 1824, Beethoven was completely deaf and suffering severe, chronic pain throughout his body. He was attracted to unattainable women, had had his heart broken and had never married or had a child. He had lost guardianship of and was estranged from his closest relative, his deceased brother's son. Yet what was Beethoven's response? One of the most optimistic hymns ever composed, the choral setting of Friedrich Schiller's "Ode to Joy" for the 4th Movement of his *Ninth Symphony*. Its words express so well what we singers feel when we come together with the orchestra that final night and sing our hearts out: "Alle Menschen werden Brüder...Diesen Kuss der ganzen welt": All men become brothers...This kiss for the whole world. ☞

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Now, slalom skating is a form of longboarding, and longboarding is really a cousin of surfing. In fact, it's extremely similar to snowboarding. It can be cruising, carving, bombing, commuting, sliding, speedboarding, and more. It's different, which is one of the reasons I enjoy it. The wheels are bigger and softer, the bearings are faster, the boards are comfortable and glide along smoothly and easily. I used to skateboard a loooong time ago, before street boards we see today became available, before there were parks built for skaters, before anyone ever thought that a board with tiny wheels might go really well with objects like ledges, stairs, and railings. We skated in the street, just cruising around, feeling fast and sleek, skitching off banana-seat bikes and enjoying many adrenaline-filled afternoons. It was a year or two ago, I finally hopped back on a skateboard built for speed and it all came back to me. The flow, the feel, the rush. This is good stuff, a fine outdoor activity for the kids and me to enjoy together, almost whenever we want, and for free. I would encourage anyone interested in downhill skating—be it racing or simply leisurely carves down mellow hills—to get in touch with me at Avenue A. We go out skating around twice a week, and all ages and abilities are welcome.

I would like to thank our Select Board, The Parks and Rec Department, and the people of Antrim for their support of this event, which was indeed a rare opportunity for us. As one of the pros put it bluntly, "A skateboard clinic... I mean, this sort of thing just doesn't happen. Not in New England." And he's right. It's generally not difficult for certain "powers that be" to find reasons why this sort of thing can't happen,

particularly on a main road, all day Saturday, smack-dab in the middle of town. This could not possibly have been approved in the state to the south of us, for example – no way. The reason it DID happen is because everywhere I went along the way to getting this off the ground, I found nothing but



help, approval, and support for bringing this unique sporting event to our community. It was a very positive experience from top to bottom, and for that I am truly grateful. ☪

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This year's slalom skateboard races on Summer Street span all three days and have attracted even more professional racers. Slalom boarders from all over the world have come to love Antrim, as this race—and its nearly ideal course—has become one of the stand-out events on the international racing circuit. There will be several local amateur competitors who have caught the bug and will face the orange-cone challenge. This is a truly thrilling sport to watch, so make sure to reserve a spot streetside to catch the excitement.

The annual parade down Main Street gives everyone a chance to show their hometown pride. This year, you'll see the Shriner's Band, fantastic floats, fabulous firetrucks, and fun for all. The Fun & Games area on Touchwood Square boasts a new climbing wall, the inflated bouncy house, and an obstacle course. As always, there will be lots of vendors along Main Street selling all kinds of wondrous wares, and Tenney Farm will host a pet show, pony rides, baked bean bake off, corn on the cob eating contest, music by the Bursitis Bros., and the dazzling fireworks on Saturday. Oh, and Sunday will see Antrim's Bravest pit their prowess against

Antrim's Finest as the Police and Firefighters square off on the softball diamond. Batter up!

There are still sidewalk vendor spaces open, so let us know if you've got something fun to sell. And you're welcome to join the parade or volunteer to help make this year's festival the best. See the schedule of events for contact info, and mark your calendar for Antrim's biggest and best event of the year! ☪



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Diane Chauncey, Grant Administrator

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Recreation	\$1,500.00	Lake Host	Invasive weed control
Fire	\$1,096.00	State of NH Division of	Improve fire protection in rural areas Forests & Lands
Homeland Security	\$5,000.00	NH Dept of Safety	Base Station for Emergency Operations
Administration	\$28,000.00	FEMA	Improve access to the Town Well
Administration	\$77,000.00	NH Dept of Transportation	Safe Routes to School— New crosswalks, signs, sidewalk, bike racks and educational component
Highway	400,000.00	NH Dept of Transportation Bridge Division	White Birch Point

SERENITY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Gerry Chagnon

When I moved to Antrim, New Hampshire, in July of 2006, I was apprehensive, indecisive, and downright scared. I had lived in Massachusetts for seventy-one years (gulp) and had only visited New Hampshire on trips. I had no idea I would be spending (probably) the rest of my life here. My husband, Bob, had moved here in 2005, and because of a disability I have, he wanted me to move here also so that he could help me.

I think it is the best decision I have made in my adult life. The reason I was apprehensive, indecisive, and scared was that I was leaving all my family and friends in Massachusetts. For that reason you can add sadness, too.

I was hoping for a lot of snow when I moved to Antrim, and Mother Nature came through with flying colors—I mean snowflakes—this past winter. I looked out my apartment windows in Antrim Village at the looming mountains covered with snow and watched the local residents skiing. The trees sparkled in the sun where the snow had christened them.

When spring arrived, and I was able to travel uptown, I was amazed at the people walking by, talking to me, smiling warmly, unlike in Massachusetts where people are in such a rush there isn't time for conversing when you walk by. What a difference in the traffic and congestion on the roads compared to where I lived in Massachusetts!

It is very quiet and peaceful here, and to make my living complete, I have found a church in Bennington where the people welcomed me with smiles, handshakes, and open arms.

I think I will stay.



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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

NEWS FROM AVENUE A TEEN CENTER

David Kirkpatrick

By the time you read this, our Slalom Skateboard Racing Clinic (or, as some like to think of it, the chance to “Bomb” Summer Street) will be history. The downhill and slalom skating, however, continues! The Avenue A skate crew goes out on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. It’s open to all ages, and loaner equipment is available for those wishing to give it a try. By popular demand, our longboard construction workshop will almost surely repeat itself as well. Find out more about skating and see some of the boards we’ve built at www.avenueatc.com.

ALSO AT AVENUE A IN THE FALL:

Sailing! Informal lessons and Just Plain Sailing days with the exclusive Antrim Yacht Club and Avenue A will continue through September. This normally happens on Saturday mornings, contact Dave for more details.

- GirlSpeak, a rap session for girls, Mondays at 1pm.
- Open Mic Nights on the 3rd Friday of the month, 7-9 pm.
- Pool Tips, Tricks, and Tournaments on Thursdays, times TBA
- Just plain hanging out, listening to music, playing games, and chatting with friends.

Look for new events on our online calendar, such as Open Discussion (Moderated), Macrame and Knitting Workshops, and “Try It, You’ll Like It,” where the hors d’oeuvres just might be staring back at you.

To find out more about any of our programs or to get involved contact Dave Kirkpatrick, 588-3334 or teencenter@tds.net. ☞

ODD FELLOWS CONTRIBUTE TO ANTRIM REPORTER

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The Antrim Odd Fellows have made a significant financial contribution allowing a historic weekly newspaper published between 1891 and 1951, *The Antrim Reporter*, to be available to all residents at the Tuttle Library. The original copies of the *The Antrim Reporter* are disintegrating with age, and in an effort to save and preserve this fascinating and valuable resource, the Antrim Historical Society has had the sixty-year run of the newspaper digitized and loaded on the Library’s computers where residents can view and copy whatever articles or pages they wish. The considerable digitizing cost was shared by the Historical Society, the Tuttle Library’s “Izi Nichols Fund,” and the Odd Fellows. Independent Order of Odd Fellows, one of the largest and oldest altruistic fraternal orders in the United States, was founded in 1819. ☞

ANTRIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO COMMUNITY CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

By Kerry Holt

The Antrim Elementary School PTO is pleased to be sponsoring the Community Calendar fundraiser for the year 2009, our 10th consecutive year. This fundraiser was a huge success last year, supporting a variety of educational projects and programs at AES.

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

Order forms are available at Rick and Diane’s, the Tuttle Library, and the Antrim Town Hall. If you would prefer to receive an order form in the mail, or have any questions, call calendar chairperson, Kerry Holt, at 588-3652. Orders will be taken until September 20, 2008.

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

THE POUND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Antrim has its first neighborhood watch group. Residents from Old Pound Road, North Holt Hill Road, and Old Carr Road have come together to form the Pound Neighborhood Watch group. Twelve families are members at the present with a few more who have expressed interest in joining.

During a picnic at Mike Genest’s and Kathie Brennan’s home, Antrim Police Cpl. Sean Cavanaugh described how a neighborhood watch group could be organized and how it could work. On July 15 he gave a PowerPoint presentation at the Town Hall which included a question and answer session. The people who attended and showed interest in forming a group expressed unanimous agreement that Mike Genest would be the block captain. We have ordered signs which will be installed within a few weeks, and window decals will be available for each household.

If you are interested in forming a neighborhood watch group on your street and want more information, call Mike at 588-3123 or e-mail Connie Kirwin at cfk@mcttelecom.com. We will be happy to share with you all the information that we have gathered to organize our group.

This is a unique opportunity for people to get involved with their neighbors in a positive way. It is the basis of friendships—neighbors helping neighbors—that can last for years.

— Connie Kirwin

FROM THE OVEN—"GOT GRAINS?"

Cindy Crockett, Bakery 42

"Is that whole grain?" is a question we are frequently asked at Bakery 42. Often our products are even turned down because they are not viewed as 100% whole grain. But what *is* "whole grain"? The Official definition of whole grains approved and endorsed by the Whole Grains Council in May 2004 states: "Whole grains or foods made from them contain all the essential parts and naturally-occurring nutrients of the entire grain seed. If the grain has been processed (e.g., cracked, crushed, rolled, extruded, and/or cooked), the food product should deliver approximately the same rich balance of nutrients that are found in the original grain seed." What constitutes whole grain is tricky, though, depending on which government agency or program sets the parameters in the country you happen to be in at the time.

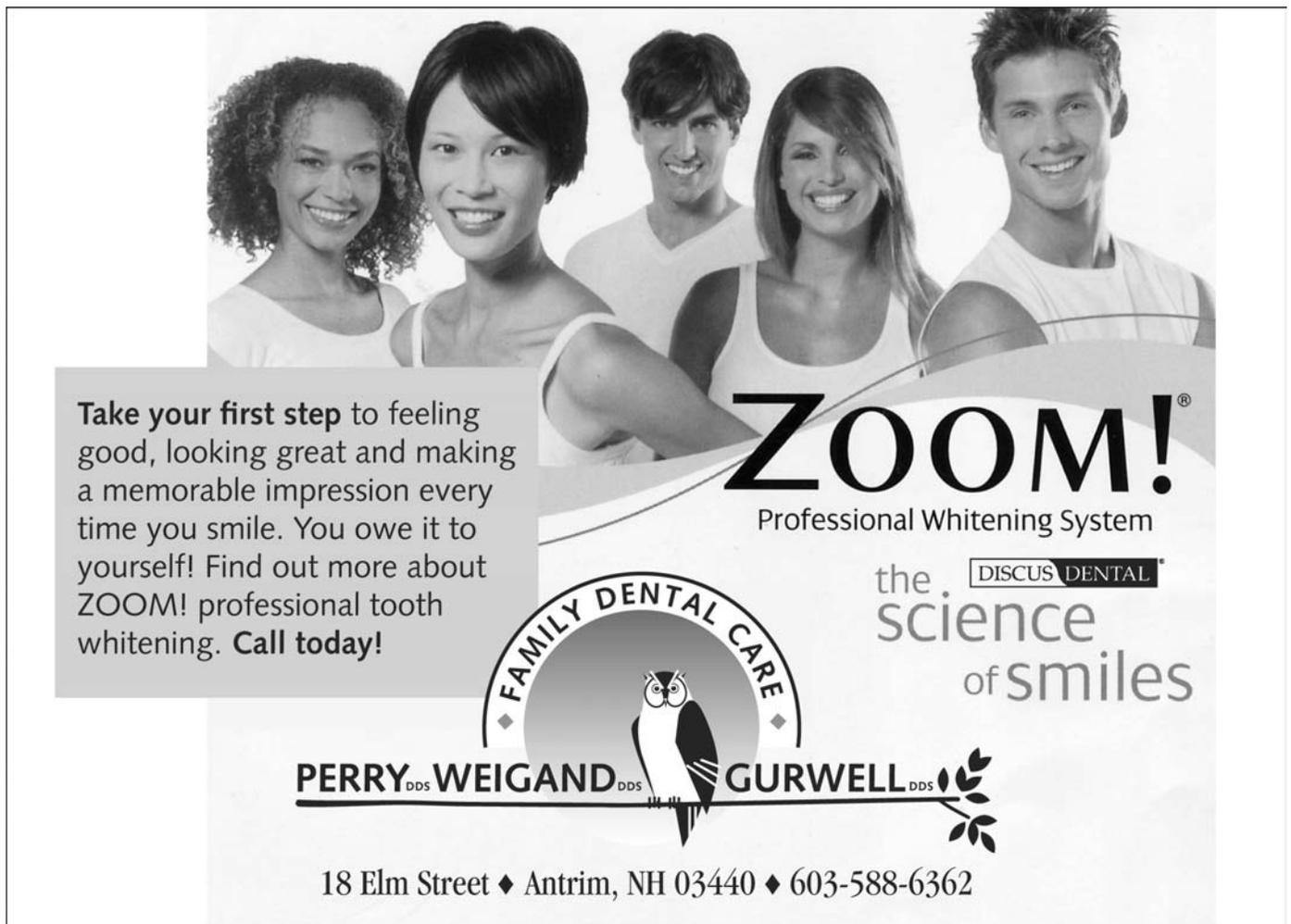
Some examples of generally accepted whole grain foods and flours include: barley, corn, oats, quinoa, rice, rye, many varieties of wheat, wild rice, and even popcorn. A whole grain consists of the entire grain seed of a plant: the kernel, which includes the germ, endosperm, and bran. The germ (or embryo) contains fats, vitamins, and minerals, and is what will sprout into a new plant if fertilized. The endosperm (food supply for the germ and subsequent new plant) is the largest

portion of the whole kernel and contains the starches, carbohydrates, proteins, water, and vitamins and minerals. Finally, the bran is the multi-layered outer skin of the kernel that provides protection to the rest of the kernel and contains some essential nutrients.

Whole grains can be eaten whole but are most often milled into flour and used as an ingredient. Refining wheat flour removes the bran and germ, which decreases some levels of the essential nutrients in whole wheat. Enriching wheat flour adds back some of the nutrients that were lost in processing the wheat into flour. What is commonly known as white flour, or all-purpose flour, is generally enriched. Enrichment of flour began in the 1940's (when flour consumption became widespread) as the most effective way to alleviate vitamin deficiencies and resulting diseases. This is like adding vitamins A and D to enriched milk.

White (unbleached all-purpose) flour often gets snubbed since it is not considered a whole grain as it consists of only the ground endosperm of the kernel without the bran or germ. While many people insist on whole-wheat flour, all-purpose white flour contains added amounts of some essential nutrients that actually equal or even exceed those found in whole-wheat flour. With the exception of both hot and cold break-

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fast cereals, most whole-grain foods are not fortified with folic acid or other vitamins and minerals as white flour now is. When comparing whole wheat and all-purpose white flour, the all-purpose flour is actually lower in fat and sodium content, higher in iron, and comparable in many other nutrient categories. It contains less fiber content than whole wheat flour, but the fiber found in whole wheat flour is insoluble, providing only bulk and roughage in your diet. Contrary to some popular opinion, white flour is not bad for you. In fact, without it in most recipes, the baked product will not rise properly, but be more like a dense brick. Refined flour produces baked goods with a softer texture and extended freshness.

Fiber is often mistaken for whole grain. Some grain foods that contain a significant amount of fiber may not contain a significant amount of whole grain. In fact, many bran or high fiber cereals may contain very little or no whole grain, but provide high levels of fiber because they are made with only the bran portion of the grain.

Whole grains are not limited to breads but can be found in other baked goods, beyond granola bars, even. In large-scale commercially produced products, there is no way of knowing how much whole grain nutrition you are actually getting. Whole grain foods cannot be identified simply by name, color, or fiber content. If you shop at a small bakery where things are made from scratch, you can be sure of exactly what goes in the mix. For example, oats are a classic whole grain and can be found in several of our breads, bars, and streusel toppings on coffee cakes and muffins thus delivering whole grains in extremely tasty choices.

At Bakery 42, we make whole grain products, but not everything is 100% whole grain. We strive for the right ratio of grain to other ingredients to get the best flavor, the best rise, and the best “workability” of the dough. One does not have to consume only whole grain foods to maintain a healthy diet. With an adequate balance of whole grains, there is plenty of room left for enriched products and sweet treats. As Julia Child said so well: “Everything in moderation.”

Got Grains? We do!



NEW CHESS CLUB

The Grapevine Chess Club started after Bob Chagnon responded to a People’s Service Exchange request for chess lessons from AES student Ryan Baribault. The two thought other young people would be interested, so they organized meetings, had chess boards donated, and invited adult chess club volunteers like Matt Zsofka, who has played with some of the world’s chess masters. So far about a dozen kids ages 6-10 have participated, and the group is hoping to get more regular attendance this fall, enabling the players to build their skills each week. To get involved, call Ryan at 588-4219.



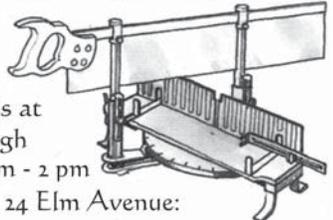
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RETHINKING CHURCH

Melissa Lawless, Church Elder

Editor's note: The Antrim Presbyterian Church has asked The Limrik for help in communicating with local residents. Many individuals and groups use the church in various ways, and its members want to continue to be available to everyone. But while churches throughout America have always been resources to communities, in these difficult times churches must depend more and more on local communities for support. Thus this plea from our Presbyterian neighbors.

Greetings from the First Presbyterian Church of Antrim. We need your help! Times have changed in America. Communities are feeling the effects of shifting cultural norms including changes in marital patterns, gender roles, work schedule, and aging populations. A struggling economy forces us to stretch our food budgets, and no one knows how we will pay our utility and fuel bills this coming winter. The First Presbyterian Church of Antrim is being forced to rethink how it operates as it struggles with these changes.

Many adults are pulling back from the church. Single parents and couples trying to balance overwhelming schedules find it difficult to squeeze in time to attend church. Because of a lack of time or interest, people are not joining committees, and seniors, who are living longer and therefore working longer, have less time to volunteer. Women are now working outside the home, or are at home taking care of other people's children along with their own. Men share childrearing tasks while their wives or significant others work outside the home, and some fathers are raising children alone. Few people can spare the time to volunteer, and the church suffers.

People are reducing donations to churches as they adjust their spending patterns because of rising food costs, and nationwide mission budgets are devoured by catastrophes. Sanctuaries, which are expensive to heat, take up our fuel allotments in just a few weeks of cold weather. Outdated plumbing and electricity max out our utility budgets while we try desperately to upgrade, lessening our carbon footprint and reducing potential utility costs.

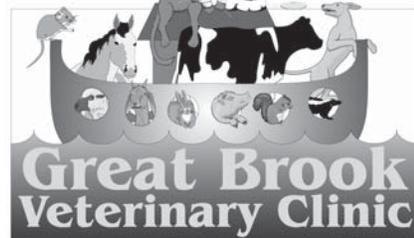
Where does all this leave our church in Antrim? Are we obsolete? Hardly. We have always been a grassroots congregation based on Christ's love for people, and we attempt to meet the needs of the local and global community. We have been wrestling with different patterns for Christian education in an effort to fit into life's challenging schedules for families. We welcome people regardless of their marital status, accepting folks as they are, just as God accepts them for who they are. Our Revival Shop helps single mothers and struggling couples provide for their families with an emphasis on baby and children's clothes and furnishings. Our mission work now focuses on Antrim's young people at *Avenue A* (the Teen Center) and the Skateboard Park. We provide free breakfasts before Sunday worship twice a month in an effort to build a sense of community and sharing. Lively intergenerational discussions on thought provoking, contemporary spiritual topics often follow food for those who wish to participate.

We have started a book group for seniors and those who find themselves at home in the daytime, and we have initiated a Victory Garden for the community to share garden produce in an effort to help stretch food budgets. We also urge people to recycle and adopt a *green* lifestyle.

Our biggest challenge will be the inevitable closing and sealing off the sanctuary during cold weather months. (It takes up to 70 gallons of oil to heat the sanctuary on a typical cold Sunday.) We will instead offer worship space in the Fellowship Hall, possibly overflowing into the Church Library if necessary. Unfortunately, this also means not using the sanctuary for large funerals during the winter.

We hope to continue providing space for community functions, but we will need help in paying for utility costs, including heat, propane for cooking, hot water, and lighting. We also need to pay our sexton for cleaning up after community functions. Without your support, the First Presbyterian Church of Antrim as we know it will cease to exist.

We have been diligently rethinking the way we do things to fit the needs of Antrim's people in a changing society. We endeavor to be a witness for Christ in a world that has perhaps inadvertently squeezed church out of its busy schedules and budgets. Just as a community depends on its churches during difficult times, churches also have always depended on the support of the community. We love serving the Antrim community, and we plead for your help by volunteering at the Revival Shop, the Victory Garden, and work days focused on maintenance projects, and by sharing your talents and gifts.



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BOY SCOUTING

Brian Beihl

CUB SCOUT PACK 2

New Cub Scout Night, Friday, September 5, 6:30. Parents can learn about enrolling their son in Cub Scouts at an information meeting on Friday, September 5 at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion / Odd Fellows hall on West Street in Antrim. Young men in first grade or 7 years old may become Cub Scouts. Cub Scouts now begins with Tiger Cubs, then advances to Wolf, Bear, and Webelos. At 10 or 11, boys move up to Boy Scouts. Cub Scouts is a mix of fun games and activities, community service, learning Scout skills, and character development. Generally a den meets once each week for an hour, either after school or in the evening. Pack meetings, which include all dens, are usually every other month. For information about joining Cub Scouts, please contact Committee Chair Tammie Blanchette at 588-2594.

End of Year Trip Takes Cubs to West Point, NY. Over 30 members of Pack 2 caravanned to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in May to walk the campus and see the historic fort and buildings. The group of Scouts and their families stayed at a nearby Boy Scout camp, then spent the day on the grounds, escorted by a West Point graduate, the father of Pack 2 den leader Dr. Thomas Bara. The group returned via Hartford, CT where they also visited the Dinosaur State Park and saw the fossilized dinosaur tracks there.

Pack 2 to Attend Native American Pow Wow at Fall Camporee. This fall's Monadnock District Camporee will be held nearby in Hancock where Pack 2 and Troop 2 will participate in a Native American gathering September 26-29. Tribal leaders have asked the Scouts to participate in opening and closing ceremonies and in the day activities. Cub Scouts will attend during the day on September 27th, but will not stay overnight. Scouting has elements which include Native American lore, but this is a rare opportunity to learn directly from tribal members.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 2

New Scout night, Wednesday, September 3, American Legion/Odd Fellows Hall, West Street, Antrim. Does your son like to spend time outside? Do you want a program that teaches values like community service and honesty as well as skills? Perhaps Scouting is the program for your boy. Some of the activities over the past year included: Summer camp at Camp Bell in Gilmanton Iron Works, hosting a Community Supper, canoeing on Powder Mill Pond & Gregg Lake, collecting food for food banks, bicycling on Cape Cod and in the Monadnock region, collecting money for the fireworks during Home & Harvest festival, camping at the NH Jamboree, hiking Pack Monadnock and North Pack Monadnock in one day. Boy Scouts is for boys ages 11 to 18. If you'd like to get your son outside instead of sitting in front of the computer, attend this information session on Wednesday, Sept. 3,

6:30 p.m. to learn about the program! Please bring your son with you. For more information, contact Scoutmaster Brian Beihl at 588-3014.

Scouts Meet Through the Summer. For the first time in recent memory, Troop 2 met each Wednesday night for an outing throughout the summer. Among the activities the boys planned were canoeing on Powder Mill Pond, biking on the Hillsborough/Bennington rail trail, hiking at Willard Pond, crossing the Antrim mill pond in waterproofed cardboard boxes (not successfully, but fun!), touch football, bowling, swimming at Norway Pond in Hancock, and lashed catapults in a balloon-chucking contest.

Troop 2 Returns from Camp Bell. Six Troop 2 Scouts, Ethan Beihl, Nate Dosteler, James & Timothy Hollingsworth, Sean Campbell, Mike Fahrner, and three Peterborough Troop 8 Scouts, David & Joseph Edscorn and Jacob Reed, attended Camp Bell, part of the Griswold Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Iron Works, NH. The patrol's activities included a three-day Lewis & Clark expedition, for which the boys were taught navigation by the sun and stars, lighting fires with flint & steel, shelter building, and wilderness first aid. The boys also went water tubing behind a ski boat, rode horses, and overcame a challenging obstacle course. The troop returns to the merit badge-oriented Hidden Valley in 2009.

Donations of Canoes & Equipment. Troop 2 recently received as gifts two used canoes, one from Bob Larkin of Henniker, and one from Mitch & Jackie Mitchell of Hancock. Mr. Larkin also donated a digital camera to the troop. The canoes have already been used extensively this summer, and we thank them for supporting Scouting in Antrim, Bennington, & Hancock. If you have a piece of equipment which you would be interested in donating to our Scouting program, please contact Committee Chair Ed Hebert at 588-2823. In particular, the Scouts are looking for a covered equipment trailer in decent shape, kayaks and canoes, hiking boots in excellent shape, and metal shelving for reorganizing the upstairs of the Legion/Odd Fellows hall. Thanks for your support. ☪

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OUR TOWN AND PREVENTION

Sydney Smith

Soon we'll be celebrating Home and Harvest days. Some of us remember really old home days in our rural towns and villages. Families and neighbors got together for food and fun in a spirit of gratitude for the harvest and for a ritual to celebrate the turning of the wheel of the year, the change of seasons, and an implicit recognition that community was the central influence on our lives. The celebration was collectively understood to be based on values about the land, family life, a sense of place, the shared threads of time and tide.

But now community is not the central influence on our young people. Their world has expanded through computers, cell phones, and iPods into cyberspace, instant access to the world of information, communication with strangers, endless sources of amusement, immediate gratification, seductive distractions, and all sorts of temptations and risks. In the wake of these massive social changes, what is daily life like for teens? What can they take for granted, what can they trust? What have they come to mistrust? What do they wonder about, worry about, what are they experimenting with, what are they risking? What do they need to know to maintain balance and remain safe?

Some adolescents have navigated this complicated new environment successfully. Here is what I have seen through the Grapevine: a teenager participating in a discussion with her mother and other adults on Deep Economy, another who persevered with music lessons and has become an accom-

plished musician without losing his place among his peers, young people who help with local community suppers, a youth group that has raised \$2000 to donate to an international effort called Free the Children, local adolescents who travel to Central American to work on environmental projects, a minister and young members of her congregation who make and serve cookies and lemonade to our skateboarders.

But other young people are having trouble with their world. I also see information from the New Hampshire Poison Control Center and other sources showing that abuse of prescription drugs among adolescents has reached epidemic levels. The Surgeon General warns of the perils of underage drinking across our nation, and many of us will never forget the loss of young lives caused by alcohol.

This summer, a group of local residents met at The Grapevine to discuss underage drinking. We talked about the effects of energy drinks marketed to teens and preteens, and the risks of using alcohol with super-caffeinated drinks and with prescription medications. We learned about local alcohol use and abuse among children, adolescents, and young adults from data collected in the thirty-two towns of the Monadnock Region. We are planning an event, to be held in October, which will provide an opportunity for parents, teens, and others to focus on the health and wellbeing of our children and youth.

For more information about the October event, call Sydney Smith at The Grapevine: 588-2620. 

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ANTRIM ENERGY COMMITTEE

Ben Pratt

The Antrim Energy Committee was formed as a result of the vote taken on Article 18 at the March 2007 Town Meeting. The article asked the selectmen to appoint a committee to study the current energy problems and to recommend actions that could be taken to save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The committee first met on Nov. 8, 2007 and has continued to meet monthly on the third Wednesday of each month. The meetings are held in the Little Town Hall at 6pm, and the public is welcome to attend.

Antrim now belongs to Cool Monadnock, an affiliation of 36 towns in the Monadnock Region. The organization is a joint initiative of Clean Air-Cool Planet and Antioch New England Institute. The goal of the organization is to achieve significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in the Monadnock Region.

The initial project of the Antrim committee is to conduct an energy audit of all town buildings. The area of each building will be tabulated, along with the total amount of energy (electricity, fuel oil, propane, etc.) used by that building. The data will be entered in a computer program operated by Cool Monadnock, so the energy consumption of each building can be compared with that of similar buildings throughout the region. The results will also be measured against standards that have been established for the economical operation of municipal buildings. It is expected that the information gained can be used to make substantial savings in energy and money for the town.

On June 21st, the committee conducted a sale of compact fluorescent bulbs at the Antrim Recycling and Transfer Center. PSNH and Energy Federation Inc. have partnered in a "swap-out" program to encourage the use and safe disposal of the new, more energy efficient bulbs. Rebate coupons worth \$2.00 each were available to reduce the cost of each bulb purchased. The sale was successful, and the committee plans to have another sale day at the Transfer Center later this year.

Any thoughts or suggestions anyone has that would help the committee in its efforts to reduce energy consumption in the Town of Antrim will be gratefully accepted.

Members of the committee are: Ben Pratt, Chair, Diane Chauncey, Secretary, Peter Moore, Bradley Houseworth, Sandy Snow and Jess Baribault. 

SPIRALSCOUTS

Jess Baribault

Summer Recap Silverling Circle #58, the local chapter of SpiralScouts International, had some terrific experiences this summer, including our annual camping trip (in July) at Greenfield State Park. Families shared responsibilities in leading the various parts of the Camping badge, which included basic camping skills and safety, knot tying, preparation, cooking, and storage of food, using a map and compass, a discussion of edible and toxic wild plants, forest ecology, and "leave-no-trace" practices. We shared stories and s'mores around the fire, discovered an animal den, and even welcomed two new scouts— a brother and sister—and their family. We ended the trip with a short circle ceremony, where each scout remarked on a gift or experience they would take home with them, and offered a gift for other members of the group to take home. Everyone left with a feeling of peace and community. In August, some families participated in the annual Tailltean Games—a revival of the ancient Celtic field games—at A Sacred Place, an Earth-centered retreat grounds in Canaan, NH. These are held around the holiday of Lammas, or "first harvest" in the wheel of the year, when traditionally tribes would come together for work, play, and competition. Highlights include the huge bonfire, delicious food, music, drumming, the Bardic challenge, and games like the caber toss, foot race, and stone throw.

Looking Ahead to Fall On September 13th we'll meet at night to work on our Astronomy badge, and everyone is hoping to see some meteors! The following weekend is the Home & Harvest parade, and this will be our third year walking. Look for the big drum and the element banners! On October 12th we'll meet at McCabe Forest to earn our Hiking badges. Throughout October we'll also be busily planning for our major fundraiser of the year, Celebrate Samhain (see below), which is also a community service project, collecting non-perishable food for area food banks and winter clothing for those in need. November's activities have yet to be voted on, so now is a great time to join us and share your ideas!

Celebrate Samhain This is the third year SpiralScouts will be participating in Celebrate Samhain, a festival named for the harvest holiday that preceded Halloween. Please join us! Celebrate Samhain is for everyone, and includes performances by The Gypsy Nomads, a participatory drum and percussion circle, raffle, make-and-take crafts, and a variety of truly unique vendors with everything from books, jewelry, and body care to Tarot readings, magic wands, and all kinds of artwork. A variety of free workshops will be presented by well-known authors and local crafters, including a Pagan Panel Discussion, a "ghost talk," a history of Samhain, and more. A highlight of the event will be the delicious food, featuring homemade baked goods and foods from area farms and CSAs. We are looking for donations, so please get in touch if you can help! Especially wanted are folks to post

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GREAT BROOK SCHOOL AND ANTRIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

G. Bruce West, Principal
Great Brook School and Antrim Elementary School

Building a community of learners requires caring, communication, trust, and vision. Throughout the year to come, I will share with the broader community the initial steps in the process of creating a common vision for Antrim's schools. I recognize that the success of this process depends on allowing each school to maintain its own positive culture and identity. As this year begins and we move forward, the students, staffs, and families of GBS and AES will have a new opportunity to build on the successes that have come before.

Our teachers who support and challenge our students are one of the critical elements of this vibrant community, and the important task of hiring new teachers has been a terrific opportunity to work with current faculty members, parents, and school board members during the past six weeks. The task afforded us the opportunity to share our thinking regarding the kind of teachers who will complement our excellent faculties. I want to publicly thank all those involved on the hiring committees for their dedicated efforts.

We have hired two new teachers at AES. Ms. Jay Jobin will be the new kindergarten teacher, and Ms. Elizabeth Lawler will be teaching 3rd grade, while Maryanne Cullinan is on a one-year leave of absence. We have also hired two new para-professionals, Ms. Larissa Bravo and Ms. Deb Creekmore.

At GBS, we have hired a number of new faculty members. Our new health teacher is Ms. Krystal Kebler, and our new Spanish teacher is Jody Brown. Ms. Sheilagh Daly will be joining our seventh grade team as a special education teacher. The eighth grade team welcomes Ms. Stacy Egan who will teach science and Ms. Cheryl Landi who will teach language arts. Our new assistant principal is Mr. Jim Elder who comes to us from the Winnacunnet and Seabrook school districts. I know you will welcome them as school opens this fall, and I want to wish them all the best as the school year begins.

I am looking forward to the beginning of the school year with great enthusiasm. We will meet the opportunities ahead with a vision of building a learning community that is founded on trust, respect, and collaboration while focusing on success for all students. Please feel free to contact me or stop by whenever you wish.

GRANGE HAPPENINGS

Gloria Davis

Thanks to everyone who supported our 6th annual art show in June, either by exhibiting or attending. This is a favorite event, and we enjoy transforming our hall into a gallery that highlights the extraordinary talents of our local residents.

Also in June, Arthur and Beth Merrill and Gloria Davis attended the N.H. Youth Rally in Hooksett, where Arthur came in 1st for public speaking and Beth came in 2nd for her Hobby presentation. At the end of June the three were off to Cornish Fairgrounds and the Family camp weekend where they had a relaxing time socializing with other members and family from around the state. In July, Beth, Arthur, and Gloria went to the Northeast Youth Conference in Rhode Island, where Arthur came in 2nd with his public speaking entry.

In August, Beth was off to Farmington, Maine, for the Northeast Lecturer's conference where she attended workshops and assisted with the NH program. On August 20th we celebrated our 125th anniversary with a pot luck supper followed by a traditional meeting and old-fashioned program. Grangers from across the state and friends from town were on hand to learn of the history and accomplishments of Antrim Grange since its 1883 organizational date. Thanks to Chris Salmon at Old Hancock Glassworks for the special glass sun-catchers which commemorate the anniversary. Anyone wishing to purchase one at \$5 each may do so by contacting Liz Robertson at 588-2562 or Arthur Merrill at 588-6615.

As part of our 125th anniversary celebration, there will be a Square Dance at Antrim Grange Hall on October 11th starting at 7:00 p.m. Early arrivals will get instruction from caller

Jerry Maurice of Deerfield, NH. Antrim Grange members have a special surprise planned during intermission and they will also be hosting a Chocolate Bake-off, so be sure to bring your favorite home-baked chocolate dessert item to join in the competition, calories, and fun!

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ANTRIM-BENNINGTON LIONS CLUB

Sarah Edwards

The Antrim-Bennington Lions Club is a local community service organization that is part of the International Lions Club. Our primary focus is to create service projects that are health-related, with the greatest concentration on eyesight, diabetes, hearing, and youth development.

This past year we have cosponsored the Chicken Barbeque at Antrim's Home and Harvest celebration, sold Christmas Trees to help fund Operation Santa, and cosponsored Antrim Recreation's Bike Rodeo by purchasing a bike for the winner of the raffle. Tickets are awarded to children as they go through four separate stations on bike safety and first aid. When the children complete all four stations successfully, their names are placed in the raffle. This year's winner was Marion Anne Noble Winchester! We also sponsored a softball team for the Antrim Recreation's Baseball program. The Lions helped sponsor the annual Lions Club Twin State Soccer games in which ConVal was represented by Jordan Cuddemi of Bennington. Funds from this event go to the NH Sight and Hearing Foundation. We also donated to the Days of Summer camp for local youth through Antrim Recreation.

In recent years we have conducted eye screenings at First Friends Preschool in Antrim, purchased an audiometer for Antrim Elementary School, purchased a TV/DVD player for the community room at Antrim Village, provided means for eye exams and glasses for qualifying individuals, provided scholarships to summer camp for youth, and sponsored a Garden Railroad Show.

The Antrim-Bennington Lions Club has also supported the NH Blind Association, NH Sight & Hearing Foundation, the Dogsight Project, and LCIF (a Lions International program that supports health projects and provides disaster relief throughout the world).

Although we support international and national projects, Antrim-Bennington Lions Club is a local club with local members serving our community to help make it a better place.

Our next major fundraiser is the chicken BBQ at Tenney Farm on September 20 as part of Antrim's Home and Harvest Days. We are expecting even more than the 350 who came last year for good food and fireworks show.

NEW LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT

Richard Loveland and his wife Robin have lived in Antrim for two years, coming from Hollis where they lived for twenty-three years. Richard retired in 2001 from the computer industry where he was a consultant. For the past four years Richard and Robin have discovered what may be the ideal retirement occupation, teaching computer skills to passengers on Princess cruises all over the world: the Caribbean, the South American coast including a cruise up the Amazon River, the Greek Islands, Antarctica, French Polynesia, and Southeast Asia. Imagine getting paid for this sort of travel! Richard hopes to add to Lions community services benefiting the towns, including a possible Antrim-Bennington Outdoor Guide, and a Winter Speakers Series at Antrim's Tuttle library. ❧

flyers on windows and bulletin boards in the area, and people to help with cleanup after the event. For all the details, visit www.CelebrateSamhain.com.

Volunteers Welcome A balance of male and female leadership is part of the SpiralScouts 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 large jobs like organizing trips.

What We're About SpiralScouts™ International is a 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 cooking and gardening to drumming and sculpture. Its philosophy is rooted in the ideals of ecology, inclusivity, and gender balance, and its mission centers on boys and girls working together to heal our Mother Earth.

Meetings and Contact Info Silverling Circle #58 meets the second Sunday of each month at 2:00. Registration is \$15 per year, and interested families or volunteers are invited to check out a meeting before deciding to join. Our Circle Co-Leaders are Jamie and Pete. For information, contact 588-4219 or email SpiralScoutsJess@yahoo.com.

We look forward to hearing from you. Autumn Blessings!



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TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

Melissa Lawless

AUTHOR FOCUS

Tasha Tudor, author and illustrator of nearly 100 children's books depicting life in earlier and simpler times, was born in 1915. Suspecting that she must have been reincarnated from a sea captain's wife from the 1830's, Tasha Tudor preferred a simple life of vegetable gardening, canning, bare feet, long sweeping dresses, and hand-made shawls. Enthralled with home crafts that were the inspiration for many of her illustrations, she made her own cheeses, baked breads, spun her own wool, and made her own hand-woven cloth.

Tasha Tudor received many awards and honors including the Caldecott Honors for *Mother Goose* in 1945 and the Regina Medal in 1971 for her contributions to children's literature. Her watercolor paintings and intricately detailed colored pencil drawings are exhibited in museums throughout the country and the world.

New Hampshire has had treasured connections with Tasha Tudor throughout her lifetime. Having spent several years living in Webster, NH, and retaining long-term relationships with New Hampshire friends, Tasha Tudor often visited libraries and museums throughout the state. This enchanting woman died at home in Marlboro, Vermont, on June 18, 2008, at age 92.

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, Russian novelist, dramatist, and historian, died on August 3, 2008 at 89 years of age. Awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature for his writings about the Soviet

Union's labor camp system, the Gulag, Solzhenitsyn was exiled from the Soviet Union between the years 1974 and 1994. Perhaps best known for *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* and *Gulag Archipelago*, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn at one time had become a "non-person" in his country and had thought that his writings would never be published within his life-time.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Over 300 books have been logged by 55 participants of our Australian themed Summer Reading Program *G'Day for Reading*. We were especially excited to include Summer Camp participants from the Antrim Recreation Department this year. Thanks go to Carole Storro, Connie Vandervort, and Maryanne Cullinan who expertly handled our story times. Thanks also to Jess Baribault for inviting her talented friend, Ult Muldone, who shared his didgeridoo instruments at our Summer Reading Party which was a huge success with 48 children and parents in attendance. We were also grateful to Ginny Mierens and Jane Gnade, librarians at Antrim Elementary School and Great Brook School, for sharing part of their collections with us for summer reading.

HOLIDAYS - CLOSED

Monday Sept. 1 Labor Day

Monday Oct. 13 Columbus Day

Thursday Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Day

FUTURE PROGRAMS

We are planning collaborative trips to the movies with the Recreation Department this fall – **City of Ember** in October and **Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince** in November. Travel arrangements will be made using the Community Bus. Please look for final details on the Antrim town website: www.antrimnh.org.

LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

September is library card sign-up month. If you don't have library card, now would be a good time to apply for one. We would love to see you at the library; come check us out!

NEW BOOKS: AUGUST—SEPTEMBER, 2008

NEW FICTION: Books by: Catherine Aird, Alex Berenson, Iain Banks, Rhys Bowen, Steve Berry, Lawrence

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NEW NONFICTION: *Audition: A Memoir* (Barbara Walters); *Books: A Memoir* (Larry McMurtry); *Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War* (David Halberstam); *Diaries, 1969-1979: The Python Story* (Michael Palin); *Doris Day: The Untold Story of the Girl Next Door*; *Fairy House Series*; *In the Frame* (Helen Mirren); *Lonely Planet Travel Book: A Journey Through Every Country in the World*; *Magical Window Stars*; *Son of Stitch n' Bitch: 45 Projects to Knit and Crochet for Men*; *When You Are Engulfed in Flames* (David Sedaris). AND MORE!

NEW PICTURE, JUVENILE & YOUNG ADULT BOOKS: *Bats at the Library*; *Battle of the Labyrinth* (Percy Jackson and the Olympians); *Charlie Bone and the Shadow*; *Dark Day in the Deep Sea* (Magic Treehouse #39); *Colour of Magic and the Light Fantastic* (Discworld Graphic Novel); *Don't Bump the Glump...* (Shel Silverstein); *Duckling Ugly* (Dark Fusion series); *Erec Rex: The Monsters of Otherness*; *Fan's Guide to Artemis Fowl...*; *Final Warning* (Maximum Ride series); *Giant Problem* (Beyond the Spiderwick Chronicles); *I'm Bad!*; *Leven Thump and the Wrath of Ezra*; *Oh Yuck! The Encyclopedia of Everything Nasty!*; *Once Upon a Time in the North* (Philip Pullman); *Raven Rise* (Pendragon series); *Shadow Children Series*; *Splat, the Cat*; *Twilight Saga: the Official Guide* (Stephenie Meyer); 2 new Darren Shan novels. AND MORE!

FEATURED YOUNG ADULT FICTION: *Breaking Dawn* (Twilight series) by Stephenie Meyer; *Artemis Fowl: The Time Paradox* by Eoin Colfer; and *Brisinger* (Inheritance book 3) by Christopher Paolini—due out Sept. 20, 2008. ☪

JUNE LIMERICK CONTEST WINNERS

Our June contest was more difficult than in the past because we asked for two final lines rather than just one. We received seven submissions which we judged on content, meter, rhyme, diction, and overall rhythm. The winners of \$50 gift certificates at The Toadstool Bookshop in Peterborough are:

Kristin Readel

Oh, nowhere on earth can be seen
The scene we now see on the Green
By a bend in the road,
I spotted a toad
and various bits of his spleen.

Cory Morrill

Oh, nowhere on earth can be seen
The scene we now see on the Green.
By a bend in the road,
Sits a two-headed toad,
Eating pie ala- mode by a stream!

Shelly Nelkins

Oh, nowhere on earth can be seen
The scene we now see on the Green
By a bend in the road,
Oops! We just squashed a toad,
Froggy croaked nigh the Green so serene.

NEW LIMERICK CONTEST

For this contest you must provide the final two lines of this limerick. The best entry (judged on content, meter, rhyme, diction, and overall rhythm) will receive a \$50 gift certificate at The Toadstool Bookshop in Peterborough. Email: l_gilmore@conknet.com, or regular mail to Antrim Limerick, PO Box 30, Antrim, NH 03440

The trouble increased when she sold
Her holdings in silver and gold.
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10:15 AM Discussions for all ages

AA Meetings Sundays 7:00 PM

Spectrum Art Association Thursdays 9:00 AM–12 NOON

Sept 21 • Blessing of the Skateboarders immediately before the final competition

Oct 4 • Blessing of the Animals 1–3 PM

Oct 8, 15, 22, 29 • Harvest Luncheons 12 NOON–1 PM

Bring bag lunch, dessert and beverage provided.

Nov 29 • Season of Advent begins with the decorating of the church for Christmas.

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

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SATURDAY 4:00 PM

THE GRAPEVINE

Kristen Vance

HELP WITH HOME HEATING

Think heating your home this winter may be hard to afford? Call The Grapevine for information on Fuel Assistance and other resources. You may be surprised to discover you're eligible for help. The wood bank at The Grapevine will open when cold weather returns, thanks to wood donations from Wayno Olson, Reggie Lyons, Paul & Marie Brouillet and Robblee Tree Service, and to the hard work of wood bank volunteers: Peter, PJ and KC Martel, Robin Quinn, Caryn and Brian Brown, Wayno Olson, Ben Pratt, Wanda and Ronny Clough, Jay Cox, Juniper Christgau and Tod Bryer. Wayno, Jay and Robblee loaned their splitters. We'll need more wood donations before the winter is over—call The Grapevine if you need firewood and can't afford to buy it, or if you have wood to share.

AUTUMN AT THE GRAPEVINE

The Grapevine's fall session begins September 8. Parents are encouraged to call about playgroups—space still available. The Aiken Street Barn, where The Grapevine is located, is fully accessible, and we welcome all families.

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

• Monday—1:30-3:00—Better Beginnings for Babies to 12 mos.

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

• Friday—10:00 to 11:30—Better Beginnings for Babies & Toddlers to 2 years

Better Beginnings for Babies: Parents have found this group a great opportunity to meet other parents, talk about infant development, and learn about resources in the community while their babies make their first friends. Parenting and early childhood educators are on hand for questions, support and conversation.

Better Beginnings Playgroups for children 18 months through 5 years: Early childhood educators and trained volunteers provide encouragement as children enjoy imaginative play, outdoor time, arts and crafts & sensory play. Circle time with songs, finger plays and stories, and a nutritious snack complete the morning.

While their children play and learn, parents enjoy some "adult time" with Parenting Educators Carol Lunan and Jane Richards-Jones, who facilitate discussions on child development, positive discipline, stress reduction, communication, and many other issues that impact families.

The Learning Vine: The Learning Vine begins its 9th year with teacher Carol Lunan M.Ed. offering young children hands-on learning in a setting that develops language and social skills.

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Before and After School Clubs: There may still be room in the Before and After School Clubs for your elementary or middle schoolers. Programs take place on the Antrim schools campus, and are a partnership of The Grapevine, the Brown Bag Coalition, the Antrim Recreation Commission and the schools. Call The Grapevine for more information and registration.

SPECIAL FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Military Families, Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren and Parents of School-Age Children are all meeting at The Grapevine. Call for more information.

Eating Local The focus of our *Second Monday Series*, begins with **Canning and Planning** on Monday, September 8th 5 to 8pm in the kitchen at the First Presbyterian Church. Experienced canners guide participants in the art of canning tomatoes, and then we'll plan workshops for October and November. Ideas include learning to bake bread, making and canning applesauce, and How to Eat Local on a Budget. Call to sign up.

A Family Walk in the Woods with Teacher/Naturalist Carol Lunan M.Ed. Saturday, October 18 from 9:30 to 11:30. Meet at The Grapevine and carpool to McCabe Forest—rain or shine. Bring snack, water & bug repellent. Be ready to see, hear, smell and touch the magic in this beautiful forest! Children bring your adult!

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (S.T.E.P) for parents of children ages 6 to 11, a 7-week workshop—schedule to be announced in September. Facilitator Ann Falby is a parent and former preschool director, who has lead this workshop for many years. Workshop participants will: (1) Learn listening and communication skills to enhance self-esteem and self-motivation in children, (2) Explore skills including logical and natural consequences in response to misbehavior, avoiding conflict struggles, and expressing feelings respectfully. Call to register—partial scholarships and onsite childcare available.

Children and the Development of Morality, Saturday, Nov. 22, 8:30 a.m. at 1:00 p.m. at Reynolds Hall in Peterborough, with Keynote speaker **Len Fleischer, Ed.D.** on “The Journey to a Genuine Life: Mentoring Children and Adolescents Toward Integrity.” Break-out sessions - choice of topics. Cost: \$25, scholarships available; childcare available (fee). Collaboration of The Grapevine, The Family Center and Monadnock Family Services.

Parent-Teen Connections: a discussion and support program for parents of teens, with Liz Broderick of The Family Center, beginning in September.

1st and 3rd Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at The Grapevine
2nd and 4th Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at The Family Center in Peterborough

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Join us for our Fall gathering - share trading experiences and meet new members **Saturday, September 27 at 10am at The Grapevine**. More than 150 members trade their skills and services for “time dollars” which they then use to “purchase services.” **If you want to become a member before the Pot Luck, come to our Informational Meeting Saturday, September 20th at 9am** at The Grapevine, or schedule a private or group orientation. For more information, contact Christine Polito at 588-2620 or peoplesserviceexchange@hotmail.com.

ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION—SATURDAY OCTOBER 4 FROM NOON-3PM

The Grapevine's 9th Annual Benefit Auction will be Saturday, October 4 from noon to 3pm in the Tuttle Library parking lot. Marcia Leizure of Withington Auction, Inc. is once again donating her auctioneer talents. We welcome donations of antiques, art, crafts, barn and attic treasures, gift certificates and services. No appliances, clothing, or exercise equipment, please. Raffle tickets are available for the popular 50/50 raffle, drawn on auction day.

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



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