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THE MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY

Dick Winslow

*He does it right and does it good,
'tis said of Christie Ellinwood*

As Superintendent of Antrim's Maplewood Cemetery, Christie Ellinwood presides over a beautiful piece of landscaping, some twelve acres draped gracefully across a variety of gentle up and down hills and flat areas, lined with dozens of stately maple trees. It is viewer-friendly, with two entrance gates off Route 202 North, each leading onto drives and walk paths around and through the grounds. Some of its most fetching areas are in the rear where the land slopes down toward woods and an idyllic little pond. You wouldn't have to be a cemetery buff to enjoy a visit.

Maplewood is the largest of Antrim's five burying grounds and is one of just two still functional (the other being at the North Branch) as well as the only

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Scott R. Lester, Chief

At the 2009 Town Meeting a warrant article was presented and approved to allow the expenditure of \$12,500.00 for the research and development of design plans for a new police station. A committee of interested citizens formed and researched proposed new construction vs. renovation to an existing structure as well as size and location for a new station. In a final report presented to the selectman in August 2009, they concluded that the Mill Building (Old Chicago Cutlery Factory) on Main Street would be a suitable location and was their number one choice.

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ANTRIM'S 7TH ANNUAL HOME & HARVEST FESTIVAL

September 17-19 "NOTHING LIKE IT!"

Rick Davis

It's hard to believe we're coming up on seven years of Antrim's biggest weekend of the year. The highlight is always our huge parade. I have always been on my float throwing pizza dough—it's a rush of excitement to see hundreds of our locals cheering us on. We have openings for more floats, so get creative and go for the first place trophy given in three different categories.

We expect more than 70 professional slalom skateboard racers from Canada, the United States, and beyond. Watching those pros skate in and out of the cones at breakneck speed is exciting.

There is a new event for teens this year, a concert Friday night by the Ghost Dinner Band from 7-11 p.m. Saturday fun and games, which are free, features a new Water Wars game as well as many different bouncy houses for the kids. Home & Harvest always finishes up Saturday with a cookout and a big bang from Atlas Fireworks. We have a new Home & Harvest T-Shirt on sale at Rick & Diane's, Laconia Savings Bank, and Tenney Farm.

The festival is such a big undertaking that I can't thank all the volunteers enough, especially our committee: Ted Brown, Brian Beihl, Donna & Mark Lyon, Jonas Taub, Krista Salamy, Ron Haggert, and Rick Wood. Without these great volunteers it wouldn't happen.

Come and experience Home & Harvest—"Nothing Like It!"

2010 ANTRIM CAN/AM SKATEBOARD SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Brian Beihl Antrim and the Can/Am Slalom Championship Committee

They come in all shapes and sizes. They're doctors, computer geeks, salvage divers, and engineers. They come from Canada, England, and all over the United States. And they skate fast. REALLY fast!

The 2010 Antrim Can/Am Slalom Championships return to Antrim during the Home & Harvest Festival, September 17-19. Coming back this year are former Antrim Can/Am Champion Seb Leger of Quebec, and 2009 and 2010 World Women's Champion Lyn Kramer from California.

Friday, 9/17: Gather on Summer Street to watch qualification Friday afternoon, followed by the just-for-fun "Glow Cone" race at 7 p.m. near the tennis courts at Memorial Park. Remember that the skaters meet at 6 p.m. in the



Presbyterian Church vestry for pizza, salad, and drinks. You can join them:

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In October 2009 the services of Richard M. Monahon Jr. of A.I.A. Architects in Peterborough were contracted to create certified drawings of the proposed facility. AIA was selected as they already had the interior/exterior measurements of the building in their computer system which was a large cost savings. After several drafts and final designs were complete, the services of John F. Pietroniro of Project Resource Group, LLC in Frankestown, were contracted for the purposes of Construction Management in the preconstruction phase to research and provide total construction costs. At this time a preliminary cost estimate has been completed which includes some actual bid costs and several estimated costs as the project was put on hold in December 2009 due to the town's financial difficulties.

We were able to establish an estimated construction/renovation cost of \$457,946.00. We have also been working closely with Leslie Belliveau, the owner of the Mill Building, in developing a purchase price for the square footage within the building that the police station would occupy, and have an estimated cost of \$250,000.00. This along with the estimated renovation costs put the project at an estimated \$707,946.00. We feel this is a great starting point with a lot of research already completed. This is not a final construction price as these numbers were originally generated for 2010 construction. Additional research and development remains, as well as costs for transferring the computer, phone, radio, security, and office equipment.

Although not much has been done since November 2009, we are now beginning to meet and discuss how to move forward with this project. We remain enthusiastic and hope for your continued support for a new police station. I have enjoyed meeting and talking about this project with many of you and hope to meet with anyone who has further questions. We remain aware of the pressing issues that exist with the current police facility and will be continuing to research a cost effective solution within a reasonable time frame. Copies of the proposed floor plan can be viewed at the Police Station with me, or at the Town Offices with Galen Stearns. ☪

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ANTRIM SELECTBOARD

Mike Genest

This has been a very busy summer for the Board of Selectmen as we have worked on a number of projects. First, to our financial situation as this is probably the most important item for residents. We have stayed current with our payments to the School District since January, and we shall continue to do so. The June tax bills went out on time, and the revenue collected allowed us to pay off our TAN (Tax Anticipation Note) and carry us through most of September before we have to borrow again, which put us in a very favorable position for the rest of the year. All departments have been very frugal in managing their budgets.

The Water Street bridge project should be completed this summer, while the North Branch bridge had to be put on hold while clearing up easement issues. It should be back under construction soon with a projected completion in November.

The one project that we thought would be a quick and easy task to complete was the painting of the crosswalks, but when we tried to purchase the required paint through the NH State purchasing contract, we found out that the paint was not available due to a shortage of raw materials. Calls to other paint manufacturers had the same result, and we were told that what paint they were able to manufacture was on allocation to previous customers. We will either use a different grade of paint or contract with a company who can procure the required paint.

An unexpected project that came up during the summer is the damaged fuel storage facility at the Highway Garage. The Department of Environmental Services inspected the storage facility and informed us that the bunker containing the tanks was cracked and would not contain a spill if one of the tanks ruptured, and that the area in front of the bunker was contaminated due to dripping while filling trucks over the years and would have to have the dirt removed and properly disposed. The Selectmen decided to remove the tanks and the bunker and use local fuel cards for gasoline and diesel fuel. ☞

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ANTRIM PULLS ITS WEIGHT IN WWII

Nina Harding

This article was triggered as I read and recorded Martin Nichol's very descriptive letters to his family during the years he served in the Navy, from 1943 to 1946, years I remember vividly. I wonder how much people today know what those of us who remained at home did for the war effort. I began to ask around and found that the majority of the folks who helped were teenagers at the time. Here are some of our recollections.

Antrim may have been just a little town tucked into the countryside of New Hampshire, and the conflict may have seemed so far away, but when our country is in trouble, Antrim folks want to help. The government set up a home front protection plan that included air raid wardens, an airplane spotter station, a first aid station, scrap metal collections, and rationing of certain foods, gasoline, and tires. One of our veterans commented, "I don't know why they worried about the planes. At that time Germany didn't have a plane that would fly that far."

The first airplane spotter tower was outside of George Caughey's house in Clinton in his field across from the Stone Church, and the phone we used was attached—I think illegally—to Caughey's home phone. However, this location proved to be a problem because it was so far away from the center of town, so they decided to move the tower near the ball field. I do not remember ever reporting a plane. When I mentioned the airplane spotters to my niece, Connie Kippax, she said I had plenty of planes on my shift. She then cited the day she was on duty alone when, for some reason, her partner Shirley Fuglestad couldn't be there. She was just sitting waiting for action, and she looked out and there was a military caravan coming up the hill. She said she was in mortal terror as a uniformed gentleman stepped out. He wore more ribbons and decorations than she had ever seen in her life. Just as he entered the door she heard a plane. In her 12-year-old mind, she thought the officer was much more qualified to identify the plane than she was, so she just stood there. Finally he said, "Well, young lady, what are you going to do about that plane?" She scrambled up the ladder and called it the best she could. Connie says she hasn't stopped shaking since.

Young people also participated in salvaging for the war effort, collecting scrap metal and tin foil, and running competitions at school. Connie tells of a scrap metal drive which the girls won. She and a couple of friends found a huge iron kettle in the woods in back of a house on West Street which put them over the top in weight.

Among many other things, shoes were in short supply and rationed. In our family some kids were harder on shoes than others, so coupons often had to be pooled so that there were enough to buy shoes. Our Shirley was what one might say "hard on shoes." We had just bought her a pair called campus saddles, a brown or black and white Oxford. Shirley went out to play with the girls, and they decided to see if their shoes

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SUMMER LOGJAMS

Mary Allen and Lauren Kirkpatrick
ConVal School Board

While students took a break this summer, the ConVal School Board also had a little breather in July. We trimmed our schedule to just one board meeting, waiting for several logjams to untangle.

1. The fact-finder report on the stalled teachers' contract was released in late July, and the School Board and the teachers' union are reviewing the report. If one or both groups support the findings, the final decision will be in the hands of the voters, possibly with a special election in November, or on the annual warrant in March. *The School Board's one and only goal this year is a new teachers' contract.* The Fact-Finder recommends a two-year contract as a "stopgap solution, during which the parties must achieve a modified, realistic salary structure that accomplishes what appears to be, and should be, the parties' largely shared goals."

2. Discussions on changing the start time for Antrim Elementary School are on hold. The plan was to have both Antrim Elementary School and Great Brook School start at the same time, allowing for more coordination between the two staffs. Under the tentative proposal, Antrim Elementary School would have started its day at the same time as Great Brook School. That meant the younger students would arrive

more than an hour earlier than the present schedule, and they would share buses with middle-schoolers. Concerns were aired at a public meeting in May, chaired by AES-GBS Principal Gib West. Although the teachers at both schools favored the plan, the teachers' union felt the change could not be supported at this time. Some parents also worried about sending younger students to bus stops on dark winter mornings, but most supported the slightly longer school day this change created.

3. Another school day plan hit a snag over the summer as concern over the stalled teachers' contract also sidetracked a call for uniform start and finish hours for all ConVal elementary schools. This proposal was developed at an administrators' retreat in July, but dropped after further research on the problems surrounding changes in working conditions without an approved teachers' contract. The eight ConVal elementary schools now vary widely as to when they start and end their school day. The hope is to revisit this issue after a teachers' contract is approved.

4. We are making slow progress in other areas. As an offshoot of discussions with the Selectmen's Advisory Committee, the school board and selectmen formed the Elementary School Study Committee this summer. The goal of the nine-member group is to examine the costs, benefits, and future of the district's eight elementary schools. Mary Allen is representing Antrim as one of the five school board members. The committee will start its study by examining the costs associated with each of the eight elementary schools.

And there's some movement on the topic of food service costs. The School Board voted to increase the price of breakfast and lunch at the High School by \$.25 at the August 3rd, 2010 meeting. This increase along with other efficiencies and adjustments in staffing have decreased the Food Service annual operating loss by an estimated \$200,000. There is still a ways to go, but we are heading in the right direction.

The Conval School board meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Committees meet at least once a month. Locations and agendas can be found at www.conval.edu. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. ☪

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LIQUOR AND TEMPERANCE IN OLD ANTRIM

Lyman Gilmore

(While reading the front page story on the dedication of our Civil War statue in the July 13, 1892 *Antrim Reporter*, I was struck by this sentence: "The absence of intoxicated persons on the streets was very noticeable, which fact speaks well for the morals of the town." That the journalist found an absence of drunks remarkable suggests their presence on other days. This got me to wondering about just how much drinking Antrim did in the old days.)

"Every village had its idiosyncrasy, its constitution, often its own code of morality... The place had also a more abiding defect; it drank hard."

Thomas Hardy, *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* (1891)

Antrim, too, drank hard. Just as Hardy's 19th century farmers regularly sought relief from their harsh lives in ale, wine, and cider, Antrim's hardworking citizens comforted themselves with rum and other "ardent spirits." Indeed, it was common practice that any visitor to one's house be offered a glass of liquor, whether or not the homeowner was a teetotaler, and when the Selectmen ordered a bridge built, a road laid, or a building raised, they would vote several gallons of rum for the workers. On November 3, 1784 when our first Meeting House at "The Center" was being constructed, the Selectmen "Voted to have Two barrels of Rum for the raising," and "Voted James Hopkins Get the rum." In March 1801, the Selectmen "voted 'a gallon of rum for the vendueing of the great bridge,' and 'three gallons of rum for the use of the men who work on the road near Stoddard.'" (Cochrane's *History of Antrim, N. H., 1744-1877*)

From Antrim's earliest days everybody drank, as Cochrane has observed: "Among our Scotch ancestry the drinking of liquor was universal. The minister was "treated" with the best liquor at every place, and sometimes arrived home at "early candle-lighting" in a state of doubt as to what house he lived in. Women took their drink with the rest. It was looked upon as a rightful and pleasant custom. Old people now remember when it was the *fashion* for all to drink." Even children drank regularly, and at Antrim's schoolhouse the pupils saved the ashes from the great stove to sell in order to buy rum "to pass around at the end of the term."

Our early settlers considered it a calamity to run out of liquor. "About 1813, Dr. Adams was called to visit a family, when the good woman of the house attempted to show him their deplorable condition, as follows: 'Doctor, we're sick, and we're out of wood, and we're out of meat, and we're out of meal, — and we've but plaguy little rum!'"

While some of our local families may have had but plaguy little rum, 18th and 19th century New England in general was awash with the spirit. Indeed, rum was one of the little known causes of the Revolution. Rum is made from molasses, and the pre-revolutionary British levied high taxes on any but their

own British molasses. Refusing to buy expensive British molasses or pay outrageous taxes, our merchant patriots were enraged by yet another British insult and illegally obtained their own molasses for rum. It was big business, and 1807 Boston had forty distilleries. Patriots engaged in the illegal but profitable rum trade included John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and Paul Revere. The per capita consumption of spirits in the United States was 2.5 gallons per year in 1792, rose to 4.5 gallons in 1810, and by 1826 was 10 gallons per person, including women, children, slaves, and Indians. "I have not found any comparable figures for New Hampshire, but according to the Reverend Daniel Dorchester in his still useful book, *The Liquor Problem in All Ages* (1884), 'this colony was not settled by persons distinguished for morality and religion...the Derry Presbyterians never gave up a pint of doctrine, nor a pint of rum.'" (*Rum and Reform in Old New England*, Gerald Carson, Old Sturbridge Village, 1966.)

Boston's profitable liquor business was reflected in Antrim as well. On May 22, 1822, the Selectmen issued a permit to one Jacob Tuttle "to sell wine, rum, gin and other spirits by retail, that is, in less quantities than one gallon," and by 1826 nine Antrim residents were "licensed to keep tavern and sell rum." In Antrim rum was plentiful, and it was cheap.

But by the middle of the 19th century the national temperance movement began to reach Antrim as local clergy and churchgoers worried about what they saw as the moral degradation of the town because of drink. Part of a more general commitment to reform and the improvement of society that included opposition to slavery and support for women's rights, the temperance movement sought to discourage the production, sale, and drinking of distilled liquor. While in the beginning it supported voluntary abstinence, more zealous members began campaigning for mandatory prohibition. Girls and women embraced the assertion: "Lips that have touched liquor shall never touch mine!" At Antrim's March 1846 town meeting a warrant article was introduced, "To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen not to License the Sale of ardent spirits except for mechanical and medicinal purposes." This proposal, which caused considerable excitement and angered the "friends of free liquor," was defeated: 153 opposed and eighty-seven in favor. The issuing of licenses and sale of rum continued in Antrim.

However, while the town refused at this time to ban liquor, the Antrim church took its own steps. The defeat of local prohibition caused "considerable bitterness among Christian people," and they passed a resolution saying that anyone applying for church membership, "be required to abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks, except as a medicine...At one time, after the temperance question began to assume some importance, most or all of the male members of the church mutually agreed not to use any liquor for a certain length of time, except in haying and washing sheep.

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THE GREEN WAY CAN SAVE YOU MONEY

Sandy Snow

I am amazed how swiftly New Hampshire towns and individuals have embraced the concepts of going green and conserving energy. On a town-wide basis, Antrim's Energy Committee has made substantial strides since it came into existence in 2009. It has been awarded a \$2,500 grant to help make Town Hall more energy efficient, and it was selected by the Southwest Regional Planning Commission to take part in a special program to study energy usage in other town buildings and correct problems. The committee has held two compact fluorescent light bulb sales at reduced cost for town residents, and it is studying energy usage of all town buildings to see what we can do to reduce energy consumption. For further information about what the town is doing, go to Cool Monadnock at www.antiochne.edu and click on Antrim.

Much of the following information came from the second annual Local Energy Solutions conference I attended in June in Concord. All the programs have websites.

Monetary Incentives for Home Improvements. New Hampshire electric companies provide incentives of 75 percent of installation costs up to \$4,000 on energy efficient home improvements for qualified households. Call PSNH at 1-800-662-7764 (NH Electric Coop, Unitil and National Grid offer similar programs.)

Income Eligible – Home Energy Assistance. This program provides weatherization service for apartment or house for the person who receives an electric bill. Maximum available is \$4,000 in services.

PSNH offers up to \$3,600 in incentives and services at no additional cost for energy services such as a home energy rating and or lighting and appliance audit and improvements. Call the PSNH number, above. (NH Electric Coop, Unitil and National Grid offer similar programs.)

Incentives for New Construction or Complete Rehabs. Homeowners will receive a Home Energy-efficiency Rating on their house from a qualified auditor to become eligible for up to a \$3,000 incentive for installed efficiencies.

Home Heating Rebates for Oil and Gas Systems. Available March 10 until funds are depleted; www.energysavers.gov or www.gasnetworks.com.

New Hampshire Program – Home Heating Systems. Mail-in rebates to replace older hot water heaters or heating systems with Energy Star models. The program began in April and continues until funds are depleted. Call Kate Vattes, State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program at 603-271-0598.

PSNH's Heatsmart program. The utility provides reduced electric rates to customers who have electrically heated homes (baseboard, radiant, electric boiler, heat pump, or geothermal heat pump) when they have a secondary heat source such as a wood, coal or pellet stove. Call the number listed above for PSNH.

Home Appliance Rebates for Clothes Washer and Room Air Conditioners. Call Statewide Energy Efficiency Program Call Center at 1-866-266-2420.

Lighting Bulbs and Light Fixtures. Call 1-877-647-2833. There is a \$1 rebate for CFL bulbs and a \$10 rebate for interior or exterior light fixtures and torchieres.

New Hampshire Program for Hot Water Heaters. Replace older hot water heaters or heating system with Energy Star models. This program began in April 2010 and will end when funds are depleted. Call Kate Vattes, State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program at 603-271-0598.

If you really want to think big about energy conservation, consider installing photovoltaic panels or hot water panels on your roof to take advantage of sunlight. New Hampshire offers a \$6,000 rebate and the federal government offers a 30 percent tax credit for the installation of photovoltaic panels and a \$1,500 rebate and 30 percent tax credit for a solar hot water panel. In addition, if you install photovoltaic panels with an inverter, you can sell the excess power back to the power company. Check with the state and federal government for details of the rebate and tax credit.

One of the easiest things you can do to save energy and money at the same time is to replace all your incandescent bulbs with lower wattage CFLs (see next to last bulleted item, above). Not only do the CFLs use less power, they last considerably longer than incandescent bulbs. Also keep an eye out on the up and coming light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs. They last 25 times as long as incandescent bulbs and use even less energy than CFLs. According to a PSNH spokesman, general LED lighting isn't fully "there" yet. However, there are certain types of lighting where LEDs are useful – solar powered walk way LED devices and direct lighting which is recessed or which shines on a specific task area such as in a kitchen. If you want more information about CFLs and LED bulbs, contact the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension at 1-877-398-4769 and ask for *Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb (CFL) & Light-Emitting Diodes Bulb (LED) Facts and Comparisons* report. The cooperative extension also has a lot of tips and ideas in another report called *Simple Steps to Energy Efficiency and Savings*.

The U.S. Department of Energy has published an excellent 33-page pamphlet called *Energy Savers Booklet*. Go to www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips/ to order the booklet or view it on line. Finally, check out NHSaves at nhsaves.com which is about people in New Hampshire working together to save energy, reduce costs and protect the environment. Want to know how much energy your appliances, computer, TV sets, etc. use? Check out the James A. Tuttle Library. It has a Kill-O-Watt meter that you can borrow which will show you how much power each device uses.

The federal stimulus program offers various incentives if you make energy improvements to your home. Go to <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=206871,00.html> ☞

2010 MASTER PLAN ADOPTED

A VISION FOR ANTRIM

Peter Moore

Following a public hearing on July 1, 2010, the Antrim Planning Board voted unanimously to adopt the 2010 Master Plan. A subcommittee of the Planning Board, as well as many other community members, worked for the better part of four years to complete the 200 page document. We now have not only a formal vision for our town, and a set of guidelines for community decision makers, but a complete reference digest of just about any information, qualitative and quantitative, that one might need to know Antrim.

Led by Master Plan Subcommittee Chair Missy Taylor, a group of twenty residents did initial work on the new plan which began with a community survey in May 2006. To help get the project started, Jeffrey H. Taylor & Associates, Inc. of Concord offered professional assistance. After several versions, and much public contribution and scrutiny, the Planning Board adopted the final draft in July.

How better to sum-up what the 2010 Master Plan's conveys and accomplishes than to quote from its *Introduction*:

A master plan is a planning document that serves to guide the overall character, physical form, growth, and development of a community. It provides guidance to local officials when they are making decisions on bud-

gets, ordinances, capital improvements, and zoning and subdivision matters. The master plan is a tool that can help officials deal responsibly with change and control growth in an orderly and constructive manner. Since a master plan serves as an official policy guide for a community, any ordinance pertaining to the use of land or the growth and development of the municipality should conform to the goals and policies of the plan.

The new Master Plan has thirteen chapters ranging from *A Vision for Antrim to Implementation*. It contains descriptions, statistics, inventories, resources, and commentary that address important community topics and challenges. Plus subjects such as future land use, population and housing, transportation, environmental protection, community facilities, historic and cultural resources, and economic development, as well as conclusions, recommendations, and suggested implementation.

Another highlight of the 2010 Master Plan, contrasted to the text heavy 2001 plan, are thirty eight photographs, sixty three charts and graphs, and thirteen maps, visuals that add perspective and spice. And, to help conserve paper, there is a web-based Appendix providing links to more than 135 pages of additional supporting information.

You can access the full-color version of the 2010 Master Plan at the Antrim website, www.antrimnh.org. Click on "Antrim Community" at the top of the left-hand menu, and find the link to the "2010 Master Plan." Hardcopies are available at the Town Hall and the library, and soon we hope to offer paper and CD copies for sale. ☞

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one privately owned. Ever since its founding in 1862, it has belonged not to the town but to the Maplewood Cemetery Association, a self-perpetuating board of trustees. This group meets twice annually to hear from its Superintendent about accounts and expenses, sales of new plots and burials, about the condition of the grounds, and generally to make sure that things are in good shape. It reports annually to the Department of Charitable Trusts in Concord. Current Board members are Linda Bryer, Bruce Cuddihy, Bob Edwards (Treasurer), Christie Ellinwood (Superintendent), Bob Flanders (Secretary), Martin Nichols, Ben Pratt (President) and Christa Salamy.

The Maplewood grounds contain, at its north end, a new section, established in 1936, known as the Goodell Annex because of the Goodell family's substantial contribution to purchase of the land. The Annex's grave markers—polished granite monuments—contrast noticeably with the ornate Victorian tombs in the older sections of the cemetery, and all of these are dramatically different from the simple slate headstones in our first cemetery up on Meeting House Hill.

In 1880, eighteen years after Maplewood's founding, Dr. Warren Cochrane, town historian, wrote about it: "Few country burial places are more attractive than this. It will be more beautiful in the future when the long rows of trees reach full maturity. Many comely and substantial monuments adorn the grounds. ...The number buried in this cemetery is 127 and the number moved there from several other places is 81, making 208 in all." Presently the cemetery is host to over a thousand lots, each containing an average of three burials. Thus Dr. Cochrane's "208" has grown to about four thousand souls committed to its care. Superintendent Ellinwood estimates that there is enough room for new burials on the present grounds to last fifteen or twenty years. Meanwhile, the Association owns about five acres of contiguous woods and fields at its southern end for expansion.

Christie, who grew up in Antrim and graduated from the old Antrim High School and Concord Commercial College, began working at the Maplewood Cemetery in 1956 as a teenager assisting its then superintendent Ross Roberts. He's been there, part time, ever since, and became Superintendent in 1990. He is much appreciated by his cemetery trustee colleagues for the immaculate care he gives to Maplewood in all its aspects, from grounds maintenance to selling plots and administering burials, to keeping careful records. Meanwhile he maintains a career in the field of computer maintenance. In 2003 he retired from Sylvania, where he "serviced most every department," and went to work part time for Arcomm Communications, presently in Keene, but last year in Peterborough where he helped wire the entire ConVal High School for computer access...and back and forth to Maplewood Cemetery where he serves and protects the memory of those

*who moved from end infirmity
to blest eternity.*



MEMORABLE MAPLEWOOD

Lisa Gilmore

I never did make it to Girl Scouts, but I vividly remember being a Brownie and listening to taps being played and the three-gun salute at the Maplewood Cemetery, acknowledging our veterans, alive and dead. Back then I didn't know what a veteran was, alive or dead, but I do now. Today, nearly forty-nine years old, I think I understand and appreciate both the Maplewood cemetery, and the reason we honor it and the people there.

Last year, as I have every year whenever I am home, I visited the grave of my childhood friend Lucy Hurlin, who died in 1979. This particular visit I took along my dog Elinor. Unsure of protocol, I approached Christy Ellenwood, whom I'd seen beautifully tending this majestic space since I was a little girl, and asked him if it was all right if I let my dog out of the car. Without missing a beat, he said, "of course." It was as if Ellie were as welcome as I was. No admonitions of doggie bags, no advice at all, just, "of course." I'm sure he had no idea how much his trust and kindness impressed me, but I'd like to say now that he allowed me to have a tearful and joyous visit with Lucy, and Elinor a happy romp. I miss Lucy, but I am thankful that I can say hello to her in such lovely and welcoming space.

The long ago taps and gunshots still ring in my ears, reminding me of my first, but hardly my last, visit to beautiful Maplewood Cemetery.

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would float down the brook. They discovered Shirley’s brand new shoes floated the best!

All the restrictions in our lives made for a closeness, and folks helped each other out and cared for the needy and the sick.

Elaine mentions that the youth seemed to take “doing without” in stride and entered into the war effort wherever they could help. She also mentioned the cod liver oil regime. Each child had to bring a spoon to school to take a required dose of oil to help supplement our poor diet.

The farms were adding to their gardens, and they also raised an extra animal or two so they could supply protein and vegetables to help the shortage that people were enduring from small deliveries of goods plus rationing. Some groups of girls in the Junior Red Cross made squares for afghans to be sent to England. I especially remember the delicious cookies Mrs. Haslam baked each time the girls came to work on their afghan squares. To this day Connie still makes the cookies. Here’s the recipe:

Lena’s Ice Box Cookies

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| 2 cups brown sugar | 3 cups flour |
| ¾ cup butter or oleo | 1 tspn baking soda |
| 2 beaten eggs | 1 cup chopped nuts |

Mix well then shape into a log about 2 inches in diameter. Wrap in wax paper and refrigerate over night (can be frozen). Slice thin then bake in moderate oven at 350 degrees for about 6–8 minutes. Watch carefully. They burn easily!

Just a note, white sugar was rationed, but dark brown sugar and Karo were not, so we used these as substitutes most of the time.

Air raid wardens rushed on duty the moment the whistle blew at the Goodell Shop, fourteen short blasts, twice in succession, repeated every 30 minutes. The North Branch could not hear the whistle, so bells at Smitholm were rung. (Smithholm is where the antique shop on Rte. 9 is now.) During the test no one could drive a car, and at night the wardens had to inspect their designated areas with flashlights covered so only a dim light could shine to see where they were walking. Their duty was to be sure no light whatsoever showed from windows. They also made sure folks knew where they should go if there was a real attack.

The Red Cross organized a group of men and women for first aid, and this group was given very detailed training by Dr. Doyle, one of our local doctors. The group also had mock raids and cared for simulated wounds. I was a member of this group, and believe me, the training was extensive, and there were many things I learned caring for patients which I’ve never forgotten. In fact, in later years, this training came back to help me when I was caring for patients in my family.

Dec. 7, 1941 was a very rude awakening as Pearl Harbor was attacked. Nancy remembers coming home from church that Sunday when her folks turned on the old “Atwater Kent” radio to hear F.D.R. give his famous *Day of Infamy* speech. Townspeople kept up their spirits by holding dances. Zaza Ludwig, who had the favorite dance band, helped to keep our spirits up. At every dance there was a grand march to honor the service people, and Zaza would play each service’s anthem—Army, Navy, Marines, Air Corps—and the service people would get up and join in the grand march when their anthem was played.

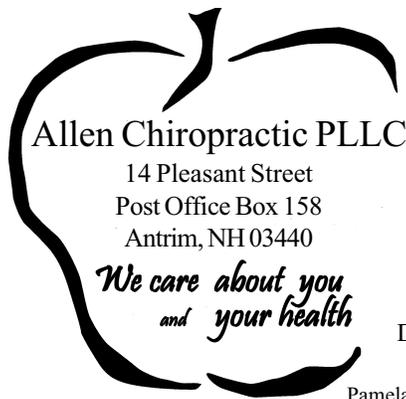
Students loved the days when new ration books were issued because school was called off and the teachers were in charge of issuing the ration books, their particular duty in serving the war effort.

Even small towns made preparations for an attack, so it’s small wonder that imaginations of young students went wild. There was a teacher in Antrim named Hienman who would give his students an assignment and then sit at his desk and read the newspaper. No one ever proved it, but the students always thought it was a German newspaper and that possibly he was a spy. He didn’t stay here long.

Also, keeping in touch with our men and women serving in forces all over the world through the American Legion Letter was a very special connection for us. As I read notes from folks who recollected the war effort, I realize how big a project it was. I am so grateful to Connie Paige Kippak, Nancy Hall Robinson, Stacia Dziengowski Muir, Elaine Fournier Cuddihy, and Norma Fugelstad Bryer who contributed to this article, and to Sandy Snow for editing.

Connie Paige Kippak, who contributed a lot of information for this article, passed away during its preparation.





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CELTIC EVENSONG PLANNED AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sharon Dowling

An Ecumenical candlelight service, offered for the entire community, is being planned for first Sundays, beginning in October. The First Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Antrim is drawing on the Celtic influences from the modern religious communities of Iona and Northumbria in Scotland, and Corrymeela in Ireland, as well as the Taize Community in France.

A Celtic Evensong service typically features Celtic music, played on various instruments, including harp, flute, piano, organ, and songs that are quiet, meditative, and repetitive. Prayers, poems, and responses are short and can come from many cultural sources. The purpose is to aid the congregation in their own conversation with the Spirit of God and to build a community of tolerance, justice, mercy, and love. Times of silence are incorporated throughout the service. No sermon is to be preached, and the service should last about 30-40 minutes.

Anyone in the community at large who may be interested in contributing time in planning this new adventure, or has musical skills to offer, is welcome to contact Sharon Dowling, Music Director at FPC at 588-2209.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY FALL PROGRAMS

Missy Taylor

The Antrim Historical Society is getting ready for Home & Harvest Days. On Saturday, September 18, 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 usually sell out by early afternoon. Bakers and helpers are needed 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 or Missy Taylor at 588-7146, missette77@yahoo.com.

On Sunday, October 3, the Society will hold its annual meeting and the election of new officers at the First Presbyterian Church at 3 pm. Neil H. Brown will present “The History of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New Hampshire.” This presentation will highlight what the Society, established in 1892, is, what it stands for, and what it does. Included will be historical military and civil information relating to New Hampshire during the Colonial period prior to the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

Edie Clark of Dublin will present November’s program, “Monadnock Tales.” Mount Monadnock, one of the most climbed mountain in the world, is a New Hampshire state icon, a natural wonder, and the source of inspiration for poets, musicians, and artists. The lore and legend of the mountain lends it a distinct personality that is the subject of both this program and the poem “Monadnock Tales” written by Ms. Clark in collaboration with composer Larry Siegel. Edie Clark is a well-known New Hampshire writer. For the past 17 years she has written a popular monthly essay for *Yankee Magazine*, known as “Mary’s Farm.” Her work has also appeared in *The Boston Globe Sunday Magazine*, *Northeast Magazine*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Hope Magazine*, and *Reader’s Digest*. This program is sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council and will be held on Sunday, November 21, at 3 pm in the Presbyterian Church.

For more information about our programs, please watch for announcements in the newspapers and on the town’s website at www.antrimnh.org. Historical Society programs are usually presented on the third Sunday of the month at the Presbyterian Church at 3 pm, although dates and locations may vary.

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 Hagggett, 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.



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HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF BRIMSTONE CORNER ROAD?

By Robin Rockwell

Have you ever thought to yourself that you would like to relive an event you had done many years earlier? I have, and it nagged me for the past couple years until I finally was able to do it. A few years ago, actually forty-eight, three youngsters embarked on a nine-mile bicycle trip. This was back in the day when 21 speed bicycles did not exist. You were lucky to have a three speed. In the summer of 1962, three young Clinton Village boys, Dennis Huntington, Jim Bryer, and myself met at my home, which was my parent's store, called Eddie's Place. Our goal was to ride across the Old Hancock Road to the second four corners and take a right onto the Brimstone Corner Road. This road would lead us to Gregg Lake, but it was not easy. We didn't anticipate a long stretch of logging road in the middle of it, a rugged, rocky stretch where you had to walk a good deal. I don't recall how long it took, but it seemed forever. The only memory I have other than the logging road was seeing a huge beaver meander across it. Once we reached Gregg Lake, it was practically all down hill back to Eddie's Place.

Now flip the calendar forty-six years to the summer of 2008. I began reminiscing about this bike ride and figured it was time to do it again. The first person I called was Dennis Huntington. His first response was, "Are you kidding...I've had two strokes!" Okay, good enough excuse. The second person I called was another Clinton Village native, Gary Stacy, and his response was, "No way!" He told me he heard the logging road was impassable now with a bicycle. So I gave up the idea.

Two years later, in April 2010, I received a phone call from Dennis. He asked, "Are you ready to go for that bike ride?" That was music to my ears. He had gotten clearance from his doctor. We agreed we needed a third person, so I compiled a short list of four names. On this list were Gary Stacy, my former classmate Steve Brzozowski, my cousin Gregg Rockwell, and Antrim High graduate and basketball teammate Brian Reilly. Brian is a physician at the Keene Clinic and I thought he might come in handy.

I called Gary Stacy and there was no answer, so I left a message on his answering machine to call me back. A day passed, then two. I called Gary again and left a second message. He never called back, so I assumed he wanted no part of it. I then called Steve and he said, "Give me a couple weeks to think about it." To me that meant he wasn't interested. Next was cousin Gregg, and he said "Thanks, but no thanks." He also gave me a bit of advice when I mentioned we were thinking of only having three go, "You don't want four because an ambulance couldn't handle that many!" I then invited Brian whose first response was "You guys would probably have to scrape me off the ground. Give me a couple days to think about it." So I waited impatiently for Brian and Steve's

answer. Only one replied. Steve took only three days to say, "Count me in!" I'll admit I was stunned but excited! It was a go! We set the date for May 22nd and that gave us a month to get in shape.

Two years in the making and we were finally going to bike around Gregg Lake again. Little did I know there was one family member dead set against this idea, my wife Linda. She did not want me involved in any way. She said, "What's wrong with this picture? You've got a guy who's had two strokes, Steve just had a hip replacement, and you get winded just walking up the stairs!" That was not the kind of support I had been expecting. But at this point there was no turning back. Eventually Linda relented and invited our former classmate, Roxanne Johnstone O'Neil and her husband Rick to witness this event. Linda and Roxanne planned to man the cell phones in case we needed help.

May 22nd arrived. It was a beautiful day with the temperature in the mid 70's. We met at the Merrill Farm on West Street. When Linda and I arrived, Steve was already there. As I was unloading my bike I noticed a bicycle helmet bobbing up and down coming up the hill towards the farm. It was Dennis. He had parked his car across from Rick and Diane's Pizzeria and biked the rest of the way. I could tell he was struggling as he reached the top. The O'Neil's arrived next and took some photos. Dennis, Steve, and I each had 21 speed bicycles and we were ready to roll! It was 10:37 AM and we were off.

We took a left at the water fountain at the head of West Street and up what we use to call Harriman's Hill then down across the dirt portion of the Old Hancock Road. At the four corners, we took a right onto Brimstone Corner Road. I had no recollection of the hills we would encounter. There were several. We would rest at the top of each one. Eventually we arrived at the old logging road. It was worse than I had remembered. It was very rocky and at some places, terribly muddy. We had to walk a good portion of it, and it was buggy. The logging road lasted for about a mile and three quarters, but eventually we made it. As we left the logging road onto dirt road, we met Mrs. Miller who was walking to her car in front of her house. There was a sign nailed to a tree with the words "Price Farm" on it. We spoke with her for approximately ten minutes and continued on until we reached the beach at Gregg Lake and rested at the picnic tables. A few minutes later we returned to our bikes and proceeded to complete our trip. We arrived at the Merrill Farm at 12:37 PM, exactly two hours later. We did it! I realized then that it was more than just biking around the lake that made this a great day. It was the fact that it brought old friends back together to fulfill my dream that made it so special.

The three of us along with Linda, Roxanne, and Rick went to Rick and Diane's Pizzeria where we had lunch and talked about our accomplishment and the good ole days. We agreed to do it again next year.

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But one who lived near the Branch river, it was said, kept an old ram tied near the stream most of the season to wash every day!” (Cochrane)

I was interested to learn that two of Antrim’s leading 19th century citizens took opposite positions on the question of voluntary temperance versus mandatory prohibition. On September 28, 1845, the Reverend John M. Whiton delivered a sermon in Antrim supporting voluntary temperance. (Whiton, pronounced White-en like our current road named for him, was Antrim’s beloved and respected pastor for forty-five years, retiring in 1853.) In his sermon he explained that “Temperance, in the Gospel, does not generally imply *total abstinence* from things in themselves lawful, but *only such a use* of them as will not hurt either the souls or the bodies of ourselves or others.” As for wine, “the use of it is not sinful *per se*, or in its own nature.” Indeed, wine is praised in the bible, and those in the temperance movement who ban wine as a sin, err. “One of the errors assumed, that *any* use of alcohol is in itself sin, and that of course water should take the place of wine at the Lord’s table. This assumes that Christ made a great mistake, and that man is wise enough to set him right!” (“Sermon on Temperance Delivered at Antrim, N. H. on Lord’s Day, September 28, 1845, by John M. Whiton.” N. H. Historical Society, Concord)

Antrim’s David H. Goodell was Governor of New Hampshire from 1888 to 1891, having campaigned successfully for total prohibition of liquor. On January 28, 1891, as ex-governor, he addressed the state Judicial Committee, arguing that the N. H. Prohibitory Law banning all liquor sales should not only be continued, but that the Nuisance Act should not be repealed. The undemocratic Nuisance Act of 1887 said that if a specified number of citizens reported someone selling liquor, the court could arrest and jail the individual without a jury trial. Goodell, whose dedication to the temperance movement “was almost an obsession with him,” (*Parades and Promenades*, p. 33) spoke of his having a man who sold liquor arrested three times under the Prohibitory Law, but to no avail as the man continued to sell. However, when Goodell had him served under the Nuisance Act, he stopped. When it came to temperance in Antrim, Goodell was as rigid as Whiton was flexible.

As the anti-liquor movement gained strength, many in Antrim agreed with prohibition candidate Ralph Metcalf, who in 1854 campaigned and won the New Hampshire governorship on a platform that strongly opposed liquor: “No offense punishable by our laws, short of capital crime, spreads so vast a desolation or inflicts such overwhelming misery upon a community, as the sale and use of intoxicating drinks.” In 1855 his legislature enacted a rigid prohibition statute forbidding the sale and use of liquor throughout New Hampshire, and while this law remained until 1903, it was largely ineffective because local communities, including Antrim, refused to

enforce it. (*To This Day: The 300 Years of the New Hampshire Legislature*, Leon W. Anderson, Phoenix, 1981)

Although the state’s 1855 Prohibition Act was repealed in 1903, Antrim voted to remain dry, largely due to the abstemious zeal of ex-governor Goodell who, when he discovered that his male employees were frequenting Hillsboro’s Valley Hotel barroom, sent it a list of Antrim men demanding that they not be served liquor. By mistake, he listed the names of nearly all of Antrim’s men, including teetotalers, and the town was outraged by the “blacklist” injustice.

Antrim remained dry up to and beyond national prohibition from 1920 to 1933, and only in 1946 did it become lawful to sell Liquor here. ☪

DRINKING IN MODERN ANTRIM

Lyman Gilmore

Although Prohibition was repealed in 1933, making the production, sale, and drinking of alcoholic beverages legal in most of the United States, Antrim remained “dry” by local option. But true to its thirsty history, our citizens found ways to drink. Nina Harding remembers that as late as 1938, when she was seventeen, men were making illegal beer in their cellars and going just over the line in “wet” Bennington to “Henry Raleigh’s Waverly Nook” where beer was available (the building still stands on the east side of 202 just beyond the Rymes tank storage lot). In addition, every week a local bus, “The Liquor Special,” carried men to the saloons and liquor store in Hillsborough, and Phil Lang tells me that when he worked for the Abbott Company on Great Brook just before WWII he would drive “the boys” to Hillsborough for beer. If you wanted rum and other distilled liquor, you went to “Sand Hill,” a house in North Bennington. Finally Antrim voted “wet” in 1946, making beer and wine as readily available as rum had been in 1826.

What about Antrim’s drinking today? Last month, in a less than scientific research study, I set out to discover about how much we are drinking by counting liquor and beer bottles and cans discarded at the Antrim Recycling and Transfer Station (ARTS), and by obtaining beer sales figures from Antrim Marketplace and T-Bird Mini Mart. After consulting with ARTS Manager Clark Craig, I calculated that we throw out approximately ten thousand four hundred (10,400) bottles of beer, wine, and spirits every six weeks, or 1,733 per week, and about two hundred seventy (270) empty beer cans on any summer weekend day. As for beer sales, between the Marketplace and T-Bird, about fifty-one thousand (51,000) bottles and cans are sold every month (not all to Antrim residents, of course), which comes down to 12,750 bottles and cans per week or 305 6-packs per day between the two stores. These figures do not include what is quaffed at Rednecks, the Maplehurst Inn, the Ginger House, and Malarkeys, where you will have to do your own research. Salud!

THESE ANTRIM HILLS: NAHOR, AND GREYSTONE LODGE

Peter Moore

The summit of Nahor Hill—in fact, even the hike up the north approach from Pleasant Street—is pretty unspectacular. As it stands alone and somewhat nondescript near the southwest corner of town, few would know that it is the sixth highest geologic landform in Antrim. At 1460 feet above sea level, its summit sits lower only than Bald, Willard, Robb, Tuttle, and Goodhue, respectively. And, irrespective of its status as a “hill,” it ascends higher than the better-known and more prominent “mountains” in the northeast of town, Riley and Gibson.

There are traces on Nahor’s broad, round top, of a time when it was much less quiet than the solitude I have found on my handful of visits. Little remains of the once great and storied Greystone Lodge that for over fifty years in the first half of the 1900’s graced the summit with its weathered field stone and wood shingle edifice. Consuming fire in early 70’s, and the ways of nature and its seasons for forty years, have shrouded a vibrant past that once boasted of rustic elegance and a retreat for the well-heeled.

A crumbling concrete sill that protrudes less than a foot through the duff and dried needles in the shaded pine grove at the top, and extends for only about 20 feet, is the most evident trace of what was once a spectacular building. It is a good place to rest, snack, and contemplate a time almost 100 years ago, in 1912, when Greystone welcomed its first guests.

I sit and imagine this four story, sixty-room lodge that could accommodate up to 150 vacationers. What luxury for that day, each guest room with an adjoining bathroom, from which one could take in at least one-half of a 360 degree panorama. One could see the rolling hills of this county and the next, and on crisp days even the Presidential Range could be seen, particularly when the upper heights of Washington, Clay, Jefferson, and Adams were snow-capped in spring or autumn. During those chilly seasons, or on a damp, cool summer night, I can picture the gathering around the nine foot stone fire-place and the cheer and libation there. Or perhaps a friendly stroll after dinner on one of the broad, open decks positioned high above and away from one’s daily routine at home, in places further south.

Meals must have been a highlight at Greystone on Nahor Hill. I close my eyes, and while all I can now hear, smell, and feel is a light brush of warm spring air through the pines, I let my imagination drift off to the aroma of roast beef, the excited banter of wait-staff, the chime of setting silverware, and the solid clink of heavy, Syracuse China place settings. The hubbub of the busy kitchen beyond the long main dining room, as preparation was made for the dinner meal, must have made quit a commotion. I think about what it must have been like to sit in front of one of many large, northeast-facing picture windows, looking down upon the town of Antrim and up the

Contoocook Valley. Fine white table linen, the service of friendly local folk, and the anticipation of another hearty, wholesome country meal, fill my senses and fantasy. It must have been almost heaven!

Getting to the top of Nahor Hill after a long overland journey was probably half the fun of being there, and certainly an adventure of sorts. Most of the quests came there from the Boston area, New York, and other cities. In the early days of Greystone, visitors arrived by train at Bennington Station, or Elmwood in Hancock, and were ferried by horse and buggy from the valley, up what’s now Peirce Hill Road, an extension of High Street, to the main entrance at the south side of Nahor. Ascending the straight, quarter-mile tree-lined entry road (still in evidence today) must have been exciting at the time, up to Greystone, like a castle sitting on a pinnacle, with its well-built stone walls and the unfolding view beyond open slope and green fairway of the golf course.

Greystone was for many only a night or two stay in route to the great hotels of the White Mountains further north, the Crawford House, Fabyan’s, or the Profile House, or to the Atlantic coast. Some stayed longer, played golf on the challenging nine-hole course, or hit a set or two at the clay tennis court. There are no noticeable traces of either playground today. Some guests likely ventured out to Gregg Pond, or the North Branch, with guides, to fish or just take in the countryside and its clean air. But, no doubt, a visit to Nahor Hill and the famed lodge at the top was memorable, long or short-lived, for those lucky enough to experience it.

Truth be told, the actual summit of Nahor Hill, and all that remains of Greystone Lodge atop it, are not native to Antrim, but to the town to our south. Nahor is the closest significant hill to downtown Antrim, and many of us today consider it one of “These Antrim Hills. But as Cochran’s 1880 *History of Antrim* notes, alas “...rising from South Village is Nahor Hill, whose summit is in Hancock.”

And finally, through your disappointment and loss, you might still ask: From whence did the name for the hill come? The *History of Hancock - 1764 – 1889*, by Hayward, reports in its genealogy section:

David, son of James and Jane (Nichols) Nahor, was born in Litchfield, April 25, 1766; married. Esher, dau. Of Capt. David and Phebe (Andrews) Peabody. Came to Hancock about the year 1800; resided on what is called “Nahor hill,” No. 77. He was an active member of the congregational church, and for several years its clerk; removed to Antrim March 31, 1834, lived 7 years where Mrs. Joy now lives and appointed justice of the peace from the town. In the spring of 1841 removed to Peterboro’, to reside with his son; died May 2, 1841; his wife died at the residence of their daughter, Mrs. Robb, in Stoddard, March 11, 1848, aged 74.

Summit in, or summit not in, I’ll still always think of Nahor as one of These Antrim Hills.

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SAVE OUR STATUE!

Lyman Gilmore

Antrim's fine statue of a Civil War Union soldier was dedicated July 13, 1892, on the grassy triangle in front of the Baptist Church. It was a sunny, sweltering day, and with the temperature climbing to 95 degrees, many of the ladies in the audience carried parasols. Named "The Soldiers Monument" in honor of Antrim men who served in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, and the War of the Rebellion 1861-1865, the statue has several inscriptions emblazoned on its base, including one that explains its origin: "Erected by the citizens of Antrim Under the Auspices of Ephraim Weston Post, 87, G.A.R., 1892." The G.A.R. was the Grand Army of the Republic, a fraternal organization consisting of veterans of the Union Army after the Civil War, and several bearded veterans of that conflict were seated on the platform.

Also on the platform sat Antrim's most distinguished citizens, including Ex-Governor David Goodell and Reverend W. R. Cochrane, the author of the 1880 *History of Antrim, N.H.* Coming from Concord and surrounding towns by train and horse drawn carriage, about 1500 people attended the dedication which lasted over two hours of speeches by dignitaries and Civil War veterans, as well as rousing musical numbers by the Antrim Brass Band and the Peterborough Fife and Drum Band. Preceding the actual dedication there was a large procession, led by the Brass Band, from the corner of Depot Street and Factory Street (now Water Street) where the group met visitors from the 10:15 a.m. train at the railroad station in North Bennington, to the Odd Fellows Hall (now Edmunds Store) where a huge noon dinner was served. Because of the heat, a number of men fell out of the procession.

The Soldiers Monument stood proudly in the center of town for one hundred and sixteen years, but in 2008 it was removed to the firehouse for safe keeping because it had deteriorated so much that it threatened to fall over and injure someone. Like many 19th century monuments that were made of zinc, less expensive than brass or marble but unable to support its own weight over time, the lower sections of our statue had bulged, buckled, and cracked. Now a committee of Antrim residents is working to have the beautiful and historic statue restored and returned to its home in front of the Baptist Church. The committee—Thelma Nichols, Ben Pratt, Eric



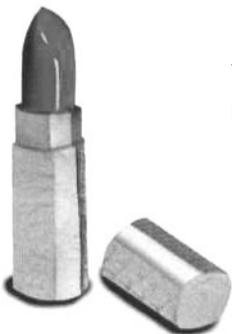
Tenney, Al Gould, Cindy Gould, Wayne Nichols, Lyman Gilmore, and Bob Chagnon—have contacted three restoration companies that are in the process of inspecting our statue and sending bids for the project. The complex and expensive restoration process involves straightening and strengthening broken and bulging areas and creating a stainless steel internal armature skeleton that will support the statue for the future. The committee is planning to raise money through grants and fundraising, but since the statue belongs to the town, a warrant article supporting the project is likely. ☞

NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN "SMALL TOWN AUTO REPAIR"

Lyman Gilmore

Randy Phillips, who opened his garage May 1st in what had been Claude Grant's location on South Main Street, says that he fixes anything and specializes in custom exhaust systems. Born way up north in Stewartstown NH and now living on Buttercup Lane with his wife Susan and their children, Randy takes pride in giving honest service in a business not always known for truthfulness. He explains, that when he was in his early twenties at his first job as an auto mechanic, his boss told him never to try and sell a customer a part or work he doesn't need, and Randy has lived by that ethical standard ever since. When not working, Randy and his family like camping at the Idle Times campsite in Washington where they have ready access to trails for their four wheelers, and Highland Lake for boating and swimming. Small Town Auto repair is a NH State Inspection Station and can be reached at 525-9320. ☞

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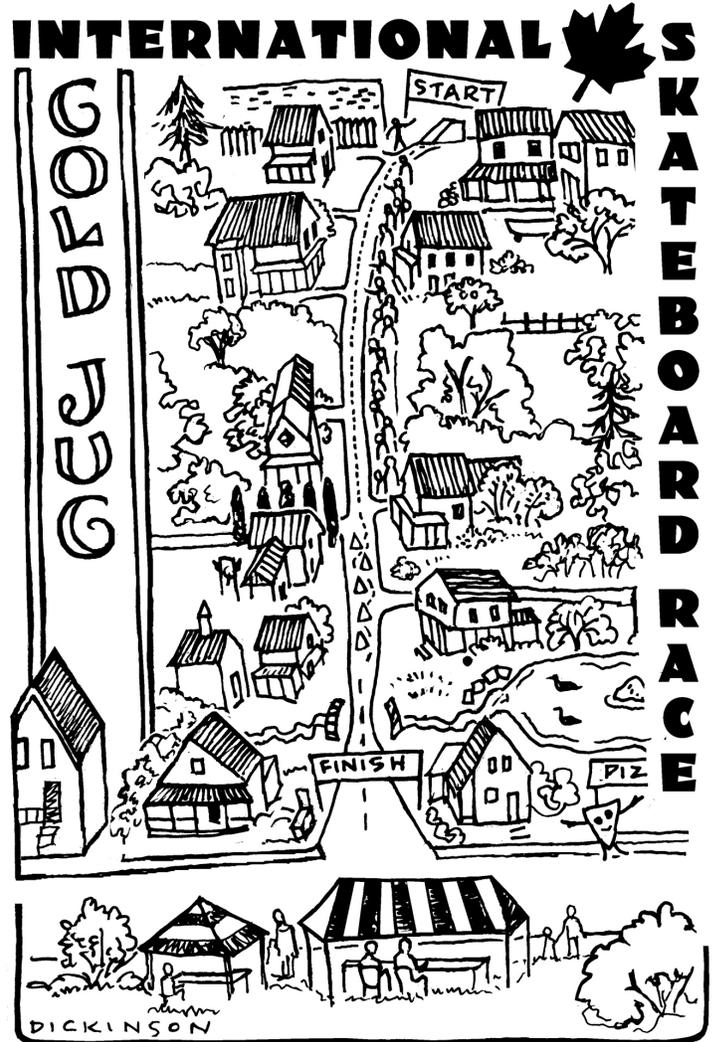
Saturday, 9/18: The Old Gold Jug hybrid race beginning before the parade at 8 a.m. for qualifying runs, breaking for the soapbox derby at 12 noon and the parade at 11:30, and resuming right after the parade. Last year's theme for the skaters in the parade was "Talk Like a Pirate Day." This year, "Come as Your Favorite Outlaw" should make for some interesting costumes. During the parade on Saturday, we reset the course and will be ready to go at noon for the biggest race of the weekend.

Then **Sunday at 9 a.m.**, come back for the 30 mph giant slalom on Summer Street, going from the top of Summer all the way to the bridge, over 1,500 feet! It's usually laid back on Sundays, with the skaters relaxing and having a good time. The "Blessing of the Skaters" takes place Sunday at about noon up at the top of the course. Bring a lawn chair, come and hang out at the racecourse, and watch fast action in A & B Classes. The amateur race follows at the bottom of Summer Street at 2 p.m. Local kids and adults can race for great gear prizes, and get tips from the pros.

Our thanks go out to the Antrim Can/Am Committee, including Dave Kirkpatrick, Julie Beaumont, Harry Payne, and Richard and Susan Ellsworth. Also, special thanks to fencing contractor HMP Services, the Antrim Transfer Station, the Antrim Highway Department, and the Antrim Police Department for helping us get the course ready, and to the neighbors on Summer Street for your accommodation and flexibility over the weekend. The Maharishi Academy puts up many of the racers while they're in town, so thanks to Alan and Martha Colby for offering their help yet again this year! The town thanks you for your contribution to this great event that brings in fans from throughout the region. Finally, thanks are due to the race sponsors,

including major sponsor Pepsi Bottling Group and Crochted Mountain Ski & Ride.

To the many I haven't listed, we appreciate your efforts. Thanks for making the Antrim Can/Am Slalom Championships one of the biggest races in North America! ☪



IN THE MILITARY

ARMY / PFC Kelly Bacon. Kelly is currently stationed in Afghanistan. Her tour is expected to be completed in the late summer or early fall.

She was reminded of home when a New Hampshire state Rep visited her base. Kelly met with them and was presented with a New Hampshire coin. Another reminder was a bottle of New Hampshire maple syrup included in a package sent to her by a dedicated group in Jaffrey who support local troops.

Kelly is the daughter of Chris and Jean Bacon.

TSGT David Poirier, Antrim's Postmaster will be deploying to Qatar. Dave is a technical sergeant for Aircraft Flight Equipment with the New Hampshire Air National Guard 157th Air Refueling Wing.

Dave worked at the Antrim Post Office since November 2009. He and his wife Kim reside in Peterborough. He says the troops are grateful for and appreciate the support given them. ☪

LIONS CLUB

Dick Loveland, Outgoing President / John Robertson, New President

HOME AND HARVEST BBQ

In conjunction with the Home and Harvest committee, the Lions Club will again be hosting the Chicken BBQ at Tenney Farm on September 18 (rain date September 25) from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. While chicken is the specialty, we will also provide 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 by 4 pm that day. You can drop off your baked beans at the Farmstand anytime prior to 4 pm on the 18th. The BBQ will be followed by a fantastic fireworks show starting at 7:30 pm right at Tenney Farm.

We thank you for your support over the years and hope to see you once again for a wonderful evening at Tenney Farm. ☪

RIGHT OF PASSAGE

Peter Gagne

It is another hot muggy day as the sun rises ever so slowly bringing light to the tranquil waters of Gregg Lake as I drive up to my logging job on the backside of the lake. Once again I must drop my speed to a mere mile per hour while two families of geese clear the road. This year's population of resident geese has tripled, and it is causing some problems. Two things happen every summer at the lake, always has, always will. The populations of humans and geese explode, and the right of passage to the woods, waters, roads, and berries becomes a civil war. The geese who are experts at leaving huge amounts of their droppings at the beach, boat landing, walk ways, and several homeowners' pristine lawns and boat slips have many folks thinking the best goose is a cooked goose. The geese problem is widespread in New Hampshire, and in many lakes the state has had to come in and remove entire populations of geese.

Geese mate for life, there is no divorce in the goose world. When they find a body of water to raise their young, it becomes home forever. It also becomes home for their offspring, and their offspring's offspring, and so on down the line. A pair of geese has many babies every year, and a good hatch from one nest can be as many as eight chicks. Unlike us folks, who on a good year can have a set of twins who will

not have their own children, if their parents are lucky, for maybe twenty years, goose children will have their own chicks the following year.

Goose poop ruins clean water, attract insects, and is a tasty treat for your family dog. In short, geese are unhealthy. But it is practically impossible to get rid of them. You cannot scare geese away with dogs, as a lake community in New York discovered. The town hired a company with powerful and intelligent sheep dogs specially trained to herd sheep and cows, keeping them away from one area and into another. The object was to run the geese off and keep them away. Worked fine while the geese were molting, could not fly, and were easy to herd, but the problem actually got worse when their feathers grew in and they could fly again. Scared, they circled their home ground for long periods of time, depositing more droppings from above which at forty to one hundred feet turned normal waste into an air-borne weapon that only one who has experienced it can appreciate!

Yelling at them doesn't work either. I have seen folks in their fine early morning pajamas, just out of bed, running at geese along Gregg Lake Road, swearing, waving sticks, and slipping and sliding on the morning dew-grass fouled by twenty geese using it as a toilet. A funny scene perhaps, but not for the residents at the lake. As with the folks in New York, there can only be one solution, culling. The New Yorkers finally herded the geese during the molt, had them killed, and donated the meat to food banks and animal shelters.

I understand there are many things in our world that need saving: whales, bear, wolves, deer, squirrels, trees, the planet. Should geese be added to the list? Nature was here first. Geese lived at Gregg Lake before humans, with their homes, boats, beaches, and their desire to expand. Really, it is not about the right of passage, but about what we allow to live: the geese at Gregg lake, the family of squirrels in your barn, the woodchuck in your garden, the fly on your screen, the mosquito buzzing around your head at two in the morning. I know what will happen to all of these in the end, they will be gone.

The only thing I know for sure will happen when it comes to trying to save one part of nature for another, a piece of nature will lose out. Who is going to win, the summer folks, or the summer geese?

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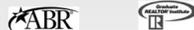
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 4 **2nd Annual Grapevine Touch-a-Truck festivities** • Great Brook School • 11:00 AM–2:00 PM
- 4 **Rec Dept FREE MOVIES** • “Marmaduke” • Antrim Town Hall • 3:00 PM
- 7 **Weekly Children’s Programs begin** • The Grapevine • see article on pages 30–31
- 8 **Caregivers Support Group** • Tuttle Library • 11:00 AM
- 14 **WIC** • First Presbyterian Church
- 16 **Community Supper** • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM
- 17–19 **Home & Harvest weekend festival** • see insert
- 18 **Open House** • Tuttle Library • 11:00 AM–3:30 PM
- 23 **Rec Dept Full Moon Hike** • location TBA • meet at Antrim Town Gym • 5:30 PM



OCTOBER

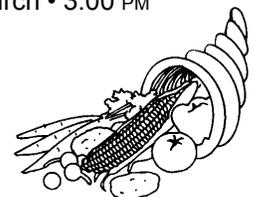
- 1 **Rec Dept Family Fun Night** • Antrim Town Gym • 5–6:45 PM
- 1 **Rec Dept FREE MOVIES** • “The Wizard of Oz” • Antrim Town Hall • 7:15 PM
- 1 **Rec Dept FREE MOVIES** • “Splice” (rated R) • Antrim Town Hall • 9:15 PM
- 2 **Blessing of the Animals** • First Presbyterian Church • 1–3:00 PM
- 3 **Historical Society program** • “Colonial Wars” Neil Brown • First Presbyterian Church • 3:00 PM
- 8 **Rec Dept trip to Corn Maze & Apple Orchard** • bus leaves 9:30 AM returns 4:00 PM
- 9 **Monadnock Quilters Guild exhibition** • South Meadow Middle Sch • Peterborough • 10:00 AM–5:00 PM
- 9 **Rec Dept Roller Skating** • 6–8:00 PM
- 10 **Monadnock Quilters Guild exhibition** • South Meadow Middle Sch • Peterborough • 10:00 AM–4:00 PM
- 13 **Caregivers Support Group** • Tuttle Library • 11:00 AM
- 18–24 **Teen Read Week** • Tuttle Library
- 21 **Community Supper** • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM
- 23 **Harvest Dinner** • Baptist Church • 5:00–6:30 PM
- 23 **Time and Treasure Auction** • Baptist Church • Preview @ 6:30 PM • Auction @ 7:00 PM
- 23 **Rec Dept Full Moon Hike** • meet at Crotched Mountain Ski Area • 5:30 PM
- 25 **Rec Dept Learn to Canoe class** • Gregg Lake • 9:00 AM–3:00 PM
- 29 **Rec Dept Tween Halloween Dance** • Antrim Town Gym • 7–9:00 PM
- 30 **Rec Dept Halloween Window Painting** • 9:00 AM–12:00 NOON
- 30 **Rec Dept Halloween Family Party** • Antrim Town Gym • 3:30–5:00 PM
- 31 **Halloween** • Baptist Church open for warmth and refreshments • 6–8:00 PM



NOVEMBER

- 5 **Rec Dept Family Fun Night** • Antrim Town Gym • 5–6:45 PM
- 5 **Rec Dept FREE MOVIES** • TBA • Antrim Town Hall • check website: www.antrimnh.org
- 6 **Rec Dept Trip to Yankee Candle & Von Trapp Family Singers** • bus leaves 8:30 AM returns 5:30 PM
- 9 **WIC** • First Presbyterian Church
- 10 **Caregivers Support Group** • Tuttle Library • 11:00 AM
- 13 **National Gaming Day** • Tuttle Library
- 13 **Rec Dept Roller Skating** • 6–8:00 PM
- 18 **Community Supper** • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM
- 19 **Rec Dept FREE MOVIES** • TBA • Antrim Town Hall • check website: www.antrimnh.org
- 20 **Rec Dept Trip to NHTI “Time for Tellabration”** • bus leaves 6:15 PM returns 10:45 PM
- 20 **Rec Dept FREE MOVIES** • TBA • Antrim Town Hall • check website: www.antrimnh.org
- 21 **Historical Society program** • “Monadnock Tales” Edie Clark • First Presbyterian Church • 3:00 PM
- 22 **Rec Dept Trip to Trader Joe’s & Nashua Mall** • bus leaves 9:30 AM returns 3:30 PM

Complete Recreation Department schedule on pages 28–29
Check the website: www.antrimnh.org



ANTRIM SOURDOUGH

CULTURE CLUB

Cindy Crockett, Bakery 42

Tangy sourdough bread, the San Francisco treat that tastes sooo good—but only in San Francisco! Sourdough bread made anywhere else is sourdough à la wherever it was made. This finicky but tasty bread possesses a regional uniqueness. The ambient yeasts and bacteria in one location naturally differ from those in another, giving breads in different regions subtle distinctions. These are the elements that actually make a bread a sourdough. Sourdough culture obtained in another area will lose some of its original characteristics because of different bacteria and yeasts in its new home. San Francisco sourdough does not exist outside of San Francisco. Therefore, what we produce in Antrim is an “Antrim sourdough” which would differ slightly from a “Peterborough sourdough” or a “Vermont sourdough.”

There are two distinct phases in making sourdough bread: first, developing the culture which generally takes 6-10 days, and second, perpetuating the culture in order to use it successfully in bread production for many years. The first step, developing a culture, requires attracting bacteria and yeasts that will complement each other and coexist. Wild yeasts live in abundance in the air, on seeds, grains, fruits, and vegetables, and in the skin of grapes and other fruits. Flour is a favorable environment for wild yeast; in fact there are tens of thousands of yeast cells in one gram of flour, while a gram of commercial yeast contains billions of yeast cells. Wild yeasts provide leavening agents, and the various strains of naturally occurring *Lactobacillus* bacteria provide flavor.

When making sourdough bread one must first mix up what is called a sourdough starter. This is where the life cycle of the culture begins, simply when water is added to the flour and activates those natural yeasts that are found in the air and in the flour. The yeast species *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* has been used in baking and fermenting alcoholic beverages for thousands of years and is a beneficial yeast found in nature. Some sourdough starters even use grape skins since they contain natural yeasts, much like using the yeast on grape skins to make wine. Since yeast is a living thing, the wild yeasts in this mix will feed on the natural sugars and starches found in

flour, and this starts the process of producing bubbles as the yeasts “eat” this food. These wild yeasts in the starter will continue to bubble and thrive every time you feed—or “refresh”—the starter by adding more flour and more water. The culture becomes more active and therefore stronger in preparation for being used for bread. All of this bubbling will make the bread rise once it is incorporated into the actual bread dough.

Twenty-four hours later in a warm room, the paste-like culture will have expanded or risen as indicated by the presence of gas (bubbles) in the bowl—metabolism therefore “life” is happening. This is where it gets tricky. At this stage, unfriendly yeasts and bacteria can intrude on the process. Hopefully the good strains take charge and dominate the culture, creating an environment that favors their perpetuation. This is assisted by favorable temperature ranges, and by being provided food and water by the baker in adequate quantities and proper intervals. Some cultures require daily feedings, others can exist on weekly feedings. The developing culture is now kept at favorable temperatures, aiding the growth of the sourdough culture. Making sourdough is tricky—so tricky, in fact, that the late “dean of American cookery” James Beard found it so annoying, frustrating, and confusing that in his book devoted to bread, he had decided not to include it as a recipe.

After several days and sometimes weeks, once you have developed a sturdy culture with a noticeable and appealing “tang and sour” to its smell, it is ready to be used in bread dough. Typically only a small portion of the sour culture goes into a full bread dough, but it is enough to lend a head start to the fermentation and dough process to produce a wonderfully tasty bread. Hundreds of different types of breads can be produced using sourdough as a base in the formula. It is important to remember, though, to continue to feed the starter and to perpetuate the culture. Once it is neglected it is very difficult to resurrect it. This happened to a familiar seasoned baker who actually closed his shop for three days to coddle and tend to his neglected culture in order to revive it. In the end, he was successful and the culture continues. The sourdough culture used at Bakery 42 originated some 285 years ago in a small town in Germany and has been perpetuated ever since. Though ours is no longer a German sourdough and has become an Antrim sour culture, somewhere in its being are elements of its German origin.

If you are game, patient, and a little curious, pick up an already established starter and give it a go! Or if you are really ambitious, try making your own; there are several techniques and formulas available in any of the resources listed below. It’s a little more involved, but the results are well worth it. Happy Baking!

Sources:

Beard on Bread, James Beard

Bread: a Baker’s Book of Techniques and Recipes, Jeffrey Hamelman

Amy’s Bread, Amy Scherber



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Tom Dowling, V.M.D., Great Brook Veterinary Clinic

Hey kids, what time is it? If your pets could talk, they'd scream out "flea time." If fleas could talk, they'd cry out "dinner time."

Just as surely as night follows day and football follows baseball, those dastardly fleas have returned for their annual feast upon our furry friends. The season so far is shaping up to be a doozy.

The big question that I always ask pet owning clients, especially at this time of the year is: "What are you doing about flea control?" The market is loaded with all kinds of products for the battle with the bugs: flea collars, spot-ons, sprays, you name it. I'll address each of these separately.

In most instances, flea collars around your pets' necks are at best worthless and at worst harmful. They are worthless in the sense that on countless occasions I have been with devoted pet owners proudly displaying the brand new flea collar they recently put on their pet's neck, only to see packs of fleas scurrying around it. You can almost see the little cusses thumbing their noses and hear them giggling. I have also seen plenty of pets with nasty sores on their necks from skin reactions to the insecticides in flea collars.

My dermatology professor in vet school taught us "the best place for a flea collar is inside your vacuum cleaner bag." Sounds funny, and it would certainly not be an approved use, but when you think about it, at least you'll have something in the bag to work on those fleas you get up from the floor.

Spot-ons are used a lot, and some people swear by them. Some people swear at them. Quite frankly, they scare me, and I would never use one on any of my pets. You are applying a very concentrated form of an insecticidal chemical to you pet's body when you use these. Although 'studies' have shown with reams and reams of data that these chemicals are safe, I am still both wary and skeptical and will neither stock them in my clinic nor recommend them for my clients' pets.

Pet sprays have been around forever and are only fair in their effectiveness. Some people apply them too heavily which can be a problem with cats in particular. In addition, their residual effect is only marginal. They are best used to bridge the gaps in most flea control protocols.

The system we use at Great Brook Vet Clinic is three pronged. First, declare war on adult fleas with a "Capstar" pill which is extremely safe and goes to work in thirty minutes. You will be amazed to see all the dead flea carcasses on your floor around your pet when you use "Capstar."

Next, you must stop fleas from breeding. Each flea you see lays ten to fifty eggs per day, every day that it's alive. You don't have to be a math whiz to see how fast this adds up to a houseful of fleas! "Program" is the best and safest product for flea birth control. For dogs, it comes as a flavored once a month pill, and for cats, it comes in a shot that lasts for 6 months. Pet owners who use "Program" usually keep their pets on it all year long.

A very thorough vacuum cleaning of the home and the use of a reliable "Premise Spray" is always vital to a good flea control plan. Over-the-counter bombs and sprays just don't cut it compared with the products available from veterinary clinics. Our clinic has carried a household treatment for years that still performs very well and is gentle on the budget.

We'll never eliminate fleas entirely, but a sound plan plus persistence will pay for itself. To borrow from Nike's ad line, "Just do it!"



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BOY SCOUTS

Brian Biehl

ACTIVITIES OVER THE SUMMER

Troop 2 just completed its third year of a full summer outing program. Each Wednesday night we did a different outing, including hiking North Pack Monadnock, canoeing and kayaking, swimming, fishing, ultimate Frisbee, geocaching, hiking to the Greystone Lodge ruins, flag football, biking, and the Great Brook Challenge. We had lots of fun and helped keep our program vital by going year round.

BOSTON/PORTSMOUTH AIR SHOW

Troop 2 Scouts spent Aug. 27–29 watching and volunteering at the Daniel Webster Council's air show, celebrating 100 years of the Boy Scouts of America. The event attracted over 50,000 attendees and featured the Navy's Blue Angel precision flying team, one member of which is an Eagle Scout. Troop 2 camped in Newington and was bussed over to the event on Saturday and Sunday.

DEVELOPING CAMP PAIGE IN 2011

Troop 2 has the good fortune of having two great places to camp in Antrim that were established many years ago, at the far end of Gregg Lake, and near Elm Avenue. This past year we have started to re-establish a site at Camp Paige near Elm Avenue that was set aside in the early 1960s for use by the Scouts. It was logged in the 1980s and hadn't been used for a while, but the trees have now grown and the site is attractive again. The Scouts intend to erect seasonal tents on the site and use the site more often in the coming years.

ORDER WREATHS FOR CHRISTMAS

Our annual wreath order form will be mailed in mid-November. Please look for it in your mailbox about November 12. It is our primary fundraiser for the year, so your support is greatly appreciated. As has been the case for several years, the wreath sale pays for 1/2 of any Scout's summer camp fee. Camp is typically \$325, so we expect that contribution will be \$163.00 per Scout. The Scout personally raises the other half. We estimate that fifteen Scouts will attend camp next July, and your support will help all of them.

CAMP BELL 2011

Every third summer, Troop 2 attends Camp Bell, adjacent to our traditional camp, Hidden Valley. Camp Bell allows patrols of 6–8 boys to develop leadership during the week. Rather than individual achievements, the patrol cooks its own meals, participates in activities together, and overcomes challenges. As a result, our boys become better leaders and a better team.

FREE TRY OUT TROOP 2, SEPTEMBER 1 - 12

Does your boy spend way too much time playing video games and not enough outside? Have him try out Troop 2 this fall for two meetings and one outing. We have a wide variety of activities throughout the year, from hiking to camping to biking to geocaching, so there's always something new to learn and experience. Come, try out our Wednesday meetings, September 1 and 8, and camp with us on September 10, 11 and 12. New Scouts will be our guests for these events and your costs will be covered. Should you decide Scouting is right, we'll sign you up after you've had a chance to try us out. Boys need to be 11 to 18 years old. Contact Scoutmaster Brian Beihl at 588-3014 for more information. ☞

✝ CHURCH NEWS ✝

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP • 10:30 AM

Communion is served on the 1st Sunday of every month

Sept 14 • WIC

Sept 16 • Community Supper

Oct 2 • Blessing of the Animals from 1–3 pm at the church

Oct 21 • Community Supper

Nov 9 • WIC

Nov 18 • Community Supper

AA Meetings, Sunday and Monday at 7:30 pm

The Revival Shop, which sells consigned and donated clothing, is open Fridays 10 am to 1 pm, Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm and the third Thursday of the month during the Community Supper. We are always looking for volunteers. Donations and consignments are greatly appreciated.

BAPTIST CHURCH

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PASTOR CHARLES V. BOUCHER

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

Oct 23 • Traditional Harvest Dinner • 5–6:30 pm with Boiled Ham, potatoes and vegetables, and Fall desserts. Adults \$8, children ages 5–12 \$5, Family maximum of \$30.

Oct 23 • Time and Treasure Auction • Preview 6:30 pm • Auction 7 pm. Gift certificates, crafts, brand new items, baked goods, etc.

Oct 31 • 6–8 pm • Church open for warmth and refreshments.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM

SUNDAY SERVICE 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM

A FESTIVAL OF QUILTS IN OCTOBER

Janet MacLachlan

On Columbus Day weekend the Monadnock Quilters Guild will be presenting a beautiful exhibition of quilts created by their members and shown at the South Meadow Middle School on Route 202 in Peterborough. The hours will be Saturday, October 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, October 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$5.00 admission, and men may enter free.

The Monadnock Quilters Guild currently has a membership of seventy, coming from Antrim, Hillsboro, Deering, and some Massachusetts towns close to the border. It has been holding these quilt shows for over twenty years, starting first with a small exhibit at the Pheasantwood Nursing Home in Peterborough, where it continues to meet, and growing more in size and scope over the years. There are not only handmade and machine pieced quilts to be viewed, but a boutique where lovely original items may be purchased for the upcoming holidays. Vendors from various quilt shops in the surrounding towns will be showing their fabrics and wares. The selection is always exciting and stimulating. A café will be open to provide delicious soups, sandwiches, salads, and desserts. It is a nice way to take a break and rest between seeing the various rooms displaying the quilts.

The Guild came into existence in 1980 when a group of quilters from Antrim joined with others from Peterborough and some of the surrounding towns to share their interest in the art and skill of quilting. Dee Newsom and Mildred Slater were among those early women from the Antrim Quilters who used to meet and quilt at the Baptist Church in town. Connie Bastille, who still lives in Peterborough, was also one of the founders. Those early members used to meet at the original Joseph's Coat Shop, and at one time had a quilt in progress on a frame where visitors could observe and even try their hand at sewing on a quilt. It has always been the purpose of the Guild to spread the experience and joy of making a quilt to have for oneself or to give to someone else. The guild is still teaching and encouraging newcomers.

Over the years the MQG has provided free donation of quilts to Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center, and their cozy covers to any family that has suffered a loss through a fire or death or some other misfortune. The members spend one day a month working together to provide these quilts and make sure there is always a backlog of supplies.

At the Antrim Home and Harvest celebration in September, MQG will have a booth exhibiting 25 handmade quilted wall hangings that can be bid on in a raffle.

The drawing will take place in October at the Quilt Show in Peterborough, and the respective wall hangings will be sent to the lucky winners. Be sure to stop by the tent, admire the unique and original wall hangings, and select the ones you would like to win. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Childhood Cancer Lifeline of NH, and the remainder will be used by the Guild to support our charity work.

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ANTRIM'S LIBRARY QUILT

Janet MacLachlan

Visitors to the Tuttle Library may have wondered about the lovely quilt hanging by the stairs in the older section. Soon their questions will be answered. A plaque will be placed on the wall under the quilt explaining who made the quilt and who very generously donated it to the Library.

In 2004 a quilt was made for a raffle to raise money for the new addition to Antrim's overcrowded library. Patrons were generous with their praise and financial contributions, and everyone hoped they would be the eventual owner of the unusual and original quilt.

As luck would have it, the winning raffle ticket belonged to two ladies who had been spending their summers at Gregg Lake since 1959. Jean Baker and Carol Carnes, old time summer residents of Antrim, were thrilled to be declared the winners of the beautiful quilt. However, they felt the quilt really belonged to the Tuttle Library, so they graciously deeded it over with the wish that it would always hang in its accustomed place for everyone to see and enjoy in the years to come. If you want to know the names of the quilters who designed and created the quilt, look for the plaque on the wall.



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TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

Melissa Lawless

PROGRAMS

Sept. – Oct. • Library Card Sign-Up

Sept. 8 • Caregivers Support Group 11:00 am

Sept. 18 • Home & Harvest Open House 11:00 am–3:30 pm

Sept 21-Oct 2 • Banned Books Week

Oct. 13 • Caregivers Support Group 11:00 am

Oct 18–24 • Teen Read Week

“Books with Beat @ Your Library”

Nov. 10 • Caregivers Support Group 11:00 am

Nov 13 • National Gaming Day

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Approximately 28 families with more than fifty readers “Made a Splash” by reading hundreds of books with us this summer. Along with families and friends all over NH, kids reported having read in all sorts of places, including the car, by the lake, on the trampoline, in the closet, and under the bed with a flashlight. Trying something new for us, we enjoyed two pajama story times on Tuesday evenings. We were surprised and delighted by visits from two of our adult friends, Joanie and Betsy, who arrived in their pink pajamas! We celebrated our achievements together on Saturday, July 31st, with “surf & turf” cupcakes and games by the Vandervort family,

as well as stories and crafts by some of your favorite librarians. We can’t wait to see what next year brings! Thanks for reading with us.

CREATIVE ARTS CHALLENGE

Once again, we have had a wonderful response to our Creative Arts Challenge this year. Some fabulous new artists of all ages have added their influence to our exhibit, including a number of members of the Monadnock Knitter’s Guild. If you haven’t already done so, stop by and enjoy the amazing Antrim talent. We will keep most of the displays up until Home & Harvest.

TEEN REED WEEK

The Tuttle Library will celebrate Teen Read Week 2010, Oct. 17-23, to encourage teens to read for the fun of it. This year’s theme is, *“Books with Beat @ Your Library,”* which encourages teens to read a variety of materials, including poetry, audiobooks, and books about music. *Teen Read Week* is the national literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the fastest-growing division of the American Library Association.

“Teens have more activities to fill their free time than ever: web videos, social networking sites, video games, afterschool activities, athletics, and increasingly high expectations in the classroom,” said Library Director Kathy Chisholm. “It’s important that we show them that reading is something fun and relaxing they can do for free. And that reading for fun can translate into better performance at school. Many families have learned to make do with less as a result of the economy and have flocked to the library,” Kathy said. “Teen Read Week is a great time to make sure teens and their families know about all the free services the library can offer them, and for us to reach out to teens who aren’t regular users and encourage them to come see what they can find here.”

Parents of teens are encouraged to celebrate Teen Read Week at home as well. Kathy offers these ideas: visit the library with your teen to attend a program or to check out books; set aside time each night for the family to read; give books or magazine subscriptions to your teen as a gift or reward; share your favorite book with your teen; and go online with your teen to learn about new books or authors. A good place to start is YALSA’s Booklists and Book Awards page, www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists.

NATIONAL GAMING DAY @ THE TUTTLE LIBRARY

Public libraries have a mission to provide cultural, recreational, and entertaining materials, as well as informational and educational materials. Games provide stories and information as they entertain and educate. The American Library Association’s National Gaming Day focuses on the social and recreational side of gaming. Gaming at the library encourages patrons of all ages to interact with diverse peers, share their expertise, and develop new strategies for gaming learning. At the library, kids can socialize with their friends and

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HOLIDAYS – LIBRARY CLOSED

- Sept. 6 • Labor Day
- Oct. 11 • Columbus Day
- Nov. 11 • Veteran’s Day
- Nov. 25 • Thanksgiving

AUTHOR FOCUS

On September 25th we celebrate the birthday of beloved author of children’s books, Shel Silverstein, (1930-1999), who was also an American poet, singer-songwriter, musician, composer, cartoonist, and screenwriter. A man of many varied talents, Shel Silverstein won the hearts of children and their families with such titles as *A Light in the Attic*, *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, and *The Giving Tree*.

Silverstein also wrote a number of hit songs for various performing artists: “Put Another Log on the Fire” for Tompall Glaser, “Ones on the Way” a hit for Loretta Lynn, “The Unicorn” sung by the Irish Rovers, “25 Minutes to Go” and “A Boy Named Sue” for Johnny Cash, and the “Boa Constrictor” song recorded by the Brothers Four. Silverstein, who played guitar, piano, saxophone, and trombone, wrote the musical scores for several films including the 1970 film *Ned Kelly* with famous recording artists Waylon Jennings and Kris Kristofferson performing his songs.

Silverstein began his career as a cartoonist, first for Roosevelt University’s student newspaper, the *Roosevelt Torch*, and for *Pacific Stars and*, while he was in the military. He freelanced for several adult magazines and publications including, *Look*, *This Week*, and *Sports Illustrated*.

Never planning to write and illustrate children’s books, Silverstein was practically dragged kicking and screaming by a friend into Harper & Row editor Ursula Nordstrom’s office where he was convinced to produce books for kids. Nordstrom gave him free creative reign with only an occasional suggestion for revision. He had a definite awareness for the way he wanted his books to be created, from the feel of the paper used to print the books, to the fonts, and how the book was to be bound. He would never allow his books to be re-released in paperback form, sensing that it might weaken the presentation of his labors.

“HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS” IS COMING TO THEATERS

The first part of the last book of J.K. Rowling’s Harry Potter series is coming to film this fall and is expected to be released on November 19th. There is a distinct possibility that we can arrange a bus trip to the Peterborough Theater for those who are interested. Stay tuned for further details. ☞

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Connie Kirwin

Last year we had weeks of rain and the tomato blight. This year we have had no rain and lots of insects! The other day I noticed that the leaves were disappearing from my tomato plants and I saw droppings around the plants. First I thought it was deer but I didn’t see any prints. Then I thought it was rabbits or a woodchuck but the droppings were too small. So I persuaded my husband to abandon the golf course and come with me to check it out. He found two of the most disgustingly huge tomato Horn Worms on the plants. They are light green and about 3 inches long and very fat which they should be since they have eaten almost all the leaves from the plants. And, they are very good at camouflaging themselves because I didn’t see them! I searched online and found that the only recommended solution to the infestation is to remove them by hand—yuck.

With the vandalism, lack of rain and lugging water every day, disappearing veggies, rampant weeds, cucumber beetles and now the tomato horn worms, this gardening adventure is wearing thin and I’m having second thoughts about next year. What started out to be fun has turned out to be more effort than I expected. Having the experts do the growing and buying fresh veggies at our local farm stands is looking better and better. ☞



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SENIOR CENTER

Sandy Snow

One of the highlights of the Antrim Area Senior Center's summer activities was an outstanding presentation by Dick and Robin Loveland of their six-week tour of New Zealand.

Celeste Lunetta also showed a fascinating video production created by her father of his and his wife's recent Narrowboat vacation in England and Wales. Both presentations drew standing-room-only audiences at Little Town Hall.

Nearly 40 people attended the July luncheon prepared by the seniors. The next luncheon will be at noon on the second Tuesday in September. A sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall at the Presbyterian Church for anyone 55 or better who wants to attend. Cost is \$5.

In the planning stages is a visit to Castle in the Clouds and lunch at Hart's Turkey Farm in September. Early in October there will be a fall foliage trip.

Want to save money on auto insurance? Check out the AARP driver safety course for seniors (and anyone else interested in honing their skills) hosted by the center. The tentative schedule is Oct. 18 and 20, time TBA. The course consists of two four-hour sessions. Attendance is limited to 25 people. Some insurance companies offer discounts for drivers who complete the course. The cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Stop by the center for more details and to sign up.

Dick and Robin Loveland will present another Power Point show this fall about their trip to Botswana, Africa.

The senior center is open to seniors 55 and over from Antrim and surrounding towns from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. The seniors' exercise program is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m. Bridge players are needed to fill out a second card table. Jig saw puzzle makers and card players are always welcome. The senior luncheon is held the second Tuesday of the month. Dessert for the luncheons is provided by Pheasant Wood Care and Rehabilitation Center in Peterborough.

Pheasant Wood also provides a "vitals clinic" once a month, and a physical therapist is available once a month. The schedule is posted at the center. ☞

ANTRIM VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

STEERING GROUP

Dick Loveland, Antrim-Bennington Lion's Club

Last winter we recognized that Antrim has a large number of volunteer service organizations—churches, Chamber, Lions, etc.—that make significant contributions to life in our community, and we thought it would be good to have an ongoing discussion to determine mutual goals and challenges. We held forums in April and May at which each organization gave a brief description of its work and problems. We identified several areas where we could target new initiatives and improve how we operate:

- We need more opportunities and adult leadership for young people so they can serve the community.
- We need to focus on health and nutrition by supporting good diets, individual and community gardening, local fresh foods, and outdoor exercise.
- We need a community skills inventory as well as improved facilities, and equipment.
- We need grants, and fundraising.
- We need more services for older people.
- We need greater participation by local residents.

We have lots of great ideas and many people enthusiastically stepping forward to help make progress on these initiatives. The Steering Group formed this past winter (Dick Loveland, Kristen Vance, Brian Beihl, Scott Lester and Beth Merrill) had a meeting on August 17 with a large audience to brainstorm how we move forward. Since it was not possible to include the results of this meeting in this Limrik due to publishing deadlines, you can see a summary on the Antrim Town website www.antrimnh.org or the Antrim Bennington website www.ablions.org. We need your help and encourage you to sign up. ☞

LOCAL AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING

Hope Ann Phillips will be signing her newly published children's book *Robin Bird and Chick-a-Dee De's Journey for Truth* at the Tuttle Library on Saturday September 18 from 12–3:00 pm. ☞

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A PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE: THROUGH THE LENS OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

G. Bruce West

I was listening to a program on NPR this past Sunday, "Wait Wait . . . Don't Tell Me," the premise of which is to challenge a group of panelists in a variety of word games. What is wonderfully engaging is the breadth of the show's content. During one segment, the panelists were asked to identify literary characters based on their description. At one point Peter Sagal, the host, described Boo Radley from Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*. I shouted his name with joy having defeated the panelist, and I was propelled back in time to a sophomore English class I taught in 1986. I was reminded of the students' faces, names, their laughter, and tears that were a part of that class and so many others that I have taught over the years.

In my time in the ConVal district, I have come to know students who are now the parents of the students who attend both GBS and AES. I have come to know my wonderful colleagues who work to ensure that all children learn. I have come to know the communities that frame our school district, and I have come to know our school system that, year in and year out, strives to provide the very best for the students who enter our doors each August.

Through all of these relationships, I have come to know myself and to appreciate the truly remarkable responsibility we have been given as educators. During my tenure, I have learned that it is not about whether we "covered" the material, but whether the students have mastered it, that we all have different gifts and ways of learning, that it is far more important to listen than to speak, that confidence can be the difference between achievement and failure, that giving students choices is what really lights a fire, that empathy opens the door to wisdom, that every child must be cared for or she/he will not engage in the learning process, that teaching is far more about the relationships we have with our students than the content we want them to grasp, that we can be much more effective when we work together.

Most importantly, at no point have I stopped wanting to learn.

The 2010 – 2011 school year promises to be a challenging year for our students, our staff, and our communities. Why would we want less? Antrim Elementary School and Great Brook School are happy to welcome our new students and our new staff members. We are here to work together to challenge and support our students in setting attainable goals and in working to reach those goals with the many talents and resources that our communities have to offer. Thanks to all of the parents who volunteer in our buildings each day. Without your support this journey would not be complete. I invite you to join us whenever you can in continuing to help us meet the needs and goals our students.

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GREAT BROOK SCHOOL

Kathi Wasserloos

On Monday evening, June 21st, Great Brook School staff members, along with parents, family members, and friends, gathered to celebrate the eighth-grade graduating students. The following students are from Antrim: Tyler Aborn, Travis Burke, Samuel Cody, Evan Corliss, Elizabeth Durgin, Jesse Edwards, Joseph Edwards, Storm England, Taylor Flippppo, Corinne Frosch, Emmasae Hallen, Ariel Hill, Timothy Hollingsworth, Ashlee Holt, Angela Hunt, Brittany Isabelle-LaBatt, Amandalee Kasilowski, Hailey Kellogg, Teverly LaBelle, Aaron Lakus, Erik Lakus, Kari Mansfield, Kyle Murray, Zoe Paige, Michael Palazzola, Sally Paquette, Daviana Penny, Jayce Perry, Michelle Purington, Rose Reilly, Taylor Sullivan, Nicole Tatro, Aaron Taylor, Jenna Topping, Alesea Whitney.

During the ceremony, Joseph Edwards was presented with the American Legion Award, while Tyler Aborn, Jesse Edwards, Hailey Kellogg, and Aaron Taylor received recognition as Students of the Middle Years.

The President's Award for Educational Achievement (Silver) was presented to Tyler Aborn, Travis Burke, Jesse Edwards, Emmasae Hallen, Ashlee Holt, Amandalee Kasilowski, Hailey Kellogg, and Aaron Lakus.

The Gold President's Award for Educational Excellence was presented to Angela Hunt, Aaron Taylor, and Nicole Tatro. They maintained a 3.6 or higher grade point average and always produced work that reflected their personal best. In addition, Aaron Lakus received an award for excellence in language arts, Liz Durgin for excellence in social studies, Amandalee Kasilowski for excellence in science, Aaron Taylor for excellence in math, Travis Burke for excellence in social studies, and Timothy Hollingsworth for consistent excellence.

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LOCAL GHOSTS

For many years visitors to the Maplehurst Inn have heard or seen strange sounds and sights and wondered if the place were haunted. The Syfy Taps Ghost Hunters will be filming at the Maplehurst October 22 & 23 and will give residents ghost tours each night when the Inn will be serving a pre-Halloween dinner.

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USS ANTRIM

1981-1996

In May, the Antrim Historical Society hosted a presentation by Pete Martel on the USS Antrim and the relationship of the ship to our town. An edited account of Pete's presentation follows. The full account is available at the Historical Society Room at Tuttle Library.

In the spring of 1981, the Town Office received a letter from the Commanding Officer of the frigate USS Antrim, asking if the Town of Antrim would be interested in forming a relationship with its crew. The ship sent letters to the seven towns in the US named Antrim, and as it turned out we were the only town to respond in the affirmative. And so began a wonderful relationship with the crew of The USS Antrim.

We formed a committee and exchanged correspondence with the ship that was to be commissioned September 26, 1981 at the Coast Guard Station in Seattle. Our first task was to raise money to send representatives from town. Three folks were able to go: Don Madden (WWI Army Vet and WWII Navy Vet), John Brzozowski (WWII Navy Vet and Pearl Harbor survivor), and Pete Martel (Korean War Navy Vet). With everyone paying his own way, any fundraising could be used for a celebration in the summer of 1982.

Our first stop after leaving our luggage at the motel was the ship. Captain William H. Wright met us as we drove up to the gangway and told us that we could go anywhere on board and could video everything that wasn't locked. We could have our meals on the ship, either with the crew or in the wardroom with the officers, but since we were all enlisted men, we spent most of our time in the crew's mess. All the crew came up to us, introduced themselves, and welcomed us aboard. We felt like part of them from this point on.

On our second day we had lunch in the wardroom so we could meet the officers. After lunch an officer showed us the Combat Information Center and its weapons systems. If we had only had those weapons in our fighting days!

Day three was Commissioning Day, and we met dignitaries who were speakers at the ceremony. Three officers seated us just behind the Captain's family and the dignitaries, and we were impressed with the pomp and circumstance as we had never before been on a commissioning crew. With all the watches being stood, "our ship" was ready to join the fleet.

When we arrived back in Antrim, Police Chief Brian Brown escorted us to the Town Hall where a crowd greeted us. Radio host Fritz Weatherbee interviewed us, and we presented a plaque from Captain Bill and the USS Antrim crew to the town.

The USS Antrim was named for a WWII hero awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor as a POW in the Pacific. Richard N. Antrim, Rear Admiral Retired. Admiral Antrim died in 1969 at his home in Mountain Hope, Arkansas. He was survived by his wife, Mary Jean, and three children.

We continued to raise funds for a July 1982 celebration, and in the spring of 1982 the Selectmen got word that Captain

Bill would like to attend our Town Meeting. We put an article in the warrant asking if the town would adopt the crew and welcome them. Captain Bill came in March and was very well received at Town Meeting, although some residents expressed disagreement with our adopting the ship. Captain Bill spoke briefly on the ship's appreciation of our efforts and told us that in early May it would spend a few days in Portsmouth when town folks could visit their ship.



When the Antrim arrived in Portsmouth on May 3 it was welcomed by many townspeople, and the next day it was open for tours. We chartered buses, and Antrim Village went as a group as did handicapped kids from the Peterborough Workshop. Everybody was given lunch and a tour.

After our Portsmouth visit we returned home and more planning for "The USS Antrim Days 1982." One challenge was what were we going to do with more than 100 sailors in town. We put up a sign-up sheet to see if anyone would welcome one or two for the weekend, and before we knew it we had more homes than we had sailors!

We set July 25-26 for "Antrim Days," and as the fundraising was going well, started planning a parade. The Keene Legion Band agreed to play for free, and we had no trouble getting floats as many businesses supported what we were doing.

Since we had to feed all these guys on Parade Day, our next concern was a banquet. But one good fellow who happened to be a chef stepped forward and said he'd take care of it. Our local talent was lined up for a great show, and we planned a softball game with a team from the ship playing one from town. The Fire Department planned a muster, and the ship would demonstrate some of their equipment and skills. Everything took place at the Town Gym and Shea Field. Since a lot of these sailors were from down south or out west, we wanted to find a country music band for the dance, and we did. The sailors told us they couldn't believe there was a band in New Hampshire like this one.

Following Wayno's Fun Run with many sailors joining local runners, Captain Bill led the parade while Mary Jean Antrim and her children rode in a convertible. Budweiser supplied forty-five kegs of beer, and there was not a single incident. It didn't end Sunday night as there were sailors in town every weekend all summer, many staying with their host families. As Captain Bill put it, this is "a small town with a big heart." ☪

ANTRIM GRANGE

Beth Merrill

Antrim Grange members have been active with state and regional events, as well as local activities. We welcome our newest member, Davi Penny, and congratulate her on the accomplishments she's achieved in her short time as a Granger: 1st place in public speaking at June Youth Rally, 1st place in public speaking at Northeast Regional Youth Conference, election as Overseer of the NH State Grange Youth Association, and soloist for the NH program at the Northeast Regional Lecturers' Conference.

Four members attended the June Youth Rally, and in addition to Davi's winning entry, Arthur Merrill placed first in Public Speaking, and Beth Merrill placed second in Sign-A-Song. At the Northeast Regional Youth, Gloria Davis and Davi Penny were members of the NH Grange Youth Drill team which placed second at regional competition, and Arthur Merrill won second place with his speech in the public speaking contest.

Our eighth annual Art Show was successful due mostly to the wonderful pieces placed on exhibit by our local and Grange artists. The People's Choice Award went to Walpole Grange member, Betsy Congdon's watercolor "Joy," second place went to James Hankard for his beautiful oil painting of our own Grange Hall, and third place went to Hope Phillips for her pastel entitled "Hanging Out." Thanks as always to all our exhibitors and to Tenney Farm for providing the flowers

that help transform our hall into a temporary show place.

In late June three Antrim members joined Grangers from all over the country traveling to Washington D.C. to take part in the 50th anniversary celebration of the National Grange Building. We toured the city, some of the memorials and monuments, and visited the D.C. graves of four of the Seven Founders of the Order, as well as several other Grange-related attractions. This trip was a great reminder that while we struggle to continue to do important work within our Grange communities and become recognized as an important institution in our local towns, the National Grange enjoys respect and recognition within the District as an up-standing organization with a non-partisan, grassroots membership dedicated to the improvement of rural and family life across the nation.

We've been providing a food concession stand at the monthly Miniature Horse Shows at Clear Brook Farm in Hancock. We tried our hand at "letterboxing" during a recent mystery ride, which landed us at Balancing Rock. We celebrated National Ice Cream Month at our meeting and Youth Night in July. Our exhibit at Cheshire Fair was awarded a blue ribbon, which we hope to repeat at Hopkinton, New Boston, and Deerfield. Now we look to the next few months and expect to participate in the Home & Harvest parade, Grange Day at the Big "E" parade, and State and National Grange Conventions, among other events. ☞

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ANTRIM RECREATION FALL 2010

Celeste Lunetta, Director

The Parks and Recreation Department is wrapping up the final days of Summer Camp, Antrim in the Evening, and the beach season. It has been a successful and busy summer. The summer programs were all very well attended, and we are pleased to see these programs grow. Shea Field, recognized as one of the best playing surfaces in this part of the state, received several requests for summer soccer teams. The Antrim in the Evening concert series saw steadily increasing crowds, and both the bands and the audiences reported how wonderful the park and concerts are.

We are planning 2011 fiscal year, as well as for the next several years. A main goal is to make sure our public parks and programs are clean, user friendly, accessible, safe, in offering diverse opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities. If you ever have ideas, or feedback, please call Celeste Lunetta at 588-3121, or a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Current members are Peter Lamb, Chair, Sam Harding, Vice Chair, Ron Haggett, Dave Kirkpatrick, Pat Leonard, Thelma Nichols, and Barbara Reynolds. Eric Tenney is the Selectman serving ex-officio.

Antrim Friends of Recreation is a volunteer group that works to support many of our program. This summer, Janet McEwan stepped down from her longtime role as President of the AFOR. We are so grateful to her for her years of service, and wish her great luck in her future endeavors. Janet has been a tireless advocate for programs and facilities. The Antrim Friends of Recreation will start meeting again in September. To join, or for more information, call Celeste at 588-3121, or speak with Lauren Kirkpatrick, Catrina Young, or Laurie Cass Griggs.

Here is a schedule of fall events and programs offered by Antrim Recreation Department. For more information on any program and to register, visit the town website www.antrimnh.org and click on the Parks and Recreation Page. Movie and Trip information is also available on the front page of the town website. Antrim Recreation also maintains a Facebook Page. Happy pickings!

Antrim Recreation Ski & Ride Club at Crotched Mountain Ski Area: reduced cost club passes are available through October 11. Our deadline for purchasing reduced rate club passes

is Monday October 11. A wide variety of passes is available, from 7 session after school club passes, available with lessons or without, to unlimited Junior and Adult passes, Daily 3-9 pm passes, and midweek passes. The sale of club passes through the recreation department is a fundraiser for Antrim Recreation Department. Revenues support our facilities and programs, from the community bus to Shea Field. Pass prices have gone up for the first time in three years. We have seen club members consistently have a high value experience for the season at Crotched, as the mountain has invested well in their snowmaking system. Here are the 2010-2011 club prices. Adult Unlimited Pass: \$349; Junior Unlimited Pass: \$299; Under 5 Pass: \$50; Blue Skies at Night Pass: \$279 (3-9pm daily, includes midnights); Midweek Pass (9a-9p M-F) \$249. 7 Session after school Pass, we will go on Wednesdays. For lift only, cost is \$99 for juniors and \$139 for a parent chaperone pass. Five lessons are available for an additional \$50, and rentals are also available. The community bus will transport from Antrim Town Gym at 3:15 each Wednesday. Group Lessons for kids 7 and older start at 4pm.

Karate: After School on Thursdays, starting Thursday September 9th. Cost is \$25 per month. Middle School Class (numbers permitting) 2:30-3:15; Elementary School Class 3:15-4:15. Registration forms available at Recreation Department and Antrim Town Hall.

Basketball Registrations: Registrations for Winter Basketball are due by October 30th. Cost to play is \$45 for grades 3 through 6, \$35 for grades 1 & 2. Please call for scholarship information if cost is prohibitive.

Little Kickers Youth Soccer: Saturdays September 11 through October 23rd. 9:30-10:30 am. Ages 4 and 5.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

Free Movies at Town Hall Saturday September 4: Marmaduke at 3:00 pm.

Thursday September 23rd: Full Moon Hike. Meet at Antrim Town Gym at 5:30. We will venture to a local site (TBD) to enjoy the moonrise. Bring flashlights and moon snack! Weather Permitting. Return by 8:30pm.

Saturday September 25th: Learn to Canoe Class. Instructed by Brian Beihl, this class will take place from 9am to 3pm at Gregg Lake. Canoes are available, or bring your

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own. Bring a hat, water bottle, food. Pre registration is requested. Call us at 588-3121 by Wednesday September 22. For this special program, we are encouraging donations be made, that day, to our local Boy Scout troop.

OCTOBER EVENTS

Family Fun Night: Friday October 1st: 5:00-6:45: Free open gym with crafts and games! Fun for all, activities are planned for elementary aged kids and their families. Every month on the first or second Friday. Antrim Town Gym.

Free Movies at Town Hall: Oct 1st: 7:15: The Wizard of Oz; 9:15 Splice, Rated R

Friday October 8th Trip to Beech Hill Farm Corn Mazes and Gould Hill Orchards: Leave Antrim at 9:30 am, return at 4pm. Bring Picnic Lunch or buy food. Sign up by Saturday October 2. Cost is \$2 pp for bus, \$5 pp for maze and whatever you spend on apples and other treats.

Roller Skating Saturday October 9th 6:00-8:00 pm. \$5 pp for skate rentals. Donations to Antrim Friends of Recreation.

Full Moon Hike: Saturday October 23rd. Meet at Crotched Mountain Ski Area at 5:30 pm for a hike to a local vista to watch the October Moon rise! RSVP to Antrim Recreation by Wednesday October 20.

‘Tween Halloween Dance: Friday October 29 7-9pm: kids in 5th and 6th grade, \$6 per, includes music for dancing, prizes, contests, snacks, and more.

Halloween Window Painting: Saturday October 30, 9-12. Register your group by Wednesday October 27.

Halloween Family Party: Saturday October 30, 3:30-5:00pm. Free family fun! Come in costume for the parade across the stage...we might even roam out onto Main Street!

NOVEMBER EVENTS:

After School Jump Rope Club: Wednesdays November 3rd, 11 and 18; 3:15-4:15, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade.

Family Fun Night Nov 5: 5:00-6:45 Free open gym with crafts and games! Fun for all, activities are planned for elementary aged kids and their families. Every month on the first or second Friday. Antrim Town Gym.

Free Movies at Town Hall November 5 and Nov 19 & 20. Films/Times TBA on www.antrimnh.org

Saturday November 6: Trip to Yankee Candle, Von Trapp Family Singers Leave Antrim at 8:30 am, Return around 5:30 pm. Cost for bus is \$6.00 for residents. Family discount available. Call for info.

Roller Skating Saturday November 13 6:00-8:00 pm. \$5 pp for skate rentals. Donations to Antrim Friends of Recreation.

November 20: 11th Annual Time for Tellabration. Community Bus trip to NHTI. Local storytellers will delight you with captivating tales. Leave Antrim at 6:15, return around 10:45. Cost is \$2 pp for bus.

Monday November 22: Trip to Trader Joe’s and the Nashua Mall. Leaves Antrim at 9:30, returns at 3:30. Cost for bus is \$3 pp.



MY FAVORITE PLACE

Melanie Blackman

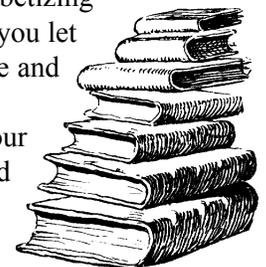
I can say without a doubt that my favorite place in Antrim is the James A. Tuttle library. I’ve been fascinated with books ever since I was little, and I’m pretty sure my father reading the back of cereal boxes to me during breakfast, and “the Cat in The Hat” to me before bed, has something to do with it. I’ve been hooked on reading ever since. The town library holds a place in my heart, and a wave of calm and happiness surrounds me as I enter through the doors.

The newest and latest books are always available, and the renovations have turned the old, cramped library to an open, inviting one. My favorite space is the young adult room because it has little chairs that make it comfortable to sit near the floor, and there’s a high table to write or play cards on. It’s the coziest room, in my opinion. The library also has air conditioning, so it’s a really great place to get away from the heat (especially the ninety degree weather we had this summer) and find a good book to curl up with.

Although, books are really important in a library, I think the librarians are the most important. You all know the familiar, welcoming faces of our town librarians. There are times when I’ve been in a rush to drop off a book, but I take a trip inside just to see them. They’re always so helpful and are never agitated when I interrupt their work to have a chat.

For a short time I volunteered at the library on Friday mornings, and that’s when I saw, first hand, how hard working our librarians are. I really enjoyed volunteering, shelving books and making displays. Unfortunately, I had to stop because my work schedule kept interfering with my volunteer schedule. I know the library often needs volunteers, so if you are interested, and are good at alphabetizing and following directions, make sure you let the librarians know. They are flexible and appreciate the help.

I just want to say thank you to our town librarians for working so hard and keeping my favorite place alive.



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See up close and personal many of the vehicles that intrigue and amaze young and old alike at the 2nd Annual Grapevine Touch-a-Truck at Great Brook School Saturday, September 4 from 11-2. The event is scheduled to "take off" with the landing of the NH State Police Helicopter on Shea Field at 11:00, so you might want to arrive a few minutes early. Also featured at the event are Robblee's big crane, an S.R. Jones dump truck, an Antrim police cruiser, fire truck and ambulance, a tow truck from Mike's Towing, a school bus, a super duty truck from Hillsboro Ford, the ever-popular Ice Cream Truck, and many more! The event will take place rain or shine. Rick & Diane's pizza will be on sale with a portion of the proceeds donated to The Grapevine. The cost is \$5 per child, \$20 max per family, with proceeds supporting our programs. Bring your children, your grandchildren, or your neighbor's children to enjoy this event while you support The Grapevine!

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS 2010-2011

Call The Grapevine to register your Antrim Elementary School or Great Brook School student in the Before or After School Club for the coming school year. The programs oper-

ate on school days, with Before School running from 6:45 to 8:45am and After School from 2:15 to 5:15pm. The programs include quiet time to read and finish homework, board games, Legos, and activities in the gym. You may pick up registrations at the Town Hall, Tuttle Library, the Rec Office at the Town Gym, or at The Grapevine.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS ON LINE

The following is an excerpt from our Grapevine Community Survey Results Summary, which you can find at www.AntrimNH.org. Hard copies are available at The Grapevine.

Our thanks to the people who completed The Grapevine Community Survey in March. All respondents were from our "target towns" of Antrim, Hancock, Bennington and Frankestown, with more than one-half of the respondents living in Antrim. Survey results demonstrated a strong community spirit, as well as commitment to maintaining our rural New England tradition of helping each other in times of need and preserving the rural landscape. These themes were expressed over and over again in the responses. The data validated our work here at The Grapevine and gave us some clear direction as to how we can strengthen our programs and develop some new initiatives to further strengthen the fabric of our community. The survey results have given us confidence that a Community Website will benefit both residents of and visitors to the community.

APPLY FOR FOOD STAMPS AND MORE AT THE GRAPEVINE

Avoid multiple 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.

WEEKLY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 7

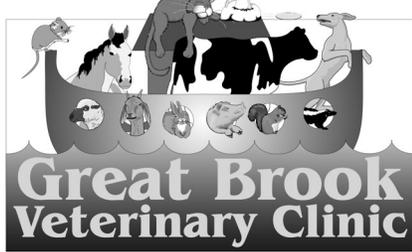
The Grapevine welcomes all children birth to 5 years of age and their parents to our weekly children's programs.

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

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

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 way 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 for baby and parents, and others of interest.

Learning Vine preschool—Space Available for the 2010-11 school year!—for children between 3 and 5 years. This hands-on program focuses on social interaction and problem solving skills in a small group setting to help prepare children for school in a fun and engaging environment. Taught by Carol Lunan, MEd for the past ten years. Both parent-cooperative and drop-off available.

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

The People's Service Exchange has over 250 services to choose from, ranging from computer support, yard work, tax prep and massage, to companionship, resume writing, haircuts, and rides. Here's how it works: One hour of service equals one hour of credit called a "time dollar." It's easy to become a member—you can meet with the Exchange coordinator individually or come to the next informational meeting on Saturday, September 11 at 11am. Call or email coordinator Gerry Chagnon at 588-2620 or peopleserviceexchange@hotmail.com for more information.

Wood Bank—Help Wanted! We're looking for fresh volunteers to work with our committed regulars to cut, split and stack firewood this fall. 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 once again to Robblee's Tree Service, who recently delivered a cord of wood. We're expecting a lot of requests this year—all donations are greatly appreciated and tax deductible.

Community Art Show—2nd Showing! If you missed the first annual Black Fly Community Art Show at The Grapevine in June you get a second chance. Multi-media art created by children, youth and community groups will be show-

ing in the Daniels Room at the Hancock Library beginning on August 30th through Labor Day. Don't miss the amazing work!

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** for those who use firewood as a primary heat source and can't afford to buy it.
- **Heating Fuel & Electric Assistance** applications—call 588-2620 for more information, and 1-877-757-7048 or 924-2243 for an appointment.
- **Child & Family Counseling** provided by Monadnock Family Services.
- **Family Conflict Resolution** offered by Milford Area Mediation Services.
- **Help finding meaningful employment:** A.C.C.E.S.S. offers support for people with disabilities in their search for meaningful employment.
- **Help Finding Shelter** for families who are homeless or face homelessness.
- **Visitation Site** for noncustodial parents and their children.



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