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ANTRIM WOMAN'S CLUB THIRTY YEARS AGO

By Beth Merrill

Sharon Dowling and I truly enjoyed our membership in the Antrim Woman's Club back when it was still in existence. We discontinued our membership when the club voted to "de-federate" or cut ties with the state and national organizations (GFWC – General Federation of Women's Clubs) with which it had been associated since 1914 and, simultaneously, we felt there was too little interest in filling/supporting the leadership roles by the general membership. With the efforts of Martha Brown, the club

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SNOWBOUND

Janet MacLachlan

This article was originally to be titled "Homebound," but with all the snowstorms we are having, "Snowbound" seems more appropriate.

The snow has piled up halfway on the large glass windows in our solarium so now we cannot see out into our backyard, and the birdfeeder has disappeared from our view. We see the birds swoop down from the nearby hemlock tree, so we know they are getting seed, but until the snow melts away, we miss seeing them flutter about the feeder. Two of our outside doors are completely blocked with snow, but we

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SUPPORT OUR TEACHERS

Mary Allen, ConVal School Board

When the ConVal School Board sat down to set its goals for this year, the 13 members had the same item at the top of their lists. After a couple minutes of discussion, our entire to-do looked like this:

School Board Goals 2010-2011: "An Approved Teachers' Contract." We're halfway there — and now it's your turn.

On March 8th you will be handed several ballots when you go to the polls at the Antrim Town Hall. On the school ballot, Article 5 asks you to approve the monetary impact of a four-year contract for our teachers and paraprofessionals. If at least 50 percent of the district voters mark "yes," we'll end this long, long journey. If the answer is "no," it's back to the bargaining table for another year.

This is a good contract. It is a fair contract. And it deserves your careful consideration.

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SOLDIERS' MONUMENT RESTORATION

Lyman Gilmore

If a warrant article before the Town Meeting is successful, restoration will begin this spring on the beautiful and historic Antrim's Soldiers' Monument that stood proudly on the green in front of the Baptist Church since 1892.

Previously we reported that in 2008 the monument "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 the committee formed to restore the monument—Thelma Nichols, Ben Pratt, Eric Tenney, Al Gould, Cindy

Gould, Wayne Nichols, Lyman Gilmore, and Bob Chagnon—proposes that the damaged zinc base and central column be replaced with solid New Hampshire granite, on top of which the fine Civil War soldier statue, or some other decorative object, can be mounted in the future. The warrant article asks for \$12,600 which will not only replicate the base and column exactly, but will also include the names of all the soldiers from the original monument as well its inspiring patriotic verses, carved into the granite.

The committee will seek contributions from residents, and it is confident from preliminary discussions with

various individuals and organizations that significant donations supporting the restoration will be forthcoming. ☪



Veteran places wreath Memorial Day 2005

Photo by Alan Fahrner

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I won't go into all the details here. Newspaper accounts and opinion pieces have extensively described the four-year agreement and analyzed all its ins and outs. I've saved them all and would happy to send you a packet by e-mail or mail.

But in the broadest strokes here's what we agreed to: this contract covers four years; it requires teachers and paraprofessionals pay a percentage of their health insurance premiums and that percentage increases each year; it sets up a committee to see oversee bidding out the health insurance coverage; it slowly makes up the yearly step increases that teachers lost for three years; it increases the starting pay for a new teacher.

What you won't see on the ballot is the fact that enough savings have been found elsewhere to cover 90 percent of the \$615, 574 needed for the first-year increase. If everything on the warrant passes, taxpayers will only pay \$65,000 more to fund the contract's first year. That \$65,000 is spread over all nine ConVal towns.

We've been at this point before. In 2009, we had a three-year agreement that both sides fully supported. At the polls, the contract failed—a victim of the tough economic times.

Don't let that happen again. Our teachers deserve our support. They are taxpayers, too. They are moms, dads, neighbors and friends and they are hard-working employees that haven't had a raise in three years.

Please help the school board finish its to-do list. Please vote yes on the contract.

For a packet of articles and other information on the CVEA contract, please e-mail me at mallen65@hotmail.com or call 588-2742 and leave a mailing address 

AVENUE A TEEN CENTER

Dave Kirkpatrick

Regular Spring Hours: Mon & Wed 2:30–6 pm; Fri 2:30–9 pm

Events and activities coming up include Tournament Nights on Fridays in March, Longboard Construction workshop Sundays in April, Media Power Youth video production workshop Sundays in May, and Safe Sitter trainings, dates TBA.

For more information about programs and opportunities to get involved, contact us at 588-3334 or teencenter@tds.net.

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CANDIDATES FOR SELECT BOARD

DAVID DUFFY

Hello fellow Antrim citizens. My name is David Duffy, and I am asking you for your support for my candidacy of the Antrim Selectboard.

I have lived in Antrim for approximately eight years and in the immediate area for twenty years. Honestly, I never thought I would have run for the Selectboard, but after the past few very trying years I now feel that it is time that I do.

I am a past employee of the town, and it was my pleasure to serve you in that capacity. It is my past employment with the town where I feel I have learned a lot about the in's and out's of the town and that I can use that to do a lot of good for Antrim. I believe we need to lower our taxes without cutting essential services, and make it affordable to live in this wonderful town once again. I believe that residents should be able to voice a concern and have that matter addressed as it should be. I also believe that the Selectboard should give as much information as possible to residents about where the Selectboard stands on issues, and how we as a town are doing financially. I would like to be able to get more residents involved in town decisions by having more residents attend Selectboard meetings, and to inform the Selectboard about what is wanted by the residents. These are a few of my reasons of wanting to serve the town of Antrim as a member of the Selectboard, and I hope for your support.

Here is a little about myself. I am a self-employed business owner (Duffy's Aquarium Sales and Service). I am married to a lifelong Antrim resident Melissa (Varnum) Duffy who works at Monadnock hospital. I am 49 years old, am an avid fisherman, and I also enjoy golfing.

If you see me out campaigning, please stop and talk. ☞

GIRL SCOUT DRAFT DODGERS

Shelly Nelkens

The Girl Scouts are collecting men's ties that they fill with insulation and make into "Draft Dodgers" to prevent cold air seeping in under your doors and windows. Please donate ties at the Town Hall, the Grapevine, and the Presbyterian Church.

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JOHN ROBERTSON

I am a candidate for selectman for the following reasons: 1. We need strong leadership from people with leadership experience. 2. Antrim has been through a very difficult financial crisis and needs selectmen who understand the problem. 3. We need selectmen who know how to solve the difficult problems we face.

I believe I can contribute in a positive way by asking the right questions and searching out the correct answers. I have been a resident of Antrim for 33 years. Over that period of time I operated a successful business and have participated in several community organizations. I am past chairman of the Antrim Chamber of Commerce, President of Antrim-Bennington Lions Club, Trustee of Byron Caughey Memorial Camp, and am a Trustee of Antrim Trust Funds.

Past positions include President NH Fairs Association, President Hillsborough County Fair for 15 years, and member of the committee to establish the Antrim Recycling and Transfer Station.

I feel my experience in these many endeavors uniquely qualifies me to be a selectman. Antrim needs people in leadership roles who know how to manage and take the lead to solve the many complex issues we face.

Please vote March 8th and attend Town Meeting, March 10th. Many residents have asked me to make a commitment to the town I live in. Please do the same on March 8th and March 10th. ☞

FOXWOODS TRIP

Imogene Drabble
Antrim Bennington Lions Club

For the past four years our club has arranged a trip every April to Foxwoods in Connecticut. For all those who have enjoyed this trip and others who may not be aware of it, the outing for this year has been firmed up for Saturday April 23. The cost is \$40 per person which covers the transportation and includes \$10 for keno and \$15 towards food or a buffet. Reservations and payment can be made until March 19th (space available basis after that date) and can be made by contacting Imogene Drabble at 588-3097. There will be no refunds provided after March 19.

There are two locations where you can catch the bus. The first location is at the Antrim Elementary School in Antrim, with check-in time at 6:00 am and leaving at 6:10 am. The second location is at the White Birch Community Center in Henniker, with check-in time at 5:30 am, leaving at 5:45 am. We hope you will join us as the proceeds will go to support our various charitable efforts for our community. ☞

FREE Community Suppers
Mar 17 • Apr 21 • May 19 • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM

THE ANTRIM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sergeant Sean Cavanaugh

The Antrim Police Department would like to request that the residents who have not already done so affix and display their house numbers in an area that is clearly visible for emergency responders. This is very important for not only the police department but for the fire department and ambulance as well. From time to time we have been requested to respond to residences in Antrim for a multitude of different calls, and house numbers were not present and/or not visible from the road. This dramatically effects our response time, and when seconds count we want to be sure that we can get to you as safely and quickly as possible.

For our residents and businesses in town that have residential or business alarms, we really need for you to come to the station and update the information on your alarm. We need to have contact information for your alarm's company, key holder information, and contact information for the resident or business owner so that in an emergency we can get in touch with the appropriate person. This information will be shared with our Dispatch so that we can provide a faster service when called for an alarm. Much of the information that we have on file is outdated, and for your personal safety, the safety and security of your property and/or business, and the safety of our officers, we would greatly appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. The information provided will not be shared with anyone other than Dispatch and is not public information.

As always during the winter months snow removal becomes harder with each passing storm. Please remember the Winter Parking Ban is still in effect. Thus far we have only had to place a couple of parking tickets on vehicles and we would like to keep it that way, as I'm sure you would too. Just as a reminder to everyone pushing all this wonderful snow around, I have added the RSA for Snow Obstruction:

OBSTRUCTIONS AND ENCROACHMENTS

Section 236:20

236:20 Snow Obstruction – *Any person who shall put or place or cause to be put or placed any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any class I, class III, or class III-a highway or state maintained portion of any class II*

highway for any purpose, except to provide a place necessary for crossing, re-crossing and traveling upon said highways by sleds, logging or farm equipment, shall be guilty of a violation if a natural person, or guilty of a misdemeanor if any other person. The provisions of this section shall not apply where snow or ice is pushed across the traveled surface of said highways for the purpose of snow removal from land adjoining said highways.

Our Highway Department does an excellent job clearing the sidewalks and roads, but from time to time you may find the need to walk on the road, and by walking against traffic it is safer for everyone, not to mention it's the law.

On a side note, the Antrim Police Department is currently looking for photographs of our former employees from years past to add to the walls in the police station. We would like to pay homage to all of them for the services they provided this community while serving as a member of this agency by displaying their pictures proudly in the police station. Should anyone have photographs that they are willing to share or allow us to copy, please contact me at the station. As always, stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone around town. ☞

SELECT BOARD

Michael Genest, Selectman

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank everyone who has helped the Town turn a deficit of \$1.3 million at the end of 2008 to a surplus of over \$600,000 at the end of 2010.

As we were preparing the budget for 2011, the Board tried to maintain a tight budget, but realized that some cuts that were made last year needed to be restored to be able to keep up the level of service that we have come to expect from our various departments. We would also like to thank Gordon Webber for his service to the Town as a Selectman for the past three years, and for all the time and hard work he has given to the position.

As spring draws closer we would like to thank our Highway Department for putting in the time that all these snowstorms have required to keep our roads clear. We would also like to thank the Police and the Fire & Rescue crews that have also been very busy with the many storms this winter.

The North Branch Bridge work will be completed this year after a delay involving an aerial easement from the Public Utilities Commission. This bridge is being entirely funded with Federal Stimulus money. We also have a number of projects planned for the Highway Department this year, with the two major ones being work on Elm Street and the old Route 202, along with the engineering of the bridges on Depot Street.

The potential wind project has been a very hot topic as of late and the Board of Selectmen will be doing a survey on voting day, March 8th from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Please fill out this survey to help the Selectmen get a direction the Town wants to go.

TOWN MEETING is Thursday, **MARCH 10 at 7:00 pm** at the **ANTRIM TOWN GYM**. Please attend as your input is very important to us. ☞



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WIND POWER IN ANTRIM

Editor's Note: In January the Limrik invited two individuals with interest in wind energy production on Tuttle Hill to express their opinions. Although the zoning change proposal has been withdrawn for now, this will continue to be an urgent controversy well into the future.

NOT READY FOR A WIND FARM IN ANTRIM

Martha Pinello

I was asked at the end of a recent public hearing to write an opinion piece in opposition to wind power. I responded that I am not opposed to wind power. Rather, I am against how the Antrim Planning Board intended to change Principal Permitted Use (encouraged uses) in the Rural and Rural Conservation Districts. The editor suggested my perspective might be helpful in this debate.

At issue are a proposed zoning change to allow wind-energy facilities as a Principal Permitted Use in the Rural Conservation District and a separate change that would allow excavation sites as a Principal Permitted Use to the Rural District. These two changes could have a significant impact on approximately 80 % of land in the town. Yet, the proposed ordinances would only require a site review rather than the more-involved process of a zoning special exception.

I hope this piece can add to the conversation.

Antrim Wind Energy LLC has leased approximately 2,000 acres for 25 years in the Rural Conservation District. While the final design is still in the works, tentative plans include multiple structures for monitoring and maintenance; 30- to 40-foot wide roadways; plus 10 turbines, each 240 to 360 feet tall with 180 to 336 foot diameter rotors.

The scale and type of development that would be permitted in the new ordinance is contrary to the intent of the Rural Conservation District. The purpose of the Rural Conservation District is "to protect conserve and preserve the remote mountainous portions of Antrim from...activities that would be detrimental to the unique environmental characteristics and qualities of this district and detract from the peaceful enjoyment and tranquility that this district affords local residents. The intent of this district is to preserve and promote a remote and rural character."

An industrial scale wind facility is not a low-impact facility. It is important to get a sense of the scale of this proposal. This wind farm and its associated infrastructure will be *larger* than the village of Antrim. While for the most part many citizens generally express support of renewable energy, few of us can visualize the magnitude of that footprint. This wind facility is larger than any proposed, or completed, project in Antrim in the past 100 years. *Energy Sprawl* is a term used to describe the space and impact of wind facilities, especially when combined with others in a region. Antrim citizens would certainly expect more than a site-review process if a developer planned to build a new industrial park in Rural Conservation District, particularly if there were more than one proposed in the region.

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ANTRIM'S WINDFALL

Steve Sawyer

As the head of the global trade association representing the wind industry, it will come as no surprise that I'm a strong supporter of the wind farm proposed for Tuttle Hill. My thirty years as a leader of the international environmental movement leads me to the same conclusion; and as someone who grew up in Antrim and whose family has lived in the town since at least the middle of the 19th century, my support is even stronger.

The choice of whether or not to proceed with this project ought to be based on a clear-headed assessment of our vision for the future of Antrim, as well as a clear understanding of its past.

When the first settlers moved to Antrim in the 1760s it was to pursue the dream of creating a decent living for themselves, and a better one for their children and for future generations. The development of the town over the next 150 years was one in which most of the land was cleared for farms and timber, and Great Brook, connecting Gregg Lake with what is now known as 'downtown', became the engine for twenty or more water powered businesses: sawmills, gristmills, and other enterprises which built the prosperity of the town and saw Antrim send a Governor to Concord in 1889. Scores of such small, industrious, prospering communities were the early drivers of the American version of the industrial revolution.

The economic upheaval of the first half of the 20th century changed all that. The sawmill my grandfather ran on Gregg Lake Road went out of business. The Antrim/Bennington stop on the Boston and Maine Railroad, where my other grandfather was stationmaster for 40+ years, closed to passenger traffic, and then shut down completely. There was still one mill on Great Brook when I was a kid, but it eventually burned and wasn't replaced. Finally, there was the sale and eventual closure of the main Goodell mill in the center of town, Antrim's only large source of employment. And so it went...

Not since the 19th century has someone invested the equivalent of \$30 million in Antrim, with the possible exception of the ill-timed and ultimately unsuccessful establishment of Hawthorne College. This investment is in the form of a clean, sustainable development which will add 4-5 million dollars to the town's budget over the next 20 years, and will help provide for the future prosperity of the town, the state, and the nation, not to mention a planet trying to fight off the greatest collective threat humanity has ever faced in the form of human-induced climate change.

We don't have much time to turn the climate problem around, and one could argue that whether Antrim plays a role in it is not material to the larger fight. One small, rural com-

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WHAT PRICE "COMMUNITY"?

Sharon Dowling

On many First Fridays of the month, from October to June, you can find me enjoying or playing at the "Open Door Coffee House" at Smith Church in Hillsboro. It was at one such fun-filled evening recently that I was struck by the realization that such a unique, multigenerational experience was hard to find in our culture nowadays. It was not a school performance, so people were not there out of family obligation. Most of the acts are amateur, so no one paid for the privilege of attending a professional show. Yet the audience consisted of all ages from toddler to 80+, and many abilities—several physically or mentally challenged folks were there—and the sense of solid support of all the acts presented, whether new or old, wonderful or just ok, was palpable and consistent. Over the months, musicians from the age of 10 or so to many decades older, have had a chance to try out being on center stage, and conversation and communication among all the generations happens naturally. So where else in our society today can you find examples of similar experiences happening on a regular basis?

I asked myself this question because I most often see us all being carefully segregated and separated from each other by age group, and I am not sure that is always good. What develops from that seems to be a lack of understanding, respect, and caring, and it also creates fear. One formal organization that seems to buck this trend is the Grange. While I am not a Grange member, I have gotten the idea that youngsters are mentored by oldersters, and families join in activities together (it is not just Mom or Dad dropping junior off at a Scout meeting). Churches traditionally provided many opportunities for intermingling of the generations; worship and fellowship, communal dinners,

fundraising activities, Bible study or classes, and service opportunities were all part of the extended family of the local church congregation. In Antrim the last few summers, Vacation Bible School has been a family adventure, including games and meals shared by everyone. Nowadays many of our children do not get that chance to be known and cared about and called by name by folks two or three generations older than they. Unless those folks are paid to do so, of course. Or are related.

Some people think that technology is the big culprit in isolating and separating us from each other. While I can agree on some levels, I do not think we MUST be separated from community by technology. Maybe you can think of other groups or organizations that include multiple generations and a sense of sharing and respect. I miss the old Antrim Woman's club; I was lucky enough to belong while Bev Tenney, Ann Miller, Evelyn Perry, and others were still around and active. As a mother of school age children, I may never have met them otherwise. Community Suppers give a chance to share among the ages as does Home and Harvest to some extent. I wonder, if instead of a "Teen Center" at one end of town, and a "Senior Center" at the other, one day a "Community Center" might not be a better idea. Just a thought. ☞

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PASSIONATE ABOUT ALPACAS

Sandy Snow

It was a beautiful drive up Antrim's Mattheson Road on a warm fall day with orange and red leaves still in their prime colors. I was going to Hidden Hill Farm Alpacas to talk to Carol Karsten about her alpaca and llama farm. As I approached her house, I caught a glimpse of some of the alpacas in the large pasture behind the house.

The farm also is home to ducks, geese, chickens, a couple of dogs and cats, among other animals. But she and her brother Bob—the facilities manager—and their father, another Bob, have a real passion for their alpacas. As she gave me a tour of the farm she said they have about 100 alpacas plus seven llamas. As we walked through the barn she pointed out individual animals by name: Casanova, Cup Cake, and Michelangelo, for example.

Carol spent nearly 30 years on Wall Street and in related financial services businesses as an investment analyst. "I studied livestock breeding as I would any other business sector I was charged with covering by my employers in that industry," she said.

Carol designed all three barns herself before moving here in 2005. Her goal was to set up all the pens, paddocks, and pastures so that animals could move freely from pen to paddock to pasture and back again without someone constantly there to open and close gates. She said, "I did this because I worked full-time off the farm until 2003 and wanted the alpacas to have access to fresh, clean water at all times, as well as the ability to seek shelter in the barns from weather when I was away from the farm." They can come and go as they please. She also pointed out that there are special watering systems for all the different fenced-in areas that avoid the problems of animals walking through their own waste and getting into a water trough and contaminating it.

Carol said alpacas were domesticated by the pre-Incan and Incan people over a period of 5,000 to 7,000 years, and alpaca fiber, for which the animals were selectively bred, was used to clothe royalty. The closest cousin to the alpaca is the wild vicuna. Only indigenous people, she added, are allowed to herd vicuna and shear them every other year, and then return them to the wild. "Vicuna fiber is twice as fine as the alpaca fiber," she said. Llamas, another relation, were domesticated as pack animals and were introduced into the high desert plains.

"Alpacas hail from a tiny cross section of the three nations of Peru, Bolivia and Chile. This region, which includes Machu Picchu, is a high desert plain known as the 'Altiplano,' and parts have not had rain in 70 years," she added. They are very hardy, although during the Conquistadors' conquest of the Incas alpacas came close to extinction. Alpacas are easy to train, and a few repetitions of commands are all it usually takes to teach an alpaca to accept a halter or be led.

Alpacas stand about 36 inches at the withers and weigh between 100 and 225 pounds. Their long, erect necks are simi-

lar to the larger llama. Interestingly, alpacas defecate in one common area which makes it easy to clean up the dung. She said they have three pastures for the alpacas to rotate through in spring, summer and fall which helps prevent the spread of intestinal parasites. When one pasture is not being used it is fertilized with the alpaca manure.

The barn has a small vet room with a refrigerator for medications and a microscope for checking the alpacas' fecal matter for any signs of trouble. Carol also has two quarantine areas where she can isolate sick animals. She was going to a show in southern New Jersey in a couple of days, and when she returned she would quarantine the alpacas she took with her for three weeks because of the possibility that they might have picked up an illness from other alpacas at the show. That quarantine area is located farther away from the herd and is downwind from the two other barns.



As for showing her alpacas, she attends two to three shows in the spring and two in the fall. She says that isn't a lot, but her main purpose for raising alpacas is not necessarily for champion animals, although she has a number of champions at her farm. Her interest is in breeding for the quality of the wool.

Soon she took me to an area where she kept the crias, baby alpacas. As we discussed her animals in that area, one cria came up to me, so I casually petted it. Soon he was back, wanting to be petted again. As we talked some more I felt a little tug at my side. The cria was nibbling at my pocket. Crias are weaned at six months, and the life span of the alpaca is about 17 years. Carol said the crias love to run and jump, and she has photographs showing them jumping three feet into the air.

Carol explained that she breeds two types of alpacas, the most common huacaya that constitutes 90 per cent of the world's alpacas and most of her animals, and the suri. Huacaya fiber grows perpendicular to the body and forms

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Antrim currently has a detailed Small Wind Energy Systems ordinance. It is a five-page document. Yet, an industrial wind facility development isn't covered in our town regulations. This does not make sense. True, there are not many ordinances written to date for wind facilities, but that does not mean we cannot create them. Across the region and the country, wind organizations are working with conservation nonprofits, governmental agencies, and landowner groups to create guidelines and standards. Antrim's ordinances could set parameters for such developments and the town's planning documents would be used by agencies, if the project progresses to the state review phase.

And finally, the earnings garnished from this project will go to the lessors of the land, the company that prepares and secures the facility permit, and to those who run the facility. It is important to consider the parallel with hydropower facilities. The profits and value are in the start-up phase, not in operating of the facility. Yes, there will be temporary construction-related jobs for excavation, hauling, and construction. However, wind facilities tend to employ corporate technicians to maintain and monitor the facility on 1- to 2-year rotating assignment.

The proposed excavation ordinance would make sand and gravel pit excavations a Principal Permitted Use (an encouraged use) in the Rural District. But our zoning laws define the Rural District as "intended to be a district of rural residential dwellings complimented by other traditional rural/agricultural uses." The district also permits certain nonresidential uses that are compatible with the rural character of the district. Such uses are permitted by Special Exception."

A modern excavation operation is not a traditional agricultural use. The excavation and transporting of sand and gravel is an industrial process. Additionally, excavation is not the only activity at a modern gravel pit. Materials are brought in to the pit for processing, crushing and sifting, then are re-transported from the site. The direct and ancillary uses at a gravel pit are the equivalent to a construction zone, and often persist for decades.

Much is made of the town's need to capture additional revenue from excavation. The town receives 2 cents per yard, the equivalent of \$200 per 10-yard dump truck and no revenue from the reprocessed materials. Nothing in the existing zoning for the Rural District is comparable to the noise, dust, and traffic associated with a sand and gravel pit. These factors are likely why other towns allow excavation in the Rural District by Special Exception.

The Antrim Planning Board needs to settle down to the hard work of creating ordinances rather than giving up our opportunity for local control. In the past, when a complex ordinance—such as housing for the elderly—has come before the Planning Board, the town formed an ad hoc committee to study it. The committee worked through potential zoning ordinances, brought their findings back to the board for discussion,

and then proceeded with public hearings, voting, and enactment of the ordinance.

So far, the discussion has focused on the benefits of wind facilities and excavation. The real focal point should be how our community uses its nonrenewable resources and meets the challenges of today and the future.

I truly believe there are solutions that can provide for these activities while assuring preservation of community character. ☞

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munity in New Hampshire is not going to change the world, one might say. But what if everyone thinks that way? We can do our part *and* reap a substantial benefit.

Wind power now supplies about 2% of the US electricity supply, and even the last Bush Administration's Department of Energy outlined a plan for it to reach 20% by 2030, and many believe it could be even greater. Iowa now gets 20% of its electricity from wind, and Texas is up to 8%.

Rural communities across the country and around the world, from China and India to Australia, from Texas to Illinois and Minnesota, are reaping the benefits in the form of clean energy, jobs, an increased tax base, new schools, hospitals, and a new fire truck or an ambulance brought by the revenue from the wind industry. They look with pride at the turbines majestically turning on the plains and hillsides, knowing that they are generating a better economic future for their community. Young couples from Poland to Inner Mongolia have their wedding pictures taken with the turbines as a symbol of the future, showing that they're doing their bit to help create an environment where their children and grandchildren can prosper.

In 2010, for the first time, the majority of wind power development globally happened outside the rich countries of Western Europe and North America. China, India, Brazil, and Mexico are taking the leadership in this new industrial revolution. The US federal government has tried and failed since the early 70s to come up with a coherent national energy strategy, but initiatives at state and community have kept us in the game.

Now we have a proposal which will add hundreds of thousands of dollars to the town budget every year for 20 years, provide clean power to the grid, and provide a symbol that Antrim is a town looking not only to its past but to the future prosperity of its residents and their children; that Antrim is interested in being a part of the next industrial revolution which is now sweeping the globe; and it might get turned down because somebody doesn't like the view?

Is Antrim a town that exists only to serve as someone's vision of a bucolic paradise for those seeking to escape the urban blight of Boston, New York, or New Jersey? Or is it a town committed towards giving its children a prosperous future and a reason to stay? That's the question in front of the town. I trust that we'll make the right choice.

Long time Antrim resident, Steve Sawyer is Secretary General, Global Wind Energy Council, Brussels, Belgium
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WASHINGTON

A LIFE

By Ron Chernow

Reviewed by Missy Taylor

When you think of George Washington, do you think of him as he looks in the familiar portraits that we all know so well? As a stolid, paternal figure, gazing serenely into the distance, his lips pressed together, his bearing stiffly erect? Using as one of his sources the new edition of Washington's papers being compiled by the University of Virginia, Ron Chernow has written an 800 page biography from cradle to grave that explodes one's preconceptions. The Washington he paints is a vibrant, charismatic and dynamic man of action, whose sometimes sober demeanor belies a passionate temperament seething with deep emotions that Washington had to frequently struggle, sometimes unsuccessfully, to contain. As he chronologically explores Washington's life, Chernow vividly illuminates the very turbulent times that Washington came to dominate and the characters, from Lafayette to Thomas Jefferson, who played pivotal roles in the birth of our nation.

Washington was born into a well-off family who owned tobacco plantations, "second tier" gentry, as Chernow describes them. Washington's father died when he was eleven, and his mother, Mary Ball Washington, was a thorn in Washington's side until she died at the age of 81 in 1789, just ten years before Washington's own death at age 67 in 1799. Always critical, always demanding, never satisfied, she expressed no pride in the accomplishments of her son, did not attend his wedding to Martha Dandridge Custis, and never visited Mount Vernon, which was not far from her own residence in Fredericksburg. Washington fulfilled his filial duty to her, always making sure she was financially provided for and was shocked and mortified when, in the midst of the revolutionary war, he received notice from Benjamin Harrison, speaker of the Virginia Assembly, that his mother had petitioned for an emergency pension, without a word to him about it. He asked the assembly to disregard the petition. When she died, he dutifully settled her estate, which was not inconsiderable despite her constant complaints, but never erected a tombstone for her and never spoke of her in other than "empty generalities."

Unlike his brothers, Washington never attended college because of a severe financial crush on the family when he was 15. His older half-brother, Lawrence, had married into the wealthy Fairfax family and Washington was able to use those connections to promote his own career as a surveyor, traveling by horseback through the wilds of western Pennsylvania and Virginia, surveying not just for his clients, but also for himself. Indeed, he started buying thousands of acres of western land and proved to be a sharp, hard bargainer. Chernow credits these expeditions with physically toughening up the man, familiarizing him with the frontier posts, providing insight into the plight of the Native Americans he en-

countered along the way, and giving him a vision of the possibilities of westward expansion.

When Lawrence died at age thirty-four, Washington was emotionally devastated; he and Lawrence had been very close and he had always admired and attempted to emulate his older brother. In a last desperate attempt to overcome the terrible tuberculosis that had gripped Lawrence, George had taken him to Barbados, hoping the climate would improve his condition. (This was Washington's only trip outside North America.) In his will, Lawrence appointed George executor and "in consideration of the natural love and affection ... [borne] unto his loving brother George Washington" bequeathed to him various parcels of land including the eventual inheritance, after the death of Lawrence's widow, of 2,500 acres at Mount Vernon and adjoining properties. Lawrence's example and death was the catalyst for Washington's decision to change his career from surveyor to soldier and he applied for the position of adjutant general left vacant by his brother's demise. He went on to distinguish himself in the French and Indian War and it was during this time that he began to become disenchanted with his British superiors, frustrated by the class system that subordinated his Virginia militia to British soldier regardless of merit. Chernow identifies this as the time when the spark provided by the thwarting of Washington's personal ambitions began to transmute into a broader philosophical flame that helped to ignite his revolutionary fervor.

When Washington married in 1759, the wealth Martha brought with her firmly established the Washingtons in the first tier of Virginia's gentry. Martha had two children from her first marriage and a sizeable estate of 8,000 acres, 85 dower slaves, and other valuable assets. George and Martha themselves had no children, and it has been assumed that Washington was sterile. This served him later on in two ways: those of a deeply religious bent saw him as divinely anointed by God to be the father of the country instead of children, and those who feared the country would fall back into a monarchy, a very real fear in the late 1700's, had their fears assuaged by his childless state. Yet their house was never empty, even after Martha's children died. Nieces, nephews, Lafayette's son, favored friends; the Washingtons never hesitated to generously extend their hospitality and ending up raising two of their grandchildren themselves.

Chernow does not see the Washingtons' marriage as a particularly romantic or passionate one, but rather one of deep friendship. He speculates about other romantic attachments Washington may have had, including Sally Fairfax, the wife of one of his Fairfax benefactors, and Elizabeth Powel, the erudite daughter and wife of two Philadelphia mayors. He credits Martha Washington, though, with polishing her husband's rough edges, providing a vibrant social life, and being his steadfast companion throughout their years together, traveling every winter of the war to live with George at camp.

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can always exit through the attached garage, which is how we are managing. A side porch door is also usable if I keep the snow shoveled every day. This way of living makes me think of the frozen North or perhaps Alaska, and it is going to make me appreciate next summer so much.

The sun is shining into our house today, and it brings such a wonderful warmth and lightens the spirit. I know everyone else is struggling to cope with this plethora of snow we have had dumped on us, but in our case it really means we are homebound due to our medical conditions. Therefore, we really appreciate the visitors who come and knock at our door—the one remaining open which I keep shoveled so they can come in.

One of our most faithful callers is a man called Pastor Bob, and if you are home bound you too may have met him. It seems to be his mission in life to seek out and cheer up people who can no longer travel around in the big outside world. Pastor Bob is the minister at the Bennington Congregational Church, but in addition to his duties there, he takes the time to make calls on shut-ins in towns from Rindge up through Antrim, visiting as many as twelve people a week. He calls Bennington's Common Place Eatery his office because he meets with friends and parishioners there and shares a meal and cheers them up. That is what he does when he calls on us

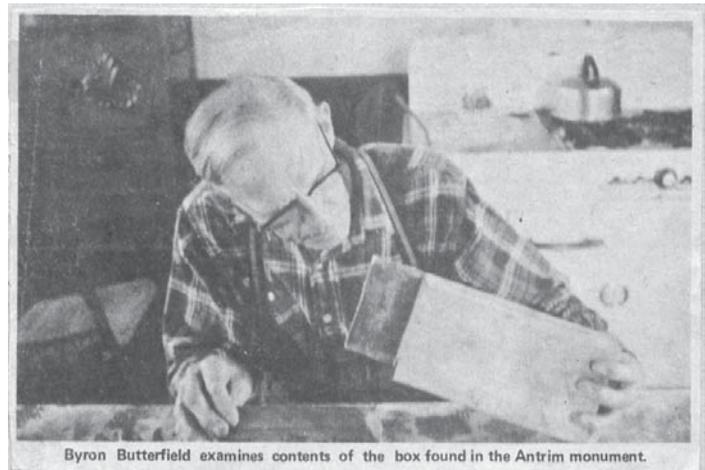
and we talk about all kinds of subjects. He is an avid reader so we always discuss books and authors and pick up some good suggestions for future reading. He and my husband are football fans so the Patriots have to be talked about and their loss mourned. I told him I might write an article about people like himself who are making calls on the shut-ins and how much he cheers us up. He said it works both ways, that he receives as much pleasure from the visits as we experience. Pastor Bob also writes a column for the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript about happenings in his life and how they affect him. It usually appears in the Thursday issue in case you want to catch it. We had an interesting conversation about the many people who do make it their purpose to visit those who need company now and then. Don't we all! I'm sure we all have someone who would benefit from a friendly phone call and then a visit to share the news and talk about common interests. I know this is an occupation that many ministers and outreach committee members of churches pursue, but it is also something that most of us could also do when we have the time and inspiration. It would bring a happy and meaningful experience to both the one called on and yourself, and you would be glad you had taken the time to visit.

By the time this article appears in the *Limrik*, I hope the snow piles will have diminished and we will be able to find the birdfeeder again. ☞

TIME CAPSULE MISSING

Lyman Gilmore

In 1970 the town hired the E. H. Edwards & Sons construction company to strengthen the foundation under the Soldiers' Monument in front of the Baptist Church. When the workers lifted the monument to get at the foundation, they found inside a time capsule, an oblong copper or brass box about a foot long and six inches square containing artifacts from the Civil War that had been placed inside the monument when it was dedicated in 1892, twenty-five years after the war. A worker took the box to the Town Hall and gave it to the Town Moderator, Byron Butterfield, but somehow, it has disappeared. The Antrim Historical Society is very eager to find the box and would be eternally grateful for any information. ☞



Byron Butterfield examines contents of the box found in the Antrim monument.

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ANTRIM RECREATION

Celeste Lunetta

This winter has been a great one for outdoor and indoor activities. Our Basketball program, which serves kids in 1st through 6th grade, will be finished by winter break. All of the coaches, players and families have shown great effort, support, and enthusiasm the whole season. Special thanks to our volunteer coaching staff: Nick Davis and Jamie Crooker (1st and 2nd grade); Shannon Turcott, Amy and Doug Stone, Jason George and Steve Goodwin (3rd and 4th grade girls); Bob Holmes (3rd and 4th grade boys); Wally Ammon, Rick Wood, Jim Clancy and Nicole Wheeler (5th and 6th grade girls) and Peter Lamb and Kevin O'Brien (5th and 6th grade boys).

Weekends at the Antrim Town Gym are also showing signs of spring! Indoor training for the upcoming baseball and softball season began in January, with coaches Rick Davis (Softball) and for Baseball, Chris Salamy, Steve Tatro, Russell Sloan, Dave Cahoon, and Christa Salamy. March and April will see indoor soccer for 4-6 year olds, and gymnastics for kids 5-8. Adult activities include Volleyball on Thursdays, Basketball on Tuesdays and Saturdays, Yoga on Tuesdays, and Yogilates on Thursdays. We are hoping to start up a Zumba or Cardio Step class soon, so stay tuned!

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Indoor Walking: Every weekday, there is a group of dedicated walkers that come and take advantage of the cooperative effort between the Rec Department and the school. Indoor walking will continue through March. The Town Gym opens at 6:30 am for laps around the school till 8 am, Monday through Friday.

Ski & Snowboard Trips: There are two ski trips left this winter. On March 21st, join us for a trip to Mt. Snow in Vermont. This is a great ski area, and we will leave Antrim at 7 am. Cost is \$40 per person which includes the lift ticket and a seat on the bus. On Friday, April 1st, we will head north to Waterville Valley to take advantage of \$1 ski tickets. The cost for this trip is \$8 per person for the bus. I want to take a moment here to thank Dave Kirkpatrick, Catrina Young, and Jenn Sutton for

chaperoning the after school ski club this winter. A special thanks to Dave, who drove the bus!

Youth Baseball and Softball signups are well underway; if you have a child ages 4 through 13 who would like to play baseball or softball, call us right away at 588-3121. We have kinderball for kids in preschool, T-Ball for Kindergarten, and the Baseball and Softball for levels Rookie, Minors, and Majors. The cost for spring sports is \$35 for Kinder Ball, T-Ball and Rookie Ball, and \$45 for Minor and Major Ball.

Lacrosse: We will be running a spring lacrosse program, using the equipment we received through a US Youth Lacrosse Equipment grant. The Lacrosse spring clinics will be for kids ages 8 through 11, and will run on Sundays in April, May and June. Please contact Celeste if you are interested in registering a player, or helping to coach. We definitely need some adult helpers for this program to get off the ground.

There will be a **Spring Egg and Treasure Hunt** on Saturday April 16, starting at 10:00 am. The Egg Hunt is for kids up through 5th grade. This event is sponsored by Antrim Friends of Recreation, and planning meetings are in March. Call Celeste at 588-3121 if you want to help. There are a few programs planned for the April School Vacation. We will have two **Archery Clinics**, on Thursday and Friday of break. We

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Left to Right: KJ Ammon, Maggie Wood, Elizabeth Nute, Emily Vorhees, Dominique Wheeler. Waiting for the start of their second playoff game.



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managed to keep meeting for several more years before it eventually closed.

Since then, with few exceptions, Sharon and I have kept a lunch date together on the second Tuesday of each month (the date that the club had met) to maintain our contact and friendship with each other. Most of the time we spend catching up on each other's families and personal interests, and discussing how we would solve the world's problems if we were ever so unfortunate as to be put in charge of such overwhelming situations. Sometimes we even reminisce about the good times we had in the club and how much we appreciated the opportunity to socialize and learn from the many generations represented within the membership.

Recently, in preparation of passing them along to the Historical Society, we started to sort through some of the records of the club that have been stored in a closet at my house. If I remember correctly, they were given to me for safe-keeping at a time when there was no room for them to be included with the treasures entrusted to the Historical Society, and they have since been out-of-sight, out-of-mind. Time passed quickly as we strolled down memory lane remembering fondly many of the ladies who have passed on, recalling a meeting when a speaker had presented a particularly memorable topic, realizing with pride how many good things the collective group of women had done for our town through the years.

One item we discovered was intriguing enough that I was inspired to write this article. Those who know me well know that I am a very reluctant writer, so to be inspired to write something because I want to and not simply because it's required of me is quite unusual. Among the many reports we sifted through, we found one encased in an orange paperboard binder with its front cover boldly stating "GFWC Project Energy Independence – Energy Tour of the Antrim Woman's Club, Antrim, NH." Inside is a complete report of the energy tour that took place on Thursday, April 9, 1981, long before either Sharon or I became involved with the club. Members and friends attended the event arranged by Community Projects Committee Chairman, Evelyn Perry. She and her committee organized a day-long tour of energy sites within a surprisingly small geographic area that included hydropower at Monadnock Paper Mills, wind power at Crotched Mt. Center, a solar powered greenhouse at Thomas

Meyers's home on Old Hancock Road, a pellet burner and other inventions for using alternative fuels at Bob Caughey's shop on Clinton Road, an "envelope" construction home at Andy and Eleanor Lane's home on Smith Road, and solar energy panels to heat hot water at the home of club president Ann and her husband Paul Miller on Bridle Path Road. Oh, and let's not forget to mention the lunch stop at The Eating Place in Antrim in the midst of that busy day. No wonder participants were encouraged to wear stout walking shoes on tour day!

Within the pages of the report are photos of the group, the various sites that were visited, and several news clippings. Bob Caughey's page also has a wood chip and pellet sample taped in. A letter from the Westinghouse Electric Corporation thanking the Antrim Woman's Club for participating in Project Energy Independence is displayed at the front of the report, and several awards and plaques rewarding the club for their outstanding work in this and other conservation projects can be found in the storage box.

Isn't it interesting? An award-winning project from thirty years ago could certainly be of equal value to participants if organized in 2011 as the topic of alternative energy is still of great importance to our community. But, without the Antrim Woman's Club to lay the groundwork, how will it happen? ☞

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Missy Taylor

The Historical Society teamed with the Friends of the Library to present the Festival of Trees this past December at Tuttle Library. We were overwhelmed with the terrific response from both the participants and the attendees. The Festival Committee thanks everyone who helped make this event such a smashing success. We are planning on holding the second annual Festival of Trees next December and urge everyone to start scouring those yard sales, eBay and Craig's List and planning your tree. We will be expanding the categories to include decorated wreathes, given the space constraints at the library. The Committee will start meeting again in July and we welcome your questions, ideas and suggestions.

The Festival of Trees Committee: Thelma Nichols & Missy Taylor, for the Antrim Historical Society, Connie Vandervort, for The Friends of the Library. ☞

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CYNTHIA CROCKETT'S BAKERY 42

MAIN STREET, ANTRIM

By Dick Winslow

Who else do we know in Antrim that played frumpet* in a 300-piece high school band? Who else has commuted six days a week for six years from Antrim to Cambridge, Mass. to fulfill a position with the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics Education Department? Who else holds a Certificate of Achievement from the Ecole Chocolat at the University of British Columbia—and, from other institutions, certificates in cake decorating, bread baking in a wooden oven, AND pastries from the French countryside—besides having been a ski instructor at Loon Mountain?

You get the idea. Cynthia Crockett, owner and operator of Antrim's *Bakery 42* has an extraordinary background to match the unusual energy she devotes to the baking business. Her twelve-hour workday starts between 5:30 and 6 a.m. when she arrives at *Bakery 42* to start up the ovens and coffee machine, mix muffins, bake scones and cookies, mix cannoli cream and fill shells to have the shop all set up for its 7 a.m. opening. Since *Bakery 42* provides both retail and wholesale services, Cindy needs helpers, and she has four of whom she speaks with pleasure: Jenny Brown Porter ("my bread engineer"), Ashley Richards, a nutritionist who opens up daily and does scones and cookies as well as develop new recipes, Brittany Hall who helps out afternoons and is there to close the store, and Emily Bryer, "an essential helper" who, along with other duties, sells the bakery's products at Farmer's Markets in Peterborough and New Boston. By the way, Cindy is committed to using "the finest materials that are both local and fresh, no preservatives."

Prior to becoming a full-time baker, Cindy worked in the field of science education, teaching in high schools, first in her native Ohio, then in New Hampshire—eleven years at Merrimack High followed by a year at ConVal and another year at Antrim's Great Brook School. Subject matter ranged from physics and biology to earth science and food science and nutrition. This period in her life was capped by becoming a staff member in the Science Education Department at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, 1999 to 2005. During those years she was (a) commuting to Cambridge from Antrim six days a week, (b) publishing her work by authoring and co-authoring a book and three articles, (c) taking a Harvard MA in education.

So why, with such evident love of science and teaching, did she elect to become a full time baker? Two reasons: (1) the daily commuting to Cambridge was affecting her health; (2) she'd had a lifelong love affair with baking. "I enjoyed baking," she told me, "in fact, I baked special orders all during my previous work/jobs... And I thought it was time to get the baking business out of the house. Actually it was something I'd been thinking about and making noise about for ten years."

And why did she adopt the name *Bakery 42* for her business? Perhaps some *Limrik* readers know the humorous novel



"The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy" by Douglas Adams, one of Cindy's great favorites. The novel portrays a search for the meaning of life by feeding all relevant data into a giant computer. And the computer gives the answer: 42!

The scientist Cynthia Crockett,
from kneadable dough in her pocket,
bakes millions of pies
to be zipped to the skies
on an intergalactical rocket.

Bakery 42 wholesales to the Corner Store in Hillsboro, Francestown Village Store, Dublin General Store, DeLay's Harvester Market in Greenfield, and Aesop's Tables, Nature's Green Grocer, Harlow's Pub, and Roy's Market in Peterborough—and in Antrim serves retail customers from all over the region.

Cindy and her husband, Chris Rawnsley, moved to Antrim in 1994 when they found a home with acreage on Pierce Lake Road. "We loved the small town, its rural character, and the feel of it, and made it our home," she said, "When I commuted to Cambridge from Antrim I was often asked why I didn't take an apartment closer to my work, and my unwavering reply was always: 'I love going home.'"

* *Frumpet*: a brass instrument with a range between the French Horn and the Trumpet.

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ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SPRING PROGRAMS

Missy Taylor

On Sunday, April 17, the Historical Society will present the program, **Popular Music During World War II: Using Propaganda to Boost Morale**, with Cal Knickerbocker. World War II brought about a government-sponsored drive to unify the country and increase morale both at home and in the military. Hundreds of songs were written with those goals in mind. The songs fell into five categories: Pride and Patriotism; Poignancy, Postponement, and Pure Sentiment; Persuasion; Prejudice (against the enemy); and Playfulness (humorous lyrics). The program focuses on songs representing these categories with excerpts played from about 40 of the original recordings. Many will be familiar, but a number of obscure and seldom heard songs are included, such as "Get Your Gun and Come Along, We're Fixin' To Kill A Skunk"; "A Cranky Old Yank In A Clanky Old Tank"; "Little Bo Peep Has Lost Her Jeep"; "Last Page of Mein Kampf"; and "Leave The Dishes In The Sink, Ma.". Cal Knickerbocker is a former instructor and education manager at IBM and instructor at the University of Texas, Dallas. He has taught courses on the big bands; popular vocalists of the 40s and early 50s; WWI; music of WWII; The Home Front During WWII; folk music; classic country music; music of Broadway; bluegrass; old-time radio; and memorable music from Hollywood in Rivier

College's RISE (Rivier Institute for Senior Education) program. This program is sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council and will be held on Sunday, April 17 at 3 pm the First Presbyterian Church.

James Smith of Hillsborough will present the May 15 program, demonstrating the **Wet-Plate Photographic Process**. This method was in use by 1860 and was employed by Matthew Brady and other Civil War photographers. By 1880, however, manufactured dry gelatin plates came into wide spread use. The process is called wet-plate because the plate, be it glass for ambrotypes or negatives, or metal for ferro-types (tintypes) cannot be allowed to dry during the whole process. It is not possible with this method to shoot now and develop later. The wet-plate photographer is making his own film and processing it on the spot. The program will be held on Sunday, May 15 at 3 pm at the First Presbyterian Church.

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

The Antrim Historical Society is dedicated to the preservation and understanding of Antrim's heritage. All those interested in Antrim's past and preserving its present are urged to join. Dues are \$10 a year for an individual, \$20 for a family. For more information about joining, please contact Marie Harriman, Treasurer at 588-2403. 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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WHITE BIRCH POINT 1912 - 2012

Jim Franco

The White Birch Point Association located at Gregg Lake will be celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of its founding in August 2012. Association member Jim Franco is in the process of writing the history of White Birch Point. Anyone with information and/or recollections regarding the founding, the early years, or other history of White Birch Point, is welcome to offer possible contributions to this writing. Jim is especially interested in recording interactions among the Town of Antrim, Antrim residents, and White Birch Point members.

Anyone interested may respond by mail to Jim Franco, 92 Adin Drive, Concord, MA 01742; phone (978-369-1914) or e-mail jimfranco@comcast.net. Jim's summer address is 66 White Birch Point, Antrim, phone: 588-2426. ☞

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MOTHER NATURE'S GIFTS

Peter Gagne

Antrim is a big town compared to another place I spend a good deal of time enjoying life. My other home away from home is in the rolling farm hills of western Pennsylvania where I have a deer camp with my brothers and two close friends. From our Pennsylvania knoll we can see dairy farms, cornfields, swift running creeks, clover fields, hills of mixed hard and soft woods, and a skyline full of farm silos. I have never taken a count of these silos, but there must be at least twenty of them.

Last year we noticed a new type of skyline breaker from our camp. Mother Nature had once again given the folks in the area a gift of her work. Natural gas had been discovered in several of the small counties around our deer camp. After the gas company approached the landowners where the gas was discovered and negotiated terms everyone could understand and accept, the people soon had gas towers popping up on their land. Building the towers included cutting lanes through the woods and fields and digging fifty-foot wide trenches to house the gas lines. The main towers and pumping stations were constructed in one-to-three acre cleared areas where big pads of concrete were poured, and trucks ran twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, bringing in water, concrete, equipment, and supplies. Many folks had concerns that the construction would disrupt farm animals and scare off the deer, bear, birds, and small game, fearing the countryside would be scarred forever.

It has been over a year, and while they are still finishing some wells, there is no more talk of lost wildlife. This year hunting at camp proved to be one of our best. The land is healing where they cut and dug. New grasses were planted, and that has helped more wildlife than were hurt. Time healed and time taught. Mother Nature provided, and it is a fact that until we develop adequate alternative energy sources, we need to find and utilize local fossil fuels. The landowners, gas companies, and wildlife are discovering they can live happily in a slightly changed environment, much like the change that took place when pioneer farmers first came to Pennsylvania.

Here is where the story goes from getting energy from there, to getting it here. Mother Nature provides only selected places to help us along on this journey of life. Antrim's Tuttle Mountain is a gift from Mother Nature. Wow, I can just imagine the foul language that will find its way on a breeze up into my little hollow here in Antrim when folks get to reading this part. Windmills are one of the new—really very old—ideas in this ever-changing world to help with our need for energy. Yes, the beginnings of any new source of energy are intrusive: there will be tree cutting, there will be cement poured, there will be adjustments by the animals, and there will be a different skyline. At first it will be new, and then it

will be old. Folks will stop seeing the changes as they become part of the land, just as they get used to a new house, a new road.

Speaking of roads, the windmills will never even come close to killing the amount of animals Route 9 does. The windmills will not pollute the environment in their entire lifetime as Route 9 does every year, they will not consume the energy of the thousands of cars on Route 9, they will not make the noise that Route 9 does, and although it will take time to become accustomed to them, all the while they will be providing a clean, renewable source of energy for the town. I have lived in Antrim for thirty years, hearing constant talk of green movement this and green movement that, but when some truly "green" windmills are proposed, a great cry of opposition is raised.

I think I understand the feelings of the folks around North Branch who support alternate energy but would rather the wind farm were somewhere else. It is always better somewhere else. But this world is consuming the somewhere elses so fast that we are forced to look at places like Antrim. I think we are lucky to be on Mother Nature's energy list. Can it be any harder to adjust to a few windmills on the mountain than to allow thousands of cars to pollute it every day? I think if Tuttle Mountain expressed its opinion about cars on Route 9 and a wind farm, it would want neither. But, if it had to choose, it would opt for windmills. ☞

THE SEARCH FOR HARRY S TRUMAN HAS ENDED

Robin Rockwell

In the previous edition of the *Antrim Limrik*, I wrote about my political campaign pin collection and the difficulties I had in obtaining one of Harry S Truman. Six weeks later, Lyman Gilmore sent me an email saying a *Limrik* reader had one and wanted me to have it, if I was still interested. I was elated to read this! Of course, I replied "yes" and I phoned this individual. Her name is Kennethe Cook, a very charming lady. She told me she wanted me to have this pin because she knew I would take good care of it. A few days later, my wife and I spent a half hour chatting with her at her Antrim residence. We learned it's been in her possession since 1952! As you can see below, Harry S Truman has found his new home. Many thanks to Kennethe Cook; I really appreciate her thoughtfulness. ☞



ANTRIM-BENNINGTON LIONS CLUB

CHRISTMAS TREES SALE

Bob Edwards

Ever since the early 1980's, the Antrim Bennington Lions Club has sold Christmas trees to area residents to raise money to support Operation Santa and other Lion's Club charities. It began from an idea that Bob and AlyceMae Flanders had to cut down about 20 trees in their back yard on North Main Street and use the funds to support Operation Santa. Sales took place in front of the Peterborough Savings Bank (now Laconia Savings Bank) on Main Street, and our efforts were well received by the community.

Having depleted our supply quickly, the Club planned to expand its sales effort, and Bob Flanders made the club aware of a Christmas tree farm in Colebrook that was quite a large wholesale operation. The club ordered about 100 trees and in concert with the Hillsboro and Hopkinton Lions Clubs, traveled to Colebrook, helped load the trees, and returned home and set up a sales location at the Tenney Farm. What also needs to be told is that the menfolk drove up Friday afternoon and early evening and stayed at Bob and AlyceMae's camp in Columbia. The evening involved the enjoyment of Bob's great cooking, merriment, and a thorough discussion of everyone and everything in Antrim!

That annual routine continued for many years, resulting in many great memories. Currently, the Christmas trees are purchased from a Vermont supplier. Antrim-Bennington, Peterborough and Souhegan Lions Clubs order some 400 trees annually for local resale with profits dedicated to Lions Club charities.

For many, many years we have sold from the Tenney Farm location, and for that we are very grateful to the Tenneys. In 2010, we sold from Place in the Woods with the help and generosity of Diane and John Kendall. This year we sold 125 trees and profits reached \$2,187.50. Lions club members take shifts, and for three weekends stand around trying to stay warm and suggest the perfect tree to individuals and families that still desire a "real tree." The Kendall's, as did the Tenneys, help us sell trees during the week. Our last tree this year was acquired by Shelley Gardiner and her family, and they were delighted with their tree.

There are times when some feel \$35.00 is a lot of money, especially in these challenging economic times, but when we explain that every tree sold benefits Operation Santa and other Lions supported charities to help those less fortunate than ourselves, everyone is supportive.

The Antrim-Bennington Lions Club wants to thank the Tenney Farm, Place in the Woods, and Antrim Lumber for their support for 30 years. Our very special thanks to every one of you who support our Christmas tree sales year after year! You are genuinely appreciated. See you all again in December. ☞

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will also have a trip to **Boston**, in conjunction with the James Tuttle Library, on Saturday April 23rd. This trip will feature a scavenger hunt, and hopefully some exploring at the Boston Cyber Art festival. The **Annual Bike Safety Rodeo** is scheduled for Sunday April 24th from 1-3 pm at the Antrim Town Gym. This annual event has been getting better each year. It is organized by the Rec. Department and the Police Department, with support from the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club and Antrim Friends of Recreation. The program will feature bike safety checks, helmets, rules of the road, skateboarding, a bike obstacle course, crafts, and a bike raffle.

FREE MOVIES AT THE TOWN HALL

- Saturday March 5 at 4:00 pm **Megamind**, rated PG;
- Saturday March 26 at 4:00 pm **Tangled**, rated PG;
- Friday April 8 at 6:30 pm **Chronicles of Narnia, Voyage of the Dawn Treader**, rated PG
- Friday April 15 at 7:00 pm **Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows, Part 1**, rated PG-13
- Friday April 22 at 7:00 pm **The Kings Speech**, rated R

Movies are shown on a large screen, with surround sound. Doors open 10 minutes before show time. Light concessions, and fresh popcorn!

SUMMER CAMP

Days of Summer Camp planning is underway. We are delighted to welcome back Lisa Hennessy and Maddie Beihl as camp directors. Lisa and Maddie will work with Celeste to provide day camp programming every Monday-Friday, 8:30-3:30, July 5th through August 19th. Before and after camp care is available. There will also be special feature camps and a junior counselor in training program.

We are always looking for feedback on what type of recreation programs and facilities Antrim Residents are looking for. Call the office at 588-3121; come visit us on Monday mornings, Thursday evenings, or lots of other times by appointment. Find us on Facebook! We hope that all of our friends have enjoyed winter, and that you have a wonderful spring. ☞

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

- 6 **Celtic Evensong** • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM
- 8 **ELECTIONS** • Town Hall • Polls open 8 AM – 7 PM
- 12 **Caregivers' Support Group** • Tuttle Library • 11 AM – 12 PM
- 9 **Lenten Luncheons** • Baptist Church • 12 NOON
- 10 **TOWN MEETING** • Town Gym • 7 PM
- 12 **Teen Tech Clinic** • Tuttle Library • 11 AM – 3 PM
- 16 **Lenten Luncheons** • Baptist Church • 12 NOON
- 16 **Grange Program: documentary "The Global Banquet: Politics of Food"** • Town Hall • 7 PM
- 17 **Community Supper** • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM
- 19 **Turkey Dinner** • Baptist Church • 5 – 6:30 PM
- 21 **Rec Dept ski trip to Mt Snow, VT** • Bus leaves Antrim at 7 AM
- 23 **Lenten Luncheons** • Baptist Church • 12 NOON
- 30 **Lenten Luncheons** • Baptist Church • 12 NOON

APRIL

- 1 **Rec Dept ski trip to Waterville Valley** • Bus leaves Antrim at 7:15 AM
- 3 **Celtic Evensong** • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM
- 6 **Lenten Luncheons** • Baptist Church • 12 NOON
- 13 **Caregivers' Support Group** • Tuttle Library • 11 AM – 12 PM
- 13 **Lenten Luncheons** • Baptist Church • 12 NOON
- 16 **Rec Dept Spring Easter Egg & Treasure Hunt** • 10 AM
- 17 **Historical Society Program: Popular Music During WW II** • Presbyterian Church • 3 PM
- 21 **Community Supper** • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM
- 23 **Second Leg of the Quest in Boston** • Tuttle Library and the Recreation Department
- 23 **Lions Club trip to Foxwoods** • Antrim bus check-in location @ AES • 6 AM
- 24 **Easter Sunday Sunrise Service** • Baptist Church front lawn • 6:30 AM
- 24 **Rec Dept Bike Safety Rodeo** • Town Gym • 1 – 3 AM
- 30 **Daffodil Days, Fishing Derby, The Grapevine's Spring Walk for Families** (meet at 10 AM)

MAY

- 1 **Celtic Evensong** • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM
- 11 **Caregivers' Support Group** • Tuttle Library • 11 AM – 12 PM
- 15 **Historical Society Program: Wet-Plate Photographic Process** • Presbyterian Church • 3 PM
- 18 **Community Awards Night** • Antrim Grange
- 19 **Community Supper** • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM

CHURCH NEWS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

588-2209

REV. PEGGI K. BOYCE

SUNDAY WORSHIP • 10:30 AM

Sunday School • 9:30 AM (2nd and 4th Sunday of month)
Communion is served on the 1st Sunday of every month

AA Meetings, Sunday and Monday at 7:30 PM

March 6 • Celtic Evensong 5:30 PM

March 17 • Community Supper 5:30 PM

April 3 • Celtic Evensong 5:30 PM

April 21 • Community Supper 5:30 PM

May 1 • Celtic Evensong 5:30 PM

May 19 • Community Supper 5:30 PM

The Revival Shop, sells consigned and donated clothing.
We are always looking for volunteers. See ad on page 2.

BAPTIST CHURCH

588-6614

PASTOR CHARLES V. BOUCHER

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13 • Lenten Luncheons
12 NOON • Being bag lunch, dessert & beverage provided

March 19 • Turkey Dinner • 5 – 6:30 PM • Adults \$8,
children (ages 5 – 12) \$5, family maximum \$30

April 24 • Easter Sunday Sunrise Service • 6:30 AM
Rev Peggi Boyce leading

April 24 • Easter Sunday Service of Celebration • 10:30 AM

CHURCH OF CHRIST

ALAN FAHRNER, MINISTER

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM

SUNDAY SERVICE 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM

NEW MINISTRY (WE NEED YOUR HELP)

Alan Fahrner, Pastor

Since the December edition of the Limrik, the Antrim Church of Christ has seen quite a bit of activity. In December we had a well-attended Christmas gathering with a popular (and waistline-threatening) cookie swap, two baptisms, and the first of our monthly men's breakfasts (now every third Saturday at 8AM). January saw ample opportunity to remove snow from the front of the church, the addition of monthly prayer meetings (at 10 a.m. every fourth Sunday), great food for all with a potluck lunch (to be repeated after the service every fourth Sunday), and another baptism.

It has gotten "cozy" enough many Sundays to put adding heat to the main sanctuary at the top of our to-do list (planned for later this year). As you can imagine, that's a "good problem to have."

One of the needs that came up during January's prayer meeting was an operation for long-time member Diane Davis. For those not familiar with Diane, she has been battling multiple sclerosis for over 22 years. As is true with many afflicted with MS, it has been a losing battle, although Diane and her husband Rick always remain positive. No matter what the complications are with Diane's condition, she and Rick are appreciative of all their blessings, including healthy and active children and grandchildren.

Our bedridden congregant's need has inspired us to start a new ministry called "Diane's Miracle," which will focus on reaching out to those in the community who are shut-in or otherwise have significant difficulty getting out-and-about. Teaming up with local businesses, organizations, churches, and individuals, we will be focusing on sharing Jesus' compassion for others in concrete ways. We are reminded how, instead of reacting in anger when overzealous companions punched a hole in the roof in order to lower their friend to Him, our Lord showed sympathy and said words the paralytic probably never expected to hear (let alone be able follow): "Rise, pick up your bed and go home" (Matthew 9:6). This isn't the only time Jesus surprised an invalid with a similar command, and in the case of the man by the pool called Bethesda—who was paralyzed for thirty-eight years—Jesus

sought him out. (Scripture notes, unlike the one whose healing was at the expense of a roof, this poor soul had no one to help him.) Just envision how you would react if after nearly four decades of being wholly dependent on the kindness of others you suddenly hear the words, "Get up, take up your bed and walk" (John 5:8). The Apostle John then records, "And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked" (John 5:9).

Like that second man, there are many in our area who do not have family or friends who work around any obstacle to get them what they need (sometimes because those individuals don't exist, sometimes because they are unable or unwilling). The Antrim Church of Christ hopes to find these shut-ins, and (with your help) provide them with whatever they need, whether it be prayers, visits, financial help, food, or something like strong arms to remove snow (hopefully a distant memory by the time you read this). We'll start slowly (we are a small congregation), but we hope to be as fervent as the first paralytic's friends—although we promise to leave all your roofs alone.

Our first project (already active) is to fundraise \$12,000 to allow Diane to receive a promising new treatment called the Liberation Procedure. No, there is no expectation that she'll be able to "take up [her] bed and walk" afterward, but you can imagine that after more than two decades of losing the war with this debilitating disease how the likely promise of winning at least one large battle holds such great hope for Diane, Rick, and their family.

If you are interested in donating to Diane's Miracle (or otherwise helping out) please visit www.dianesmiracle.org for more information (including news about the treatment Diane will be receiving). We realize that a good number who will read this do not hold the same faith in Christ as we do, but one of the characteristics that has drawn many of us to the Antrim area is the compassion everyone shows to those in need. Please join us as we try, as imperfectly as we will, to show the same love towards others that Jesus did. ☪

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ANTRIM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Crista Salamy, Treasurer

The Antrim Chamber of Commerce had its annual dinner on February 10th at the Presbyterian Church and we had a great turn out. Dinner was served by Rick Davis of Rick and Diane's, with deserts by Cindy Crockett from Bakery 42. During the evening we revealed our Citizen of the Year for 2010. We had four nominations this year. Many people do so much for our town that it is sometimes hard to pick just one. All the business owners had the opportunity to vote, and this year the person chosen is someone who has lived in our town for many years. He may be seen as quiet and somewhat reserved, but his actions and commitment to our town are exponential. Mr. Ben Pratt has served on many boards, played many different roles, and helped many middle school aged students in a program called Mathcounts. Mathcounts is competition for students to enter who have learned and exceed in math. It is a great opportunity for them, and Mr. Pratt has been part of that. The Antrim Chamber is happy to make a donation to Mathcounts on behalf of Mr. Ben Pratt and everything he has done for our town. We would also like to thank all the other people who take hours out of their days to make our town a better place to live.

The Antrim Chamber will be involved in different activities throughout the coming year.

Daffodil Days: Saturday, April 30th. Bright beautiful Daffodils, Fishing Derby, Grapevine Walk, displays from local



Left to right: Crista Salamy, Diane Chauncey, Eric Tenney, and Ben Pratt.

businesses and more. Look for our bright yellow signs for details.

August Community Supper: TBA

Home and Harvest Days: September 16-18, pumpkin regatta and informational booth

As always we are looking for new members and volunteers. If you are interested please feel free to contact me at 588-2574. Thank you and have a wonderfully warm spring! ☪

ANTRIM IN ACTION

Richard Loveland
Antrim Bennington Lions Club

As an outgrowth of the Antrim Volunteer forums we held last spring, there were seven initiatives that the organizations wanted to pursue. We decided to focus on the one that seemed to have the greatest interest and potential benefit to Antrim, General Health and Nutrition. You can find background information on this initiative on the Lions website www.ablions.org. Since this is a broad topic we held a brainstorming meeting on January 9, 2011 to gather ideas on how we might pursue this and line up resources in the community. Some of the proposals we wish to pursue this year include: provide a directory where to buy local fruit, produce, meat, and dairy products; provide information on healthy eating and examples of easy to fix meals for our families; use our Community Suppers to show off healthy and tasty meals; encourage growing more local foods with family gardens and community gardens; provide information on how to store local food with root cellars, canning, and preserving; provide information on exercise and activity options (e.g. Outdoor Guide that is already available) for individuals and groups (e.g. forming weekly hiking clubs); keep the community up to date with displays linking into local events (e.g. Home and Harvest), website, email.

We are currently building teams in order to accomplish many of the ideas we developed at our brainstorming meeting. As mentioned earlier, please visit www.ablions.org and link to *Antrim in Action* for updates and ways that you might help. ☪

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Chernow notes that in Washington's letters, he invariably counted the number of women at social events and he clearly delighted in their company.

Another topic the author discusses is Washington's ongoing financial straits. Land rich and cash poor, he was constantly struggling with paying his debts and was never able to limit his expenses to his income. While he and Martha had no use for ornate frippery, Washington had fine, expensive taste and a constant regard for appearances. He insisted, for example, that his personal guard during the war be attired in matching uniforms and that they all be between 5'9" and 5'10." He himself was 6' tall and before marching into a community would alight from his coach, mount a fine white steed, don a plumed hat, and ride into town surrounded by his guard. After the war and until his death, Mount Vernon was besieged with well wishers, who would be fed and housed and their horses bedded. Yet he was also self-effacing and would not accept a salary for his service, limiting any remuneration to his expenses. Forced at times to sell off some of his western lands to pay his debts, he also resorted to loans and yearned to be free of his slaves, whose presence he experienced as a burden.

The slavery issue is an interesting one. By the time Washington died, there were over 300 slaves at Mount Vernon, and he had struggled for years with conflicting feelings. He came to believe that owning slaves was not a financial benefit because of the lack of economic incentive to perform. He was a very demanding taskmaster and was rarely satisfied with the output of work from either his slaves or his overseers. He also recognized that slavery was antithetical to his belief in personal freedom and was chastised by his friend and fellow soldier, Lafayette, who advocated the abolition of slavery and had purchased land in French Guiana to experiment with tenant farming for freed slaves. On the other hand, he felt pressured by the aristocracy of southern planters to leave the issue alone, and he vacillated, hoping the issue would resolve itself in the future. In what Chernow calls one of the "most courageous actions" of his career, Washington emancipated his slaves in his will. He had no power over Martha's dower slaves and their issue, i.e., those she brought with her into the marriage, and so satisfied his conscience and still provided Martha with the ability to keep the plantation functioning after his death.

Chernow's account of Washington's service in the Revolutionary War as Commander-in-Chief is fascinating. We all remember Washington's heroic crossing of the Delaware before the Battle of Trenton, but Chernow considers Washington's real genius his political skills during the war. Washington lost as many battles as he won, and his military instincts were often wrong. But through his leadership and unflinching personal courage - he never hesitated to be in the thick of battle and was unflappable as the bullets whizzed by - he was able to keep the often ragtag group of soldiers that comprised the Continental Army together, not an easy feat

given that it was perpetually underfunded. Washington had to continually beg the states and the Continental Congress for money to feed and clothe his soldiers and often despaired over his army's condition. He also was able to bridge the sometimes divisive relations between the New Englanders and the southerners with his magnetic presence, diplomacy and tenacity.

One of Washington's great strengths both during the war and his presidency was his ability to recognize and nurture talented individuals. Despite his insecurity about his lack of a formal education, he surrounded himself with intellectual brilliance, soliciting opinions from every faction, refraining from expressing his own opinion until he had heard from every side. His first cabinet—an innovation in itself that continues to this day—consisted of Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, Henry Knox, and Edmund Randolph. He also frequently asked for advice from James Madison, who was serving in the House. As his term went on, however, Jefferson and Madison began to oppose the policies of Treasury Secretary Hamilton, who advocated a strong central government and successfully proposed a national bank to help pay off the debt incurred during the war. Washington attempted to stay above the fray but gradually leaned more and more on Hamilton's advice, aligning himself with the Federalists and causing a rift with Jefferson and Madison.

One marvels both at the precedents that Washington set that survive today as he created the executive branch from scratch, and at the parallels to today's political climate. The cabinet, the first inaugural address, the title Mr. President, the assertion of executive privilege, the preservation of presidential papers, the claiming of diplomacy for the executive branch and not the legislative branch, the two term limit—all innovations of Washington's. He had a prescient vision of what this country could be and rose about the quotidian cares of the day to achieve it. Not that this was always easy. He was vilified by his opposition in the press and reacted privately with anger, disgust and sarcasm. He would temper the way he addressed correspondents in his letters depending on his displeasure and would freeze out those who he felt had betrayed him. He was always cognizant, however, of his place in history and carefully preserved all his papers, even through the worst times of the war.

Washington died as he had lived, with stoicism and concern for those around him as he slowly succumbed to an epiglottal infection. He was truly a heroic figure, a man who did not become drunk with power but instead tried to set the country on a path in accord with his vision, and then stepped aside to let others lead. Chernow captures both the man and the times so well that one finishes the book and wants to immediately pick up another on Hamilton, Jefferson, Madison, or even Andrew Jackson, who makes an appearance in Washington's last term as a new congressman, the only one who refuses to applaud as Washington gives his final

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Congressional address. This is a very engrossing and rewarding biography and I urge anyone who has even a passing interest in American history to pick it up and discover for yourself why even his onetime enemy, King George III, came to call Washington "the greatest character of the age."

Washington, A Life may be borrowed from the Tuttle Library.



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a lock structure that surrounds the body, while suri fiber hangs straight down in dreadlocks and is silky and lustrous.

She said alpaca females can range in price from \$2,500 to over \$50,000 "for an animal of particular interest." However, in February, 2010, a male sold for \$675,000, "but this is the exception and not the rule." She noted, "We are active now at area farmers' markets and in a private cooperative, and we also sell our alpacas' fiber made into yarn and products here at the farm."

Carol took up hand spinning long before she met her first alpaca, and she and her father are both hand weavers. Today she is immersed in her 100 alpacas and everything to do with furthering a viable commercial fiber market in North America. Incidentally, Carol has invented the AirLoom which enables non-knitters to quickly learn to make knitted products.



ANTRIM GRANGE NEWS

Beth Merrill

Despite the challenges presented by Old Man Winter, Antrim Grange members have been active this winter attending state, regional, and national events. In January we were in Latham, NY for the Northeast Leaders' Conference. Beth Merrill attended the Masters' Conference in Henderson, NV in February where she participated on a team that organized a new Grange in a state where there is currently no Grange presence. Several Antrim members helped construct and staff the State Grange booth, which received second place in the educational category at the Farm & Forest Expo in Manchester in February. Among the several members who attended, Davi Penny served as Overseer, and Bob Varnum was secretary for the youth meeting held during the Winter Rally at the State Grange Building in February.

At the time of this writing, an informational meeting for the public on wind farm energy and a candidates' forum for officials running for town office was still in the works. We had planned a program on living wills for our January program meeting, but that was postponed due to inclement weather and has not yet been rescheduled. Members are looking forward to the State Grange Bowling tournament on March 13th.

A public program showing the documentary film "The Global Banquet: Politics of Food" will be shown at 7:00 p.m. on March 16th at the Town Hall. This film debunks several underlying myths about global hunger: that hunger results from scarcity; that small countries don't know how to feed themselves; and that only market-driven, chemically-based, industrial agriculture can feed the world. We hope many citizens concerned about where our food comes from will join us and share in learning how food security is linked to social development. This particular program meeting is geared to supporting the work and educational efforts of the General Health and Nutrition sub-group from the Antrim Volunteer forums.

We have presented dictionaries to third grade students in Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, and Hancock for our ninth year of participation in the Dictionary Project. Plans are under way for the ninth annual Art Exhibit to be held June 16-19.

Our annual Community Awards Night will be on May 18th, at which time our community citizen award and scholarship recipient are announced, in addition to several other awards. The Grange welcomes any suggestions from community members who may observe citizens performing services for the community that they feel should be recognized and rewarded. Suggestions can be given to Arthur Merrill at 588-6615. Scholarship applications can be picked up at Conval High School guidance office, Tuttle Library, Antrim Town Hall, or downloaded from www.antrim.nhgrange.org. This website was recently updated and we hope many people will take the time to learn about the activities and services of the Grange in Antrim.



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10TH NEW HAMPSHIRE REGIMENT

Robin Rockwell

I read Eric Tenney's article on "Civil War Soldiers on the Monument" in the December's issue of *The Limrik* and noticed the name of Antrim's Josiah Philbrick. It wasn't his name so much that caught my eye, but the fact he belonged to the 10th NH Regiment. My great- great grandfather, Elijah Grace, was also in the 10th NH Regiment. Elijah was born in Lovell, Maine, but moved to NH and made his home in Newbury. I did a little research and to my surprise discovered that Josiah was born in Newbury in the early 1840's and later moved to Antrim. Maybe they knew each other. Nineteen year old Josiah and thirty-eight year old Elijah traveled to Manchester, NH to be mustered into service in early September, 1862. Josiah was assigned to "C" Company and Elijah, to "H" Company. Josiah and Elijah would remain in Manchester until the morning of September 22nd. They then traveled by train, and as they neared Baltimore, there was a collision. One 10th NH Regiment soldier was killed and several injured. They arrived in Arlington, Virginia, on the 26th and along with the 10th Regiment became part of the Army of the Potomac.

I have original letters written by Elijah to his wife, Arabella, and in one dated six days later from Frederick, Maryland, October 2nd, he wrote of receiving orders to "take three days rations... with the expectation of going into battle. We expect to meet with Stonewall Jackson and we shall have a hard battle without any doubt." This battle never occurred, but they would encounter Jackson soon enough.

Two months later, from December 11th to the 15th of 1862, the 10th Regiment was engaged in the Battle of

Fredericksburg, VA, against Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson that resulted in a disastrous defeat. The Union forces suffered huge losses and Major General Burnside ordered the Army of the Potomac to retreat.

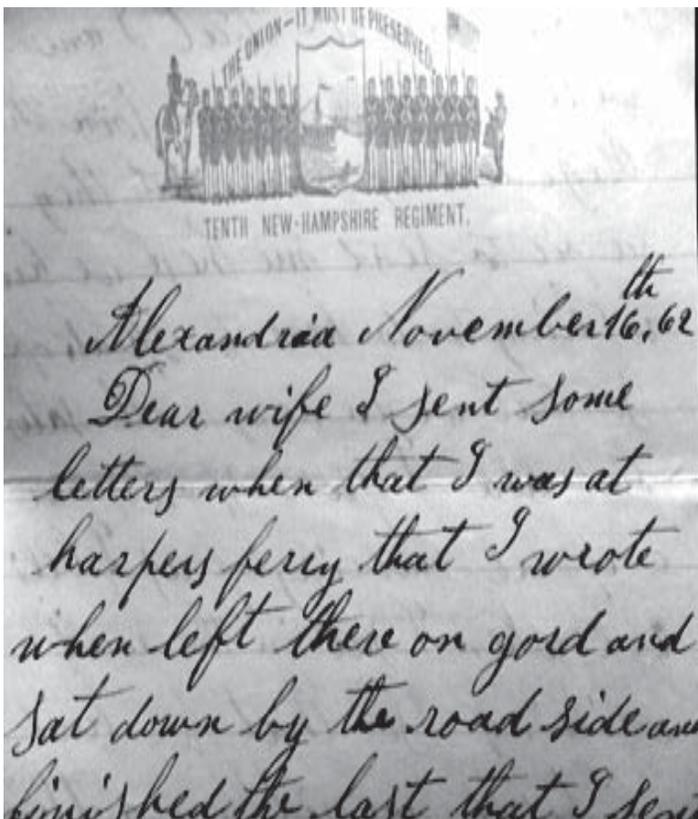
Burnside was determined to restore his reputation and planned to strike again, this time in January, 1863. Unfortunately for the Union, the weather turned unusually warm with torrential rain, causing the dirt roads to be so saturated that it left the soldiers and horses knee-deep in mud. They attempted to move the troops, wagons, horses, and artillery for two days, but failed, due to the terribly muddy conditions. With wagon wheels sunk up to their hubs, Burnside finally gave the order to return to camp. It came to be known as the "Mud March." Two days later, he was replaced as commander.

The end would come soon for Josiah. A month later, he succumbed to disease on February 18th, 1863. His enlistment lasted a little more than five months. He is buried in Soldier's Home Cemetery in Washington, DC.

Elijah managed to survive for another year and ten months. He was captured in the Second Battle of Fair Oaks in Virginia on October 27, 1864, in which the Confederates took six hundred prisoners (61 of them from the 10th Regiment). He was transported to Salisbury Prison in Salisbury NC where due to inhumane conditions he became seriously ill and died on Dec 9, 1864. His body was dumped into a trench along with scores of other deceased Union soldiers and buried. All totaled, eighteen 240 foot long trenches were needed to bury an estimated 5,000 Union POW's.

A few years ago, my wife, Linda, and I traveled to the site of Salisbury Prison. There are several monuments erected in honor of the fallen soldiers. There is a book on Salisbury Prison that details the hardships the Union captives had to endure. The conditions were so dire that it is not surprising an alarming number of the prisoners perished.

Elijah's daughter, Lizzie, would later marry Sargent Rockwell from Hancock and give birth to Clarence. Clarence, my grandfather, would live most of his life in Antrim as a plumber. One of his son's, Arthur, carried on the plumbing business. His son Eddie, a deaf mute, was my father and later owned Eddie's Place in Clinton Village. CR





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TYRELL DUGRE

Lyman Gilmore

Renaissance Man—An individual proficient in a variety of accomplishments, including the arts, science, the military, mechanics, and sport.

Not only does thirteen-year-old Tyrell Dugre enjoy proficiency as an actor in plays, as an “improv” performer, as a student of science and social studies, as a member of the U.S. Navel Sea Cadet Corps, and as a snowboarder, he is also one of Nascar’s youngest stock car drivers.

An eighth grader at GBS, Tyrell has appeared in several dramatic productions directed by ELP teacher Maryanne Cullinan, and currently he is learning his lines for another play, “The Making of Mad Medusa.” His favorite subjects are science and social studies, and he loves being a Sea Cadet, getting “a taste of the US Navy,” as he describes it, toward his goal of becoming a United States Marine.

But what really sets Tyrell apart from most of his classmates is his experience customizing and driving his own stock car—a 1993 Honda Civic—in the “Young Guns Division” of the Nascar Whelen All-American Series at Monadnock Speedway in Winchester, NH. Tyrell and his father Paul and mother Michele, owners of Dugre’s Auto Repair on Route 202 North, worked on the car to make it safe by welding the doors shut, removing anything flammable, and adding a full tube roll cage, a racing seat, five-point quick release racing harness seatbelts, and all OEM parts (“original equipment manufacturer”).



I met with Tyrell in the kitchen of his comfortable home behind the family auto repair garage where he showed me his scrapbooks filled with photos of his car and the more than dozen races in which he competed last year. In each fifteen-lap race there are seven to ten cars that sometimes reach top speeds of eighty miles per hour, and when I asked him if he ever had a close call on the track, he described one race where he made the mistake of “over steering” and almost lost control as his car “fishtailed” up and down the track until he was able to slow down and regain control. His mother Michele happened to pass through the room just then, and when I asked her if she ever worries while watching Tyrell driving: “All the time!” As for his first year racing results, he usually takes 5th place, and his best race was a 2nd place for which he received a plaque he proudly took down from the wall and showed me.

I have a feeling that Tyrell would be embarrassed if I referred to him as a “renaissance boy,” but so far in his young life he appears to have demonstrated proficiency in a number of important accomplishments. 

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TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

Melissa Lawless

PROGRAMS

Sat. March 12 Teen Tech Clinic 11 am–3:00 pm

Wed. March 9 Caregivers' Support Group 11 am–12 noon

Wed. April 13 Caregivers' Support Group 11 am–12 noon

Sat. April 23 Second leg of the Quest in Boston

Wed. May 11 Caregivers' Support Group 11 am–12 noon

QUEST UPDATE

Bailey Kirkpatrick was the lucky winner who received a brand new iPod for the first leg of our Quest, a scavenger hunt-styled computer challenge which involved researching clues about books set in Boston. Many thanks go to the local Laconia Savings Bank for donating the funding for the iPod. The second leg of the Quest, a scavenger hunt on the streets of Boston will take place on Saturday, April 23rd. This trip will happen in conjunction with the Antrim Recreation Dept. and is open to preteens, teens and adults. A celebratory dinner at the Hard Rock Café is planned for all the participants.

TEEN TECH WEEK

Do you have any electronic gadgets that were lovingly given to you over the holidays or a recent birthday that you have no idea how to use? Owners of cell phones, iPhones, smart phones, iPads, iPods, MP3 players, Nooks, Kindles, and digital cameras are encouraged to bring them to the library between 11 am and 3 pm on Saturday, March 12th along with the original manual (if available) and we hope to pair you up with a tech savvy teenager to help you figure out how to use them. *This is meant to be a how-to clinic, not a tech repair clinic.* To prevent undue frustration, be sure that your device is in good working order. If there is an interest, you might be able to learn how to start your own Facebook account or learn to use photo-sharing accounts (like picasa). If there are any teens out there with technical know-how, please contact us... the more help, the merrier. If you know how to use devices like a cell phone, an iPod, or a Kindle you qualify as an "expert."

VIDEO GAMES

Thank you to all who have been donating video games to add to our collection started by Christopher Brinkley. The collection shows great promise and the games are starting to fly off the shelves. If you have any games you wish to donate, please stop by; we will be happy to receive them.

AUTHOR FOCUS

Farley Mowat

Canadian born conservationist and author Farley Mowat is due to celebrate his 90th birthday on May 12th of this year. Known for his vivid poetic writing style, his writings range from amusing personal personable tales, accounts of experiences with various animals (as a child his pets included an alligator, a rattlesnake, two owls, a gopher, and hundreds of insects) to fast-paced action adventures in the wild or at sea.

Mowat is also well known as an agitator, for his "Yank-bashing" and an unapologetic ability to "tell-it-like-he-sees-it." Expressing his outrage toward the Canadian treatment of the Ithalmuit people, an indigenous band of the Caribou Inuit tribe in Northern Canada, Farley Mowat published his first novel, *People of the Deer* (1952). His account of his experience among Arctic wolves in the Canadian Arctic, *Never Cry Wolf* (1965) is said to be a catalyst in changing our attitudes toward the preservation of wolves. Although he is considered to be a Canadian national treasure, this author was at one time included on the U.S. government's list of undesirables. When on a promotional tour in 1985 for his controversial book entitled, *Sea of Slaughter*, Mowat was denied entry to this country because he had reportedly violated 33 statutes (he was listed as a radical and a member of the Communist Party). Farley Mowat's research has often been questioned in his non-fiction books as his facts are at times blended with somewhat fictionalized accounts of reality. All the same, his books are loved by masses of readers throughout the world and have been translated into 52 languages.

William Tapply

William Tapply fans have much to look forward to. Vicki Stiefel, wife of the recently deceased local author (Hancock, NH), has just released her husband's second novel published after his death in July 2009. Considered by some to be one of the best mystery writers of his generation, "The New York Times" bestselling author's final novel entitled, *The Nomination*, is a stand alone political thriller which received a Booklist *Starred Review* and is thought to be one of his very best works. Stiefel is also planning to republish Bill's *Sportsman's Legacy*, an earnest father-son story about growing up with his dad and their exploits hunting and fishing. His son, Mike, is currently writing a new introduction and will be including some wonderful photos of Bill and his family which have not been previously available to the public.

DOLLHOUSE RAFFLE

The winner of the dollhouse so lovingly prepared by the Friends of the Library for our raffle was Marion Anne Noble Winchester. We hope that Marion Anne has many years of pleasure with this dollhouse and we thank everyone for supporting the library by participating in the raffle. ☞

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TROOP 2 HOSTS REGIONAL KLONDIKE DERBY

The leaders and boys of Troop 2 hosted the Mt. Monadnock District Klondike Derby in February at the former Temple Mountain ski area property. The event was attended by 250 Boy Scouts, Webelos and Cub Scouts from throughout the Monadnock Region. Assistant Scoutmasters Chris Healey and Tom Bara were the lead organizers for the troop. A Klondike Derby is a traditional Scout event in which patrols of eight Scouts pull a dogsled around a course, stopping at stations to have their skills tested. Troop 2 Scouts served as judges on one of the most challenging Klondike courses in Mt. Monadnock history. Troop 2 wishes to thank Rick Edmunds of Edmunds Ace Hardware for using his snowmobile to pack trails, helping at one of the stations, and for donating materials. Place in the Woods Trading Post generously donated and discounted several prizes for the event, for which we are very grateful.

RECENT DONATIONS

After last quarter's *Limrik* article, two local families stepped forward with generous donations to the troop. We thank Albert & Karen Weisswange of Antrim for the donation of their aluminum canoe, which will be used this spring during our May canoe trip to Maine. Also received were three

Dutch ovens from Mike and Pam Caswell, which have already been used on camping trips. We thank the communities of Antrim and Bennington who've kept our program strong over our 98-year history.

EAGLE SCOUT LUKE JOHNSON

Troop 2 welcomed its newest Eagle Scout with a ceremony last December 29. The ceremony was attended by local patriotic organizations, including the chartering organization for Troop 2, the Myers-Prescott-Olsen American Legion Post 50. Johnson was presented with several certificates and letters, including letters from President Obama, VP Biden, Secretary of Defense Gates, and Governor John Lynch. State senator Andy Sanborn was in attendance and sent greetings from the New Hampshire Senate. Luke Johnson is the third in his family to make Eagle, following brothers Thomas and William. Luke attends New England College and is studying mechanical engineering.

WINTER CAMPING

Scouts camped out twice this winter, including in January, first on the Paige property located between Elm Avenue and Bridle Path, and again during the recent Klondike Derby, where they encountered 35 mph winds and 9 degree temperatures. Scouts learned about the preparation, gear, and nutrition needed for winter camping before going out, and built and slept in a snow shelter for one of the outings.

SERVICE PROJECT AT FORT #4

In late March, Troop 2 will be staying at Fort #4 in Charlestown doing a service project. The fort will be reopening to the public this spring after financial difficulties forced it to close the last two summers. The new organization is relying on help from a variety of organizations to keep the property sound.

MAY CANOEING TRIP TO THE SACO

As its big trip this year, Troop 2 takes to the waters of the Saco River in Maine for three days at the end of May. Scouts will leave on Thursday after school and be on the water Friday morning. The troop is hoping to paddle 25 or more miles.

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ANTRIM AREA SENIOR CENTER (AASC)

Dennis Minichiello

The Antrim Area Senior Center is alive and well and entering its third year. This lively, grassroots organization for area seniors, ages fifty-five and older, meets every weekday in the fellowship hall at the Antrim Presbyterian Church. The doors are open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. AASC is looking for new faces to join in the fun. If you are downtown for just a few minutes to pick up your mail or to run an errand, stop in for a cup of coffee and a homemade treat before you head home. If you are in town with lots of time to kill, then drop in and play some Bridge or Hearts, help with a puzzle, browse through information pertinent to senior issues, join an exercise class, or engage in some lively conversation.

If short excursions throughout the region for entertainment and cultural experiences interest you, then come join the folks at the center. In the past, AASC has organized trips such as a cruise on Lake Sunapee, a fall foliage trip along the Kancamagus Highway, visits to the McAuliffe Planetarium and the Hood Museum, and Fisher Cats baseball games under the lights. These excursions are popular and the seats sell out quickly.

The AASC is planning a number of interesting trips for 2011. If you are interested in riding along, look for their flyers, drop in at the center, or call 588-2209 for more information.

The center also has sponsored special events such as a quilt exhibit, a bird walk, and a safe driving course. If you have a special topic, skill, craft, or hobby you are dying to share with others, the center encourages you to contact it.

Does community service appeal to you? Then come help AASC with its annual yard sale during Antrim's Home and Harvest Festival. Help the center plan the sale, donate items, help sort and set out merchandise, or shop for items you just can't live without. The proceeds help support the senior center, a self-funding organization.

AASC invites area seniors to lunch. Meals on Wheels provides a hot lunch each weekday for seniors who are sixty years old or older. Serving time is between 11:45 and 12:15. Menus are available a week in advance, and the program coordinator asks that diners sign up beforehand. A two-dollar donation is suggested but is not required. On the second Tuesday of every month, the seniors who regularly attend the AASC prepare a lunch for themselves and other area seniors. The center charges \$5.00 for the lunches to help defray the cost of the food and to raise money. For more information about meals, call the church at 588-2209.

The Antrim Area Senior Center is quickly becoming an energetic part of the community. It welcomes seniors who are looking for interesting activities, a place to relax, and some good company. Come on down! 

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ANTRIM RESPONDS TO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PLEA FOR HELP

Sandy Snow, Church Elder

Everyone in Antrim knows it. The First Presbyterian Church has fallen on hard times. The reason everyone knows it is because the church's Session (its governing body) took the extraordinary step of mailing a plea for help to every mailbox in Antrim.

The response from people and organizations has been very generous. One woman who volunteers setting tables for St. Joseph's Meals on Wheels at the church came into the office one day, opened up her wallet and handed me a \$20 bill and said, "I wish I could give more, but this is all I can afford." To me, this was an extraordinary gesture of kindness and concern for a church of which she is not a member.

Why is the church in such desperate straits? It is partly due to tough financial times and dwindling attendance. But, we are not alone in this plight. Our good neighbors, the Baptist Church and the Church of Christ, are both feeling the same financial squeeze. Indeed, churches all over the country are experiencing the same problem. Fewer attendees mean less money coming in on a regular basis. The only way for the church to meet its financial obligations is to dip into its trust fund principal once the interest earned from the trust is exhausted. This is a dangerous, but necessary step. Chipping away at the principal means in subsequent years there is less money earning interest. So, the vicious downward spiral continues.

There are various theories why people are losing interest in religion, including people not looking back to their heritage of faith. Rather, they are looking forward to the future and dealing with very busy lives. Others speculate that science is whittling away at the questions only a belief in God could answer in the past. However, people in Antrim should remember that a church is a very fluid organization. The historic church building that sits on Main Street was not the first building for our congregation. Similarly, the congregation and the ministers evolve over time. People come and go. The dynamics are ever changing, but the Presbyterian Church will always be an integral part of the Antrim community. That is why the church is reaching out to the community for help. It doesn't matter what a person's faith is, or even that a person doesn't believe in religion.

Over the years the church has developed strong ties with the community. Today it opens its doors to many organizations and activities including the Antrim Area Senior Center, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Antrim Historical Society, Saint Joseph's Meals on Wheels program, monthly community suppers, Chamber of Commerce, Women Infants and Children program, the Revival Shop, and the monthly ecumenical Celtic Evensong program. The church also provided shelter and meals to the community during the last, devastating ice storm.

Whatever a person's belief, the church's oil and electric bills continue to roll in. The slate roof over the sanctuary leaks, the outside of the structure could use a fresh coat of paint, and the stained glass windows need repair. In the winter, services are moved from the sanctuary into the Vestry (Fellowship Hall) to

conserve heating oil. As Sam Harding, a local plumber who donates his heating and plumbing services to the church, says, heating the sanctuary is like heating a barn. The sanctuary's very high ceiling, large number of heavy wooden pews, and non-insulated stained glass windows make it impossible to heat sufficiently. Most, if not all the windows in the rest of the church have no storm windows. On the positive side, the large number of incandescent bulbs in the vestry were recently replaced with compact fluorescent lights.

Organized by the Presbytery more than 220 years ago in 1788, the Antrim Presbyterian Church congregation has had a very close relationship with the town and the people it serves. The church building that everyone is familiar with today was built in the late 1800s on land donated by a prominent family in town. If the church goes unused for worship for two consecutive years, it must be torn down and the land returned to the donor's heirs.

Similarly, the Manse on Waverly Street, in which the church's pastor resides, was donated to the church in 1914. If the church ceases to exist, the title to the Manse will be turned over to the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

At present, the church only has three paid employees. Volunteers do everything else required to operate the church, from the business office to performing repairs and manning the Revival Shop.

On behalf of the Presbyterian Church and its congregation, I want to thank the community for all it has done for us through donations and volunteer work. With such continued strong commitment the church will survive for another 220 years. ☞

POWERFUL FORCES

Janet Edwards

It was a special gift of listening to my inner instincts that took me to the stone arch bridge. I knew there was a reason I was being so magnetically pulled to turn right and not left as I intended and that the bridge was my destination.

What I didn't know was that not only would my eyes behold a natural beauty unlike anything I had ever seen, but that my ears would also, in the silence of the woods, hear the force of it.

I walked the path to the edge of the frozen waterfalls and looked up through the arch to the higher part of the falls. They were completely covered with snow and ice.

Then I looked to my right and gazed in awe at a magical wonderland. Slowly stepping through the deep snow in the woods the rushing water became increasingly louder.

Soon I was looking down from a high bank, feeling a warm sense of gratitude for being a part of the natural world.

The sun danced off rows of icicles along the walls of rock and the snow was sparkly with shimmering crystals. In two separate breakthroughs there was first, bubbling, foamy white water, spilling out over the ice in all directions. Second, there was rapid smooth flowing dark water, whooshing waves over the frozen brook creating several small waterfalls.

I leaned against a tree and for a long time absorbed the breath-taking first sign of spring.

I also sensed my guardian angel watching with me! ☞

CELTIC EVENSONG AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sharon Dowling

Despite competition from holiday festivities, snow and ice storms, and the Super Bowl, the Celtic Evensong service on first Sundays at 5:30 pm has continued to touch many local people and others from as far away as Nashua. The combination of candlelight, beautiful and thoughtful words, sweet Celtic tunes, meditative Taize chant, and silence, plus the power of intercessory prayer in community, has attracted many looking for a different spiritual experience. Never intended to be a substitute for weekly church attendance, an evening service of any kind has a different flavor and offers a unique worship opportunity. But what makes it “Celtic” besides the music?

I am just a rank beginner in understanding Celtic spirituality, so I do not pretend to have all the answers, but in reading in some of J. Philip Newell’s writings from the Iona Community in Scotland, there is a real difference between the traditions of Celtic and Mediterranean spirituality or Christianity. A quote from his *Celtic Benediction* says, “Celtic spirituality is marked by the belief that what is deepest in us is the image of God...The Mediterranean tradition...in its doctrine of original sin has taught that what is deepest in us is our sinfulness. This has given rise to a tendency to define ourselves in terms of the ugliness of our failures instead of the beauty of our origins.” Another major difference between

the two traditions is that the Celts believe “in the essential goodness of creation. Not only is creation viewed as a blessing, it is regarded in essence as an expression of God...The Mediterranean tradition, on the other hand, has tended towards a separation of spirit and matter, and thus has distanced the mystery of God from the matter of creation.” To paraphrase from his newest book, *Christ of the Celts*, the Celtic view is that God created everything out of himself, while the Mediterranean view is that God created everything out of nothing. Consequently, Celtic spirituality sees the need to appreciate, protect, and conserve all of the gifts of nature around us, whereas the other view can foster the attitude that, if it was all created from nothing, it is essentially worth nothing and will return to nothing.

The Celtic tradition recognizes the essential divine quality of all creation; we celebrate the loving spirit that created all and connects us to every aspect of that creation eternally. At Celtic Evensong we join our voices, thoughts, and prayers to something much greater than ourselves, in a community setting, without the other usual distractions of sermons, announcements, and fellowship hour. Those may be good things, but the evening is a time for quiet reflection, and peace. We invite you to experience it with us. March 6, April 3, May 1 and June 5 will be the last four services until next October. We are always looking for people to participate with readings, music, or candle set up. For questions or suggestions, call 588-2209. 



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ANTRIM-BENNINGTON FOOD PANTRY

Dawne Hugron, Coordinator

Well here we are eight weeks into a new year, and our food pantry has been busy this winter. The Deacons here at Antrim Baptist Church have been working hard each Saturday serving our clients and their families. We have provided food to 109 families since November, including 348 people, and we have given out approximately 3396 food items. I thank God for our food pantry mission through which folks will be served all year.

So we go forward from the beginning, March 17th 1987, with a lot of memories. Every mission must have a reason—a need must be there—and indeed there certainly was a need here in Antrim, early in the morning of St. Patrick's Day in 1987. On the property where the Antrim Post Office is now located, Touchwood Square, a fine residence built in 1849 was devastated by a fire that displaced many families. Our town churches came together, and many people gathered to help the folks who found themselves without a place to live and nothing to eat. We opened our doors here at Antrim Baptist, as did our neighbor, the Presbyterian Church, and before the day was over, families were helped and faces and hands were washed of all the smoke from the night before. Stories were shared, hugs were given, and tears were shed. We listened, and before the week was over, each day found meals being prepared and food being delivered by kind citizens, not just from Antrim, but surrounding towns as well. The Monadnock Community Hospital brought us food from their kitchen, and Wayno opened his store and gave us everything we needed to serve breakfast for the homeless families at the Baptist Church. We all worked together.

It doesn't seem possible that next year we are coming up on 25 years of service here in the Baptist Church. There were days and weeks in the beginning that I did not know if we would have enough food for everyone who was hungry. But I remember, while many folks came for help, there were just as many bringing in boxes and bags of food for our shelves. And that is still happening today, people helping people, what it is all about. I would like to thank the Boy Scouts for their hard work twice a year when we open up the big Sunday school room, and all of the bags of food are brought there to

be sorted and counted, boxed up with labels, and stored on shelves. Last years total from "Scouting for Food" was approximately 5,000 items. I would like to also thank Great Brook School and Ellen Kidd for their wonderful way of inspiring students with a challenge as to which class will gather the most items. Their two food drives totaled around 3,000 items for our Food Pantry. The Girl Scouts made "draft stoppers" out of men's ties for our clients, quite an idea for which the clients were very grateful. Thanks also to John and Diane Kendall, owners of Place in the Woods, for their food drive in the spring. We are grateful to the Laconia Bank for keeping a bin for us in the lobby where people have been very generous in giving to the pantry. We want to thank all others who have helped out the pantry. We received Shaw's gift certificates from The Antrim Police Association to be given to our clients, and we also received 20 homemade pies from the women at The Mormon Church for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our turkeys for the holidays come from various stores and townspeople: we thank them all. Thanks also to the Antrim Marketplace, and to The Tuttle Library for the food bin we have placed there. We appreciate Peter and Schatze Moore, Steve Schacht, Diane Chauncey, and Ben Pratt for their donations of food and produce. We thank Chris and Crista Salamy at the Tenney Farm Stand. My list does not end there, as we have young people from Great Brook School who do community service, carrying groceries and helping with keeping children entertained with coloring and reading while their parents fill out their grocery lists.

In closing, I would like to say that we continue serving our families each Saturday. As long as there are people in need, I know our town will be there for them, and will be there for us who serve. I say "thank you" to all of you, who make it possible for us to keep our food pantry open. ☪

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Apply for Food Stamps and other State assistance at The Grapevine

The Grapevine is part of the New Hampshire Easy program of the NH Department of Health and Human Services. A preliminary eligibility application for assistance from the State of NH, including food stamps, Healthy Kids insurance and cash benefits can be completed by trained Grapevine staff. No need to travel to Keene. Call 588-2620 for an appointment.

New Parent Group! An informal group "Parents with Children with Special Needs" meets at The Grapevine Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:00. This is a parent-led, parent-initiated group. Call Beth for more information.

WEEKLY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

- Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:30-11:30—**Better Beginnings** parent-child program
- Wednesday and Friday 9-noon—**The Learning Vine** preschool – **Space available for our 2011 school year.** Call to arrange a visit!
- Friday 10:00-11:30—**Better Beginnings for Babies and Toddlers** up to age two

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

The People's Service Exchange has over 183 members offering 250 services, ranging from computer support, chiropractic adjustments, tax preparation and massage, to transportation, resume writing, haircuts and shoveling. 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 watch for the next informational meeting. For more information call or email coordinator Gerry Chagnon at 588-2620 or peoplesserviceexchange@hotmail.com.

Our Backyard Summer Adventures – it's not too early to think summer activities. The Grapevine staff is planning now—call for more information.

- **Summer Parent-Child Groups** for toddlers to age 5 years
- **Backyard Adventures** for 4 to 6 year olds: 2 one-week sessions
- **Backyard Science Camp** for 7 to 9 year olds
- **Backyard Art Creation** for 6 to 9 year olds

When Your Kids Push Your Buttons, and you know they do! This 8-week workshop with Wendy Hill is a parenting education series that explores expectations and assumptions about our children's behavior and our beliefs about why they do what they do. You'll come away with a better understanding of your "buttons" and many tools to help you respond rather than react. A not-to-be missed parenting workshop for

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parents of children of all ages, babies to teens. The cost of the workshop is on a sliding scale and includes a parent workbook. Tuesdays 6:00-8:00pm beginning on March 22nd. Childcare is available. Call The Grapevine to register.

**SPRING WALK FOR FAMILIES
SATURDAY, APRIL 30 IN ANTRIM**

Tune up your strollers, lace up your walking shoes and get your pledges for The Grapevine's 7th Annual *Spring Walk for Families* on Saturday, April 30 at 10am in Antrim. Meet in The Grapevine parking lot between 9:30-10 am to register. Antrim celebrates Daffodil Day this same day—join the festivities!

Coming soon...Black Fly Community Art Show, Saturday, June 4th 10:00–12:00 featuring multi-media art by local children and youth, community and family art activities, and more. If you have art you would like to show please call Beth 588-2620.

SERVICES AT THE GRAPEVINE

- **Information & Referral:** Information about area resources for financial assistance, food, childcare, legal assistance, clothing, health and dental care, and other needs.
- **Community Wood Bank:** for those who use wood to heat their home and can't afford to buy it. Call 588-2620 Mon through Thurs 9:00-1:00 and Fri 9-noon.

- **Heating Fuel & Electric Assistance** applications Thursdays 8:30-4:30. Call 924-2243 or 877-757-7048 for an appointment or The Grapevine for information.
- **Child & Family Counseling**
- **Family Conflict Resolution** offered by Milford Area Mediation Services.
- **Help finding meaningful employment:** A.C.C.E.S.S. offers support for people with disabilities in their search for meaningful employment.
- **Help Finding Shelter** for families who are homeless or face homelessness.
- **Healthy Kids Insurance** application assistance.
- **Visitation Site** for noncustodial parents and their children.

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization located behind the Tuttle Library and serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Frankestown and nearby towns. For more information and to register for programs, call 588-2620. Tax deductible contributions are gratefully accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, or drop by the center at 4 Aiken Street (behind the library). And don't forget...you can now Friend us on Facebook! 

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