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For, by and about the people of Antrim.

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ICE STORM

Janet MacLachlan

The power failure that occurred on Friday 11 December as a result of the tremendous ice storm in New Hampshire had far-reaching effects in all our lives. To find ourselves suddenly and unexpectedly trying to live for days without any of the modern conveniences to which we all had become accustomed was a great shock. We had to rethink how we would go about doing our daily chores without the aid of power. Suddenly we had to carry buckets of water to the kitchen and bathroom. The woodstove had to be kept going to provide heat and a means of cooking food,

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THE PASSION OF DOG SLED RACING

Sandy Snow

The first time I'd personally seen a dog sled team in action was aboard an old paddle wheeler on the Chana River not far from Fairbanks, Alaska. The paddle wheeler had stopped in front of a log cabin, and a tall muscular woman began talking about Susan Butcher. The legendary Butcher had for more than a decade dominated one of the most grueling races ever devised, the Iditarod dog sled race. The race begins in Anchorage and ends 1,152 miles later in Nome.

The race is not just about speed, although that is very important. In an

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RECREATION LAND WARRANT ARTICLES

TWO VIEWS

SUPPORTED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Mike Genest on behalf of the Select Board

The proposed Warrant Article 3 and 4 for Town Meeting this year concern the Recreation Field Development Capital Reserve Fund (CRF). This fund had a balance of \$257,886 at the end of 2008. Basically, these two articles together withdraw \$157,886 from the fund to be used to reduce taxes, and leaves \$100,000 in the new Recreation Land Purchase and Field Development Capital Reserve Fund. To follow the law, we must close the original fund putting the entire \$257,886 into the General Fund and then create the new fund taking \$100,000 from the General Fund. The Select Board feels that in these very tough economic times that you, the voters, should decide if leaving over a quarter of a million dollars in the fund, when

OPPOSED BY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Peter Lamb on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission

On Thursday, January 8th, Selectman Gordon Webber informed the Parks & Recreation Commission of the Board of Selectmen's intention to file two warrant articles to reduce the Recreational Field Development Capital Reserve fund from \$250,000 to \$100,000 in order to create short-term tax relief. After much spirited discussion, the Parks and Rec. Commission voted unanimously to not support the Board of Selectmen warrant articles.

The Capital Reserve fund was created in 2004 with \$30,000 after the bond article for the purchase of the Roberts property was defeated in 2003 by less than 10 votes for the required 2/3 majority. In 2005 \$150,000 was added to

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ELECTION DAY

MARCH 10 8 AM-7 PM
TOWN HALL

TOWN MEETING
MARCH 12 7 PM
TOWN GYM

TOWN MEETING

Lyman Gilmore

Our Town meeting on March 12th promises to be lively. I say this with confidence because the three-hour Budget Hearing on 10 February—during which the Select Board and Town Administrator Neal Cass presented the 2009 Warrant Articles to about sixty townspeople—crackled with strong feelings, passionate controversy, and refreshing good humor. Naturally, considering the serious economic downturn we are suffering, the heart of Town Meeting will be about spending money, or not.

One sharp-eyed attendee, Connie Kirwin (*Limrik* Design Editor) observed that the audience at the hearing appeared to arrange itself according to age, as if by a sort of generational seating chart,

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FOREVER WILD

Peter Beblowski

The Antrim Conservation Commission has great news. The N.H. Audubon's Willard Pond 'Forever Wild' Project has been brought to a successful conclusion. The 'Forever Wild' Project whose goal was to raise funds to purchase and conserve the last unprotected shoreline property on Willard Pond—45 acres with 1,000 feet of shoreline—has been purchased by NH Audubon.

NH Audubon is eager to thank all those who helped make this project such a success. The fundraising effort included an outreach to over 200 individual donors, many who live in Antrim. This project included anonymous cash donations made at Antrim's Home and Harvest Days, to checks sent in from near and far by many friends of Willard Pond. Special thanks go out to the significant contributions made by the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Elsa dePierrefeu. It was Elsa's original donation of 650 acres to Audubon in the 1960s that established the wildlife sanctuary bearing her name. The dePierrefeu-Willard Pond Sanctuary has earned many friends over the decades. Further land donations by her family as well as conservation projects such as this by NH Audubon and the Harris Center have expanded the sanctuary to nearly 1,500 acres. A grant from the Arthur and Dolores Daniels Foundation put the fundraising over the top.

NH Audubon and the Antrim Conservation Commission say Thank You for your overwhelming support. Special assistance included contributions of grants from the 'Society for the Protection of NH Forests'-Hurlin Fund, the Antrim Players, and the Antrim Conservation Commission.



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THE SELECT BOARD

Steve Schacht

While 2008 has come and gone Antrim has seen many changes.

The Police Department is now at full staff with Chief Scott Lester, Sergeant Sean Cavanaugh, Officers Ryan Storro, Jason LePine, and Brian Lord, and part-time Officers Brian Giamarino and Nick Cole. It has been a busy and changing year for all of them, and they have all pulled together for the town. It is nice to know that three of our officers live in town and all but one live within a 15 minute arrival time.

Neal Cass is now our Town Administrator replacing Bill Prokop. We welcome Neal to his position and look forward to working closely with him. Paul Vasques graciously agreed to stand in as Town Planner after Bradley Houseworth resigned to move back to Michigan. We thank Paul for his willingness to serve in this capacity as we continue our search for a new Town Planner that we hope to complete within the next month. Diane Chauncey continues to serve as the Planning Assistant. We also said goodbye to Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Jeff Parsons. We will look carefully at the needs in this department and determine how best to proceed, but in the short-term the department is covered so contractors will not be delayed.

The town has replaced two bridges, Summer Street and White Birch Point, and will finish the North Main Street Bridge in the spring. This year, the bridgework will continue with the Old North Branch and the Water Street bridges.

With March come elections and Town Meeting. Election Day is March 10, and the Town Meeting March 12. We cannot begin to express how important it is that everyone be involved in these events. Everyone's vote helps make the final decisions on warrant articles and policy changes. It is vitally important that all participate and make their wishes known with their vote. You are the ones that determine what goes on in your town.

There are several openings on Planning, Zoning, Parks and Recreation, and Conservation boards. Terms range from one to three years. We hope you will consider serving on one of these boards as this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your town better and to have a voice on what goes on now and in the future.

As we move forward, we will face many challenges. There are still bridges to repair and replace, and we need a plan for bridge maintenance to maximize their life and safety. Roads will need resurfacing. We must decide about the new police station, whether to build one, and when and where to build it. It is necessary to have a building that is up to code and that can be used to protect the safety of the officers and the privacy and wellbeing of everyone who enters the department.

Once again, please remember how important it is that you vote and attend the Town Meeting.

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A TOUGH BALANCING ACT

By Mary Allen

ConVal School Board

Voters will be facing some difficult choices this March. A tight economy makes it tough to decide how much we can afford to spend in local tax dollars. Schools take the biggest chunk of our taxes, but cutting back in the classroom will rob our children of the tools they will need for tomorrow. Meanwhile, the downward pressure from federal and state government to the local level has never been heavier.

The ConVal School Board tried to balance these realities as it prepared the district's 2009-10 budget and two important warrant articles. On March 10 it will be up to district voters to determine if we got it right.

Last March, voters rejected a fact-finders report and ConVal teachers have been working without a contract since June 30. After months of talks, a tentative agreement was reached in late fall. Both the union and the school board unanimously support the new three-year contract and urge voters to support it when they go to the polls.

The new contract gives teachers an average 3 percent pay raise for each year, and paraprofessionals a 5 percent increase for each year, but also requires that employees cover a portion of their health insurance premiums (4 percent in the first year, increasing to 5 percent in the second year and 6 percent in the third). An additional \$118,122 has been added to the first year's salary calculation to cover a step increase for the last three months of the 2008-09 fiscal year.

The warrant question asks voters to approve the salary increase for each year: \$574,915 for the first year (which includes the three-month step increase), \$574,737 for the second and \$599,518 for the third.

The district's \$43 million gross budget up 1.57 percent over last year. When revenues are factored in, the total assessment to the district towns is up just 0.35 percent.

The uncertain future of fuel costs, declining enrollments and tough economic times make budget projections difficult. Declining enrollments at several elementary schools have lead to more combined-grade classrooms. While Antrim Elementary School is not on that list this year, parents wanting more information about the district's initiatives in multiage education are encouraged to attend a workshop on this topic on Wednesday, March 4, 7 p.m., at the SAU office in Peterborough.

The proposed budget is \$493,529 more than the default budget. If voters reject the proposed budget, the school board will have to decide whether to hold another vote or to make the cuts needed to work under the default figure. Potential cuts would include both programs and staff.

At the district's deliberative session on Feb. 4, voters supported a board amendment to reduce a proposed \$6.5 million construction bond to \$5.5 million. The bond would pay for

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SUPPORTED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

no particular land is currently being considered to bring before the voters, when a portion of the fund could be used to offset taxes.

This CRF was established at the March 2004 Town Meeting with an initial amount of \$30,000. In 2003, a Warrant Article to purchase the Roberts' property had failed a required 2/3 vote by 7 votes. The Select Board recognized at that time that considerable support for developing recreational land existed, leading them to recommend the establishment of this CRF. At the 2005 Town Meeting \$150,000 was added to the CRF with the very next Warrant Article authorizing the withdrawal of \$175,000 from the CRF to purchase a piece of property on West Street. That purchase was never finalized for a variety of reasons leaving the \$175,000 in the CRF.

Near the end of 2007, the Recreation Land Search Committee identified and recommended a piece of Town owned land off Route 9 as the most viable location for new fields. The Park & Recreation Commission agreed and approved moving forward with a development proposal. There was then a proposal from Maharishi Academy to share use of the Academy's recreation facilities and fields when they are developed. The Town would have helped with the development for the use of the facilities.

At the September 4, 2008 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, the consensus was to:

1. Resuscitate the Recreation Land Search Committee to look at properties that have come on the market since the last review and perhaps revisit other properties.

2. Should the Maharishi Academy develop facilities that the Town could use, the Town may be interested in partnering with them on a lease or other type of agreement.

3. Move forward with defining what the recreational needs of the Town are using information developed through the UNH intern program as the base.

4. The Parks & Recreation Commission will not be in a position to submit a Warrant Article at the 2009 Town Meeting regarding the Maharishi proposal.

The articles this year are similar to ones proposed at the 2007 Town Meeting which were withdrawn by the Select Board after discussion with the Parks and Recreation Commission which had hopes of presenting a recommendation on proposal in the near future.

At the present, there is no particular piece of property being considered for recreation facilities in the near future. The Select Board is recommending that the Town should continue to look for land that would meet the town recreation needs, but also recommends that the long term needs truly need to be determined. Therefore, the Select Board recommends that this is a good time to utilize a portion of these current funds to help offset the tax rate during these tough times. ☙

OPPOSED BY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

the reserve fund and then was voted to be used to purchase a property on West Street. That sale was never completed, and another \$25,000 was added to the fund in 2006. Warrants similar to this year's by the Board of Selectmen were written in 2007, but were withdrawn at Town Meeting. 2008 saw another \$25,000 addition to the reserve fund, and the Rec. Commission chose not to add to the fund this year because of the \$21,000 warrant article for a maintenance tractor and aeration attachment to be used for the existing facilities that was approved by the Capital Improvement Plan Committee.

The Parks & Recreation Commission's worst fear is that Article 4 could pass and Article 5 could fail and the complete capital reserve fund for the purchase and development of recreational land would be abolished. This could destroy all future plans for new recreational land acquisition. The Board of Selectmen feels that since the \$150,000 addition in 2005 was not used, it should be returned to the taxpayers for a onetime tax relief of approximately 50 cents per thousand on the town's tax rate. We believe this small short-term tax gain is less important than maintaining a substantial capital reserve fund for the purchase of much needed recreation land for the town. Continuing the current capital reserve fund will not add to this year's budget.

The Parks & Recreation Commission hopes the voters see the long-term value that keeping this capital reserve fund intact will bring to the town. The Commission also believes strongly that as the overall economy continues to shrink, the demand for local recreation will rise as people seek more value with fewer dollars.

We urge you to vote NO on Warrant Article 3. ☙

Balancing Act: Conval School Board continued from page 3

upgrades at the high school in four areas: accessibility requirements and ventilation work in the gym wing; improvements to the Lucy Hurlin Theatre; a new building to replace the Alternate Education program's temporary quarters (two trailers in the school's parking lot); and new technology infrastructure upgrades throughout the building.

The \$5.5 million bond would replace a \$5.5 million bond that's retiring next year, making it "budget neutral" but still eligible for the state's match of 55 cents on the dollar.

The \$1 million bond reduction does not eliminate any segment of the plan but would reduce the scope of work in each area.

Several informational meetings were held before the deliberative session, but voters may want additional information before casting their ballots on March 10. Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail Antrim's school board members (Mary Allen, 588-2742 or mallen@conval.edu; Lauren Kirkpatrick, 588-3941 or lkirkpatrick@conval.edu) or visit the district's home page online and look for links under "district meeting information." ☙

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Scott R. Lester, Chief

The need for a new Antrim Police Station has become a topic with a lot of misconceptions. First, there will *not* be a proposal to build a new station at this year's town meeting. What you will see is a Warrant Article requesting that \$12,500.00 be appropriated to prepare designs for a new police station and form a citizen committee to review all options on design, location, and future needs.

Discussions regarding the need for a new police facility have been kicked around for several years due to the growing demands on law enforcement agencies. Antrim town leaders have explored several considerations about renovating the current space, leasing office space, and purchasing land currently occupied by the Antrim Garage on Main Street between the Hardwick residence and the Antrim Marketplace. For one reason or another, these considerations have not panned out.

Renovating the Town Hall again would not provide adequate space for the necessary additions to satisfy strict juvenile custody, evidence, and record maintenance rules, as well as equipment storage needs, and it would not have been a long term fix. Leasing office space would mean a monthly expense on top of renovation costs, and this would increase the value of a building not owned by the town. In the long run, we would be spending more money with nothing to show for it.

When the new Town Administrator, Neal Cass, and I came onboard in October 2008, there had already been discussions with the TIF committee about purchasing the Antrim Garage lot. This seemed to be a good possibility, but after reviewing reports from the Local Government Center, Interim Chief Michael Healy from MRI, and concerns of the department's employees, I made drawings of a reasonably sized police station showing the current space plus necessary additional space to address all our current deficiencies. After further review of the layout of the proposed property and estimated purchase price, we decided that this particular property limited design and future growth. I was also concerned about spending money to purchase land when we have Town owned property that would meet all our needs.

The idea of building a new station next to the Antrim Fire Station seemed to satisfy all our concerns. We already own enough property needed for a new building thus allowing money that would be spent on purchasing land to go to building costs. The layout of the land meets the design requirements, and access to the Fire and Police departments together would be convenient to residents and advantageous to both departments. The town would also have plenty of room for future growth. The only possible drawback would be that the Police Department was not "downtown." In terms of town geography, the fire station is more centralized than the current police department and is in walking distance from downtown. Also, the cost savings are appealing.

With a clear need for a new station, a basic design, and an excellent town-owned site, we determined that the next step was to request money to hire a designer to prepare drawings, evalu-

ate possible sites, and put the project out to bid. We collectively felt the best way to approach a new police station was to come to the 2010 Town Meeting with hard numbers established from certified drawings and site designs which contractors reviewed and proposed bids on. This way each Antrim resident can make an educated decision knowing what you would be getting, how it would look, where it would be, how long would it suit the town's needs, and most important, how much would it cost. So we wrote the 2009 Warrant Article requesting \$12,500.00 to prepare designs for a new station and to form a committee to review all options on design, location and future needs for this years town meeting. If this Warrant Article passes, it will give us all of 2009 to research, design, and prepare answers to your questions when the warrant article for the actual bond is proposed to build the new station.

We urge you to come to the station to see what we have already done to improve working conditions and to find out why we so desperately need more space.

The final point I would like to make is that if this year's article is approved and we come to the 2010 Town Meeting with a proposal for a new station, and that too is approved, a bond payment would not be due until 2011. This would be a year after the final Town Hall bond payment that would have been made in 2010.

On behalf of all the members of the Antrim Police Department, we greatly appreciate all your past and future support. We are here for you and your safety. ☙

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with older, fiscally conservative, and pessimistic residents generally sitting on the left facing the stage, while on the right the younger, fiscally progressive, optimistic citizens. I found myself sitting in the middle, I thought by chance.

Neal gave a clear, straightforward explanation of the new, somewhat lower, tax rate to which some folks responded with dismay, saying that it was still unacceptably high. One of the most controversial discussions centered on Warrant Articles #3 and #4 concerning the Select Board's proposal in Article #3 to eliminate the approximately \$250,000 Capital Reserve account created for the purchase and development of recreational land to supplement the too small and overused Shea Field at AES, and #4 to place in a new recreational land purchase and development capital reserve fund \$100,000, thus returning \$150,000 to the general fund to reduce taxes, (about 70 cents per thousand). The Recreation Commission opposes Article #3 eliminating the recreation land purchase and development capital reserve fund. (If Article #3 fails, Article #4 is moot.) The Commission believes that it is in the Town's interest to keep the capital reserve fund intact, not only because it does not add any new expenses to the budget, but primarily so that recreational land could be purchased should an acceptable parcel become available. (See articles by Mike Genest and Peter Lamb elsewhere in this *Limrik*.)

The Select Board described the huge present and future costs replacing and maintaining Antrim's bridges, with overruns and problems with DOT (NH Department of Transportation) now on the North Main Street Bridge, and upcoming expensive bridge replacements on Water Street (over Great Brook) and Depot Street (large arch and slab culverts near the Contoocook River bridge).

Another disputed warrant article concerns setting aside \$25,000 (reduced to \$12,500 in the final Warrant) to study feasibility and design of a new police station. Police Chief Scott Lester described the inadequacy of the current Police office in the Town Hall and strongly defended the necessity of a new building, while various members of the audience voiced equally strong opposition. (See Chief Lester's Police Department article elsewhere in this *Limrik*.)

The recent ice storm stimulated heated discussion about the desirability, indeed necessity, of purchasing and installing electric generators—especially in the schools—in anticipation of future emergencies. Members of the Grapevine and Avenue A Teen Center led a lengthy debate concerning their request for \$6,000 for the Teen Center. Finally, Chris Salmon gave a poignant address to the meeting about Article #19 which requests \$8,000 “to pay for out-patient surgery to repair an injury sustained by volunteer EMT Chris Salmon while carrying a patient during a rescue call with the Antrim Ambulance.”

A lot more got discussed that will surely come up at Town Meeting, but by 10:15 pm everyone, including me, seemed to be suffering stimulus overload as we staggered out the door.

Folks I spoke with afterward, including people generally opposed to spending, agreed that it was a good meeting and that Neal, Mike, Steve, and Gordon did a commendable job, I am reminded of that ancient cliché, when things get tough, the tough get going! ☙

WINNER OF THE DECEMBER LIMERICK CONTEST

We received fifteen fine entries in our December limerick contest, from: Maggie and Audrey Wood, Carolyn Gilmore, DeeAnn Dubois, Donna Lyon, Coleen Giffin, Paige Spaulding, Kim Kelley, Bev and Jim Schaefer, Heather Caussey, Jeff Causey, Dennis McKenney, Patrick Ross, Dorothy Anita Smith, Toni Naglie, and Joyce Purington. Entries were judged on rhyme, rhythm, meter, and content, and with difficulty because of the excellence of the submissions, our judges finally selected two winners of \$50 gift certificates to the Toadstool Bookshop in Peterborough. The winners are:

Dennis McKenney

Fair warning you brigand, you thief
and others who might cause us grief!
You're out in the cold
Should you covet my gold
I'll email your pix to the chief.

Toni Naglie

Fair warning you brigand, you thief,
and others who might cause us grief!
You're out in the cold
Because you have sold
The heater that brought us relief!

NEW LIMERICK CONTEST

For this contest, you must provide the final two lines of this limerick. The winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate at the Toadstool Bookshop in Peterborough. We judge entries on rhyme, rhythm, clever content, and meter:

They trembled when Big Man strolled by
for fear he might give them The Eye.
'Cause last time he gave it

WANTED FOR THE SENIOR CENTER

Thelma Nichols

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RUTH BADER GINSBURG

AN APPRECIATION

Missy Taylor

Remember the 50's and early 60's? When girls were told to let the boys win, to not be too smart or too clever, that it was more important for their brothers to go to college than it was for them? When our mothers would lament that it was a man's world?

Then came the Second Wave of feminism. Our mothers were reading "The Feminine Mystique" by Betty Friedan, published in 1963, and rereading Simone de Beauvoir's "The Second Sex." Gloria Steinem went undercover as a bunny and wrote an article that caused a sensation, exposing how women were treated at the Playboy clubs. The 1964 Civil Rights Act barred employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. And in 1970, a petite young woman, Ruth Ginsberg, helped found the Women's Right Law Reporter at Rutgers School of Law in Newark, New Jersey, dedicated to providing a forum for exploring law and public policy relating to women's rights.

Ruth Bader Ginsberg went on from Rutgers to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and was elevated to the Supreme Court in 1993, where she has had a distinguished tenure. Before that, though, she had an influential impact on many of us who were coming up through college and law school in the 1970s. Justice Ginsberg received no offers from New York law firms when she graduated from Columbia Law School in 1959, despite being tied for first in her graduating class. She has said that "the traditional law firms were just beginning to turn around on hiring Jews. But to be a woman, a Jew, and a mother to boot - that combination was a bit too much." She went on to clerk and teach, and when she discovered that there was no literature collected on the subject, she wrote the casebook, "Sex-Based Discrimination" that many of us used in law school in the 1970's.

Justice Ginsburg believed that the law could be used to address the inequities between the way men and women were treated and sought to demonstrate that these inequities harmed society as a whole, not just women. She realized, though, that change would not come quickly and she believed that a cautious, incremental approach would be the best way to affect lasting change. As counsel to the ACLU in the 1970s, she litigated a series of gender-equality cases, winning five of the six cases she argued before the Supreme Court. It may seem prehistoric now, but the law prior to that time reflected the widely held societal view that women were the "weaker sex," that they needed to be protected from the vicissitudes of life. The facts of the cases can often seem mundane. The precedents they set, however, endure and apply to us all. In *Frontiero v. Richardson* (1973), she successfully challenged a federal law that allowed a married serviceman to qualify for higher housing benefits even if his wife was not dependent on his income, but required a married servicewoman to prove her husband's dependence before receiving the same

benefit. Often the plaintiffs in her cases were men and the welfare of families was in issue. In *Weinberger v. Wiesenfeld* (1975), for example, she succeeded in convincing the Court that her client, a widower whose wife had died in childbirth and who wanted to stay home to care for the baby, was unduly denied his deceased wife's Social Security benefits because of the preconception that the man was the wage earner and the wife the dependent caregiver. Had it been he who died, the widow would have collected his benefits without question. In *Craig V. Boren*, (1976), Justice Ginsberg filed a brief for the ACLU in a challenge to an Oklahoma statute involving, of all things, near beer. The state law allowed women over 18 to buy 3.2 beer but made men wait until they were 21. The Supreme Court struck down the law and the majority opinion set a standard of judicial review for sex classifications that continues to be used today.

Justice Ginsberg's work in the 1970s was groundbreaking and helped pave the way for the professional opportunities for many of us that were denied to her two decades earlier. Her insights, her enduring efforts to eliminate sex stereotyping and her fierce intelligence changed the legal landscape in this country. Now, at age 75, she is facing cancer for the second time and may be forced by her health to retire, although it has been widely noted that she didn't miss a day on the bench during her earlier struggle with cancer and chemotherapy in 1999. Since Sandra Day O'Connor retired in 2005, Justice Ginsberg has openly noted her loneliness on the bench. Although she and Justice O'Connor frequently disagreed, she has said that they shared "certain sensitivities that our male colleagues lack." Her prediction at the time of her confirmation in 1993 has not yet come true, but perhaps our daughters and granddaughters will see it fulfilled: "[I]n my lifetime, I expect to see three, four, perhaps even more women on the High Court Bench."

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IN THE MILITARY

Pam Caswell

Staff Sergeant Kevin Jonson - NH Air National Guard , Pease Air Base, will deploy to Qatar in March. Kevin is the son of Patricia and Dennis Johnson of Antrim. Kevin is engaged to Erin Allgood from Bennington and a July wedding is planned.



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THE ANTRIM RAILROAD

Eric Tenney

Some time ago the *Limrik* had an article about the railroad coming to Antrim. As someone who spent a lot of time watching the railroad while haying in fields next to it, I thought you might like to learn a little more about it.

As many of you know, the railroad never was in Antrim. The town had a freight station and a passenger station located in North Bennington, just over the Contoocook bridge next to our farm. The original land for the tracks was four rods wide. A second piece of land for the driveway and stations was also four rods in width and ran from North Bennington Road about 1000 feet north along the track. Both of these purchases came from prior owners of Tenney Farm in 1878. (Also that year the height of Depot Street was raised four feet.)

The passenger station was about 100 feet north of North Bennington Road. I do not remember this building. Passenger service was already a thing of the past when I arrived in 1955. If you look close enough today you can still see the remnants of its foundation. About 100 feet north of the passenger station was a track switch that the train crew turned allowing freight cars to enter a spur track that ran past the freight station to the end of the property.

The freight station was 400 feet north of the passenger station. Today if you drive down the old freight yard road on the side of the track path and stop where it enters the adjacent field, you are at the site of this station. This is the spot where trucks would turn to back up to the loading docks at the station. There are no remnants of this building. I remember going to the station when the train arrived. At that time the stationmaster was Frank Wheeler who told me what was go-

ing on. What intrigued me the most was the clicking of the telegraph.

North of the freight station three Antrim companies usually had freight cars on the spur. First was Abbott Company that manufactured cribs and cradles in Clinton Village. I remember Rupert Wisell driving their truck down Depot Street (waving as he went by) loaded with crates headed for a boxcar on the railroad spur. Later I remember seeing the men loading boxcars by hand. There were not any forklifts those days in rural areas like Antrim.

The second company, owned by the Coughlin family, sold and delivered coal mostly for home heating. Finally, the Goodell Company used most of the siding. They owned two buildings at the end of the spur used for storage. Between the buildings was a small crane that offloaded the steel for knife blades and the lumber imported from South America to make knife handles.

This is how I remember the railroad in Antrim in the 1950s. By 1960 I left town to go to school. Each year when I returned for summer vacation there was less activity at the freight siding. Abbott Company burned down and went out of business. People switched to heating oil replacing coal. Finally Goodell quit using the railroad as bigger trailer trucks became available. The train, which I think started in either Nashua or Milford, went to Hillsboro and returned, started running less frequently. By the middle 1960's the station was closed with the stationmaster going to Bennington. I returned to Antrim in late 1969, and in 1970 the train was still running to Hillsboro one day a week. By the end of that year it no longer went to Hillsboro, and its last stop was at the paper mill in Bennington. Antrim no longer had its railroad. ☙



THE PEOPLE'S SERVICE EXCHANGE

Christine Polito and Gerry Chagno

Until very recently in human history, people survived primarily on trading goods and services. The People's Service Exchange at The Grapevine offers members the opportunity to give and receive services without the exchange of money, which is proving to be essential for many in these difficult economic times.

The Exchange strives to strengthen the informal support systems of family, neighborhood, and community through the sharing of skills, talents, and services. Any person in the community can convert personal time into purchasing power. The program is simple: One hour of service equals one "time dollar." All services have equal value, whether it's an hour of financial consulting or an hour of yard work.

Members seldom trade directly with the person they are giving to or receiving from. All the skills and services go into a pool that is open to every member. Members may even donate an hour, or use hours that others have donated. There are currently over 150 members offering about 200 services.

This "Time Dollars" model, service for service, or time for time exchange, is successful in over 300 locations in the U.S. and abroad. It originated in 1980 by Edgar Kahn, an attorney who became incapacitated after he suffered a heart attack. His feelings of uselessness led him to create a concept through which the diverse abilities of people from all walks of life are valued and exchanged without the need for money.

The skills in the People's Service Exchange membership pool include household budgeting, pet sitting, resume writing, baby sitting, financial consulting, knitting, computer support, driving, gardening, house sitting, teaching an instrument or language, real estate consulting, massage, tutoring, wheelchair repair, and many others.

It's easy to become a member of the Exchange. Residents of the nine ConVal school district towns are eligible to join. Please contact: Christine Polito, People's Service Exchange Coordinator, or Gerry Chagnon, Assistant. Phone 588-2620 or Fax 588-7154.

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ANTRIM SENIOR CENTER

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Sandy Snow

The town's newest organization is the Antrim Area Senior Center. Originated by Wayne and Thelma Nichols, the organization provides people 60 or older a place to gather with old friends and meet new ones, relax with coffee, tea, or cocoa, and enjoy healthy snacks provided daily by volunteer bakers. The center also welcomes seniors from nearby towns.

The Center is open from 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Antrim. The center provides bus trips by the Parks and Recreation Department, news of interest to seniors, and many fliers and pamphlets about activities in the area. Current activities include jigsaw puzzles, playing cards or dominoes, and other games. The center is working to offer more structured programming while still allowing for casual activities.

The goal of the center is to enhance the lives of Antrim seniors. We are planning a variety of activities including computer classes and a visit to the New Hampshire Historical Society. (Let us know what you would like to learn).

The highlight of the day is a noon meal provided by St. Joseph's Community Dining/Meals on Wheels. The meal is designed by dieticians to be balanced and nutritious. The suggested daily donation for a meal is \$2.

The senior center is manned entirely by volunteers. A steering committee provides direction for the center. Members are: Wayne and Thelma Nichols, Jim and Nancy Burnham, Kim Kelley, Melissa Lawless, Shelley Nelkens, Bill Newbold, John Robertson, Missy Taylor, and Sandy Snow.

Any donations of money and items of interest to seniors are greatly appreciated.

Of course the center can always use more volunteers. If you need a ride to the center or want more information about the center, please call Thelma Nichols at 588-6766 or Melissa Lawless at 588-2463.

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interview Butcher had said that it is about the enduring bond between the musher and her team: sleep deprivation, spending three hours feeding and bedding down the dogs and only catching a catnap for herself, enduring 100 mph winds and 70 degree-below-zero temperatures. Butcher finished in the top five from 1980-1984 and placed first in 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1990. In 1985, while in the lead of the Iditarod, a dying moose stumbled into her path and killed two of her dogs.

Closer to home, Rich and Loranne Block, who live on Loveren Mill Road in Antrim, are just as passionate about their three sled dog teams and the thrill of racing as was Susan Butcher. Both the Blocks are accomplished cross-country ski instructors. In a recent interview Loranne explained, "I was a passionate cross-country skier for 35 years; yet I've hardly skied at all since having our own teams. I feel this is the best sport I have ever done in my life. It can have the excitement of skiing or whitewater canoeing but is somehow so much more fulfilling because you are a team with these great, loving, athletic creatures. They depend on you but you depend on them as well."

The Blocks' teams are made up entirely of Siberian Huskies. "They do not look like the typical Siberians you see in the movies. They are sleeker with shorter hair since they come from Canadian race lines, specifically the Kodiak Kennel line

which was operating about twenty years ago in Ontario."

It was the Blocks' son Brendan who got them involved with dog teams. Brendan, who was about fifteen at the time and a superb fiddler, made friends with some young female fiddlers in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. The girls were from the Yukon and talked glowingly about their dog team back home.

"Brendan started bugging us about getting a team. It didn't take much of a nudge since I had dreamed of having a team and Rich, who grew up in a dogless household, always wanted dogs." Both parents agreed that this could become a healthy outdoor activity for a teenage boy.

First they tried some rescued north-breed crosses with little success. "Brendan loved Malamutes, but I worried about my ability to deal with their aggression." It was then they acquired their first Siberian Husky.

"Our first 'boy' was a more typical looking Siberian puppy named Awesome Dawson," she said. He was eight weeks when they got him. "He is sweet and obedient and has become a leader for me. Jack, another leader, is a once-in-a-lifetime dog. He is exceptionally sweet but driven in harness and very, very smart." At age eleven, Jack led Rich's team to the fastest time for Siberian Huskies at the CanAm Crown race in Fort Kent, Maine, where the races involve the entire community.

The next Siberians the Blocks' acquired had some old Canadian Race lines, and they saw an amazing difference in their dogs' performance. "They are driven with good endurance as well as having extremely sweet temperaments. After five years of living with Siberians, I can't say enough positive things about them. They are truly the most phenomenal dogs I have ever been around."

At first the Blocks were just recreational mushers, but since their dogs are racers, it seemed a shame not to compete. A typical team consists of six dogs for a mid-distance race of less than 100 miles. "This year we are entered in a 30-mile race, but we hope to do longer ones in the future. The longer the race, the more dogs you have on a team." Typically the team averages 10 mph, but sprint teams can go 14-18 mph.

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Dog Sled Racing continued

"The dogs are just as passionate about racing as we are. They go wild to run. They *love* to run. They were born to run and they know it. As soon as I walk outside with anything in my hand that means running, they get excited."

Asked how she decides who will be on a team, she said, "I watch them for months thinking about who pairs the best and who will go on which team, but that can change at the last minute depending on snow conditions. Some dogs just pair well and you see they run better when they are with their friend. Some do better when there is a little competition between them, and sometimes I put them together based on size and the way they move. We have two brothers who "run wheel," the position just in front of the sled. They just love each other and move in total unison. It is fun to watch." One of her "boys" doesn't run fast, "but pulls like a demon, so he races when the snow is soft. A few are born leaders, but usually that takes a while to develop. You can ruin a dog by putting too much pressure on him early, so I try to be very conservative about how fast the young ones move forward."

Loranne said that while Jack used to be their main leader, that position since has fallen to seven-year-old Kali, his partner. Kali is not all business; she turns into a couch potato when in the house. They have four dogs in the house at a time. "Some of the older retirees live in the house all the time, and we bring one younger dog in every day to make him or her 'dog of the day.'"

How do the dogs learn to pull a sled? "This is totally natural to them. We put harnesses on them when they are little and walk behind them so they get the feel. Some people start with them pulling tires, but we just start them in small, safe teams, next to a sibling and behind their mom."

Training begins in the early fall using wheeled rigs for just a couple of miles. "We add miles gradually getting up to the race length a few weeks before we start racing. We train with distance methods, keeping the speed down and adding weight to build muscle."

When asked how much she spends on dog food, she replied, "I try not to think about that but I know it is a lot." In the summer, the dogs have one meal a day, but in winter they eat about double. The feed is a very high protein kibble mixed



like a soup with multiple vitamins, dry fish-meal, and raw meat, usually chicken but sometimes beef. The dog food is expensive, but their sleds are much more pricey. They prefer the older, more traditional wooden ones that become available when people get out of the sport.

The Blocks will put one of their sleds on display at the James A. Tuttle Library. It was created by famed sled builder Ed Moody of Rochester, New Hampshire.

While the Blocks don't participate in long races like the Iditarod or Yukon Quest, they understand the challenges of racing and all the hard work it takes. But most of all they deeply understand and love the bond with their dogs. ☙

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FROM THE ABATTOIR

LOGGERS

Peter Gagne

Last year I wrote about the eagles that were drawn to the pile of hides, bones, and entrails left at the edge of the woods from my wildlife butchering business. Now it is January and the eagles are here again. Next week I'm getting some dead calves to increase their food supply.

Speaking of woods, recently I've been thinking about loggers again. Logging by trained and educated professionals benefits the forest, wildlife, and the public. It is a profession that provides high demand wood products to society, income for landowners, and an honest living to hard working people.

Everyday we use countless products produced by the wood industry, and many of us may be unaware of the great number of items that come from trees. Our forests provide all the lumber for building, paper for writing, faxing and computing, and the books we read. Trees make up the boxes that we pack, the cartons we ship, and the containers from which we eat our favorite Chinese food. Paper-towels, toilet paper, napkins, grocery bags, pencils, tea bags, and coffee filters, and many other wood-based objects fill our homes.

Growing and tending forests for the production of wood, supervising wildlife, and preserving wetlands is called silviculture. Logging has several silvicultures including clearcutting, shelterwood, single-tree selection, and group-tree selection. Each system has its benefits. The forest grows trees, loggers harvest them. Loggers are responsible for supplying all of the raw products necessary for the country's wood related needs.

The logging business and loggers have been largely misunderstood. I've heard lots of stories about loggers who de-

stroy the land and do not pay fair prices to land owners. There is also the popular image of drunk and dirty woodsmen. This dark perception of loggers, sad to say, is not totally unfounded. Logging is dirty, backbreaking, dangerous, and money-risking work. Yet today there is a new breed of loggers. They are hard working, honest, environmentally aware, and professionally trained individuals. The New Hampshire Timber Harvest Council, backed by many in the silviculture industry, offers a four-part course aimed at educating loggers. The Council provides certification to those successfully completing courses in first aid and CPR, safe tree felling, timber harvest law, and the fundamentals of forestry. The N.H. Timber Harvest Council has done this in an effort to promote a high quality harvesting standard and a better public image for the logging profession. Logging is not a job that offers great financial rewards. In fact the pay scale today is about the same as it was ten years ago. Working in the woods, the logger daily faces one of the physically riskiest jobs in this country. According to OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), the number of loggers killed or disabled places logging in the top three most dangerous jobs every year.

Our job as loggers is to cut trees to supply land owners income and wild animals the benefits of the harvest. A timber cut provides a better food supply for wildlife, and every animal from mouse to moose loves a timber cut. An old, over-mature forest is good for walking and observing nature, and while we need to save a few large trees, I believe that forests are huge gardens which, like vegetable gardens, ought to be cultivated and harvested.

(Ed: Some of this article appeared in a 1979 *Hillsborough Villager*.)



Ice Storm

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or at least warming it up. We had to lug wood in from the woodpile and stack it by the stove, and we lit candles and lanterns to drive away the darkness when evening came. The nights were the hardest because it turned dark shortly after 4 o'clock and after our meal and cleaning up, the light was too dim to read and so we simply went to bed.

All this has led me to thinking of what it must have been like in earlier times before we had electricity and all our work-saving devices. So much time must have been spent obtaining the ingredients for meals and preparing different dishes. No quick trip to the supermarket to fill the shopping cart with canned goods or frozen veggies and prepackaged meats and fish. If your family wanted milk or cream, you went out to the barn and milked the cow, and you would have had to churn the butter, too. Keeping our houses and clothing clean would have been much harder more time consuming in earlier times. Hauling water from the stream or well could be back-breaking.

How isolated and even a little frightened we felt with no

TV or radio to bring us the news of what was happening in the outside world. Our lives became concerned only with our home and our immediate neighbors who stopped by to bring us water, food, and batteries to keep our flashlights functioning.

During the 2008 power outage we spent so much more energy coping with the running of the house and managing to keep ourselves warm that we had little time for our usual pleasurable activities. I wonder how much pleasure time our New Hampshire forbears had. Mere survival two hundred years or so ago must have been a driving force in our early ancestors' lives.

This experience made me aware of how very fortunate we are, and I remember how grateful we were when the power finally came back on after five days. It seemed like a little miracle to turn a faucet and have water pour out, and to flick a switch and see a light turn on. How could we have taken all these things for granted? I feel a great appreciation for the power of electricity in our lives. May it never leave us again.



CANIDS, WILD AND OTHERWISE

Schatze Moore

We have a new baby in our household. She was just four months old when we brought her home, a dear sweet little puppy abandoned by her people-parents on an interstate highway, picked up by someone who cared, shipped from Alabama to New Hampshire, and put up for adoption to a "Forever Home." Nothing is forever, but we have made the commitment anyhow.

I love canids, whether they are domestic like our puppy, Winnie, or wild like the eastern coyote. On January 23, the night before we picked Winnie up from Camp Kyra, Peter and I attended a presentation by Christine Schadler on the Eastern Coyote at the Francestown Elementary School. Christine is an educator and wildlife biologist who has spent thirty years studying wolves and coyotes.

The wolf, as most people know, was nearly brought to extinction by human predation efforts until wolves came under the protection of the Endangered Species Act. The coyote in every state has been subjected to much the same eradication efforts, but with quite a different result. The coyote has compensated by reproducing larger litters and at a younger age. In New Hampshire there is no "closed season," which means coyotes can be hunted at night and during their breeding season.

Anything anyone would want to learn about the eastern coyote can be Googled on the Internet, but I will share with you some of Christine's personal findings. The eastern coyote is about twice the size of the western coyote, and is more wolf-like because they are breeding with the Canadian red wolf. (Gray wolves of northern Minnesota and Wisconsin kill coyotes.) The eastern coyote female is biologically able to reproduce with a domestic male dog, but the young usually don't survive. Coyotes usually mate for life, and sixty-three days later when the pups are born, both pups and mom are highly dependent on coyote dad who is totally committed to his hungry family. However, domestic Doggy dad is long gone and clueless.

Coyotes eat whatever is in season and in abundance. They eat mice, rats, squirrels, and woodchucks, and that can be very helpful to humans. They also are known to eat snowshoe hare, road kill, amphibians, insects, and garbage. It is a misconception that coyote prey heavily on deer which actually only comprise 4% of their diet. In the late summer, about 85% of their diet consists of fruit and vegetables. Sometimes, if the opportunity presents itself, coyotes might even eat your housecat. They did in fact eat one of mine. I heard it happen.

Coyotes are often described as opportunistic, elusive, adaptive, and intelligent. I like these qualities, and I love every opportunity I get to hear their calls reverberating off these Antrim hills. Occasionally I even get to see these gorgeous creatures hunting in my fields. I believe this animal has a very important place in the world, and Christine Schadler thinks so too. She says we should learn to coexist with the coyote, stop hunting them, and let them self-regulate their population, which they will do.

Which brings me back to our new puppy. Unlike coyotes, domesticated canines do not self regulate their breeding habits

and therefore need our help. We can provide that help by spaying and neutering our pets, but we also have to make a very serious commitment to giving a "Forever Home" when we decide that we would like to have a dog or cat or any animal.

Peter got on the Internet to look at what dogs The Monadnock Humane Society was listing for adoption, and their site sent him to "Pet Finder" which lists all registered rescues across the country, which in turn list their adoptable animals. The number of animals in need of homes is staggering, and the number of animals that don't get placed is equally so.

This puppy we have just adopted likes people and doesn't show any signs of abuse or neglect. It was clear that she suffered trauma from being abandoned on an Alabama interstate, but that seems to be passing away as she gains confidence in her new home. Everyone these days is talking about the "trickle down affect" of our present economic situation, and there is evidence that as people lose money and their homes, they are abandoning their pets. Hard times are sure to come to most of us, but it's these innocent pets that I find I am the most concerned for.

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Dr. Tom Dowling
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When Suzie's owner Mary brought her to my office she was not doing well at all. Mary described a scenario that I had dealt with many times before.

Suzie was a seven-year old black lab who was adored by her family. Mary explained that Suzie had been throwing up for three days and refused to eat, even boneless chicken breast, her favorite. Mary also described an awful-smelling diarrhea she had to clean up constantly. Suzie was also drinking water excessively.

Suzie was an "intact female" meaning that she had never been spayed.

One whiff of Suzie and a quick look at her back end was enough for me to realize what was going on. The diarrhea that Mary thought was happening turned out to be a nasty, fetid uterine discharge. I came to find out that Suzie had been in heat about six weeks before all this started.

The puzzle pieces were coming together, and the picture was not a pretty one. Suzie had what is called a pyometra, a pus-filled, infected uterus.

One might think that an infection would be a simple thing to treat, and many infections are. However, pyometras are in a different class, and that class is life threatening.

Suzie was as sick as she was because she was septic, meaning the infection had spread throughout her body. She was throwing up and drinking excessively because her kidneys were failing due to the poisons circulating in her blood stream. Suzie was in really rough shape. In addition to antibiotics, she needed emergency surgery and life support. Without these she would die.

Mary was made aware of all this. I also explained the risks Suzie would be going through. A seriously compromised condition like Suzie's meant that the toxins in her body made her an anesthetic risk. The infection makes the heart more sensitive to drugs, and she could go into cardiac arrest. The tissues of the uterus could easily tear with even the most gentle handling, releasing all the accumulated pus into her abdominal cavity. Most of all, her toxic condition could be too far gone to expect a favorable outcome.

Mary knew there was really no choice. Suzie was her baby, a member of the family.

Suzie was admitted to the hospital and hooked up to I-V antibiotics right away, and I prepared her for surgery.

With scalpel in hand I went to work. When I reached the inside of Suzie's belly I found that it was filled by what looked like a grossly over-inflated, purple balloon, her uterus. "This is why we spay dogs when they're six months old," I exclaimed to my assistant.

As carefully as I could, I isolated and tied off the blood supply to her infected uterus and removed it in one piece. Thank goodness nothing ruptured on the way out. So far, so good.

Recovery from anesthesia was uneventful. The antibiotic

I-V's continued for another day. Suzie's first trip outdoors was disappointing because we wanted to be sure her kidneys were working and she failed to urinate. Luckily, her next trip was more rewarding as she let loose a glorious flood of pee, showing us that there was hope. Suzie must have felt great relief as her tail started wagging when she was done.

A good appetite for dinner with no stomach upset showed us the final positive sign we wanted before Suzie was released from our clinic. All systems were go.

Suzie continued to improve at home, returning to us to have her stitches out two weeks later. She was like a new dog, barking and bouncing, and eager to take treats. We still see Suzie for her routine annual check-ups, vaccinations, and blood tests, as well as the occasional social visits she makes with Mary when they come in just to say "Hi!"

Spaying dogs at six months of age is what prevents this potentially fatal condition. Younger dogs recover more quickly, feel far less pain and misery than older dogs, and it is much easier on the surgeon, which makes things less costly for the owner.

So, don't wait. Plan to spay or neuter your pets as soon as they become of age. It's not only smart, it's the right thing to do.

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THE SHORES OF GREGG LAKE

Are Inhabited at this Season of the Year by a Colony of Jolly Summer Folks

Antrim is said by many to be a most delightful place in which to spend a short season—we who live here permanently know it to be a beautiful place to reside in; almost everyone who visits our town has something nice to say of it, and what is said of our town refers also to our people. For this reason if none other, everyone should constantly be on our good behavior and give the best impression possible. Here is what a person recently said after visiting in our midst a short time and then going to the seashore: "There is nothing here to compare with the beauty of New Hampshire. I never realized before how beautiful Antrim is."

This year with a little special effort our town has had and is having a goodly number of summer guests; with greater effort along this line much more can be accomplished.

It is the purpose of this article to state the conditions as they exist about Gregg lake, one of the most beautiful sheets of water hereabouts. There are a number of cottages now upon its shores and with a bit of encouragement by our town many more would be erected and a large amount of valuable taxable property might be added to the assets of our town.

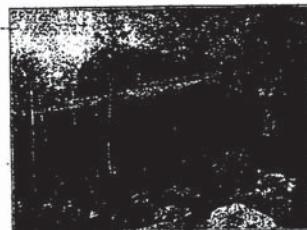
At the lower end of the lake the Cuddihy boys are occupying Shamrock cottage and are preparing to erect another for rent; Mr. Rees has a nice camp here and is erecting kitchen and dining room, and will soon begin a larger and more pretentious building; Lin. or Longer Inn, owned by Miss S. Brooks and Cilley, is occupied a portion of the time, and is one of the best

reservation, one comes first to the auto garage, and then the Owl's Nest of Mrs. Eva Webster, this cottage and stable are located near the shore. Not far from this spot Mr. Thayer has erected an entertainment hall and kitchen; in addition, in the hall is a piano and near is a grove; this he will let for small parties. The Birches is the cottage Mr. Thayer occupies, while Prof. Wallace occupies Spruce Lodge; Havarest is for rent. Some very nice cottage lots are located here. All the while Mr. Thayer is making decided improvements on this property.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:—

Replying to your inquiry regarding our improvements will say that we are building a road up to the cottages: The Birches and Spruce Lodge, going past the Owl's Nest and the new recreation hall. The road does away with the steep grades, winds through the pine and maple groves, with a good view of the lake at a number of openings, and of the mountains. We hope to make it one of the attractions of Antrim.

The little hall we are building



ANTRIM'S EARLY HISTORY

Extract Number Thirty-four

EBENEZER MARSH lived in a house once standing on the mountain, west of Dea. Worthley's, came from Hudson 1798, removed back to that place, 1807, and has since deceased.

PARKER MORSE lived on the Amos Dodge farm from about 1798 to 1810, when he removed, first to Vermont afterward to northern Illinois, where he is still living, aged about 80. He was known as CAPT. Morse, and was a valuable citizen.

ZACHARIES FAIRBANKS was from Framingham, Ms., removed to Antrim, 1798, lived on the Edward L. Vose farm, and at other places, died 1845, aged 80.

JESSE WILSON lived on the farm inherited from him by his son, Capt. James Wilson, from 1798 to 1812, when he died of spotted fever, in middle age. He was from Pelham.

JOSIAH HATWOOD removed his family hither from Westford, Ms., 1798, lived in town at various places more than thirty years, removed to Alexandria and died a few years ago.

PETER ROBINSON emigrated with his family from Hudson 1790, lived where his son, Reuben, now does, died 1828, advanced in years. Two other sons, Asa and John, reside in town.

JOHN M. COLLINS came from Braintree, Ms., 1799 purchased the mills in Branch Village, removed to Franconia, 1806, still lives there, quite aged.

JOHN TAYLOR, known as DEA. Taylor, removed to this place from Beverly, Ms., in 1800, lived on the Raynmond farm, was an elder of the Presbyterian church, removed to Union, N. Y., about 1824, and has deceased; his son, John, who for some years led the church music, also removed to the west, and died in Wisconsin.

GEORGE GATES removed his family hither from Framingham 1800, lived in a house that once stood south of Daniel Holt's, died 1844, in his 84th year. He recollects that when a boy, about ten years old, he knew a man in Framingham, then over 100 years old, and who lived to be 110; Mr. Gates was of course contemporary with a man who was contemporary with many of the very earliest pilgrim fathers of New-England. He was a revolutionary soldier, and retained to the last a vivid recollection of the incidents of the war. One son, Charles, and two daughters reside in town.

AMOS PARMENTER, who still lives at the age of 79, came from Framingham, 1800; is an elder of the Presbyterian

church; has sustained various town offices, been representative and justice of the peace. Three of his sons, Prentiss, John S., and George F., reside in town; others of his children have died or emigrated, some of them to Illinois.

JAMES BALL came from Townsend, about 1800. Lived many years on the western declivity of Robb mountain, removed some years since to Marlow, and still survives at a great age.

CHARLES AND WILLIAM T. TUTTLE, father and son, removed their families hither from Hamilton, Ms., as early as 1800, if not a little sooner; both lived, in separate houses on the northern declivity of Tuttle mountain, imparting to it their own name. The father, Charles, died 1820, aged 78; his widow survived to the age of about 94. The son removed many years ago, to the State of Ohio.

WILLIAM CONNIS, from Peterboro', came to this place as early as 1800, lived some years on the Thomas Holmes farm, died 1840, aged 84.

The above list of names comprises almost all who became residents of Antrim, prior to the close of the last century. A few other names have been found, of whom very little information has been obtained: as Thomas Patch, Hoyt, Jona Flanders, David Hopkins, Henry White, Stephen Hall, William Davidson, Stephen Reynolds, William Johnson, Robert McAuley, and Adam Dickey. The first five lived, in succession, through the period from 1788 to about 1804, each for a short time, in the Dea. Sawyer house, when it was standing a little north of the old meeting-house. To many readers, the list will be uninteresting; to others, whose memory extends back to OLDEX TIME, it may be gratifying. Great pains have been taken to ensure correctness in the dates; very many of them, being derived from records, are reliable; as to others, depending on the memory of aged persons, there may be some uncertainty; an error, now and then, will doubtless be discovered; but even those dates not perfectly correct, will be found, it is believed, near approximations to the truth.

Many of the persons named in the preceding list, of whom no character is given, were valuable citizens—men of moral excellence, and undoubtedly pious.

"These suns are set;
O, rise, some other such."

Within the present century, Antrim has received num-

[To be continued]



THE ANTRIM REPORTER ONLINE

Lyman Gilmore

The *Antrim Reporter*, the weekly newspaper published in Antrim from 1882 to 1951, is now available free of charge on a computer at the Tuttle Library.

I find it fascinating to click on an issue of the paper from a hundred years ago and read town news, wild advertisements, and what in the world the editor thought to publish.

But more than amusement, the on-line *Reporter* is a valuable research source, as at least two residents discovered recently. Sam Harding was working on an article for an upcoming *Limrik* about the origins of the local chapter of the International Order of Odd fellows (IOOF), the charitable organization of which he is one of the last members, and he was able to discover early mention of the Antrim Odd fellows in the 1890s. Ben Pratt has turned to the paper online at the library to discover when the North Branch bridge to the

Flint house, Hawthorne College, and Maharishi Academy was built, and by whom.

I cannot improve on this description of *The Antrim Reporter* from *Parades and Promenades*:

"News had to travel by word of mouth until 1882 when Sumner Ball started *The Antrim Reporter*, a typical small town newspaper consisting of large splashy ads by the local merchants, lurid testimonials to the efficacy of various patent medicines, long and vaporous serials, assorted fillers, and two columns of the 'John Doe is entertaining the measles' variety. The format remained much the same over the next sixty years, although ownership changed hands frequently . . . Under Mr. Eldredge's long aegis (1892-1936), the paper was blatantly and unabashedly pro-Republican, pro-law and order, pro-temperance, and very careful not to stir up controversy."

So, dip into Antrim's colorful past by coming to the library and asking one of the librarians to help you get started with *The Antrim Reporter* online.

ANTRIM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Celeste Lunetta

This issue of the Limrik is full of important information regarding the 2009 town meeting. For my part, I am going to keep this article concise. Here is a list of trips, programs and special events that are taking place through the recreation department.

PROGRAMS

Family Fun Nights: March 6, April 3 and May 1st. Come join us at the Town Gym on the first Friday of each month. There is so much to do at these events, and it is all free, and fun! Dance Dance Revolution, crafts, gym games and more. Activities are targeted towards families and their children ages 4 through 10. Special activities are planned for each event.

Roller Skating at the Town Gym, Every Second Saturday. March 14, April 11 and May 9. Family Session is 6:00-7:30; Teens from 7:30-9:00.

Movies at the Town Hall began in February. Here is a schedule of Movie Events for the next several weeks. Movies will run on the first Fridays, second and fourth Thursdays, and on the second and third Saturdays afternoons beginning in April. This is a new program, and times may be adjusted & added as we figure out the best way to get this new program moving. There is no admission fee. The choice of movies we can show with our license is a little overwhelming! I am looking for a crew of movie buffs to help me put together a meaningful series. Please call the Rec Department if you can help us out. Movie Listing will be posted at the Town Hall, on the Website, and in the local calendars. Thursday March 5th 7:15 pm; Friday March 6th 9:00 pm; Thursday March 19th 7:15 pm; Thursday April 2: 7:15 pm; Friday April 6: 9:00 pm; Thursday April 16 7:15 pm; Thursday April 29: 7:15 pm; Friday May 1: 9:00; Thursday May 14: 7:00; and Thursday May 28 7:15pm.

Bus Trips: to register for any trip, call 588-3121, or look online at antrimnh.org.

Wednesday March 11: Army Field Band at the Capitol Center for the Arts. Bus leaves at 5: 15, returns around 10:30. "From Boston to Bombay, Tokyo to Toronto, The United States Army Field Band has been thrilling audiences of all ages for more than half a century. As the premier touring

musical representative for the United States Army, this internationally acclaimed organization travels thousands of miles each year presenting a variety of music to enthusiastic audiences throughout the nation and abroad. Through these concerts, the Field Band keeps the will of the American people behind the members of the armed forces and supports diplomatic efforts around the world." The cost is \$2.50 for Antrim residents, \$5.00 for non-residents. This is for transportation on the Antrim Community Bus. Pickups are available at Antrim Town Hall and Antrim Village. Please register before Monday March 9.

Friday March 13: Saint Patrick's Day Celebration at the Dana Center, starring Grada and Slide Leave Antrim at 6:15, Show at 8pm, return around midnight; **two traditional Irish Bands from Ireland.** Two of the finest bands from Ireland share the holiday spotlight at the Dana Center. "Grada is a young Irish band on a mission to reinvent traditional Irish music. A creative mix of flute, guitar and fiddle against a background of double bass and percussion. Slide—From mesmerizing trance to nail biting energy, this powerhouse band is living proof of how musical innovation need not compromise the tradition that gave birth to it. Their music reflects inventive energy, fired by fiddle, concertina, flute, keyboard and bouzouki, perfectly balanced by gorgeously rich and deeply resonant vocals." The cost is \$20 for Antrim residents, \$25.00 for non residents. This is for a ticket and transportation on the Antrim Community Bus. Register before Monday March 9.

Weds April 1 Waterville Valley: One Dollar (\$1) lift tickets at Waterville to celebrate April Fools Day. Cost for bus is \$5 for Antrim residents, \$7.50 for non-residents. Leave Antrim at 7am, Dinner in Tilton with a stop at the outlets, return at 7pm. Register before Friday March 27.

Saturday April 11 Broadway Boston production of Dirty Dancing at the Opera House; and a day in Boston. Bus leaves Antrim at 9:15 am. Get into the Theatre district in time for lunch on your own, before the 2:00 pm matinee. Cost for the bus and the show is \$100pp. There are a limited number of seats available on the bus for individuals who would like to just visit Boston for the day. Call for more information. The bus will return to Antrim early evening.

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CALENDAR

MARCH

- 4 **Lenten Luncheon** • 12 NOON • bring bag lunch—dessert & beverage provided • at the Baptist Church
5 **Support for Military Families** • 6 PM • at The Grapevine
9 **Second Mondays Workshops: "The Great Body Shop"** • 6:30–8 PM • at AES • sponsored by The Grapevine
10 **VOTING** • 8 AM–7 PM • at Town Hall
11 **Lenten Luncheon** • 12 NOON • bring bag lunch—dessert & beverage provided • at the Baptist Church
12 **TOWN MEETING** • 7 PM • at the Town Gym
15 **Scouts Summer Camps registration deadline**
15 **Antrim Historical Society's 25th Anniversary** • 3 PM • at the Presbyterian Church
18 **Lenten Luncheon** • 12 NOON • bring bag lunch—dessert & beverage provided • at the Baptist Church
19 **Community Supper** • 5:30 PM • at the Presbyterian Church
20 **Big Open Mic Night** • 7–9 PM • at Avenue A Teen Center
21 **Turkey Dinner** • 5–6:30 PM • at the Baptist Church
21 **Time and Treasure Auction** • 7 PM • at the Baptist Church
25 **Lenten Luncheon** • 12 NOON • bring bag lunch—dessert & beverage provided • at the Baptist Church
27 **Storytime with Owl Tree Puppetry: "Me I Am"** • 10 AM • at the Tuttle Library
30 **"Energy Drinks" discussion** • 6:30 PM • at the Avenue A Teen Center



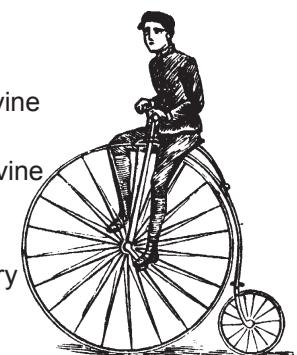
APRIL

- Creative Arts Challenge** • month of April at the Tuttle Library
1 **Lenten Luncheon** • 12 NOON • bring bag lunch—dessert & beverage provided • at the Baptist Church
2 **Support for Military Families** • 6 PM • at The Grapevine
2 **"The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families" discussion group** • 6:30 PM • at The Grapevine
4 **Annual Spring Egg Hunt** • 9:30 AM • sponsored by the Rec Dept at the Town Gym
5 **Palm Sunday** • 10:30 AM • at the Presbyterian Church
9 **Maundy Thursday** • 5:45 PM • at the Baptist Church
9 **Maundy Thursday** • 6:30 PM • at the Presbyterian Church
9 **"The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families" discussion group** • 6:30 PM • at The Grapevine
12 **Easter Sunrise Service** • 6:30 AM • at the Baptist Church lawn
12 **Easter Sunday Service** • 10:30 AM • at the Baptist Church and the Presbyterian Church
13 **Second Mondays Workshops: TBA** • 6:30–8 PM • at The Grapevine
16 **Community Supper** • 5:30 PM • at the Presbyterian Church
16 **"The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families" discussion group** • 6:30 PM • at The Grapevine
17 **Big Open Mic Night** • 7–9 PM • at the Avenue A Teen Center
21 **School Vacation Fun: "Science Experiments"** • 9:30–11:30 PM • ages 5–7 at The Grapevine
21 **Fire Dept Annual Blood Drive** • at Station #1, Clinton Road, Route 31
23 **School Vacation Fun: "Fairy Tale Fun"** • 9:30–11:30 PM • ages 4–6 at The Grapevine
24 **Storytime with Owl Tree Puppetry: "Earth Day Celebration"** • 10 AM • at the Tuttle Library



MAY

- 1–3 **Scouts Troop 2** • backpacking trip to White Mountains
2 **Fishing Derby** • 8 AM • sponsored by the Rec Dept and the Antrim Friends of Recreation
2 **The Grapevine's Spring Walk for Families** • meet at Antrim Town Hall parking lot to register from 9:30–10 AM
2 **Bike Safety Rodeo** • 1 PM • sponsored by the Rec Dept
7 **Support for Military Families** • 6 PM • at The Grapevine
11 **Second Mondays Workshops: "Home Alone"** • 6:30–8 PM • at The Grapevine
15 **Big Open Mic Night** • 7–9 PM • at the Avenue A Teen Center
21 **Community Supper** • 5:30 PM • at the Presbyterian Church
29 **Storytime with Owl Tree Puppetry: "Mud & Bugs"** • 10 AM • at the Tuttle Library
31 **Pentecost** • 10:30 AM • at the Presbyterian Church



JUNE

- 18–21 **Community Artists and Artiseans Exhibit** • at the Antrim Grange



Tuesday May 5 Wings of Knowledge Lecture Series at NHTI: John and Abigail Adams Leave Antrim at 5:30; Cost is \$2.50 pp Antrim Residents. "The correspondence between John and Abigail Adams has been heralded, not only as a rich source of American history, but as an intimate and compelling look into the lives to two of the nation's most articulate, witty, and thoughtful people." Register before Monday March 4.

Mon, May 11 Harlem Gospel Choir at Capitol Center for the Arts. Bus leaves at 5:30. "The world famous Harlem Gospel Choir gives an extraordinary evening of foot-stomping and hand clapping blues, jazz and gospel spirituals. From the heart of Harlem in New York City, this choir travels the world as the ambassadors for African-American culture, and is loved for its joyous music. The choir has performed for Nelson Mandela, Pope John Paul II, with Andre Rieu, Lyle Lovett, The Chieftans, and Diana Ross. This is a musical experience not to be missed." Cost is \$2.50 for residents, \$5.00 for non-residents. Register before Friday May 8.

OTHER PROGRAMS:

NEW!! Tae Kwon Do lessons at Antrim Town Gym, after school on Thursdays. Become a martial arts student with Kennys School of TaeKwon Do. The instructors in this school have combined years of experience teaching martial arts in Rindge, Keene, and more. Now, you can have a martial arts program for your child in K-8 grade. Open enrollment, every Thursday through June, cost is \$25 per month. Adult classes are being planned.

Tuesday March 10 Afternoon Group Field trip to Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride: Join us at CM for an unbelievable family deal. Lift Ticket, Rentals and Beginner Group Lessons are \$19 for children 12 and under, \$29 for all others. This is an early release day for ConVal Schools, and we will meet at Crotched Mountain at 12:30. Lessons are at 1:00 pm. Register before Friday March 6.

Soccer Referee Training Clinic: Grade 8; Saturday and Sunday March 7 and 8 from 8-5 both days. Become a USSF certified soccer ref! Call the Rec center for more information

American Heart Association Heartsaver First Aid CPR and AED: Saturday March 21 8:00-2:00 pm. A comprehensive class that will teach first aid basics, Adult and Child CPR and AED. Cost is \$40 pp; Antrim Youth Sports coaches and volunteers receive training free of charge. Preregistration is required by Monday March 17.

Soccer Coach Training Symposium with NH Soccer Association—Sunday March 29 register through the recreation department, conference is at **Rising Stars 7** in Bedford NH.

Coachsmart training for all youth sports coaches: Thursday April 2 from 6-10:00 pm. This is a training that provides a format for youth coaches of any sport to gain insight into successful team building, season planning, behavior management (players and parents) and more. The program was designed at UNH, and is widely acclaimed. Pre-registration is required by Thursday March 26.

Annual Spring Egg Hunt: Saturday April 4. Join us at the Town Gym for the annual egg hunt! In addition to hundreds of eggs for children to find, there are games, crafts, dancing and a raffle! This is always a super fun event. Doors open at 9:30, egg hunt starts at 10 am.

After School Swimming Lessons and free time at Crotched Mountain Aquatics; Lessons from 3:45-4:15, free time for 15 minutes. Five Wednesday sessions, starts April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27. Cost is \$55 per child, and includes supervision and transportation on Community Bus. Parents can sign up and provide their own transportation and supervision for \$35.00 per child.

Fishing Derby 8:00 am Saturday May 2 : Lines drop in the water at 8am. Many anglers are picking their spots at 7:30, so don't be late. Open to kids 15 and younger, bring your own supplies. Prizes awarded in many categories, and early morning refreshments available this year through Antrim Friends of Recreation.

Bike Safety Rodeo May 2: Starting at 1:00 pm, join us for this annual event with bike safety course, bike decorating and more. Giveaways and Helmet Sales.

Baseball and Softball Registrations are being accepted through March 8. After that time, a late fee will be incurred, and registrations may get put on a waiting list. Antrim Youth Softball is for girls from the region, ages 7 through 12. Antrim Cal Ripken Youth TBall is for Boys and girls ages 5 and 6. Antrim Youth Cal Ripken Baseball has a rookies team (ages 7/8) and a Minors and Majors team (ages 9-12). There is also a "kinder-ball" program for the young child, ages 4 and 5. The older kids are already playing inside, so get your registrations in. The cost is \$30 per player. There is a great need for adults to help with umpiring (we can train you) as well as field set up and maintenance, and concessions.

Summer Camp Registrations: Planning for Days of Summer Camp is well underway! Look forward to full days of programming throughout July. Soccer and Basketball camp are available the last week of July and the first week of August. **Summer Camp Open House: Thursday April 16** at the Antrim Town Gym.

Yoga and Pilates classes are held regularly on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings. ☙

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SPIRALSCOUTS

Jess Baribault, Granite Tribe Coordinator

WINTER RECAP

This winter's ice storm brought damage to our meeting place at Sheiling Forest in Peterborough, so our January and February meetings were held at members' homes and at the Family Center in Peterborough. We celebrated the holidays of Yule and Imbolc (better known as Brigid's Day) and worked on our Sewing badges. Our new co-leaders are Francine and Tim, with Jason and Marti taking on support roles as new additions to our families, are anticipated in March.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SPRING

In March we will celebrate our scouts' work with a special Badge Ceremony, an occasion we look forward to twice a year. Our scouts recognize each other for the skills they have practiced and growth they have enjoyed on various projects.

In April and May, we will be working on our Gardening badges, which involve everything from selecting seeds and learning how plants grow, to doing the physical work of preparing the land, sowing seeds, cultivating, and harvesting the plants. Jess Baribault has donated a portion of her land to the gardening project, and we are exploring ideas such as a Medicine Wheel garden, sunflower house, and edible flower garden. Spring is a great time for new families to jump in and "get your hands dirty" with SpiralScouts.

VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS 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 in our group. Helping opportunities can include small jobs such as teaching a skill, or large jobs like organizing trips. Area business, organizations, and individuals are encouraged to get in touch to learn how they can sponsor SpiralScouts activities on an occasional or year-round basis.

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 INFORMATION

Silverling Circle #58 meets the second *and* fourth 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. For information, contact 588-4219 or email CelebrateSamhain@gmail.com.



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Oh, you're not really fond of music? How about Boston's Museums, The Fells Estate at Newbury, The St. Gaudens Museum and gardens at Cornish, or a program in Concord on Shakespeare's relevance in the modern world?

What, you're still not on board? Hmm, let's see. Suppose you could stroll the boardwalk or enjoy the beach and eat some fried clams, hot dogs, or salt-water taffy on the midway at Old Orchard Beach. Imagine arriving there on a train...a real Amtrak train... from Exeter right to the beach. Does this sound like a dream? Pinch yourself. The Antrim Recreation Department has offered many trips such as these and is planning more.

How do you get on the bus? You can be picked up at Antrim Village or the Antrim Elementary School parking lot. Special needs participants can usually be accommodated.

Some trips will require an admission fee to the event and others are yours for a share of the fuel cost. A recent Concord trip \$2.50 per Antrim resident (\$5 for non-residents) with no admission charge. The St. Petersburg Quartet concert trip was \$20 per person including admission.

These imaginative outings are available as a service of the Antrim Recreation Department and are made possible by our acquisition of a compact fourteen passenger air-conditioned bus. The bus has been used regularly by the Senior Center, Recreation Allies, The Grapevine, the Rec. Department's summer programs, The Monadnock Quilters, the Historical Society, and Antrim Elementary School. The bus is also available for rental to neighboring towns and is in a Mutual Aid joint agreement with Peterborough. Bus drivers train as "defensive drivers" through the National Safety Council and must complete a drivers' training program.

Climb aboard and enjoy the fun! Early reservations are appreciated both to save your seat and to assure us that there will be enough people to make the trip worthwhile. You can find further information in the *Limrik*, at the town website: antrimmh.org (scroll to Community Bus), and in The Villager and the Messenger. ☙

Apr 11 • Broadway Boston "Dirty Dancing".
Rec Dept Bus Trip to the Opera House in Boston.
Call 588-3121.

KIDS, ENERGY DRINKS, AND ALCOHOL

Sydney Wilson-Smith

The series of Grapevine gatherings that began last summer to explore underage and binge drinking began the New Year with a focus on elementary age children. The second meeting in 2009—Monday, March 30 at 6:30pm at Avenue A Teen Center—will be a discussion about "energy drinks."

On January 13, parents and a grandparent gathered at The Grapevine to discuss a theme suggested by a 4th grader's question: "Is alcohol bad, Mom?" Our discussion revealed how complex and far reaching this issue is for many of us, and many ideas and questions were generated as we talked. Some of the questions:

- How do we recognize the time in a child's life when normal risk-taking is more likely to lead to experimenting with alcohol or other drugs?
- How can parents foster the skills children need to make healthy choices?
- What are the "risk factors" that exist in our family, community and among peer groups (for instance, access to alcohol, media, society's attitude about underage alcohol use or alcohol use generally)?
- How do we build on "protective factors" such as good communication in the family, healthy risk-taking, our child's and our own relationship with the schools and other community associations?

These questions are also being considered by a group of parents of elementary school age children that meets Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 at The Grapevine. This group—which has room for more parents—plans to meet on March 3 with Antrim Elementary School Nurse Vicki Mellon to learn more about the district's health curriculum, "The Great Body Shop," with a goal of understanding what our children are learning from this curriculum and how to support healthy choices at home.

One choice that parents are concerned about involves the use of the highly caffeinated "energy drinks" that more and more teens are using, sometimes in alarming amounts according to an article on the subject in a February issue of the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript*. Parents, teens, business owners, school faculty and other members of the community are invited to a discussion on this issue on Monday, March 30 at 6:30pm at Avenue A Teen Center, 42 Main Street. ☙



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THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Missy Taylor

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Antrim Historical Society. We invite everyone to come help us celebrate at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 15 at 3 pm at the First Presbyterian Church. There will be a brief business meeting for the election of officers, committee reports, and an update on the status of the Stone Church. The Nominating Committee of Peter Moore, Chair, Lyman Gilmore and Marguerite Roberts has proposed a slate of officers for the membership to consider and vote on: Liz Roberts, President, two year term; Peter Moore, Vice President, three year term; Phebe Lewan, Secretary, three year term; and Ron Haggett, Treasurer, two year term. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Following the business meeting there will be a "sweet history lesson." Please watch for details.

We are in the process of scheduling programs for the next few months and plan to present programs on the Contoocook River, Abraham Lincoln, and maple sugaring in New Hampshire, and to reschedule Songs of Old New Hampshire with Jeff Warner. For up-to-date information, please pick up the Historical Society brochure and watch for program announcements in the newspapers and on the town's website at www.antrimnh.org. Historical Society programs are usually presented on the third Sunday of every month at the First Presbyterian Church at 3 pm.

The past year has been a very busy one for the Society. We have held a series of fascinating and well-attended programs ranging from Dunlap Cabinetry to Loverens Mill. Negotiations for the possible acquisition of the Stone Church have been ongoing. Liz Robertson organized a clever float for Antrim Home & Harvest parade illustrating the digitization of the Antrim Reporter, a project Lyman Gilmore spearheaded. Once again, we sold out of our apple crisp at Home & Harvest. The Historical Society room at Tuttle Library has reopened to the public. The floors have just been refinished and new cabinets have been built. Our Curator, Gif Russell, and her dedicated team of volunteers have been very busy organizing our collections. Nina Harding has made great progress on the House Project, compiling the history of every house in Antrim. The response to our first membership drive was overwhelming and we thank you all for your support.

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 Liz Robertson at 588-2562. 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. We hope to see you March 15. ☙

ANTRIM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tod Bryer

The Antrim Fire Department had another busy year in 2008. With regular heavy call volume and training, then with the ice storm thrown in, it made for quite a year.

We began the ice storm at one o'clock in the morning on day one by going to a transformer explosion, and we hardly got a chance to catch our breath for two weeks. Our assignments included clearing roads, pumping basements, checking on homes and chimneys damaged by falling trees, and inspecting buildings for carbon monoxide levels as people tried different ways to heat their homes. We also provided mutual aid coverage to Peterborough and Stoddard.

The Antrim Fire Department received a grant from the Federal Grants for Firefighters program for new air packs. It was our second year applying for this grant, and we received word this fall that our grant proposal was accepted. With this grant we were able to purchase twelve new air packs, twenty-four face pieces, and twenty-four lightweight carbon fiber bottles.

Deputy Fire Chief Marshall Gale has been researching and writing our grants for the past five years and has procured well over \$100,000 in gear and equipment.

There will be two Fire Department events in the spring. On Tuesday April 21, our annual blood drive will be held at the company #1 station on Route 31, and our open house will be held in May. Details for both events will be made available as those dates approach.

Our monthly training for the past year has included brush fire fighting, pump training, auto extrication, live fire training, ventilation, portable fire extinguishers, and fire ground operations.

Our fleet mechanic advised us that our brush truck would not pass NH State inspection again. Deputy Chief Gale was able to get a surplus truck from the State Forest and Lands division at no charge to the town. The Dodge M-880, 5/4 ton pick-up truck has already been fitted and equipped with our brush tools and will serve the town nicely for some time to come.

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WHAT TO DO IN ANTRIM?

Richard Loveland, President Antrim Bennington Lions Club

OUTDOOR GUIDE

One of the great advantages of living in Antrim is the outdoor activities available. Spending time outdoors is healthful, educational, and most of all, enjoyable. In addition we have outdoor activities available to us across the four seasons, and we don't have to drive very far or spend much money to enjoy them.

The key question is how residents and visitors find out about these outdoor activities. Currently there is sporadic information available (e.g. trail and hiking maps in the Town Hall), but most of it is by word of mouth. Well, there is good news as the Antrim Bennington Lions Club is planning to produce a local "Outdoor Guide."

The Guide will provide information about walking and hiking trails, boating, biking, skiing, snowmobiling, nearby golf courses, fishing, swimming, visiting local cemeteries, and sightseeing. We shall include seasonal advisories for hunting and fishing, bears and ticks. In addition we plan to have a section highlighting outdoor options from a child's point of view.

We hope to distribute the Guide to all Antrim residents in June. We need help from residents who have particular expertise in the various topics of the guide. Anyone willing to help on the guide, please call Robin Loveland at 478-1344 or email her at rwl@gsinet.net. We are looking for pictures, maps, and ideas.

LIONS CLUB UPDATE

Once again the Lions Club had its annual Christmas tree sale at Tenney Farm, one of our major fundraisers of the year. We always look forward to this event as we get to meet many residents returning to pick up their trees. This year was a little problematic as the weather was not kind to us with the power being out for several days. We did not sell all our trees as we usually do, but still had numerous brave souls pick up their trees. As we do every year, we gave a large portion of the proceeds to the Operation Santa project.

On January 15 we hosted the Community Supper held at the Presbyterian Church. Our "chefs" prepared a dinner of American Chop Suey, green beans, rolls, and for dessert ice cream with chocolate sauce. We had about 70 people come to dinner, and I don't think anyone walked away hungry. ☺

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BOY SCOUTS

Brian Beihl

The Boy Scouts of Troop #2 have had a busy winter and are planning an even busier spring, including a backpacking trip and a clean-up weekend on the Contoocook River.

ICE STORM CLEAN-UP

The Scouts mobilized on the Saturday after the ice storm in December to clear sidewalks downtown and spent time in Memorial Park, cutting limbs and transporting debris to the transfer station. Scouts also brought over cots and sleeping pads for the shelter set up at town hall.

TROOP 2 HOSTS KLONDIKE DERBY AT GREGG LAKE

Troop #2 spent much of its time in January & early February planning a Klondike Derby for the Boy Scout troops and Webelos dens from throughout southern New Hampshire. Almost 180 boys and 50 leaders participated in the event on Valentine's Day, and while it was originally planned to be on Gregg Lake, it was moved to Craig Road and Hattie Brown roads just northwest of the lake when the lake ice softened with warm weather earlier in the week. A program planned by the Troop #2 boys and lead by senior patrol leader Chris Brinkley tested their fellow Mt. Monadnock District Scouts on first aid, ice rescues, non-compass navigation, teamwork and leadership skills, cooking, and marksmanship. Scouts had to pull a dogsled around the course with the gear needed and were judged on a point system. This year's theme was built around polar exploration, and the boys learned about Shackleton, Peary, Scott, Admunsen, Byrd, Ross and other polar explorers in preparation for the event. The troop would like to thank the town of Antrim and local residents for their assistance and cooperation in the event.

SECOND FOOD DRIVE IN APRIL

Need for food assistance has been up significantly this winter and likely will be high throughout the year. In conjunction with the Antrim Baptist Church's food pantry, Troop #2 will run a second food drive this spring, similar to the Scouting for Food national program each November. Rev. Charles Boucher has applied for a matching grant which will make this food drive extremely valuable at a time of the year when food banks are very low in stock but demand is still high. The grant provides \$1.00 for every canned food item collected. This will allow the Antrim Food Pantry to purchase even more food, available from the New Hampshire Food Bank in Manchester for an average of 18¢ on the dollar. In effect, your gift of canned goods will multiply almost seven fold! Details on the dates are still being worked out, so please watch the weekly papers for more information.

BACKPACKING TRIP THIS MAY

On the weekend of May 1—3, Troop #2 will head out for a backpacking trip 7-10 miles into the interior of the White Mountains. In preparation, they will be taking shorter hikes



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ANTRIM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

John Robertson

The Antrim Chamber of Commerce began 2009 with new board members and election of officers. Newly elected to the Board of Directors are Diane Kendall of Place in The Woods and Rose McKinnon of the Laconia Savings Bank.

Officers for 2009 are: Chairman, John Robertson of Contoocook Valley Insurance, Vice Chair, Diane Kendall, Secretary, Terry Cutter of Cutter Flooring, and Treasurer, Crista Salamy of Tenney Farm.

At the February Directors' Meeting the calendar for the year was approved and is posted on the website. Included are several "Business After Hours," the annual dinner meeting that was held at Malarky's February 26th, and participation in the Home and Harvest Festival September 18-20. Several other business activities are in the planning stages.

Membership renewals will be sent to members and prospective members in March. Anyone wishing to join should contact Crista Salamy at 588-2574, or the website at www.antrimcc.com. When a business joins, benefits include listing on the website and in the Antrim Business and Recreational map and guide, and recognition at Chamber events. ☙

ANTRIM GRANGE

AN OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNITY ARTISTS

Beth Merrill

Antrim Grange's seventh annual Spotlight on Community Artists and Artisans exhibit will be held Thursday, June 18 through Sunday, June 21 at the Antrim Grange Hall. Bennington and Antrim amateur and professional artists, as well as any Grange members are invited to exhibit their works. This year Antrim, Bennington, and Great Brook students are also encouraged to participate.

Antrim Grange's Art Exhibit program has a two-fold purpose: (1) To encourage local artists by providing an exhibit environment, (2) To engage the local community in supporting and patronizing local artists.

This is an opportunity to display your art works locally and, if you wish, offer them for sale. A modest commission fee of 20% on any sales will help fund Antrim Grange's community service projects.

To promote community fellowship for viewers and artists, we will celebrate the Evening Gala on Friday, June 19th from 7-9 pm with refreshments and musical entertainment.

For the seventh year the exhibit will feature a contest for artists who wish to participate. Winners will be selected by popular votes of guests and patrons in each medium.

For more information contact Ann Haggett at 588-6715 or Liz Robertson at 588-2562.

Movies at the Antrim Town Hall.

Check the website: www.antrimnh.org
or call the Rec Dept: 588-3121.

SPRING THAW AT AVENUE A TEEN CENTER

Dave Kirkpatrick

Avenue A has had a busy winter. We saw an increase in use as the weather got cold, and took the opportunity to make the most of the Great Indoors. The teens did some finishing work on the snack bar, rearranged and painted, and began some new woodshop and art projects. Big Open Mic Night still has a big draw, held 7-9PM on the 3rd Friday each month, enough so that we'll be adding back the casual version on the 1st Friday. The Teens also put on a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser to help support Avenue A that was a success thanks to great participation by teens and adults alike, and to the expertise of Victoria Barrett. Youth volunteers: Delaney Barrett, Justin Hamel, Chris and Ben Heffernan, Mike Shatney, Mike Comeau, Zach Delano, Sarah Davy, Katie Callery, Jack Vance, Alex Murphy, Lindsey Catalano, Lliam Healey, John Parker, Eric Catalano and Becky Dawson. It was a lot of effort and a great learning experience, and we'll surely repeat it in the months ahead.

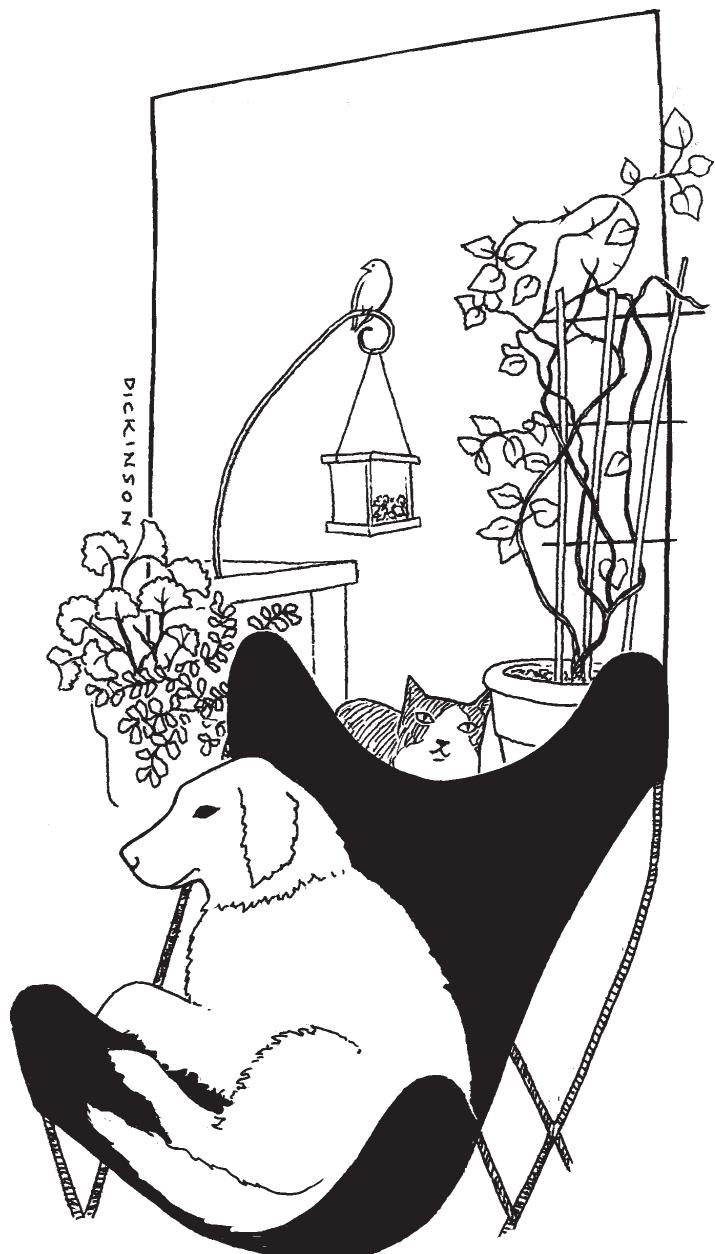
Activities coming up include skateboard building and racing, macramé, games tournaments, music and video production workshops, model rocketry, and sailing. Now is the time for teens and parents to start thinking about getting involved, and to suggest new activities. (We've noticed that awareness and encouragement of parents often results in greater teen participation.) Parents and teens are invited to visit our website—www.avenueatc.com—which is undergoing spring cleaning to keep up to date with open hours, activities, schedules, and the like.

With the change of season comes a change of hours at Avenue A. We'll be adding open hours Saturdays from 2-6. Saturday has been tried before with limited success, but since we have some new users, a full year under our belt, and a few requests, we'll try it again for a season. We'll still be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday with only minor changes to the hours everyone is used to, but our Wednesdays will at times be devoted to work days for the Teen Action Committee and scheduled activities like lessons, workshops, and discussion groups. Everyone is welcome to come and take part in the meetings, projects and activities on *most* Wednesdays—check the schedule to be sure.

Friday nights we're open until 9:00 as a rule, and we'll have an inexpensive dinner to offer at the snack bar on Fridays.

(There's always something quick and simple like soup or pizza slices available.) The snack bar is run by the teens as an ongoing fundraising activity, and offers an opportunity to gain experience with food preparation, cash handling, and customer service. Teens or parents who would like to put money on a teen's account at the snack bar are encouraged to do so.

The Teen Action Committee has a new structure and will become a bigger focus in the months ahead. One of TAC's primary goals since the very beginning has been planning and executing fundraising activities, as well as making decisions about the space and procedures and planning and running our events. Especially during this tough economic time, fundraising will remain a high priority. Involvement in this way not only benefits the participants and the community as a whole, it can also provide documented community service opportunities as well. Parents and kids 12 years and up should contact us to inquire about TAC and other community service opportunities. Contact: Dave Kirkpatrick at 588-3334 or teencenter@tds.net. ☙



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GREAT BROOK SCHOOL AND ANTRIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

G. Bruce West, Principal

Though the Ice Storm of '08 caused us to miss quite a few days of school, we are back in our rhythm and wonderful learning continues to take place.

The results of our NECAP (New England Common Assessment Program) indicated growth across the school in math, reading and writing. We are very proud of the success of our students. However, by no means do we feel our work is done. It is our goal to keep improving our instruction, which will ultimately increase student learning.

Great Brook School continues to focus on literacy, technology, district curriculum, and extending the learning opportunities of our students. We have supported this effort by developing PLC's (Professional Learning Communities) for staff which stress Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction, Student Behavior Management, and School Climate.

GREAT BROOK'S LITERACY INITIATIVE

This year, Great Brook continues to promote literacy for all students by providing a school-wide literacy block. Three times a week, students meet in small groups and work on literary skills. We have expanded professional development to include comprehensive training in "content literacy." This fall, staff and administrators participated in the Key Three Routine Comprehension training. Staff and administrators were provided with research-based methods that teach and reinforce comprehension strategies in content area. The training provided teachers with valuable tools that not only support Great Brook's literacy initiative but also the Conval District's literacy initiative. Staff and administrators will be provided with support throughout the rest of the school year by Key Three Trainers and building-based coaches.

LITERACY VISION STATEMENT FOR GREAT BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Literacy is the ability to read widely, think critically and strategically, and communicate effectively. Literacy instruction promotes lifelong learning and a love of reading. Literacy should be taught across content areas with substantial time for authentic reading, writing and discussion. To this end, such instruction should include the following research-based practices:

- Explicit modeling of reading and writing strategies in content areas.
- Opportunities for daily practice of purposeful reading, writing, speaking and listening.
- Opportunities for critical and creative discussions around a shared text.
- Use of on-going and varied assessment tools to inform instruction.

- Use of high interest materials that include a variety of genres and reading levels.

This statement is a reflection of Great Brook staff members' values and beliefs regarding literacy and literacy instruction; in addition, some ideas were borrowed from the Draft of the Literacy Vision Statement for the Franklin Public Schools. January 22, 2008. www.franklin.k12.ma.us/co/DLV.pdf

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Each year music teachers around the state nominate their very best music students to participate in the All-State Middle School Music Festival to be held in May. This year it will be held in Amherst. Congratulations to the following GBS students who have been selected to participate:

Band: Elizabeth Cheaney, Alto Saxophone; Jeromey Green, Trombone; David Selmer, Percussion

Orchestra: Gwyn Welch, Violin; Olivia Horton-Gregg, Cello

Chorus: Bekah Warren, Soprano; Sofie Thornblad, Soprano; Olivia Horton-Gregg, Alto; Levi Clark, Baritone; Ty Doncaster, Baritone; and Joel Barwood, Baritone

Congratulations to Valerie Pierson (an 8th grader at GBS) who competed on February 6, 2009 at the East Coast Classic Invitational. She competed against 150 other gymnasts from New England. Valerie placed 4th on the vault, 2nd on the bars, 6th in the floor event. She placed 1st in the all-around and won three medals and a trophy.

On February 6, 2009, Gwyn Welch (an 8th grader at GBS) earned an opportunity to compete in the New Hampshire Math Counts Competition on March 7th in Plymouth, NH. Gwyn is a member of the GBS Math Counts Team.

SPECIAL OLYMPIANS

Great Brook School is pleased to announce that our Special Olympians have begun competing for their Winter Games. On February 7th at Coe-Brown Academy in Northwood, New Hampshire, they participated in a variety of snow shoeing events—the 50-meter, the 100-meter, the 200-meter—and our 4 x 100 relay team took first place! The Coe-Brown event was a regional qualifier for the state games in Waterville Valley on March 1-3.

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A VISION FOR THE CAMPUS

A vital part of the plan of creating a campus for GBS and AES is to take time to create a vision. This work did not begin last summer for a variety of reasons, but the process will begin this spring.

We are establishing a committee including a member from the school board, the district's Leadership Team, the current school administration, the two staffs, parents from each building, and community members. We will hire a consultant to support us as we begin this important work, and we plan to use NESDEC (New England School Development Council) as they were very helpful in our search for an assistant principal. We will gather current research for committee members prior to our meeting so that we know what a K – 8 campus offers our students. Finally, we will schedule meetings on two or three Saturdays in the hope of minimizing scheduling conflicts.

I look forward to the process of creating a vision for the campus and appreciate your support and engagement in the process.

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ANTRIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Jim Elder, Assistant Principal

The first thing that I have noticed about the school is the tremendous efforts of the teaching staff. The teachers develop a connection and commitment to each of their students and put a great deal of effort into preparing lessons to engage each child's interest. This is, of course, what schools everywhere strive to do. However, I have not seen it happen to the degree it does in Antrim in any of the other schools where I have worked. The dedication to reach children goes beyond our teachers and is also reflected in the care given by the paraprofessional staff, the administrative assistants, as well as the maintenance crew. It may not be obvious to people who have not been associated with other schools, but I can say with absolute assurance that the level of commitment the A.E.S. staff makes toward our students is nothing short of extraordinary!

Another delightful surprise I have had here is that parents in our schools have been incredibly supportive of our mission. I find this to be true when I call a family about a discipline issue, or to ask for volunteers, or when asked for advice. It has been my experience here that parents trust the school system, and more than that, they actively look for ways to support it. This positive parent/school relationship is an absolute treasure to me! I need to recognize that it did not come about by accident, but because of the hard work of many people, including Gib West and Deb Lesure. The value of this partnership is that it will enable Antrim Elementary School to successfully tackle the difficult problems ahead. I have learned that, for a school to succeed in its mission, parents **must** participate in the educational process.

I hope that I might contribute to the environment of trust and excellence that A.E.S. stands for. The job of being a part of the school culture is, indeed, a challenge, but also is a delight.

WASTE WATCHER

Shelley Nelkens

Reduce, reuse, redirect,
Diet.

My body, my planet.

Calories of energy,

Burn them off

Helter skelter.

Waste not, want not.

Want it all . . .

Now!

The point is missed.

Must redirect

The cutting edge of progress

Or suffer

The unkindest cut of all.

TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

Melissa Lawless, Kristin Readel and Kathryn Chisholm

PROGRAMS

**Friday March 27 • 10:00 am • Owltree Storytellers:
“Me I Am”**

Month long April • Creative Arts Challenge

**Friday April 24 • 10:00 am • Owltree Storytellers:
“Earth Day Celebration”**

**Friday May 29 • 10:00 am • Owltree Storytellers:
“Mud & Bugs”**

Once again it is time for our annual **Creative Arts Challenge** when we invite children of all ages to submit their creative works (i.e. pictures, poetry, short story, photography, needlecraft, weaving, sculpture) to the library for display. We want to showcase the imagination of the future of Antrim right here in our library. Please stop in at the end of March to early April to show us what you have and we will try to find a place of honor for your treasured work.

PICTURING AMERICA

The James A. Tuttle Library is the proud recipient of the National Endowment for the Humanities' (NEH) new Picturing America initiative. Picturing America provides an innovative way for citizens of all ages to explore the history and character of America through some of our nation's great works of art. As one of 56,000 schools and public libraries nationwide to receive the program, we now have access to this high quality, free resource that we are using to engage our patrons with discussions of our nation's art, history, civics, literature, and more! The images of people, places, and events illustrating American history give our patrons a chance to better understand our country's past and its ideals. For more information on this program, you can visit the Picturing America website at: www.PicturingAmerica.neh.gov. The award was the result of a grant application by Kristin Readel. Call her at the library if you have ideas about using these wonderful resources.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Our Friends of the Library group is really taking off! Officers who have generously agreed to serve until the group is firmly planted are: Kara Penny as President, Connie

Vandervort as Vice-President, Jamison Burt as Treasurer, and Lacey Brown as Secretary. We are so impressed with the wonderful collection of people who have come out to support the library, and we're thrilled about their new ideas and enthusiasm. The Friends would love to have more people join them and are looking for ideas about what sort of projects would be appropriate. Our annual Adopt-A-Book campaign was encouraged and further facilitated by the Friends of the Library this past holiday season. The library fully appreciated "Friendly" volunteers setting up and organizing the display that helped us raise \$287 toward our book budget. Their new twist on our theme helped us to far exceed our previous efforts. They also helped staff the table at the AES Winterfest, raising awareness about the services our library provides. It was a great help to have fresh faces peddling our traditional wares that we use to supplement our funding. Many thanks to those who volunteered their time on that busy Saturday.

AUTHOR FOCUS

English fantasy writer **Terry Pratchett**, best known for his popular *Discworld* series has sold more than 55 million books worldwide as of 2007, with translations into as many as 33 languages. Pratchett's latest book *Nation* was announced as an Honor Book for the Michael L. Printz Award. Knighted in the UK's 2009 New Years Honours, Sir Terence David John Pratchett was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) "for services to literature." In defense of the fantasy genre whose importance is often downplayed, Pratchett is quoted as saying, "Fantasy isn't just about wizards and silly wands. It's about seeing the world from new directions." Pratchett has described himself as a "nondescript student" in his earlier life, crediting his education to the Public Library in his hometown of Beaconsfield in Buckinghamshire, England. Well known for wearing his signature large black hats as pictured on the inside flaps of the back covers of his books, Pratchett thinks of himself as more of "an urban cowboy than a city gent." Sadly, Terry Pratchett has been diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease. He has approached Prime Minister Gordon Brown for an increase in dementia research funding and in 2008 donated \$1 million for research, instigating an Internet campaign dubbed *Match*

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Novelist, short story writer, poet, art and literary critic, **John Updike** passed away on January 27, 2009 following the release of his latest novel, *The Widows of Eastwick*. Raised in Berks County, Pennsylvania, Updike's early years helped form the backdrop for his famous *Rabbit* series and many of his earlier short stories. During his years of undergraduate work at Harvard, Updike served as President of the *Harvard Lampoon* before graduating *summa cum laude* in 1954. Upon graduation, he attended The Ruskin School of Drawing and Fine Art in Oxford, England with plans to pursue a career in Graphic Arts. His novel *The Witches of Eastwick* was made into a major motion picture in 1987. Updike appeared on the cover of *Time* magazine after the release of his novels *Roger's Version* and *Couples*, further advancing his popularity and fortune. John Updike was a Pulitzer Prize winner for two of his novels from his Rabbit series: *Rabbit is Rich* (1981) and *Rabbit at Rest* (1990). Hundreds of his reviews, poems and stories have appeared in *The New Yorker* over the years. Recognized for his prolific and highly stylistic writing, Updike was considered one of America's most outstanding novelists.

The Library will be closed May 25th Memorial Day. ☙

DUNLAP BOX WINNER

The winner of the exquisite Dunlap box in the Historical Society raffle in December was Roann Rubin of Brookline, NH, daughter of Ral Burgess, *Limrik Advertising Manager*.



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April 5 • Palm Sunday • 10:30 AM

April 9 • Maundy Thursday • 6:30 AM

April 12 • Easter Sunrise Service • 6:00 AM • Pastor Peggy Boyce will lead the worship • Antrim Baptist Church lawn

April 12 • Easter Sunday • 10:30 AM

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Mar 21 • Turkey Dinner • 5:00–6:30 PM • Adults \$8, children 5–12 \$5, family maximum \$32

Mar 21 • Time and Treasure Auction • 7:00 PM • Gift certificates and brand new items

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April 12 • Easter Sunday • 10:30 AM

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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM

SUNDAY SERVICE 11:00 AM

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throughout the spring and learning how backpacking preparation differs from other types of camping. If there are boys in Antrim & Bennington who enjoy getting out into the back country, now is the time to join up!

BOY SCOUT CLEAN UP OF THE CONTOOCOOK PLANNED

Troop #2, Troop #73 of Hillsborough, and Troop #8 of Peterborough are planning a weekend of debris cleanup on the Contoocook River. Although early in the planning, each troop will be responsible for a section of the river from the put-in on Route 202 in Peterborough to the rapids in Peterborough. Downed trees and junk in the river will be removed to allow the river to be more passable for canoes and kayaks, while leaving important fish habitat in place. The exact date has not been set, but will likely be in mid to late May.

WEEKS OF SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULED

Troop #2 returns to Hidden Valley in Gilmanton Iron Works, after attending nearby Camp Bell last year. This year Troop #2 attends July 12-18, but because of our good relationship with Troop #8 in Peterborough, Troop #2 Scouts have the opportunity to also attend a second week with Troop #8 July 5-7 if they choose. The communities of Antrim, Bennington, and Hancock help support sending boys to camp by their purchase of wreaths each year. To attend camp, boys must be registered as a Scout and reservations are needed by March 15 to get the lower rates, this year \$300.00 per week.

Tired of having your boy plugged in all the time? Get him outdoors! For more information about getting your son involved in Scouting, please contact Scoutmaster Brian Beihl at 588-3014.

DAFFODIL PROJECT

The Antrim Chamber of Commerce, with the help of many local gardeners, have now planted over 4,000 daffodils in and around downtown Antrim, as part of a goal of over 10,000 planted over a five year period. This year's blooms should be spectacular as the early plantings mature and multiply. We've even planted bulbs in the flower boxes in front of town hall!

If you'd like to help in this long-term beautification project, there are a number of ways. First, we'd like residents to plant daffodil and narcissus bulbs on the roadsides of your yard or in front of your business. Second, if you have bulbs to split from your garden that could be part of our public plantings, we'll be happy to transplant them at the end of flowering this spring. If you have a black thumb, but enjoy the blossoms, the Antrim Chamber will be mailing a form this spring to solicit financial donations for more public plantings around town. Your donations will last for decades to come! Help make Antrim more beautiful and contact Brian Beihl, 588-3014, or Mary Allen, 588-2742.

THE GRAPEVINE

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MADE EASIER

The Grapevine is part of a pilot project initiated by the NH Department of Health and Human Services to streamline the application process for assistance from the state, including food stamps, medical assistance, and cash benefits. "NH Easy" allows people to apply for assistance at The Grapevine, with help from trained Grapevine staff, so that just one appointment is needed at the Keene District Office to finalize the application. Call 588-2620 for an appointment.

SUMMER IS COMING!

Call now to register for summer camps for your preschooler and elementary age children, and for summer playgroups. Ask for Beth.

"Energy Drinks"—Our discussions about underage and binge drinking continue this spring with a conversation at the teen center about the highly caffeinated and popular "energy drinks." Please see Sydney Wilson-Smith's article in this *Limrik*. The discussion will take place on Monday, March 30th at 6:30pm at the Avenue A Teen Center at 42 Main Street.

Support for Military Families with NH National Guard and the Vet Center meets on the first Thursday of the month at 6pm. Childcare can be available by calling The Grapevine in advance.

WEEKLY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

The Grapevine welcomes all children birth to 5 years of age and their parents to our weekly children's programs.

- Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:30-11:30—Better Beginnings parent-child program
- Wednesday and Friday 9-noon—The Learning Vine preschool
- Friday 10:00-11:30—Better Beginnings for Babies and Toddlers up to age two

Better Beginnings parent-child programs are for toddlers to children 5 years of age and their parents. The focus of the children's program is on language and social skills development in a fun, nurturing and supportive environment. Parents join other parents in an adjacent room for coffee and tea, and discussions about child- and family-centered topics with our parenting educators.

Better Beginnings for Babies for infants to 2-year-olds and their parents. Expectant parents are welcome, too. Parents have found this group a great opportunity to meet other parents while their babies make their first friends. Facilitated by one of our early childhood educators. Drop-ins welcome!

Please call Beth at 588-2620 to sign up for programs, or for more information.

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panionship, resume writing, haircuts and rides. Here's how it works: One hour of service equals one hour of credit called a "time dollar." It's easy to become a member—you can meet with the Exchange coordinator individually or come to the next informational meeting on April 18 at 10am. For more information call or email coordinator Christine Polito at 588-2620 or peoplesserviceexchange@hotmail.com.

SECOND MONDAYS WORKSHOPS

March 9—"The Great Body Shop" at Antrim Elementary School—Nurse Vicki Mellon and Health Teacher Krystal Kebler will describe the school district health curriculum for grades K-6, take questions, and suggest ways to supplement the curriculum at home to help ensure our children make healthy choices. Co-sponsored by AES-PTO. Meets in the AES multi-purpose room.

April 13—TBD

May 11—"Home Alone" with Jane Richards-Jones. This workshop provides parents with a look at the need for readiness and preparation for leaving a child home alone for the first time. We will be sharing suggestions and guidelines for teaching the child to be safe and confident.

About Second Mondays: Sessions run from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available, or call The Grapevine to sign up in advance. On-site childcare can be available if you call ahead.

THURSDAY EVENINGS

"**The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families,**" a 3-week series on Thursday evenings at 6:30, beginning April 2 at 6:30. If you could do something to make your family life run more smoothly, encourage kids to be more cooperative and feel more autonomous, improve communication and have more fun, would you want to do it? Come join the discussion of Steve Covey's book The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families and see which strategies make sense for you and your family. Sliding scale fee, onsite childcare available—call to register.

APRIL VACATION FUN!

- Tuesday, April 21 from 9:30-11:30—Science Experiments for children ages 5 to 7, with Carol Lunan. Bring your curiosity and creativity (and your parents if you wish). Sign up.
- Thursday, April 23 from 9:30-11:30—Fairy Tale Fun with Carol for children ages 4 to 6. Sign up.

SPRING WALK FOR FAMILIES

Tune up your strollers and lace up your walking shoes for The Grapevine's 5th Annual *Spring Walk for Families* on Saturday, May 2 at 10am in Hancock. Meet in the Town Hall parking lot between 9:30-10 to register. April is "Strengthening Families Month," which we will continue to honor on this first Saturday in May as we walk in celebration of families and community. Last year's walk in Antrim drew a big crowd in spite of the pouring rain, and we look forward to

just as much fun—and a whole lot of sun—this year. Look for details in the papers, around town, and on www.antrimnh.org in April.

SERVICES AT THE GRAPEVINE

- Information & Referral: Information about area resources for financial assistance, food, childcare, legal assistance, clothing, health and dental care, and other needs.
- Community Wood Bank
- Heating Fuel & Electric Assistance information.
- Child & Family Counseling provided by Monadnock Family Services.
- Family Conflict Resolution offered by Milford Area Mediation Services.
- Help finding meaningful employment: A.C.C.E.S.S. offers support for people with disabilities in their search for meaningful employment.
- Help Finding Shelter for families who are homeless or face homelessness.
- Healthy Kids Insurance application assistance.
- Visitation Site for noncustodial parents and their children.

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