

## 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOME AND HARVEST FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 18-20

Rick Davis

Antrim's biggest event of the year promises to make Antrim shine!

This year's Home and Harvest will be better and bigger than ever.

Friday features the Skateboard Slalom Races hosted by Brian Beihl who does a great job of organizing all the events, getting volunteers, promoting H&H, and working endless hours to make the skateboard races so successful. Again Summer Street will be closed off and filled with professional racers from the International Skate Board Association.

Saturday begins with a hot breakfast at the Presbyterian Church prepared and

served by Ron Haggett and his crew. Main Street will offer more than fifty craft and food booths. (It's not too late for more, and if you want to show off your wares in a booth, call Mark and Donna Lyon at 588-3047.

The free "Fun and Games" park opens at 9:00 am, and Jonas Taub has lined up more great activities for our kids this year, including the ever-popular climbing wall.

This year's parade, organized as usual by Ted Brown who says it will surpass

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## CONVAL SCHOOL BOARD

Lauren Kirkpatrick

After a lighter summer schedule, the Conval School Board will return to its regular schedule September 1st. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday every month. The standing committees meet monthly and they are Education, Budget and Property, Communications and Public Relations, Policy, and Energy. There is an ad hoc committee reviewing and discussing the Articles of Agreement and a Food Service Committee that will be making recommendations this month. All of these meetings are open to the public and we encourage your attendance and involvement. The school district website, [www.conval.edu](http://www.conval.edu) posts meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes.

The Conval School District welcomes Kimberly Saunders to the position of Assistant Superintendent. Kimberly was able to find time in her busy schedule to answer a few interview questions so we can get to know her.

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## THE BEAR FACTS

Peter Gagne

I was on the backside of Gregg Lake slowly walking into the wind hoping to keep my human scent out of the keen noses of the whitetail deer I was in hopes of harvesting. Still-hunting is a slow paced way of moving through the woods, often just five to ten steps in a matter of a minute. It allows your senses more time to adjust to the woods and the air, to see what you would not if you were walking at a regular pace. As still-hunting is an art and a challenge, it is rewarding to the outdoorsman.

The tips of his ears were the first things I saw at twenty yards. I was still. He was moving. I was tense. He was unaware. I was in a patch of beechnut trees and waist-high blackberry bushes along with a very large black bear. His nose was on the ground, and in the cold November air his breath was frost coming out of his mouth. He was snorting up beechnuts like popcorn and had no idea I was there.

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## ANTRIM CAN/AM SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS

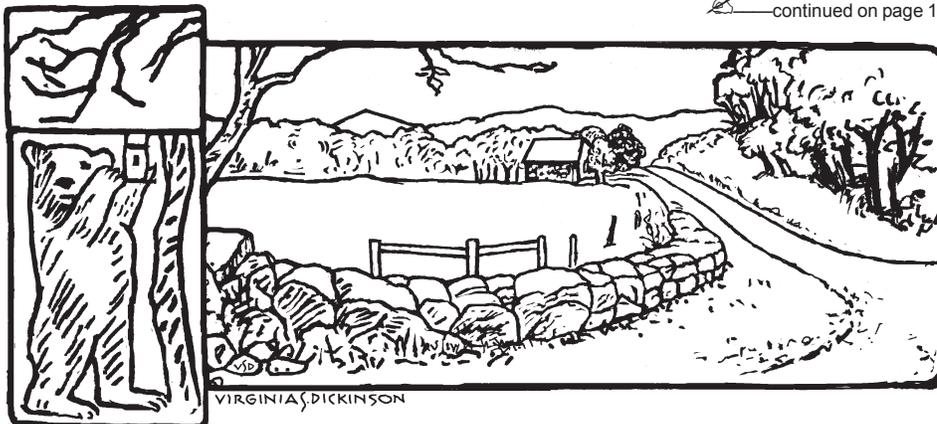
ANTRIM AGAIN ATTRACTS  
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Brian Beihl

Newly-crowned Men's world champion George Pappas and repeating women's world champion Lyn Kramer again return to Antrim leading a group of racers that are among the best in North America—and the world—in the sport of skateboard slalom. As in the past, the Friday, Saturday and Sunday races will occur on Summer Street.

This year's race program will be similar to the 2008 race, but with changes on Friday. Last year, a world

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## SELECT BOARD

Gordon Webber

Summer is nearly over, and we hope you were able to enjoy its few sunny days. The Antrim Police Department is now fully staffed with 5 full-time officers. We commend Chief Lester for putting together such a fine team.

The Antrim Police Station Advisory Committee has reviewed potential sites for a possible new station. Their first choice is the old Goodell Mill building on Main Street. The structure is very conducive to a police department's needs and would require less renovation than any other site. The second choice is a new building on Town-owned land by the fire station. We will review the committee's recommendations and determine whether a warrant article will be presented to Town Meeting in March.

As many of you already know, Road Agent Bob Varnum is retiring in September. Bob has worked for the Town as Road Agent for 25 years and we would like to thank him for his service. The Road Agent position has been advertised and we have received 14 applications. We will be conducting interviews in the near future.

Budget time is right around the corner. Department Heads will be receiving information in early September to prepare for the 2010 budget.

The North Main Street bridge is complete, and the Antrim/Bennington Depot Street bridge has had new railings installed as Phase I of that project. The Water Street bridge replacement was scheduled to begin in mid-August, and the North Branch bridge replacement project is ready to go out to bid. This project is being paid for through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) with the construction being done at no cost to the Town.

The Home and Harvest Festival is fast approaching and it looks to be as exciting as in past years. Let's hope for clear skies and a wonderful weekend.

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## ANTRIM POLICE

Chief Scott Lester

It's been nearly one year since I became your Police Chief, and since that time the Antrim Police Department has gone through several changes. The biggest change has been with the personnel, with only Sgt. Cavanaugh remaining from this time last year. Articles in local newspapers have introduced you to the new faces of the department, and many of you have seen them on the streets patrolling, answering questions, or taking complaints. Here is an update on their progress:

Officer Brian Lord, who was hired in December of 2008 to fill the fifth position, graduated from the fourteen-week, full time police academy on July 31, 2009, finishing in the top three of his class. He's eager to finish his training and be back in town. Congratulations Brian, great job.

Officer Ryan Storro has been working diligently to reestablish the Antrim Police Association as its President. While putting in many hours of his own time, he has secured generous donations including battery booster packs and tow straps from our own Edmund's Hardware, and three digital cameras from the Keene Wal-Mart for crime and crash scene investigations. In August we shall receive a hand held GPS from the Rindge Wal-Mart to be used on the OHRV (Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle) patrols. These tools are essential to our work, and it is a great cost savings for the town to have them donated. Several personal donations from Antrim residents have also been made to the association. Thank you!

Officer LePine rapidly made his mark in the department working several major case investigations. He has invested several hours of his own time and proven to be an excellent team player.

Part time Officers Nicolas Cole and Brian Reopel have also blended in well. Officer Cole completed the Part-time academy in April and has since been progressing well in his field training program. Officer Reopel, who is a highly skilled full time officer with the Town of Hillsborough, has assisted with instruction during training classes and filled many open shifts while we have been short handed.

I can't go without mentioning the dedication, hard work, and support of veteran staff: Prosecutor Michael Beausoleil, Administrative Clerk Sophie Beausoleil, Sergeant Sean Cavanaugh, and Greenfield Police Chief Brian Giammarino. Chief Giammarino, as a part time officer with us, has unselfishly devoted countless hours to filling open shifts while we rebuilt our roster and trained our new officers. We have gotten a great deal of positive feedback from the community on our new officers, and I have received many positive comments regarding all of the members of the current police staff over the last several months. Your support is always noticed and greatly appreciated. I'm very happy to see how our Police Department and the continued support of the community have developed. On behalf of all the members of the Antrim Police Department, thank you. ☪

## ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### FALL PROGRAMS

Missy Taylor

The Historical Society is getting ready for Home & Harvest Days. On Saturday, September 19, we will again be selling homemade apple crisp with ice cream, as well as our note cards, tote bags, and historical publications in front of the Maplehurst Inn. Please stop by to see us and make sure to get your apple crisp early – this event has become so popular, we have sold out by early afternoon for several years in a row. Bakers and helpers are needed to help to continue to make this event a success. If you can pick apples, bake crisps, or help on that Saturday, please contact Thelma Nichols at 588-6766, [tnichols@mcttelecom.com](mailto:tnichols@mcttelecom.com) or Missy Taylor at 588-7146, [missette77@yahoo.com](mailto:missette77@yahoo.com).

On Sunday, October 18th, the Society will host a NH Humanities Council program "Digging Into Native History in New Hampshire." The program will be presented by Robert Goodby, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Franklin Pierce University. Bob has a Ph.D in Anthropology from Brown University and over two decades of experience studying Native American archaeological sites in northern New England. He is on the Executive Board of the Monadnock Institute of Nature, Place and Culture at FPU where he directs the Monadnock Archaeological Project, a long-term study of Native American sites and history in our region. Bob lives in Stoddard. The program will be held at the First Presbyterian Church at 3:00 pm and is open to everyone and free of charge. Mark your calendars! This promises to be a very interesting afternoon.

Plans are underway for a very special surprise program on Sunday, November 15. Please save the date as you will not want to miss this opportunity to celebrate some of Antrim's history with our special guest.

A fascinating exhibit on the Goodell Company is now on display at the refurbished Historical Society Room at Tuttle Library. Many thanks to Neil Brown for his help organizing this exhibit, and to Gif Russell, the Society's Curator and her assistant Cinda Gilmore, who worked tirelessly organizing and cataloging the Society's collection.

For more information about our programs, please watch for announcements in the newspapers and on the town's website at [www.antrimnh.org](http://www.antrimnh.org). Historical Society programs are usually presented on the third Sunday of the month at the Presbyterian Church at 3 pm, although dates and locations may vary, depending on the program.

The Antrim Historical Society is dedicated to the preservation and understanding of Antrim's heritage. All those 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 Ron Haggett, Treasurer at 588-6715. 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. ☪

## NORTH BRANCH VILLAGE DEVASTATED BY FIRE 121 YEARS AGO

By Sandy Snow

North Branch was a flourishing village in 1885, according to the *Antrim Reporter*; and was probably the most vibrant of all the villages in Antrim. However, just three years later all that changed in a matter of hours.

On May 8, 1888, a devastating fire, ignited initially by a chimney fire, swept through the village doing irreparable damage. The fire was first spotted at 2 p.m., burning on a roof of a two-story brick house known as the Little house. The flames spread extraordinarily quickly, according to the May 9 issue of the *Antrim Reporter*. This article is based on that account. In short order, the three families living in the Little house became homeless. Very few of their possessions could be salvaged. A large barn near the house also was destroyed.

The flames moved south taking aim at a 2-1/2 story brick building which housed the village's only store and post office. The owner, George P. Little, was able to save all of the mail and other possessions from the post office, but very little from the store. According to the *Antrim Reporter*, "a large portion of the articles removed from the store were placed on the opposite side of the street." However, that wasn't sufficiently far away and the flames consumed them, too. A large shed that was attached to the house also was destroyed.

Then the flames attacked and quickly leveled a 1-1/2 story house and adjacent barn. Next on the fire's list was a two-story house with a shed and barn located on the corner of Keene Road. All were destroyed. Some of the furniture was saved but most was damaged and ten cords of firewood were consumed.

That was the extent of the damage to the south of the fire's origin. However, to the north, the fire quickly destroyed a 1-1/2 story house and then a two-story house. At that point, the fire headed east and crossed the street. It destroyed a three-story home, its shed and two barns followed by two 1-1/2 story houses, a shed and a barn. Next to be destroyed was the sawmill including its expensive machinery and some timber.

At 2:45 p.m., 45 minutes after the fire started, the bell in the Methodist Church in downtown Antrim was rung, summoning the engine and hose cart four miles away. Initially three horses pulled the engine and hose cart, and a fourth horse was added along the way. Other teams were pressed into service and a large number of men set out to help quench the fire. However, because of the steep hills, the engine and hose cart didn't arrive until 4 p.m. giving the fire a two-hour head start. The only means of fighting the rapidly expanding blaze before the engine and hose cart arrived were with relatively ineffective bucket brigades.

The flames and smoke attracted a large number of people from Hillsboro, and a lot of men turned out to help extinguish the flames. The fire eventually was put out, and the engine and hose cart finally returned to headquarters around midnight.

The cost to the town and village was staggering. The loss of the buildings plus the goods in the store and the sawmill's machinery and lumber was estimated at \$10,000, an enormous

amount in 1888. The *Antrim Reporter* says the loss of household goods probably would add another \$1,000 to the total. Only a handful of people had any sort of insurance. The vast majority did not, including the owner of the sawmill.

According to the *Antrim Reporter*: "The whole territory bordering on the main street on the east side from the Hillsboro Road to the brook, and on the west side from the brook to the Keene Road is laid waste, nothing but a portion of the brick walls of two houses and several chimneys remaining standing. . . All of the houses in close proximity to the fire were cleared of their contents, and to considerable extent in a damaged condition. Goods removed from some of the houses in the earlier stages of the conflagration were not carried far enough away, and in many cases were burned as the fire enlarged its bounds."

The fire fighters fought through the afternoon and into the evening and women cooked and fed the men.

As in any great calamity there is usually a hero—in this case a heroine—Miss Addie Paige, who was the village's schoolteacher. She worked hard with others trying to save her neighbors' properties. Her dress caught fire several times and her hair was singed. Ironically, her home was destroyed and she lost everything except what she was wearing.

Fortunately, the *Antrim Reporter* May 9<sup>th</sup> edition did not have to report any deaths or serious injuries.

Three years prior to the fire, in 1885, the *Antrim Reporter* documented the village's assets as having a store, post office, blacksmith shop, chapel, schoolhouse, large saw mill and 25 houses. When the fire was finally extinguished, the village had lost nine houses, the store, the post office, seven barns, the sawmill and several outbuildings. In all, the devastation covered twenty-five acres.

Sadly, Antrim's most vibrant village had endured the town's most devastating fire.

*North Branch village in 1888 centered on what is now the intersection of Route 9 and the bridge over the North Branch River at Hawthorne College. The main street extended from the bridge, directly across the present Route 9, and up the dirt road heading due south toward Meeting House Hill and ultimately the South Village, now "downtown Antrim." The fire swept up this dirt road and across the bridge to what is now the Hawthorne/Maharishi campus but was in 1888 a series of farms and a mill on the river. Also, the fire went west on Route 9, then the Keene Road, and east on Route 9, then the Hillsboro Road.*



## TUTTLE HILL WIND TOWERS

Agricola

On Tuesday September 15 at 7:00 pm the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) will continue a public meeting, the purpose of which is to grant or deny an appeal for an area variance by Antrim Wind Energy LLC, to place a temporary Meteorological Tower (MET) on Tuttle Hill. The purpose of the MET Tower would be to gather data on the feasibility of establishing alternative energy wind towers there. ☞

## GREGG LAKE ASSOCIATION

Jeanne M. Baker

The Gregg Lake Association recently held its Annual Business/Picnic Meeting at the Gregg Lake beach in the pavilion they funded and built a few years back. It's always a good time when we all get together, and of course we do have our important business meeting. Topics at this meeting included the Lake Host Program review by Celeste Lunetta (program co-coordinator), what to do about the goose problems we all have around the lake, a report on the Weed Watcher Program, a report on fish in Gregg Lake by Jeanne Baker who had been in contact with the NH Fish and Game Department, and a report by Bob Southall on lake testing that he has been doing

The object of the thirty-year old Gregg Lake Association is "The conservation and protection of the lake, forests, woodlands, marshlands and wildlife surrounding Gregg Lake." The GLA is open for membership to, "any person or persons who have a strong and vital interest in the conservation of Gregg Lake and its water shed".

Our Lake Host Program has taken off with great results. Jerry and Marlene Schultz submitted the original application for the grant to fund this important project, and the program is functioning in cooperation with the Antrim Recreational Department. Celeste Lunetta, co-ordinates the staffing of the boat ramp with the paid Lake Hosts and the volunteer group who are mostly Gregg Lake Association members. The GLA also monitors the lake for clarity, cleanliness, and healthiness as it pertains to swimmers.

As a service to the community, GLA funded and built the Shelter at the beach for people enjoying the beach and boating area. When the Girl Scouts bought the former Boy Scout camp, members of the GLA were quick to support the camp with donations and moral support in making the camp compatible with the lake, the environment, and the community.



Left to right, front row: Denise Scott, Jane Hoehn, Janice Mellon, Gloria Sawyer, Ann Bogrette, "Woody" and Gene Woodworth. Back Row: Paul Scott, Donald Mellon, Jeanne Baker, Walker Boyle, Martha Osler, Carol Carnes, David Osler, Linda and Bob Southall, Tom Boyle, John Reinstein, Nancy Gertner, Winslow Sawyer, Marlene Schultz, Linda Carlow, Ken Akins, Helen Walley, Jerry Schultz.

The Gregg Lake Association gives yearly donations to the Antrim Rescue Squad, Fire Department, the Tuttle Library, and to "Antrim in the Evening."

GLA members, Jeanne Baker and Carol Carnes worked with Carrie Green, former Director of Camp Chenoa, and Mike Zienkiewicz, former Facility Manager, to place the signs made by the Girl Scouts to remind drivers along Gregg Lake Road to keep a slow, safe speed and to watch out for pedestrians. Jeanne's poem ala Burma Shave signs of the past, urges drivers to, "We love our children," "Grandparents too," "Their safety," "Is up to you!" "It's great when we all work together to keep our lake area a safe place to enjoy," said Carol.

The Gregg Lake Association is always open to new members. There are two meetings each year, one the third Saturday in June, the other the Saturday before Labor Day weekend. The "End-of-Summer" meeting is also a great social event where members enjoy each other's company over delicious "dishes to share" brought by each family. There are nominal yearly dues. Anyone interested in joining is urged to call President, Bob Southall at 588-2041, Jeanne Baker, Vice President at 588-3655, or Treasurer, Gene Woodworth at 588-2372.

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## ANTRIM CHAMBER NEWS

By John Robertson

The Antrim Chamber of Commerce had a busy summer. Daffodil days, inspired by Brian Biehl, was held in May with a host of activities including seminars, planting demonstrations, and displays. Brian and his crew have planted many thousands of daffodil bulbs around Antrim over the past two years.

June brought a members meeting with management consultant Sharon Bailly speaking on promoting your business in the simplest way. She emphasized being to the point and eliminating specialized terms and verbiage foreign to those not in your field.

Also in June, "Business After Hours" was held at The Place in the Woods. Diane and John Kendall welcomed visitors from Antrim, Hillsborough, and Peterborough. Chamber members were impressed with the variety and quality of goods and services provided by The Place in the Woods.

In July the Chamber held a Community Dinner Cookout with hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the fixings at Gregg Lake. Some seventy-five people attended. Many thanks to Dr. Perry for his help with this event.

Since July, attention has turned to the Home and Harvest Festival September 18-20. The chamber is sponsoring several events including the skateboard races, the Pumpkin Regatta, and the Information Booth.

Home and Harvest volunteers are needed to help with all Chamber events, so please contact Brian Beihl at 588-3014 for the Skateboard events, Crista Salamy at 588-2574 for the Pumpkin Regatta, and John Robertson at 588-6106 for the information booth. See you at Home and Harvest. Contact Rick Davis at 588-4835 for more information.

## ANTRIM SENIOR CENTER INVITES YOU TO SHAKE THE WINTER BLUES

Sandy Snow

Want a break from winter snow and ice? Yearn to feel warm beach sand between your toes? Want to work on your tan? Want to snorkel? Want to relax under a palm tree? Want to eat gourmet food and yummy desserts? Want to gain five pounds in a single week? (Oops.)

If you want all that and much more then join the Antrim Area Senior Center on a seven-day Caribbean cruise Feb. 27 – March 6, 2010. The cruise is for people of all ages, and it doesn't matter where you live.

The cruise begins in San Juan, Puerto Rico, aboard Celebrity Cruises' *Summit* and sails to Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas; St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands; Basseterre, St. Kitts; St. John's, Antigua; Castries, St. Lucia, and back to Puerto Rico.

Celebrity is Royal Caribbean's premium cruise line and its fleet is the most modern in the cruise line industry. The *Summit* is a 965-foot floating palatial hotel holding 2,034 passengers. It seldom rolls in the sea because of its immense size and its stabilizers, so seasickness is seldom, if ever, a concern. It has a passenger/crew ratio of 2:1.

Amenities include two pools (one heated, one salt water), hot tubs, an enormous dining room spanning two decks, an elegant specialty dining room reminiscent of the ambience and elegance of the old ocean liners, casino, computer room, library, various shops selling everything from necessities to

elegant jewelry, a large theater which also encompasses two decks for nightly Broadway-style shows, a movie theater, an espresso and baked-goods area, a night club, seven bars, a spa, a jogging track and exercise room, a children's supervised play area, and basketball area.

Activities include relaxing, sun bathing, non-stop eating, lectures, art auctions, dancing, getting a facial or a massage, going on excursions at the ports of call, and eating at the midnight buffet. There is a wide variety of music venues including one with karaoke and, of course, the large night club.

There is a choice of cabins at the cheaper group rates. The following prices include all taxes and port charges and are per person, double occupancy. Inside cabin, \$675.98. Ocean view cabin, obstructed view, \$826.98. Ocean view cabin, unobstructed view, \$846.98. Cabin with veranda, \$1,026.98. Also available are concierge cabins, which are larger than the standard veranda cabins, and suites with still-larger verandas. Some cabins are handicapped-accessible. All cabins are non-smoking. There is a \$250 per person down payment when booking. It is fully refundable prior to the final payment.

What do you get for your money? It includes all your food and drinks such as milk, coffee, tea and juice. Shows, movies, lectures and games provided by the entertainment staff are free. Sodas, beer, wine and cocktails are sold separately. Paid excursions booked through Celebrity are charged to your account.

The above prices do not include airfare. Celebrity can book the flights but it probably will cost more booking them through the cruise line than booking yourself or through the travel agent.

Anyone interested in looking at a copy of Celebrity's cruise booklet, which describes Celebrity, its ships and itineraries, should come to the Antrim Area Senior Center at the Antrim First Presbyterian Church, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Or get your own copy by calling the travel agent listed below.

If you have questions contact Sandy Snow or Carol Snow at 588-6758. Our travel agent, Lynn Strawson, part owner of Cruise Holidays of New Milford, CT, also is available to answer any questions at 800-305-7447. To find out more about Celebrity cruise line, go to [www.celebritycruises.com](http://www.celebritycruises.com). A passport, which can be purchased through the Post Office, is required for this cruise.

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## THE MONADNOCK REGION ROLLER DERBY

By Dick Winslow

Imagine fifty women of assorted ages—each made tall and exotic looking by roller skates, colorful helmet and protective padding—swirling around a cavernous arena. These are skaters from three different Roller Derby teams warming up for a scrimmage. One of the teams is the recently formed *Monadnock Region Roller Derby* with members from Antrim, Bennington, Frankestown, Peterborough, Greenfield, Winsor and Chesterfield. The Antrim skater on this team is Joyce Purington.

From their promotional materials: “Wanna feel the wind in your hair? Wanna bust your butt—and we assure you your butt WILL shrink—or someone else’s? Are you 18 or older? Size and experience is not an issue.” This is buoyant language, as is the “skating name” each woman chooses for herself: The Liberator (Joyce Purington), Wicked Evil Stepmom, Sprocket, Silver Streak, Mountain Storm, etc. Furthermore, each woman is free to decorate her helmet to suit her fancy. (See photograph.)

Victoria Gailinas (Wicked Evil Stepmom) of Manchester, who is ultimately responsible for this team as well as three teams in Manchester, says it takes about a year to get a beginning team up to competitive level, even with three practices a week. The new *Monadnock Region Roller Derby* will have its first on-the-record match this coming December.

Costs to participants include \$350 for equipment (skates, helmet, wrist guards and protective pads for elbows, knees and butt), dues of \$25 per month, and a \$50 annual insurance fee. Participants receive constant coaching, including being taught how to skate properly. They learn how to play the game

vigorously but safely. Elaborate rules help maintain sanity in an inherently very physical sport: no grabbing or use of hands, no blocking with forearms, no tripping or kicking, no showing, punching or holding, no hitting from behind, etc.

I attended a practice scrimmage in the old Brookstone warehouse in Peterborough, watching the *Monadnock Region Roller Derby* team along with two teams from Manchester, the *ManchVegas Roller Girls* and the *Elm City Derby Damez* (yep, that’s a Z). The Brookstone warehouse is vastly accommodating, with smooth cement floor and acoustics befitting a cathedral; sounds simply hang in the air. Before formal activities began, the place was a kaleidoscope of sights and sound, women skating and calling to one another, each adorned with helmet, knee, elbow and rump protectors, each skating independently to warm up for the coming contest. A referee in the traditional striped shirt was busy organizing things, and soon each team huddled. Then a whistle blew and the games were under way.

The *Monadnock* team, which will participate in Antrim’s *Home and Harvest* parade, originally practiced in the Antrim Town Gym, but now holds its workouts in the Brookstone warehouse, 9 Vose Farm Road, Peterborough: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.

Joyce Purington (The Liberator), 588-4045, would be happy to answer questions and welcome new teammates. She is an enthusiastic member of the team and supporter of its growth. Her coaches, Jamie Cianfarano (NY Devastator) 784-1526, and Victoria Gailinas (Wicked Evil Step Mom) 626-5572, would also be pleased to answer questions. Their website is [Manchvegasrollergirls.com](http://Manchvegasrollergirls.com). ☞



Colleen Clark (Mountain Storm) Peterborough, Joyce Purington (The Liberator) Antrim, Jamie Cianfarano (NY Devastator) Peterborough, Krista Kullgren, Frankestown, Sadie Cahoon (We Beastie) Bennington, Sarah Wright (Sprocket) Windsor, Amy Hicks (Silver Streak) Peterborough

## SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Neil H. Brown

Governor, Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New Hampshire

For close to 115 years, there has been a Society in the State of New Hampshire dedicated to the perpetuation of the heritage of our ancestors, namely the founding fathers of this country. This organization, Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New Hampshire, is not a large group and perhaps not as well known as the Daughters or Sons of the American Revolution, but is equally important since the Society focuses on the preservation of our colonial history, that period of time from the settlement of Jamestown, May 13, 1607 to the Battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775.

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New Hampshire was organized at Concord on September 27, 1894 and incorporated under State of New Hampshire law on September 28 of the same year. It was chartered by the General Society of Colonial Wars on November 12, 1894 and held its' first General Court (annual meeting) on December 11, 1894 in Concord at the library of the New Hampshire Historical Society. The first Governor of the Society was Henry Oaks Kent. The State of New Hampshire was the eleventh state to have a chartered Society. As of this date, there are very few states that don't have a Society. All State Societies are under the auspices of the General

Society of Colonial Wars.

The Preamble of the Society states as its' objectives: "This Society has been instituted to perpetuate the memory of those events, and of the men who, in military, naval, and civil positions of high trust and responsibility, by their acts or counsel assisted in the establishment, defense, and preservation of the American Colonies, and were in truth the founders of this nation. With this end in view, it seeks to collect and preserve manuscripts, rolls, relics, and records; to provide suitable commemorations or memorials relating to the American Colonial period, and to inspire in members the fraternal and patriotic spirit of their forefathers, and in the community, respect and reverence for those whose public service made our freedom and unity possible."

To meet these objectives, the Society has over the years erected, on its own or in conjunction with other historical groups, eleven markers and/or tablets commemorating events, men, or massacres around New Hampshire. These include: Fort William and Mary Tablet at Newcastle, Old Fort #4 Monument at Charlestown, Vaughan Memorial at Portsmouth, 1746 Massacre Monument at Concord, Thomas Robert Monument at Dover Point, Major Richard Walderne Memorial at Dover, Lafayette Memorial at the Capitol in Concord, Eastman Memorial at Concord, John Smith Monument on the Isle of Shoals, the Wheelwright Pond marker at Lee, and one out of state tablet at Louisburg, Nova Scotia. The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New Hampshire has also established an endowment fund at Strawberry Bank in Portsmouth.

The perpetuation of our heritage from the colonial period is important today as we should not forget the fundamental reasons for or the principles of the founding of our nation.

Should anyone like more information on the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New Hampshire or have questions on membership, please contact [brownneilh@aol.com](mailto:brownneilh@aol.com). ☞

## BOOK BACK PACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Agricola

This year, as in the past, Carol Carnes and Jeanne Baker have donated new backpacks and school supplies to the Grapevine for needy children. They supplied twice as many as last year because of the poor economic times. ☞

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## HOGS IS HOGS

Ed Winslow

Alabama Farm in the 1930s was an operating farm with two full time farmers, one of whom I'll call Willie. He was a very sweet person but had never been to school and signed his name with an "X."

Five Guernsey cows that gave milk with a very high butter fat content were milked twice daily. A quart or two was used in the house, but most was run through the De Laval Separator out of which came a big stream of skim (today called no-fat) milk and a small steam of rich cream. The cream in due course was churned into butter, but the skim milk was fed to the hogs. (In those days, absolutely no one would think of drinking skim milk).

In addition to the cows, the farm had two horses, and also two hogs whose sty was in the barn cellar directly under the horse stalls. The hogs were housed on a pile of horse manure for an ingenious reason. Fresh horse manure has a very high ammonia content and is unusable as fertilizer until the ammonia has dissipated. Left alone, the ammonia will remain in the manure for a long time, but at the farm it was not left alone. In the horse stalls, one of the floorboards behind the horses was hinged, and when pulled open created a scuttle into the sty. Morning and night the board was pulled open with a hoe and the manure hoed through the scuttle; but first, two quarts of shelled corn was dumped through. The hogs would root into the manure to get the corn and in the process aerate the manure. The result was that ammonia was dissipated much more quickly and the manure became usable in a couple of months.

Notwithstanding their inelegant living quarters, the hogs ate well. They were fed all of the skim milk, morning and night—some 20 quarts each time—enriched with two quarts of ground oats. Feeding the hogs was hard work and a bit tricky. The milk was in two pails which had to be carried down a steep flight of stairs to the barn cellar and over to the sty and emptied into a heavy V-shaped wooden trough kept in the sty. But first the trough had to be positioned upright with a hoe, and this could be difficult because the hogs knew their meal was coming and were very impatient and interfered with the positioning of the trough; they had to be whacked repeatedly with the hoe to keep them away. Once the trough was upright the pails were quickly emptied into it, and the hogs really went to work. Each hog put both front feet in the trough and did its best to shove the other hog out of the way, and not infrequently the trough was upset during the melee. It was a thoroughly unappetizing sight.

Late one hot July afternoon, I was in the Barn cellar when Willie came carefully down the stairs carrying the two pails with the hogs' dinner. Since the cellar was cool, I tarried to watch the show. And when the struggle was over and the pails had been emptied into the trough, Willie tarried too. Conversation came hard to Willie, but as we stood contemplating the scene, a thought came to him. "You know," he said, "Hogs is a good name for them. That's just what they are. Hogs." ❧

## ANTRIM BENNINGTON LIONS CLUB

Richard Loveland, President

The Antrim-Bennington Lions Club was pleased to distribute over 500 copies of the Antrim Bennington Outdoor Guide in late June, just in time for summer. We are working on an Internet version of the Outdoor Guide that will be available in the fall. In the meantime there is a PDF available at [www.ablions.org/og](http://www.ablions.org/og). Copies of the guide are available at the Town Hall, Senior Center, Tuttle Library, and our sponsors.

In conjunction with Antrim's Home and Harvest Festival the Lions Club will once again put on a Chicken BBQ at Tenney Farm on Saturday September 19 from 5 to 7:30 pm. While chicken is the specialty, we will also serve hamburgers, hotdogs, and veggie burgers. All meals come with homemade coleslaw, chips, fresh corn on the cob, and a drink. There is a Bake Bean Bake Off again this year so get your entry in at the Farmstand prior to 4 pm on the 19<sup>th</sup>. We will also have a raffle for lift tickets at Pat's Peak and other merchandise and gift certificates from local merchants. The BBQ will be followed by a fantastic fireworks show starting at 7:30 pm at Tenney Farm. ❧

## DAFFODIL PROJECT NEWS

Brian Beihl

Thanks to donations of bulbs this spring by the First Presbyterian Church, the Chapman family on West Street, Scott Bradford of Depot Street, and Walter Neff of Main Street, 1,400 bulbs were planted in early June at the Grapevine and Memorial Park. An additional 2,000 bulbs are waiting to be planted in Memorial Park and other locations, which by this fall will bring the number of bulbs planted to over 9,000. Residents, youth groups, if you can help, there are three upcoming planting days:

Saturday, September 26, 9 a.m. @ Town Hall

Saturday, October 10, 9 a.m. @ Town Hall

Saturday, October 24, 9 a.m. @ Town Hall

For residents and businesses who would like help beautify Antrim by planting their own bulbs, a limited amount of bulk bulbs will be available for purchase at 45 cents per bulb beginning September 1. These bulbs are naturalizing quality (shorter stems, typically bright yellow) and 10 cents of each purchase will go to purchasing bulbs for public spaces.

Financial donations or gifts toward memorial or celebration plantings are also welcomed. Be a part of making Antrim the daffodil capitol of New Hampshire! For details on how to help, contact Mary Allen, 588-2742. ❧

## GINGER HOUSE RESTAURANT

Agricola

Lovers of Asian food can rejoice that a sushi and Chinese restaurant is coming to Antrim. Ginger House will open in October next to the Antrim Marketplace and Rednecks, reports the building owner Juliet Ermitano. Ginger House will be a sit-down restaurant offering Japanese and Chinese dishes as well as a full bar. ❧

record was set for a 100 cone "tight" slalom by Richy Carasco of the California Sk8Kings team. While an exciting race, the 100-cone tight is one of the most difficult disciplines in the sport, and the number of racers who can do it at a worldclass level is very limited. To expand the number of racers competing, this year's race will be a 50-cone tight slalom, which will start at 2 p.m. after qualifications in early afternoon.

**NEW—PIZZA PARTY WITH THE SKATERS  
FRIDAY NIGHT — 6:30 P.M.**

This is a great opportunity for families to have dinner with the skaters and get autographs and photos Friday night at the First Presbyterian Church. Race shirts will be available for purchase which can be signed by the racers. Pizza by Rick & Diane's. \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids 12 and under.

**RACING SCHEDULE**

Friday: Tight Slalom Practice begins 10:30 a.m.; qualifications begin 12 noon, 50-cone tight competition begins 2 p.m.

Saturday: Hybrid Slalom Practice begins 8 a.m. 50-cone Hybrid racing begins—Rotating ABC brackets ("A" being world class racers). This rotation continues throughout the day. Break for parade 11:15, resume racing 12:30 after Soapbox Derby. Racing continues until completion, approximately 4-5 p.m.

Sunday: Giant Slalom practice begins 8 a.m., GS racing begins 9 a.m. Noon, blessing of the racers by Rev. Peggy Boyce. Racing concludes 12:30-3 p.m. Kids race, on the Main Street side of Summer Street, from 1-3 p.m. Awards ceremony follows.

**NEW—PIRATE RUN ON SATURDAY**

By coincidence, Saturday, Sept. 19, is national "Talk Like a Pirate Day." For the fun of it, as the racers leave to get in the parade line, costumed racers will "bomb the hill" in the Pirate Run, which we hope to include as an annual event. ARRRRR, it should be a great photo op, me hearties!

**HOME-GROWN ANTRIM RACERS  
PARTICIPATING THIS YEAR**

Thanks to the efforts of the Avenue A Teen Center and its coordinator, Dave Kirkpatrick, Antrim has become an incubator for new slalom talent. Dave himself, Rian Readell, Delaney Barrett, Josh Howard, Rich Readell, and Corey Jenks

will likely race in the competition, and a number of younger racers will race in the kids race. Come out and support them!

**ROAD CLOSURES FOR RACING**

Summer Street will be closed on Friday after morning school drop-offs, approximately 9:15. At that time, School Street becomes two-way traffic for Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Summer St. will remain closed to all but Summer St. residents until 6 p.m., then reopened for the night. Saturday, Summer Street will be closed to all traffic from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and will reopen for the night. Sunday, Summer Street will be closed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to all but Summer St. residents. Summer Street residents will be allowed controlled access on Friday and Saturday upon request, and the Antrim Chamber of Commerce thanks them for their cooperation during the event.

**IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO HAVE A GREAT RACE!**

Thanks to residents and businesses for all the support you've shown for the race over the past four years. To give you some idea of the number of people involved: A special thanks to the Skateboard Race Committee, without whom the race could not happen: Julie Beaumont, Jeremy & Liz Brett, Dave Kirkpatrick, Harry Payne, Rian Readell, Sue & Richard Ellsworth, Josh Howard, Mark and Barbara Reynolds, Jonas Taub, Jason Bryer, Crista Tenney. The town staff, including Neil Cass, Bob Varnum, Dave Duffy and Bill Gutgesell for helping prepare the course, and Antrim Police for use of the speed wagon. Thanks to the staff at the Great Brook School and Antrim Elementary for your understanding and flexibility on the roads. Thanks to the Seven Maples Campground in Hancock and the Maharishi Academy for support in housing. Edmunds Hardware for help with supplies, Rick & Diane's for help with the pizza, Bakery 42 for food, the Antrim Baptist Church Youth Group for lunches, the First Presbyterian Church for use of the facility and breakfast, Troop 2 for help with camping equipment for the skaters. Thanks to Antrim Parks & Rec for use of bleachers and other support. For all those who help make Antrim the center of slalom skating in the Northeast, thank you!

Any questions, please call Brian Beihl at 588-3014 or email him at [oldgoldjug@antrimcc.com](mailto:oldgoldjug@antrimcc.com). More details are available at [www.slalomskateboard.com](http://www.slalomskateboard.com). 

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## GRANITE STATE SAVVY CLUB

Beth Merrill

The Granite State Savvy Club is a group that meets monthly to study, support, and practice the skills taught in the Parelli Natural Horsemanship program. Meetings move around the state, and each one focuses on a specific activity. For example, in February the group went to Live and Let Live Farm in Chichester for a tour and a comparison of right brain and left brain behavior, using a couple of the horses awaiting adoption at the farm. March found us at Taramor Farm in Keene for the first of a three part series of meetings entitled "Fear Makeover." At the June meeting, an introduction to playing Horse Soccer was featured at Miracles In Motion in Keene. The July meeting found us at the Edwards' farm in Hillsboro, where participants and spectators enjoyed some friendly competition, Parelli style, at our first-ever Poker Run. Following August's meeting centered around cross country jumping at GMEX-Country Schooling, LLC, in Troy, the group will meet on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Rainy Day Farm at 107 West Street in Antrim for a Playday, Horse Soccer, and Parelli-style Barrel Racing. This is the same weekend as Home and Harvest, so we hope to draw some curious and interested spectators from the area to come and cheer on the participants. A detailed schedule is available at [www.granitestatesavvyclub.4t.com](http://www.granitestatesavvyclub.4t.com). ☞

## A-N-A CAFÉ ON MAIN STREET

Agricola

Amanda Dunn and Arthur Demass travel a long way to open their bright new Main Street café for breakfast at 7:00 am seven mornings a week, she from Guilford, he from Tilton. They have been serving breakfast and lunch since opening July 6<sup>th</sup>, and now they offer an excellent dinner menu Thursday and Friday evenings.



Amanda, who has a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern NH University, has wanted to have her own business since managing restaurants in the Lakes Region for several years. In 1999 Arthur received an Associate Degree in Culinary Arts from New Hampshire College and has fifteen years experience cooking in restaurants in Laconia and Winnisquam. Amanda is out front serving customers while Arthur is in the kitchen. They met while working together and soon discovered their mutual dream of having their own restaurant. A visit to the online site Craig's List revealed the availability of the Antrim café, and they quickly contacted the owner Monica Steel and signed a contract. In addition to meals at the café, they cater weddings, meetings, and other functions. (588-2629) ☞

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## OUTDOOR PHOTO CONTEST

Peter Beblowski

The Antrim Conservation Commission will be launching its 2009 Antrim Outdoors Photo Contest at the Home and Harvest Festival. ☞



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## NEW MAPLEHURST CHEF

Agricola

With its professionally trained and experienced new chef, the historic Maplehurst Inn has a fresh menu. Ever since inn owner Juliet Ermintano hired Antrim resident Jamie Whicker in March, the restaurant business has improved steadily.

Jamie is a 1997 graduate of the famous Culinary Arts program at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Food Service Management and an Associate degree in Culinary Arts. Following graduation, he was recruited by Wyndham Hotels and enrolled in their yearlong Manager In Development training program in Bloomington, Minnesota, where he worked in one of their Garden Hotels as an Assistant Food Production Manager, a long name for Sous Chef. Jamie was promoted to Executive Chef in a Wyndham hotel in Nashville, Tennessee, where he remained until getting homesick for New Hampshire and returning here in 1999. Since then he has worked as Executive Chef at various New Hampshire restaurants including the former Tory Pines Golf Course in Frankestown, The E.F. Lane Hotel in Keene, Parker's Maple House in Mason, and the former 176 Main in Keene.

Jamie began his path to becoming a chef in 1985 when at age fifteen he was a dishwasher at The Old Forge restaurant in Rindge, now known as Lilly's On The Pond, working under the memorable chef from Anna Yost's Grandmother's House and the Dublin Inn, Franz Berger.

Jamie is pleased to be a chef in his hometown, and he says that the inn's regulars who are returning are pleased with the quality consistency of his cooking. He has introduced recession conscious price-savings with "Two for \$15 Wednesdays" and "Two for \$20 Thursdays" which include two entries, soup or salad, and dessert for two people. The Inn serves breakfast and lunch and offers brunch on Saturday and Sunday, and it caters for weddings and other functions. ✂

### What is your background and experience?

*Kimberly:* I attended Rivier College in Nashua NH for my undergraduate program, and attended graduate school at Northeastern University in Boston, MA. I taught in North Carolina for a year in a magnet school for gifted children and returned to New Hampshire where I began teaching in Londonderry. I became a Curriculum Coordinator at Londonderry High School and began attending classes to become certified as a principal. Following my certification program I began a CAGS (Certificate of Advance Graduate Studies) concentrating on curriculum, and I wrote my capstone project on Differentiated Instruction. After completing my CAGS I became an Assistant Principal in the Hollis-Brookline Middle School and following the birth of my son I became the Principal of Winnisquam Regional High School.

### What is your top priority for the first year?

*Kimberly:* My top priority is to get to know the people of the school community and the district so that I can better meet the needs of the district.

### What about education excites you?

*Kimberly:* Great question. There are so many aspects about education that I am excited about. I think if I had to choose what excites me the most it would be being able to see the students become empowered to make decisions based on looking critically at the information they need to make a productive, responsible decision.

### What drew you to this job and this district?

*Kimberly:* The district has a strong history of being leading edge, as well as supporting the schools with both resources and time. The job specifically was looking for someone with a strong background in curriculum and instruction and that has been where the majority of my leadership experience has been.

### On a more personal note, please tell us about your family and your interests outside of work.

*Kimberly:* I am married to a wonderful man, Robert, and we have a three-year old son who has just recently started pre-school. I enjoy the outdoors mostly, but must confess that I also like to browse in bookstores, antique shops, and gourmet food stores. Before I was a Principal I regularly participated in triathlons.

### And finally, what is your favorite book or if that is too hard to answer, what are you currently reading?

*Kimberly:* My favorite book... . Hard question...Jane Austen is my favorite author and I have read and reread her works several times. My favorite book may be *A Fine Balance*, a story that develops four characters and their roles in the caste system of India. Recently, I read *Defeat of the Spanish Armada* and I am presently reading *If on a Winters Night A Traveler*; or attempting to read it for the second time...it has a bit of a confusing beginning. ✂



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It was a thrilling and very intimidating situation. The wild black bear is usually timid and afraid of humans, unless it is surprised. This sort of encounter—one that I have been in more times than I want to admit—can go bad quickly if the bear gets scared. I let him feed out another thirty or forty yards until his rump was all I could and wanted to see, and then I let out a loud "Hey, what are you doing?" at which the bear popped his head up, dropped his rear, and took off like a train. I smiled, wiped the pouring sweat off my face, and took some time to sit and take it all in.

I have encountered close to one hundred bears in my life, blacks, browns, and grizzlies. I am no expert but speak from personal experience. The bear population is on the rise in New Hampshire, and this is causing problems for both them and us. In my concern for bears, I'd like to share with my fellow *Limrik* readers a few thoughts about how to protect humans, pets, livestock, and gardens. Also I want to protect bears and keep them wild. Probably the biggest problem is the people who think that bears are cute and therefore harmless. Often these folks have a bear visit their bird feeders and think it's a great opportunity to take photos, and then start to feed them. This is not good for bears because it conditions them to depend on humans for food. Instead of teaching their cubs to eat grass, berries, nuts, grasshoppers, fish and frogs, they find it easier to raid birdfeeders, garbage cans, dumpsters, and beekeepers' hives. (Ask Gordon Webber or Dan Valley in Antrim about their beehives destroyed by bears.)

When we feed bears, we take away their fear of humans which is their only defense against their single rival in the animal kingdom. Since there are more folks feeding bears, there are more bears being shot by hunters because bears accustomed to being around people who feed them do not fear humans they meet in the woods. Also, because of this diminishing fear, there are more bear attacks, as in Bennington recently. More bears are eating domestic animals as happened last year when my neighbor's pigs were attacked by a large bear. In addition, our gardens are being mowed through by bears, not because they do not have enough room—there is plenty of space for them in our forests—but because by feeding them we attract them. A bear that is fed becomes lazy, and when a bear that has been fed is no longer fed because people get scared or decide to just stop because the bear has become not so cute, then the bear gets mad. It not only loses its temper, but also its instincts to eat wild food. A bear that has not stored up enough food for winter, well folks, that bear will starve to death. Pregnant females may lose their cubs or even die trying to give birth. There is a saying among state Fish and Game departments: "A FED BEAR IS A DEAD BEAR."

We *Limrik* readers are just now enjoying the end of summer and beginning of fall. With autumn's cool nights and its first hard frost comes a big change for bears. They need to fatten up for their winter's sleep. They will sniff the air for your birdfeeder and an easy meal. If you want bears to live

longer and better, do them a favor and don't feed them. When they show up, yell at them, bang a pan, throw something at them, call the police or Fish and Game. Do whatever you can to scare them so they do not come back. Better yet, take your birdfeeders down. Bears that become problems for people are sometimes caught and relocated. But, they only get one chance. If they continue to be a problem, they are killed. Bears belong in the woods. Feeding bears is a death sentence for them. Many people think they are helping, but they are not. A fed bear is a dead bear. ☞

those of the past, features the Shriners Band as well as marching bands, creative floats, and local organizations. Ted says we have room for a few more floats, so if you want to show off your organization, join the parade!

Saturday will finish up with a tasty bang at Tenney Farm with a cookout and a spectacular Atlas Fireworks show. Chris and Crista Salamy have organized a bunch of events including the Pumpkin Race, the Corn-On-the-Cob eating contest, and the evening's barbeque.

Sunday finishes our festival with more giant slalom skateboard racing and the annual softball game between our Fire and Police departments.

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## LAKE HOST PROJECT

Jeanne M. Baker

The Lake Host Program is going very well in its fifth year at Gregg Lake! For those of you not familiar with this program, it was started by the New Hampshire Lakes Association and is funded, in part, by NOAA. The purpose is to educate boaters and other watercraft users about the importance of inspecting their boats, trailers, anchors/ropes, and fishing tackle for the presence of any weeds that may have come from other lakes. These “hitch hikers” have the potential to be the exotic weeds that are choking out many of our nations lakes. The Lake Hosts show the boaters how to inspect their gear and assist them in the inspection.

New Hampshire has about 900 lakes and currently there are several lakes that are infected with the exotic plants, including bodies of water that are quite close to us, Powder Mill Pond in Bennington, and Scobey Pond in Frankestown. The exotic plants create problems because they grow so fast, have no predators, and are very expensive to keep under control as there is no known way to completely eliminate them.

The Gregg Lake Association instituted the Lake Host Program in conjunction with the Antrim Recreational Department’s Celeste Lunetta. Celeste coordinates the staffing of the boat launch on Gregg Lake. She has hired the paid Lake Hosts and schedules several volunteers who supplement the paid Hosts time. There is a sign at the boat ramp announcing the Lake Host’s presence. The sign, designed by GLA’s Jeanne Baker, was expertly crafted by Ken Reed, “They did even more than we expected, the sign is just beautiful!”, announced Winslow Sawyer, a long time Gregg Lake resident and GLA Past President. The sign was jointly funded by the Gregg Lake Association and the Town of Antrim.



Volunteer Lake Hosts Jeanne Baker and Carol Carnes.

## WINNER OF THE JUNE LIMERICK CONTEST

We received a record twenty-three fine entries to our June limerick contest from: Julia Hebert, Dennis D. McKenney, Gerry Chagnon, Trish Murphy, Rich Block, Thomas Cronin, Larry Schwartz, Wayne Nichols, DeeAnn Dubois, Shelley Nelkens, and Janet Edwards. Submissions were judged on rhyme, meter, and clever content, and our judges have awarded \$50 Toadstool Bookshop gift certificates to our two winners:

He told her she’d be his June bride,  
and maybe his best friend beside,  
Then things got so rough  
When he realized their stuff  
Wouldn’t fit in their new double-wide.

—Gerry Chagnon, Antrim

He told her she’d be his June bride,  
and maybe his best friend beside.  
Then things got so rough  
that she packed up her stuff  
And eloped with the first man she spied.

—DeeAnn Dubois, Antrim

## NEW LIMERICK CONTEST

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

It set in quite early in June.  
We all thought the rain was a boon.  
But for two months it poured

✂

## HIGH STREET CELL TOWER

Agricola

On Tuesday September 8 at 7:00pm the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) will meet to grant or deny a rehearing for reconsideration of a special exception and two area variances for the proposed Personal Wireless Service Facility (New Cingular/AT&T Cell Tower) at 22 High Street, which had been previously granted by the ZBA on July 14, 2009. ✂

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SEPT

- 3 **Support for Military Families** • at The Grapevine • 6 PM
- 4-6 **Scout Troop 2 and Webelo Scouts camping weekend** • Gregg Lake
- 5 **"Touch A Truck"** • The Grapevine program at GBS parking lot • 11 AM-2 PM
- 7 **Library Closed** • Labor Day
- 8 **Zoning Board of Adjustment public meeting** • High Street Cell Tower • 7 PM
- 15 **Zoning Board of Adjustment public meeting** • Antrim Wind Energy • 7 PM
- 17 **Community Supper** • at the Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM
- 18-20 **Home & Harvest Festival** • see insert for schedule of events
- 19 **Open House** • Tuttle Library • 11 AM-3 PM
- 20 **Deadline for AES PTO Community Calendar** • contact Laurie Cass-Griggs at 588-2164
- 23 **Caregiver Support Group** • Tuttle Library • 11 AM
- 25 **Avenue A Teen Center Yard Sale**
- 26 **Daffodil Project planting day** • meet at Town Hall • 9 AM



## OCT

- 1 **Support for Military Families** • at The Grapevine • 6 PM
- 6 **"When Your Kids Push Your Buttons" sessions begin** • at The Grapevine • 6:30-8:30 PM
- 10 **Daffodil Project planting day** • meet at Town Hall • 9 AM
- 10-12 **NH Wool Arts Tour**
- 12 **Library Closed** • Columbus Day
- 12 **"Discovering Animal Signs"** • a Grapevine sponsored family hike • meet at the McCabe Forest • 6:30 PM
- 14 **Scrapbooking Workshop** • Tuttle Library • 7-9 PM
- 15 **Community Supper** • at the Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM
- 17 **People's Service Exchange** • informational meeting at The Grapevine • 10 AM
- 18 **Historical Society program "Digging into Native History in NH"** • at the Presbyterian Church • 3 PM
- 18-24 **Teen Read Week "Read Beyond Reality"** • Tuttle Library • 11 AM
- 24 **Daffodil Project planting day** • meet at Town Hall • 9 AM



## NOV

- 5 **Support for Military Families** • at The Grapevine • 6 PM
- 9 **Parenting Book Group** • discussion at The Grapevine • 7-9 PM
- 15 **Historical Society program • TBA** • 3 PM
- 19 **Community Supper** • at the Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM
- 26 **Library Closed** • Thanksgiving Day



## ✠ CHURCH NEWS ✠

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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REV. PEGGI K. BOYCE

email: [secretary@antrimfpc.org](mailto:secretary@antrimfpc.org)

**SUNDAY WORSHIP • 10:30 AM**

**Sept 15 • WIC**

**Sept 27 • Stained Glass Window Advisory Committee Meeting at 3 pm**

**Oct 3 • Blessing of the Animals** from 1-3 pm.  
Service of Remembrance for Departed Pets 3-3:30 pm

**Nov 11 • WIC**

**AA Meetings • Sunday & Monday Evenings at 7:30 pm**

### BAPTIST CHURCH

588-6614

PASTOR CHARLES V. BOUCHER

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM**

### SAINT PATRICK CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

REV. GERALD BELANGER

As of Sept 1 St Patrick's Church in will no longer be holding regular services but will be available for limited seasonal use. Masses are being offered at St Peter's Church in Peterborough. (924-7647).

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

LARRY WARREN, PREACHER

Looking for the Church of Christ? Then look no further. Our services on Sunday mornings are preceded by adult and children's Bible studies. Mid-week Bible studies for all ages are on Wednesday evenings. Look us up on the internet at [www.antrimcoc.org](http://www.antrimcoc.org) to learn a lesson or two.

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM**

**SUNDAY SERVICE 11:00 AM**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM**

**SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS 7:00 PM**

## TOMATOES GONE WILD ANTRIM'S COMMUNITY GARDENS

Connie Kirwin

Due to the monsoon in July the tomatoes have gone wild! We all planted frantically from Memorial Day thru the first week of June in order to have enough days of summer for the veggies to mature. We lugged jugs of water from home for a week hoping for rain then Marshall Gale (Antrim Fire Dept) filled the holding tank (on loan from Gordon Webber) with water. Thank you!



One morning we discovered that our squash, cucumbers, and pumpkins were plagued with hordes of weird yellow and black striped bugs. Kim Kelly brought a specimen to the senior center hoping for enlightenment from some of the more experienced gardeners in the group. Wayne Nichols made the positive id—cucumber beetle—and suggested sprinkling the leaves with wood ashes. He and Rod Zwirner supplied the ashes and every one of the gardeners faithfully dusted their squash, cucumber, and pumpkin plants.

July arrived and brought the rains which brought the mold and mildew that decimated the remains of the squash plants

after the bugs had feasted. Some had to be dug up and tossed. We prayed; we danced; we even lit candles, alas to no avail. The rains continued and the gardens continued to look sodden.

Then came August and eventually the sun. Now the gardens, especially the tomatoes, have gone wild. Some plants are over 5 feet tall, some have stalks that are 2 inches in diameter—monster tomatoes with lots of green fruit! We are picking the first cherry tomatoes, string beans and cucumbers. Everything is growing rapidly including the weeds. It has become a battle of survival between the desire to keep the gardens weed free and the desire to not get chewed alive by the mosquitoes. At this point the weeds and mosquitoes have won as we check the prevailing winds and rush to the gardens to pick what we can before the hords descend upon us.

Working the community gardens has been an interesting and rewarding experience. Most of the people who participated this year are interested in planting again next year. We'll hope for a better beginning. ✂

## GRANGE HAPPENINGS

Beth Merrill

Thanks to all who supported our 7<sup>th</sup> annual art show either by exhibiting or attending. This is a favorite event and we enjoy transforming our hall into a gallery that highlights the extraordinary talents of our local residents. Many thanks to all the Great Brook School students for their excellent exhibit, which received numerous plaudits from our viewers.

Also in June, members attended the N.H. Youth Rally in Allenstown, during which the winners of the Grange Knowledge Test were announced. Beth Merrill received first place and now has the great distinction of writing next year's test!

At the end of June it was off to Cornish Fairgrounds and the Family Camp Weekend where members had a relaxing time socializing with other Grangers and family from around the state. The Merrills trailered their horse Jewel and gave a demonstration on leadership and communication skills using Parelli Natural Horsemanship. Beth Merrill and Gloria Davis attended the New England Grange Go to Church Sunday service at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge.

In July we went to the Northeast Youth Conference in Schenectady, and enjoyed being an audience for the public speaking, sign-a-song, and impromptu speech contests. New Hampshire Grangers brought home many top honors.

In August, Beth was off to Bridgewater, MA for the Northeast Lecturer's conference where she attended workshops and assisted with the NH program. For the second time this year we hosted Hillsborough County Pomona (district) Grange with a picnic at Gregg Lake followed by a meeting at the Grange Hall.

This fall, Antrim Grange plans to participate in Home and Harvest, Eastern States Expo, and State and National conventions in Hampton Beach and Grand Rapids, Michigan, respectively. ✂



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## WEED WATCHER TRAINING AT GREGG LAKE

Jeanne M. Baker

Amy Smagula from the Department of Environmental Services came to Gregg Lake to train Antrim Residents to become Weed Watchers!

Variable milfoil, fanwort, water chestnut, purple loosestrife and common reed are blanketing water bodies throughout New Hampshire. Infestations of these plants lead to diminished wildlife habitat, decreased recreational potential, and lowered property values. Eradication of these exotics is rarely possible, and efforts are expensive and disruptive. For any invasive species, the best available strategies are prevention and early detection. Some plants grow up to an inch a day. If new infestations are caught early, low-tech methods like hand pulling can keep them under control and prevent a whole-lake infestation.

Anyone can become a Weed Watcher: lake residents, retirement groups, youth groups, fishing enthusiasts, and many others. Local volunteers are the best line of defense because they are often the most familiar with the water bodies they choose to monitor, allowing them to notice even a subtle change in plant growth.

Weed watching usually takes place once a month from late May through August. Volunteers were instructed on how to conduct a weed survey, what to look for, and who to contact if there is a problem.

Volunteers also received information on the program and details on the most threatening invasive species. Included is a plant identification key for common plants on our NH water bodies.

As a result of the Weed Watcher training and the subsequent "Mapping of the lake", Joan Gorga discovered a small patch of Purple Loosestrife growing at the edge of the water at Camp Chenoa. Joan notified Jeanne Baker and Carol Carnes who went over to the area, pinpointed the location, took photos, and notified Camp Chenoa. They asked for permission to remove the plants and in short order they were removed while still small. This quick action prevented the plant from getting a larger foothold and possibly crowding out native species.

There is no cost to the volunteer. This training was sponsored by the Antrim Recreation Department. For more information, call Celeste at 588-3121. 



## RICKY THE PIZZA SLICE

Agricola

It's not often that I find myself honking at a slice of pizza waving at my car, but that's what has been happening in downtown Antrim. Curious, I gave Rick Davis of Rick and Diane's Pizza a call.

It seems that last March Rick and his son and partner Nick attended the "National Pizza Expo" in Las Vegas where they not only learned some new ideas about pizza making, but also came up with a unique promotional idea in the form of "Ricky the Pizza Slice" that has been turning heads on Main Street since June. Ricky is a six-foot pizza slice manned by Antrim's Gabe Sawich who reports that he is having a lot of fun being a slice of pizza, especially when he and Rick take their act to birthday parties and local elementary schools. "The Bennington school kids had a blast learning to throw "hand tossed pizza" with our rubber throw-doughs.

So, remember to give Ricky the Pizza Slice a honk as you drive by, and stop in for a real pizza.



### PROGRESS

Shelley Nelkens

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## ANTRIM RECREATION

Celeste Lunetta

Antrim Recreation is glad to be wrapping up an eventful summer.

**Summer Day Camp programs** based at the Rec Department served more than 40 families through the summer, and participants had many excellent experiences and discoveries.

Collaboration between the Tuttle Library and the recreation department brought the **Little Red Wagon Theatre** to town, delighting children and adults alike with their production of *A Midsummer Nights Dream*. A big thank you to our major business sponsor for this event, Webber Masonry.

**The Lake Host program at Gregg Lake** continues to provide education and protection to the Lake. Special thanks to several new Lake Host volunteers: Stephen and Marcia Ullman, Martha Osler; Earle and Jeanne Shumway; and to our returning Lake Hosts: Jane Bogrette, Ann Hoehn, Jeanne Baker, Carol Carnes, Winn and Gloria Sawyer and Ken Akins. Thank you so much! If you do not know about the LakeHost program, you can learn more at [nhlakes.org](http://nhlakes.org).

**Antrim in the Evening had a good season**, thanks to the major business sponsor this year, Robblee Tree Service and to Antrim Friends of Recreation, another major sponsor. Other sponsors were the NH State Council on the Arts, the New England States Touring Program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, The Grapevine, Crotched Mountain Foundation, The Limrik, RLB Graphics, and the Gregg Lake Association.

**Upcoming programs are fall youth soccer, after school karate, Archery, and Movies at the Town Hall.** Information about all of these programs can be found at the Town Hall, as well as on the town website. You can call the Recreation Office at anytime, 588-3121, and leave us your name and number and question, we will give you call!

### MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER.

All movies are free. Movies are projected on a very large (10x14 foot) screen in the Town Hall. When available, movies are presented in surround sound. Light concessions are often available. Here are the show times, and some of the films we are showing. The general schedule is the first and third weeks of each month, unless there is a holiday. Movies will be shown at 6:30 pm on Thursdays, 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm on Fridays, and 3:00 pm on Saturdays. Here are specific shows for September. October movie selections will be available by the 2nd week of September.

- Thursday September 17, 6:30 pm **Second Hand Lions**
- Fri Sept 18, 1:00 pm- TBA; 7:00 pm **State of Play**;  
9:00 pm: **XMen Origins**
- Sat Sept 19-3:00 **Earth**.

Show times for October and November are: Thursday October 1, 7:00 pm; Friday October 2, 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 9:15 pm; Saturday October 3, 3:00 pm.; Thursday October 15,

6:30, Friday October 16, 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 9:15 pm, Saturday October 17, 3:00 pm. Thursday November 5, 7:00 pm; Friday November 6, 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 9:15 pm. Saturday November 7, 3:00 pm. Thursday November 19, 6:30 pm; Friday November 20, 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:15 pm, Saturday November 21, 3:00 pm.

**Family Fun Nights** start on Friday October 2nd from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Town Gym. Join us the first Friday of each month for organized crafts, open gym, Dance Dance Revolution, Ping-Pong, and more.

**Antrim Youth Basketball Signups** start in early October, registrations are due before Friday October 30th. The basketball season starts in November for kids in 5th grade and older, and in December for our other divisions. Some of the youngest groups start after the holidays, in January. We ask that all registrations are made in October, so that we can be well organized.

**Family Halloween Party** will be held during the week before Halloween. Please contact the Friends of Recreation if you wish to help organize this annual event.

**Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Gathering**, organized by the Antrim Friends of Recreation, will be held on Sunday December 6th in the late afternoon. Save the date for this annual community gathering.

**Antrim Recreation Ski and Ride Club:** Registration for Club Passes are due, paid in full, before October 9th. Passes are on sale now. Check out our club webpage located at [www.crotchedmountain.com/antrimrecreation.html](http://www.crotchedmountain.com/antrimrecreation.html). Payment plans can be arranged for individuals who register with us before Monday Friday September 5. We plan group trips to Mt. Snow, Granite Gorge, and more.

**Several bus trips are being planned.** Details are available by calling the recreation office, looking online at the website, or by picking up a flyer at the Library, Senior Center, Town Hall, or Recreation Office. Trips are being planned for Boston, to see Stomp, as well as some Broadway Shows, and for a day to just visit the city. Trips will be scheduled to the Concord Capital Center for the Arts, as well as to the Dana Center.

Finally, we are beginning to wrap up our budgeting plans for the 2010 FY. Please be sure to let us know what you want to see from your recreation department. We are open to feedback, and would appreciate input from the community on what initiatives you would like to see in program development, facilities and more. We are in the office regularly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, as well as by appointment at many other times. Call us at 588-3121, and be sure to leave a message, with your phone number, if we do not pick up. Also, we have email at [antrimrecreation@tds.net](mailto:antrimrecreation@tds.net). The Antrim Parks and Recreation Commission meets on the second Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm, at the Recreation Office. The Antrim Friends of Recreation meets regularly as well. Consider joining us in our endeavors! ☺

## BOY SCOUTING

Brian Beihl

### CUB SCOUTS BEGIN NEW YEAR—TIME TO JOIN UP

September is traditionally the beginning of the new Scouting year. Parents who missed the sign up in June can still register their sons in the first meetings of the year. Prospective Scouts do not need to have completed an earlier rank; they may join at any time during the program. For information on any of the programs, please contact Pack 2 Committee Chairman Tammie Blanchette at 588-2594 or 562-5170.

#### **Tiger Cub Scouts** — Age 7 or First Grade

Meet at the American Legion, West Street, Thursday at 5:30 p.m., beginning Sept. 3

#### **Wolf Cub Scouts** — Second Grade

Meet at the American Legion, West Street, Monday at 5:30 p.m., beginning August 31.

#### **Bear Cub Scouts** — Third Grade

Meet at the American Legion, West Street, Wednesday at 5:30, beginning Sept. 2

#### **Webelos Scouts** — Fourth and Fifth Grade

Meet at the American Legion, West Street, Monday at 7 p.m., beginning August 31.

### WEBELOS JOIN BOY SCOUTS FOR CAMPING SEPTEMBER 4, 5 & 6

Boy Scout Troop 2 has invited the Webelos Scouts to camp at the troop's campsite at the far end of Gregg Lake the first weekend in September. The younger Scouts will be paired up with older Boy Scouts to learn new Scout skills and experience rustic camping for the first time. Webelos must be registered to take part in the campout.

### CUB SCOUT POPCORN SALE BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

The annual Scout popcorn sale is the primary fundraiser to support Cub Scout programs in Antrim & Bennington. Popcorn makes a great holiday gift, so don't miss an opportunity to help out the Scouting program in your community.

### BOY SCOUT TROOP 2 RETURN FROM SUMMER CAMP

With the help of the community, 10 Troop 2 Scouts attended camp this summer in Gilmanton Iron Works, in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. The boys earned a total of

38 merit badges, including small boat sailing, rifle, archery, geology, mammal study, leather work, swimming, lifesaving and others. Two Troop 2 Scouts were on staff at Hidden Valley, including Ethan Beihl and Christopher Brinkley.

### FALL ACTIVITIES

Scouts will hit the ground running this year, starting the first weekend in September with a camping trip, then participating in the Home & Harvest Festival, Mt. Monadnock District Fall Camporee, a camping trip to Hoge Base in Walpole, the annual Scouting for Food Program in November, then the annual wreath sale fundraiser in November and December.

### JOINING BOY SCOUTS

Troop 2 anticipates a growth year in 2009/10. Two recent additions, Aaron and Merrick Chase, will be joined by a large group of Pack 2 Webelos coming over to Boy Scouts next spring. This gives Troop 2 the highest numbers in at least 20 years. If you would like your son to join this active troop and embark on a fun and character-building Scouting career, call Scoutmaster Brian Beihl for more information at 588-3014. First regular meeting of the fall begins Wednesday, Aug. 26, 6:30 pm at the American Legion on West Street. ☞

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### HOME & HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND

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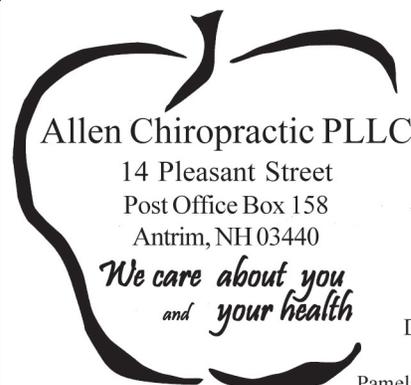
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## TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

Melissa Lawless, Kristin Readel, Kathy Chisholm

### PROGRAMS

- September • Library Card Sign-Up Month
- September 19 • Home & Harvest Day • Open House 11:00am-3:00 pm
- September 23 • Caregiver Support Group 11:00 am
- September 26th–October 3 • Banned Book Week
- October 14 • Scrapbooking Workshop with Laurie Cass-Griggs 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
- October (TBA) • Preparing for Winter: Home Winterizing-Weatherproofing Forum featuring Rick Edmunds of Edmunds Hardware and local energy specialists
- October 18–24 Teen Read Week: “Read Beyond Reality”
- November 20 • Movie release of New Moon (look for final arrangements for bus trip to the Peterborough Community Theater)

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM UPDATE

Our children’s program, “Summertime and the Reading is Easy” was very successful this year with fun and an “easy-going” series of activities. Teacher Maryanne Cullinan kicked off our story time with wild stories about some pretty crazy chickens. To add to the excitement, Ms. Cullinan brought two of her chickens with her. (Chickens at the Library?? Oh my!) The following week Carol Storro made “flower fairies” with the children and her husband, local police officer Ryan Storro, stopped by to read. With the statistics all added up we had more than 50 readers and 110 books were read. Many thanks go to Antrim Elementary School Librarian Ginny Mierens who graciously loaned a special collection of their books to us for the summer.

### LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

September is Library Card Sign-up Month—a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. Stop by the

library at any time to sign your family up.

Simply bring a proof of residency, such as a driver’s license or a utility bill or anything with your address on it. Children must have a parent or legal guardian sign their application card.

### GUIDING YOUR CHILD THROUGH THE RESEARCH PROCESS

We would like to invite parents of school-age children to visit the library early on in the school year to help their students become acquainted with using a public library. It is much easier for a child to transition into the research process without the pressure of doing a paper for the first time. Children need to have the opportunity to become familiar with our Juvenile Non-Fiction section including Biographies, and our Reference Section especially encyclopedias and atlases. To be truly successful in beginning a research project, we would encourage parents to allot 45 minutes to an hour of research time at the library before bringing the information home to start the paper. If time is short, be sure to call ahead so that we might get started gathering materials for your child.

### CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Our first meeting of the Caregiver Support Group will be Wednesday, September 23 at 11:00 am. We will be meeting with facilitator Madelyn Klose to plan and create a regular schedule which might be convenient for those who help provide care for their loved ones. A number of people have expressed an interest in this group; we are hoping that this will be a gratifying experience to share what each person knows and to support one another through a challenging period in life. At the very least, we hope it will be a special time for caregivers and an opportunity for a well deserved break.

### SCRAPBOOKING WORKSHOP

Join us for a night of Scrapbooking and fun with Antrim’s Laurie Cass-Griggs on October 14 from 7-9:00 pm. There will be instruction as well as hands on layout creating and a make-and-take project. If possible, please bring along three or four photos, a pair of scissors, some type of adhesive (a glue stick works well), any scrapbook paper or cardstock that you want to use. (Some will be provided at the event if you

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don't have any.) Come learn to preserve your family's memories or just enjoy expressing your creative side through this fun medium! Free to the community; please call the Tuttle Library to reserve your spot at 588-6786.

### HOME WINTERIZING AND WEATHERPROOFING FORUM

The Library is currently organizing a forum on the latest techniques for winterizing and weatherproofing your home. Rick Edmunds of Edmunds Hardware has agreed to help us host this event. We are looking for local energy specialists to assist with this project. Tentative plans are being made for October; anyone who is interested in participating may call Kathy Chisholm at 588-6786 during library hours.

### TEEN READ WEEK: "READ BEYOND REALITY"

Area teens will be reading for the fun of it as the Tuttle Library celebrates Teen Read Week, October 18–24. They join thousands of other libraries, schools, and bookstores across the country who are encouraging teens to celebrate this year's theme, "Read Beyond Reality @ your library." Today's teens seem to have less and less free time, and there are increasingly more activities to take part in during what little leisure time they have. That is why the Tuttle Library staff and the American Library Association feel it is important to encourage teens to set aside some time to read.

### AUTHOR FOCUS

#### FRANK MCCOURT

One of seven children born to Irish immigrant parents, Frank McCourt was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1930. Desperate to find work during the Great Depression, McCourt's family returned to Limerick, Ireland where they sank further into poverty. His father eventually left to find work in Liverpool, England with the intent of sending money back home to support the family. Frank's mother, Angela, was left to raise her children on her own in squalor, while anxiously awaiting support money that never appeared.

Frank McCourt's articulate writings portray the plight typical of many impoverished Irish citizens during the 20th century, both at home in Ireland and as they journeyed to America with the hope of making a new life for themselves. Depictions of

poverty, alcoholism, infant death, disease, and struggles for adequate education are powerfully laced with humor and the will to survive in a seemingly impossible world.

This year on the 19th of July, Frank McCourt died at a hospice in Manhattan following home chemotherapy for melanoma. He was 79 years old.

A memoir, McCourt's book *Angela's Ashes* (1996) won the Pulitzer Prize (1997) and the National Book Critics Circle Award. His sequel, entitled *'Tis*, picks up the narrative of his life after immigrating back to America in the 1940's. Wonderfully entertaining, *Teacher Man* chronicles with humor his years of teaching both eager and difficult students in New York City; a must read for anyone who has had the privilege and challenge of teaching high school and college students.

### WILLIAM G. TAPPLY

William G. Tapply, a resident of Hancock, NH and author of approximately 40 books, died on July 28th from leukemia. More than half of his novels were mysteries based in New England, several of which were a team effort with another famed mystery writer, the late Philip R. Craig who died in 2007. Tapply had a huge following among Tuttle Library mystery fans; he and his wife, author Vicki Stiefel, had eagerly agreed to do an author visit with us in October 2008 which was featured in an article in the December 2008 *Limrik*. ☞

### ANTRIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO COMMUNITY CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

By Laurie Cass-Griggs

The Antrim Elementary School PTO is pleased to be sponsoring the Community Calendar fundraiser for 2010, our 11th consecutive year. The calendar will include Recreation and Grapevine event listings, making it a valuable resource to the community. This fundraiser, which was a huge success last year, supported a variety of educational projects and programs at AES.

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

Order forms are available at Rick and Diane's, the Tuttle Library, and the Antrim Town Hall. If you prefer to receive an order form in the mail, or have any questions, call calendar chairperson, Laurie Cass-Griggs, at 588-2164. Orders will be taken until September 20, 2009. ☞

### NHLTA MEMBER

Connie Kirwin was elected to the board of the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association at their Aug 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. She was a Trustee of the James A. Tuttle Library for 15 years. During her tenure she worked on the building expansion project and on establishing policies and procedures, staff job descriptions and evaluations, library policy manual, library personnel manual, and trustee bylaws. For many years she held the positions of Chair and Secretary of the board. ☞

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## AES AND GBS

G. Bruce West, Principal

For this issue of the Limrik, I want to introduce our new staff at AES and GBS, give you details of “Response to Intervention,” an initiative that will be introduced in both of our schools this fall, and finally explain the work of the new campus Visioning Committee.

One of the most exciting things about each new year is the opportunity for teachers to meet new students and for students to meet new teachers. This year both our schools will have new staff, and in two cases the new staff will be coming from the other side of the campus. Changes at GBS include: **Kathleen Bigford** will be moving from ELP teacher to 5<sup>th</sup> grade team as Ms. Kenney has retired; **Roberta Double** will move from 8<sup>th</sup> grade math to 8<sup>th</sup> grade special education and one section of 8<sup>th</sup> grade math; **Sue Ketchum** will become our new 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher as Ms. Pietrovito has retired. **Alison Bell** will teach 8<sup>th</sup> grade math. She comes to us from PES where she ran the SKIP program for the past three years. Prior to that, Ms. Bell taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade math and science in New York. **Liz Darling** will be joining our 8<sup>th</sup> grade team teaching language arts. She completed her certification at the University of Rhode Island and is eager to begin her career at ConVal.

At AES our changes: **Liz Lawler** who last year taught one of our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes at AES while Maryanne Cullinan was on leave, is back as one of our kindergarten teachers and will be

teaching Title I classes in the afternoon. **Jenn Sutton**, who taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade last year at HES, will be joining us at AES as a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher. **Amy Janoch**, who last year taught eighth grade special education at GBS will be coming to teach Title I classes. **Terri Sittig**, who has served as a special educator at GBS, will now serve as a reading specialist which will be an additional support for our early readers and a bridge between the schools. Finally, **Maryanne Cullinan**, who taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at AES during the '07–08 school year and was on leave last year, will be joining us as our Extended Learning teacher. She will be offering courses including Birding, Newspaper/ Magazine, Script Writing, Theater Production, Public Speaking and Improv, Mentoring/Big Siblings, Applied Math, and Costume Design.

### “RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION”

“Response to Intervention” is a “best practice” that we have been preparing to implement throughout the spring. The district is looking to meet the needs of our students with a model that provides high quality instruction/intervention matched to student needs. We will assess our students’ progress using “learning rate over time” (a student’s individual growth) as well as “level of performance” (a student’s relative standing compared to expected performance) to make important educational decisions. This instructional model is based on educational research and rooted in the belief that all children can learn.

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**What does this mean for my student?** We have spent time this spring looking at our students' assessments—NECAP, NWEA, DIBELS and classroom performance—to identify those students who are not proficient in math and reading. We have designed a schedule to address weaknesses so that each student can make progress toward proficiency. We have created intervention blocks that provide us time to work with the students who need support in addition to their core class time. At AES, there will a thirty-minute intervention block each day, and students at GBS will receive fifty minutes. Most importantly, we will measure the progress of our students and adjust our instruction accordingly. It is important to note that our new math programs have much of this material built into the curriculum and parents will be able to access the enVision math curriculum on-line.

**VISION COMMITTEE WORK FOR THE CAMPUS**

A committee of fifteen volunteers including staff, parents and school board members spent two Saturdays this spring beginning the work of creating a campus vision. During our work we addressed such questions as: “Your schools are recognized for quality. What makes your program special?” “What can be done to improve the programs so that all K-8 children in both schools are being appropriately supported and served?” “What improvements need to be made at the school (teacher level), administrator, district, and community levels?” “What could be available three to five years from now with appropriate resources and support?” The committee’s responses to these questions are in a report discussed at the School Board meeting August 11, 2009. Here are some highlights: it became evident that two parallel courses of action are necessary in the Vision Committee to move forward and that these should happen simultaneously. One course is to examine internal needs and concerns and the second to focus on more long term possibilities.

**INTERNAL NEEDS**

(not in priority order)

- What can be done to facilitate the administrative structure so that it functions more effectively?
- Scheduling issues exist as the schools are on different schedules which restricts the sharing of staff between the two buildings
- Special education: We must make sure that there is consistency of process and implementation on the campus and that we maximize resources
- Coordination of Guidance Services: How do we best create a continuum of services that makes the transition to GBS more natural
- Provide a consistent approach to student behavior management: GBS is implementing PBIS this fall and this will improve the management issues on the campus
- Parent involvement is obviously a major component of any vision work. The new PTO at GBS has been identified as a successful undertaking and more could be accomplished

by the creation of a collaborative with the AES PTO. Volunteerism is tied to this and is recognized as a strength of the schools. We are interested in expanding its capacity

**LONG-TERM CONSIDERATIONS**

(not in priority order)

- Creating a vision for the two schools: It should look at purpose: what drives us, what are our passions; it should address how the two schools can work more collaboratively to support the needs of all children; how continuous progress would be a focus; how community outreach is significantly important in all that we do; how student performance guides our efforts.
- Long-term goals: The committee should begin looking at where we would like to be three to five years from now, and what we need to begin doing now to achieve those goals.
- Curriculum needs: There is a need for consistency and coordination and this should be a focus of our work
- Instruction: Does it incorporate best practices? Does professional development align with and support it? Does it provide for the wide range of needs of all children? Are children encouraged to reach and stretch?

The Vision Committee identified the need for a campus Leadership Committee composed of representative teachers, parents, administrators and other appropriate individuals who would meet regularly to address issues, have the ability to recommend changes based on district/school goals/mission, and are financially backed and supported/sustained.

We are looking forward to an exciting year, and we will update you on our progress on these and other changes in the next issue of the *Limrik*. 

**HELP WANTED**

Peter Moore, Town Planner

Antrim is a great town! We are fortunate to be surrounded by mountains, lakes, woods and other beautiful spaces. Our maturing downtown area, commercial zones along routes 9 and 202, as well as growing sub-divisions, offer opportunities for moderate, well-planned growth leading to business and residential benefits. As much as we cherish our quiet small-town atmosphere, Antrim is evolving, and change is not a matter of if, but when and how.

As a resident you can influence Antrim’s future by supporting local candidates, attending Town Meeting, getting involved in your neighborhood, and joining local organizations such as Antrim Fire & Rescue, the Grapevine, and Antrim Recreation.

More profoundly you can help shape Antrim’s future by taking a seat on the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment. These boards need energetic and enthusiastic members, first as an “alternate” when you learn the board’s goals and regulations, and then as an official sitting member.

I would be happy to answer your questions, and you won’t be committed by asking. We need your help. Your town’s future depends on it. Call Peter Moore, Town Planner at 588-6785 ext 246. Let’s talk. 

## TEEN CENTER

David Kirkpatrick

Well, it's back to school already, and for most of us it seems like the Summer was much too short this year. The combination of the makeup snow days and all that rain put a dent in some of our planned outdoor activities, but there was a lot going on at Avenue A over the summer, both inside and out.

When the weather was fair we took advantage of it as often as possible and got outside. Some kids went sailing on Gregg Lake and got some informal lessons with the Antrim Yacht Club. Occasional afternoons in the park offered things like frisbee, bocce, jump ropes and skateboarding for a nice change of pace. Cookouts were a regular part of most outdoor events, and will likely continue well into the fall. On the inside, there were karaoke sing-a-longs and music jam sessions, model rocket and skateboard building workshops, pool tournaments, dinners, and a video production workshop that will precede a short film contest in the future.

By far the most exciting activity has been the Sunday Skate sessions. In addition to just cruising and bombing our lovely New Hampshire hills, the Avenue A Skate Team (still searching for an official name) has been learning and practicing Slalom Skateboard Racing. They are getting really good at it! Several Teens from Antrim even traveled out of state to compete in races with some of the best skaters in the world. The pro skaters have been coming up regularly to the Sunday Skates to teach, help out, and build interest and awareness of the sport. Avenue A worked with the Antrim Recreation Department to host two slalom racing clinic/races on Summer Street in Antrim. These were not only fun for the teens, but offered younger and older kids from Antrim and surrounding towns a chance to have some fun.

On that note, several teens from Antrim and Bennington will be racing for real in the Can/AM International Slalom Race held during the Home and Harvest Festival on September 18-20. Look for them and cheer them on as they speed by! A sponsorship to cover entry fees for one racer has generously been offered by Brian Murphy, owner of Munsonville Clayworks. We hope to get another sponsor or two on board to make sure those who want to compete are able.

The Teen Action Committee was also busy over the Summer and has several new members. The teens have been in-

creasingly active in the decision-making process, and are rolling up their sleeves to make things happen. In addition to planning social activities, they put on a 50/50 raffle, a car wash fundraiser, sold burgers and dogs, and went out collecting sign-ups for the Shaw's Rewards program. Shaw's Rewards allows a portion of your spending at Shaw's Market to go to support Avenue A when you sign up as a supporter. Upcoming efforts include a Yard Sale to be held Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> (indoors, rain or shine) and selling concessions during the Bravest vs. Finest baseball game on Sunday, September 20.

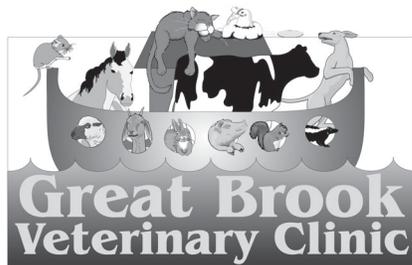
Many thanks to the local businesses who helped us with fundraising this time around: Antrim Marketplace, Edmunds Ace Hardware, T-Bird, Shaw's Market, The Sausage Source, and Roy's Market. Thanks also to all of our adult volunteers, most notably Victoria Barrett who seems to somehow get roped into most everything, and who gives us a push here and there when we need it. The Teen Center exists for and because of our community, and your support is greatly appreciated.

By the time you read this Avenue A Teen Center will have new hours in place for the school year, but as of this writing times and days are still to be determined. The Summer schedule included a couple of late nights, which went rather well. Setting hours is always a bit of an experiment, and input from the community is always helpful. To see the current schedule anytime or to make a suggestion just visit the website, [www.avenueatc.com](http://www.avenueatc.com). 

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## ALBERTO'S RESTAURANT

Agricola

*Ordinarily the Limrik writes only about Antrim and its institutions and activities, but because Alberto's restaurant in Bennington has been feeding happy Antrim families for nearly sixty-five years, we decided to add this conversation with Joe Cuddemi to the other restaurant articles in this issue.*

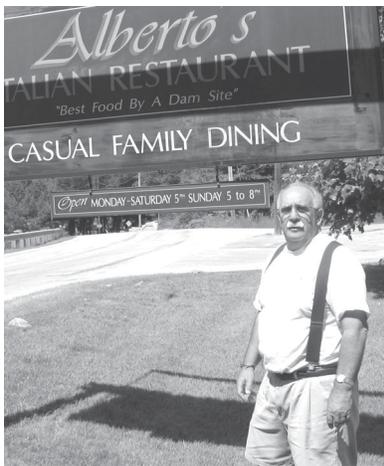
—Editor

When we moved to Antrim in 1964 Alberto's was the only restaurant we went to. Our two children—four and five years old—loved meals there because while we waited for our manicotti they could run up and down the big porch and sneak over to the dam to throw stones into the Contoocook. We didn't realize at the time that Alberto's was already twenty years old.

Now about to enter its sixty-fifth year, Alberto's has become a venerated local establishment to which families return week after week, year after year. In mid August we sat down with owner Joe Cuddemi to learn something of its history.

In 1945 just after WWII Joe's father Albert Cuddemi opened his Bennington restaurant serving the food he grew up with in Boston's Italian North End. Some of the recipes he created in those early days are still on the menu, although Denise Boilard—the chef for the past twenty years—has added many new dishes including soups and chowders and daily specials. Joe took over the restaurant in 1983 and his father retired in 1987.

Joe says he has continued his father's emphasis on serving local families "good food for reasonable prices and excellent service." Speaking of the service, several of the waitresses (to be politically correct we should say "waitpersons," but as they are all women we'll stick with Joe's word) have been there fifteen to twenty-five years, something regular diners enjoy. Families with children



like the "Kids Menu" with complete meals at \$5.99. The regular menu includes steaks, seafood, pizza, pastas, sandwiches and Italian dishes.

Alberto's has grown in steps, in 1972 adding the Barn Board Room seating sixty-five people, and in 1988 opening the outdoor deck and "Pop's Lounge" where diners can watch sports on TV.

The recession has cut into Alberto's business, but Joe believes that because he has kept his prices down for what is "basically a family operation," his regular customers stretch their budgets to come back regularly for their favorite Italian meals. (Hours: Monday-Saturday 5-9pm; Sunday 5-8pm. 588-6512.)

## LIBRARY INVITES SENIORS TO DISPLAY ART WORKS

Sandy Snow

A new dimension has been added to the already extensive offerings at the Tuttle Library. It is a display of artwork created by area senior citizens. The Senior Creative Arts Challenge, organized by Assistant Librarian Melissa Lawless features some extraordinary artistic efforts by residents and others from nearby towns.

Initially there were perhaps a half-dozen people who entered their art, and that inspired more people to drop off their own work. As of August 10, there were more than 20 entrants, and we expect that number to grow.

Here are some examples of the entries on display: pastels, water colors, oils, hand-painted Toleware; woodwork such as scrollwork clocks and wood carvings; quilting, embroidery and crocheting; line drawing; cross stitch and needle point; poetry; bead work, photography, and pottery.

Some people tend to think that senior citizens just sit around watching television or reading. But the display of artwork at the library shows the vibrancy and talent of our seniors. These are active people with something to say through their art. So, if you are a senior and have work you would like to show others, drop by the library and let us see what you have done.

Melissa reports that the display was planned to end at the close of August, but now she is considering keeping it open well into September.

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## THE GRAPEVINE

Kristen Vance

*Times are tough all over, and The Grapevine has not escaped the effects of the recession. The two grants The Grapevine receives from the State of NH have been cut by a total of \$15,000, and in response there are several measures we are implementing or considering to both reduce expenses and increase revenues. Under consideration are increases in the sliding scale fees for the weekly Better Beginnings parent-child programs (currently \$1-12 per week depending on income—families who cannot afford to pay are always welcome) and membership fees for the People's Service Exchange. We will also begin our annual appeal campaign a bit earlier this year, with letters going out by October 1<sup>st</sup>. We ask that people donate as generously as they can in this difficult economy. If you don't want to wait for your letter, you can mail your tax deductible gift anytime to The Grapevine at PO Box 637, Antrim 03440.*

*We are also seeking board members with fundraising experience, as well as those who may be "green" but are enthusiastic and ready to get involved.*

### NO AUCTION THIS YEAR...

### BUT YOU CAN "TOUCH A TRUCK" SEPTEMBER 5!

It wasn't an easy decision to make, but there will be no Grapevine Auction this year. According to fund raising experts, the auction should have been a good fund raiser for only 3 to 5 years, but instead it went 9 years thanks to the hard work of volunteers and the support of some dedicated friends (most notably Paul and Michelle Dugre, who arrived a little late last year on their Harleys to the cheers of the bidders, volunteers and the auctioneer). A huge and heartfelt *Thank You* to Marcia Leizure of Withington Auction, who donated her time and expertise over the years to auctioneer the event.

In place of the auction is a new and exciting event known as Touch-A-Truck, which gives young children (and their parents) the opportunity to see up close and personal many of the vehicles that intrigue and amaze: a dump truck, police cruiser, front end loader, heating oil truck, school bus, fire truck, the ever-popular Ice Cream Truck, and many more! The event will take place Saturday, September 5—rain or shine—from 11 am–2 pm in the Great Brook School parking lot in Antrim. Children's activities, lunch concessions and other attractions will be on hand. So bring your children, your grandchildren, or your neighbor's children to enjoy this event and support The Grapevine!

**The Second Annual Avenue A Fall Yard Sale** will take place September 25, giving those who miss the auction an opportunity to find great deals on good stuff while supporting Antrim's teen center. Donations are still being accepted, please call Dave Kirkpatrick at 588-3334.

### **When Your Kids Push Your Buttons begins October 6**

At times our children do things that "send us through the roof." It's during times like these that it would be helpful to

look at our expectations of our children, our assumptions about their behavior, and also at our beliefs about what they are doing. Just seeing what is really happening can change your perception enough to shift into a place of responding rather than reacting. Eight (8) Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30, starting Oct 6th. Please call Beth at The Grapevine for information about childcare and sliding scale fee.

**Apply for Financial Assistance at The Grapevine** and avoid trips to NH Department of Health and Human Services office in Keene. If you're not sure whether you are eligible for assistance from the State of NH—including food stamps, medical assistance, Healthy Kids Insurance and cash benefits—trained Grapevine staff can help you determine your eligibility and then help you apply. Call 588-2620 for an appointment.

**Support for Military Families** The NH National Guard and the Vet Center meets on the first Thursday of the month at 6 pm—new families welcome. Call for more information.

### WEEKLY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 8

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 9-12—**The Learning Vine** preschool

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**Better Beginnings for Babies—New Group Forming!**—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. Discussions facilitated by early childhood educator Beth Bradford include infant development, nutrition, crying (and what to do!) sleep (baby and parents), and others of interest.

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

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## SECOND MONDAYS WORKSHOPS

**October 12** "Discovering Animal Signs," a family hike in McCabe Forest. Meet in the McCabe Forest parking lot at 6:30 pm.

**November 9, 7-9 pm—Parenting Book Group**—Do you have kids and do you love to read and discuss books? Join us for our first "Parenting Book Group" discussion. The book to read is *Growing a Girl: Seven Strategies for Raising a Strong, Spirited Daughter*, by Dr. Barbara Mackoff. The strategies offer specific ideas for parents and encourage personal reflection on the part of the reader.

Ask your librarian to inter-library loan the book for you, or purchase it at The Toadstool. Call to sign up—minimum 4 participants for a good discussion. No childcare available due to the late hour, but refreshments will be provided.

**Wood Bank—Help Wanted!** We have a huge pile of wood, donated primarily by Doug Vassal of Antrim, and the Coffins and Hochs of Hancock, and we're looking for fresh volunteers to work with our committed regulars to cut, split and stack. Experience is great, but not necessary. Trucks, chainsaws (with operators) and splitters always welcome. Please call 588-2620 and give us your number so that we can contact you for the next "wood party." Many thanks to Robblee's Tree Service, the Hardwicks, Gene Willett and Roland Lemire for pledging a cord or more of cut-split-delivered firewood. We're expecting a lot of requests this year—all donations are greatly appreciated and tax deductible.

## 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.

State Assistance applications through "NH Easy" at The Grapevine—food stamps, Healthy Kids, cash benefits and other assistance for eligible people.

Community Wood Bank

Heating Fuel & Electric Assistance applications beginning in November—call 924-2243 or 1-877-757-7048 for an appointment.

Child & Family Counseling provided by Monadnock Family Services.

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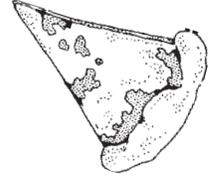
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