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For, by and about the people of Antrim.

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UNEXPECTED TREASURE

Sydney Wilson-Smith

The Grapevine Spring Walk for Families promised to be a challenge for me this year, given my unreliable knees. But my commitment to the cause and the lovely day prevailed. I've come to believe in pleasant, unexpected consequences to otherwise routine events. This was to be the case on that day. The last year we walked this 5-mile loop, I noticed so much litter I was left with sadness. This year I took some plastic grocery bags and began collecting trash as we left Main Street, over the foot bridge, past the skate park and up West Street. My three bags were full by the time I got to the water station at the top of the hill.

One of the "rescue" drivers brought back a roll of the big trash bags and, to my surprise a 2nd grader wanted to join me in picking up litter. I had first met Brady as a toddler at The Grapevine. He was enthusiastic about our mission, and

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WIND BLOWS TOWN ASUNDER

Lyman Gilmore

Will Antrim have a wind farm atop its western ridgeline? Three groups in town represent three answers to this question.

THE SELECT BOARD

Yes. If the town votes for a wind facility and there are no significant environmental problems, the Select Board wants a wind farm constructed by Eolian Renewable Energy, LLC and has asked the NH Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) to take jurisdiction over the project so that it actually gets constructed, and properly. A wind farm will be good for Antrim by bringing money to its coffers and contributing to alternative energy sources that may one day replace fossil fuels that harm the environment through global warming and make us dependent on Mid East oil. The reason the Select Board wants the SEC to take jurisdiction over the project is that Antrim lacks the technical knowledge and physical resources to oversee the design and construct so large and sophisticated a project.

THE PLANNING BOARD

Maybe. The Planning Board—or at least a simple majority of its members—wants the decision whether or not to create alternative energy sources, including wind farms, to remain in Antrim, to maintain local control of community resources. If a majority of Antrim residents favor a wind farm, then it should be the

town's right and responsibility to write ordinances that stipulate the design, construction, and regulation of the project. For thirty-seven years the Antrim Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) have successfully planned, created ordinances for, and regulated the development of Antrim's land resources. Responsibility for Antrim's land-use development is the Planning Board's legal charge, and the Board has requested additional time to write a wind energy facility ordinance.

THE OPPOSITION GROUP

No. A wind farm should not be built on Tuttle Hill. These residents, mostly but not exclusively living in the Rural Conservation District near the proposed wind farm site, are opposed to any wind turbines on Tuttle Hill. They cite various reasons: the noise, pressure, and flicker-factor of large wind turbines cause psychological and physical ailments to people who live nearby, property values will go down, bird and bat populations will be negatively affected, wild land animal migration routes will be disturbed, and the natural beauty of the Rural Conservation District will be destroyed in violation of Antrim's Long Range Plan. 

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PROJECT LIFT ("Literacy is for Today") started offering free reading instruction in 1992 at the Fuller Public Library. Since it's inception, it has expanded services to include English as a Second Language, Adult Basic Education and GED preparation in over 15 communities. Project Lift has provided services to over 116 Antrim residents since 1992. Many people have achieved their GED certificate, learned computer skills, as well as learned about college readiness.

This is a free service only possible through the generosity of volunteer tutors and various funding sources; including the towns served. If you are interested in receiving services or becoming a volunteer tutor, please call Judith Fournier at 464-5285, check out Hillsboroadulted on Facebook and/or go to www.fullerlibrary.info and look for our link! ☞

TAKING CARE OF A FAMILY MEMBER?

GET THE SUPPORT YOU NEED!

On June 9, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS), in collaboration with The Scott-Farrar Home, will offer a Caregiving Workshop for family members taking care of loved ones. The free presentation will be held on Thursday, June 9 from 5:30 to 7 pm at The Scott-Farrar Home at 11 Elm Street in Peterborough.

Personal care and nutrition will be the main topics for discussion. The instructor will be a registered nurse from HCS with extensive home care and geriatric care experience.

The Workshop is free, but reservations are necessary by Thursday, June 2. Call Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services, a United Way agency, at 532-8353 and ask for Lynn Robbins, community liaison, for more information and reservations.

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services is a not-for-profit home care and hospice agency serving the region, with an office at 19 Community Lane in Peterborough. Contact: Susan Ashworth, Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services, 352-2253. ☞

CONVAL SCHOOL BOARD

Crista Salamy & Mary Allen

Another year has begun for the ConVal school board. One could even call it a changing of the guard, with three new board members and a new chairman. I for one am excited to be part of that. Now that I have gotten my feet wet, I hope to become a more informed board member, parent, and townspeople. The Education Committee seemed to be the committee that piqued my interest the most. Having two boys, one at GBS and one at AES, I want to be part of what our children learn, how well it is working, AND what we can improve on. That being said, if you need to contact me with school board questions, don't hesitate, my door is always open. My phone number is 588-2574 or email salamys@tds.net or csalamy@conval.edu.

— Crista Salamy

ENERGY STAR WINNERS

Three years ago the ConVal district took on the EPA's *Energy Star* challenge. This federal program sets the strict goals for energy conservation improvement and awards the coveted *Energy Star* rating when a building meets those targets.

And...cue the drum roll, please...an independent energy auditor has tested all eleven ConVal school buildings and determined that Great Brook, South Meadow, Frankestown Elementary and Greenfield Elementary schools had met their *Energy Star* goals.

This is excellent news. It means that each of these buildings has undergone a reduction in fuel and electricity use while continuing to meet air quality and adequate lighting standards. These improvements are not only saving taxpayer money but they mean a lower carbon footprint for the district.

The other good news is that the other seven buildings aren't too far behind. The majority of our schools came within 5% of making their goals, and steps are already underway to help each achieve an *Energy Star* rating in the next round. Even ConVal High School made its target for fuel and electricity use efficiency!

The list of the ConVal *Energy Star* winners is being announced this spring. Plans are to hold a special event in the fall when the four schools receive their official *Energy Star* winner plaques.

Congratulations to our district facilities staff and the students and staff in each of the *Energy Star* schools. And a big thanks goes to the taxpayers who picked up the tab for the technology that made this happen. Tracking fuel and electricity consumption in each building through a computer program has paid off. And even the smaller things, like using sensors to turn off lights in unoccupied bathrooms and keeping track electronically of needed maintenance updates, has worked wonders.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE

The first phase of the new ConVal High School website was unveiled on April 15th, with two more stages set to start on June 20th and August 30th. The finished project will offer expanded features, including more news and information about the high school's educational program and activities and better integration with the existing SAU website.

According to Helfried Zrzavy, the district's director of technology, "the ultimate beneficiary of all these changes will be the public, which will benefit from a constantly refreshed and up-to-date website."

To view the website online, go to www.conval.edu and click on the high school link.

— Mary Allen

VOTER CHECKLIST PURGE

Diane Chauncey

NH RSA 4:39 requires that the statewide voter checklist be verified every 10 years.

That process is happening now. If you have not voted by ballot in the Town of Antrim within the last four years, you may receive a letter in your mail informing you that you will need to re-register to vote in order to remain on the voter checklist. If you receive a letter regarding the status of your voter registration, do not throw it away; it means that you have been identified as someone on the checklist who has not voted in the last four years and that you must re-register to vote or your name will be removed from the voter checklist. When re-registering to vote, you will be required to establish identity and domicile, and complete a new voter registration form. You may re-register to vote at the Town Clerk's office during regularly scheduled hours or with the Supervisors of the Checklist on Tuesday, June 7 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. If you have questions, you may call Diane at 588-6785 x 225, Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm. The Supervisors of the Checklist want you to be able to vote and will help you with the process. Please do not hesitate to call with your questions or problems. Antrim Supervisors of the Checklist: Diane Chauncey, Catrina Young, Sheila Nichols.



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Crista Salamy

Mother Nature decided to play games with us this spring, hasn't she? Even though we couldn't tell what she had up her sleeve, we managed to have daffodils in bloom for Daffodil Days 2011. The day started off a little uneasy with cool temperatures and cloudy skies, but by the middle of the afternoon, just wonderful. The fishing derby was busy with all of our local fishermen. What a great time that was to watch the kids pull out their fish. The Presbyterian Church breakfast was delicious as always. The bulb ladies had a good turnout at Edmunds talking about dividing and maintaining bulbs. The town-wide yard sale for its first year went super. I think people got some real bargains and others were able to get their spring-cleaning underway. The "take back medication" drive took 44 pounds of unused/unwanted medications to the Concord incinerator. The Lasagna Dinner at the Baptist church was just fantastic, with so many dishes to choose from. Our local author Hope Phillips enjoyed reading her new book, *Hoover's Day Out*, for the children after their long walk for the Grapevine. It was great to see the parade of yellow balloons and children walking with their parents down Main Street. Lastly, the Grange was accepting your Daffodil Photos. Many thanks to those who helped to make this year's Daffodil Days go off for the most part smoothly. Without you none of these events would be possible.

The Antrim Chamber will be again hosting our community supper on August 18th. To warm days ahead, have yourself a wonderful summer!



ANTRIM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Celeste Lunetta, Director

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING

After Town Meeting and basketball season wind down, our attentions turn to baseball, softball, facility improvements, summer programs, and lacrosse (new in 2011!) The facility improvements we have accomplished in the first quarter of 2011 are the installation of an indoor batting cage at the Town Gym, the movement of the backstop on Shea Field to meet the requirements for our current softball and baseball teams, and the installation of batters box protective mats around home plate.

The indoor batting cage was extremely popular during the spring training (March/April) as it enabled true batting practice as well as multiple station use of the Town Gym during team practices.

The backstop project was a collaborative effort, using some labor from the Town Highway crew, and five days of work from Harry Payne Fencing. We recycled the fence components, and used some pieces of fencing saved from previous projects. The fence is now the correct distance behind home plate.

The batters box project involved installing porous rubber mats around home plate. This helps eliminate the large troughs made by batters and catchers around home plate, and will help manage the heavy use of the field by several teams. Shea Field is home field to eight separate baseball and softball teams.

Baseball and softball celebrated their opening games during the last week of April. The Majors and Minors teams traveled for an early season game out to the Fisher Cats, where they participated in the First Pitch, as well as Baseball Buddies, a program where they join the Fisher Cats on the field during the National Anthem. They also had an opportunity to meet Governor John Lynch, and I received a very nice photo of the team in their Antrim shirts, standing with the Governor. The league is planning a trip to see the Fisher Cats play the Portland Sea Dogs on Saturday June 25. Tickets are \$8.00 each, and this is a fundraiser for the baseball program. A big **THANK YOU** to our coaches and team managers and business sponsors. Baseball Majors: Tenney Farms, Coaches Chris Salamy, Russell Sloan, Eric Phillips, and team manager Crista Salamy. Baseball Minors: Tenney Farms, Coaches Steve Tatro, Dave Cahoon, and Rick Swain, Team Manager Christine Swain. Baseball Rookies are sponsored by Dugre Auto, Coaches are Kevin Proctor and Nick Davis. T-Ball is sponsored by Edmunds Ace Hardware, Coaches are Adam Dunning, Rick Edmunds, and John Trodella. Softball Majors are sponsored by Rick and Diane's, the Coaches are Rick Davis and Dave Kirkpatrick, Team Manager is Lauren Kirkpatrick. Softball Minors, called Perrys Pride, are sponsored by Antrim Family Dental, Homicz and Perry, and the coaches are Erika Alusic Bingham, Cathy Gombas, and Eric Chandler. Antrim Softball Rookies are sponsored by the Antrim Bennington Lions Club, Coaches are Ann Marie Donovan and Julie



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ANTRIM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Brian Lord

Once again spring is upon us, and we, at the Antrim Police Department would like to remind everyone of a few warm-weather safety tips and laws. We are going to see more youths and adults on the roadways peddling their bikes and we want to remind everyone about bicycle safety.

New Hampshire law, **RSA 265:144X**, requires every person under 16 years of age to wear a helmet while operating a bicycle. Antrim Police officers seeing someone operating a bicycle without wearing a helmet will give a warning and information about the law requiring a helmet. We will also explain the dangers of not wearing a helmet. We will provide a helmet for a child who does not have the means to purchase one, but supplies are limited.

We strongly recommend that adults wear helmets when riding bicycles for the same safety reasons and to provide a positive role model for bike safety to their children. Parents of children who wear helmets while riding bikes will have much more success in getting their children to wear a helmet.

Bicycles also require safety checks and should be checked at the beginning and throughout the riding season to ensure that they are in proper working condition and are the right size and style for the intended rider. New Hampshire Law, **RSA 265:144 (IX)** requires that no bicycle shall be operated unless the steering, brakes, tires, and other required equipment are in safe condition. The brakes must be able to stop the bicycle within 25 feet, from the point the brakes are applied, at 10 MPH on flat, clean, and dry pavement.

Riders of bicycles are also required to obey the same rules of the road that apply to motor vehicles. Bicyclists must ride single file, and may never hitch a ride by holding on to a moving vehicle. Bicyclists, when riding at night, are required to wear reflective clothing and must have a red reflector on the rear of the bike. A red light can be used in addition to the reflector. A white light is mandatory on the front of the bike when riding at night and must be visible from at least 300 feet away. Bicyclists should also know and use the proper hand signals to alert others of their intentions, such as making turns or stopping. Riders are also required to stop at the direction of a police officer and allow the officer to inspect their bicycles.

In addition to bicyclists being responsible for their own safety and the safety of others, motorists are also required by New Hampshire Law, **RSA 265:143-a**, to exercise due care when approaching a bicycle. Every driver of a vehicle, when approaching a bicyclist, shall insure the safety and protection of the bicyclist and shall exercise due care by leaving a reasonable and prudent distance between the vehicle and the bicycle.

We hope this reminder of the laws and safety tips will ensure that everyone will have a fun and safe summer. Remember to wear your helmet and obey the laws of the road. Riders should always tell someone where they are going and the route they will be traveling, and go with a friend if possible. Always wear appropriate clothing and remember to bring water with you. Have fun as riding a bicycle is a great way to exercise and is a great activity for families to do together. ☞

SELECTBOARD

Mike Genest, Chair

I would first like to welcome John Robertson to the Board of Selectmen. He has joined the BOS at the most turbulent time that I can remember in my 10 years on the Board.

I realize that as a Town we will not agree on everything and that when issues arise there is a process that these issues must work their way through. The majority of the Town may not agree on all of the issues, but they are trying to work through these differences. At the end of the day we all want the same thing, a nice and safe place to live.

After the poll conducted by the BOS on voting day, it appears that a majority of the Town's people are in favor of a wind project in Antrim. What bothers me is that a very small minority are making our Town look like we are all at odds with each other and that our public meetings are turning into battlegrounds.

The Planning Board voted to recommend Zoning Amendments to be voted on at a Special Town Meeting, and the BOS agreed to hold the Special Town Meeting in April. After the March elections, when the new Planning Board members had been seated, the Planning Board rescinded their recommendation of the amendments and requested the BOS cancel the Special Town Meeting. The BOS then decided to give the Planning Board some time to revise the wind related ordinances with a vote in September planned to let you the people have a voice in this decision.

The issue about local control is hard for me to fully understand. My own personal opinion is that this type of project is just too big for the Town of Antrim to fully manage by itself. Working with the NH Site Evaluation Committee would only be a benefit to the Town and all of its residents. There are many concerns that need to be considered and I believe that the State will work with the Town to address the economic, environmental, and technical issues of this project. At the time of this writing, the NH Site Evaluation Committee is still considering whether or not they will take jurisdiction over this project if and when an application is submitted. ☞

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Blood, Bones & Butter

The inadvertent education of a reluctant chef

by Gabrielle Hamilton

Reviewed by Dick Winslow

The author of this remarkable memoir, Gabrielle Hamilton, owns and operates a well-known New York City restaurant called *Prune*. When I saw her interviewed on a national TV show, I was attracted by her demeanor and impressed by her thoughtfulness—so I bought the book, *Blood, Bones & Butter*. Its dust jacket itself was charming and persuasive, not only because of unusual praise offered by such celebrity chefs and food-writers as Anthony Bourdain, Mimi Sheraton, Daniel Boulud, and Mario Batali (who goes over the top by saying that Hamilton's work is so good that he plans to "burn all the books I have written" and then "apply for the dishwasher job at *Prune* to learn from my new queen.") but also from Hamilton herself about her restaurant: "There would be no 'conceptual' or 'intellectual' food, just the salty, sweet, starchy, brothy, crispy things that one craves when one is actually hungry ... We would never serve anything but a martini in a martini glass. Preferably gin." (The last sentences look back to her days as a cook in big-time Manhattan catering outfits where a whole counter might be filled with "shelled lobster claws dramatically crowning the seven hundred fifty martini glasses of ceviche.")

Blood, Bones & Butter details a journey through a prickly life and myriad kitchens. When her adored parents split, she was essentially abandoned. At age eleven, she was left to fend for herself in the family's rural Pennsylvania house. Forced into action, she began a love affair with food that resulted 20 years later in her establishing the restaurant called *Prune*—which ironically had been her mother's pet name for her as a child. "I learned how to cook ... opening old jars of stuff my mother had left behind in the pantry ... she made tagines with preserved lemons and cardamom pods, pigeon pies with sultanas and pine nuts ... She knew to serve mint tea and sliced oranges with onions and olives, if she was making a bisteeya, and never put a meal together in a careless, eclectic or incoherent way."

Although Gabrielle has love affairs with women to whom she feels deeply committed, she marries a man, Michele Fuortes, and with him has two adored sons, Marco and Leone. Michele is an Italian, a medical doctor and a Ph.D. The marriage is unstable from the git-go. They both reside in Manhattan, but they never lived together, except for one cherished month each year that they spend in Italy with Michele's large, boisterous, and welcoming family in the Fuortes summer residence. Gabrielle adores this family, especially Michele's elderly mother, Alda Fuortes, who "hugged me in the first three minutes of setting eyes on me." It is telling that the common bond between Gabrielle and Alda Fuortes is food. Neither can speak the other's language, but working together in the kitchen, no words are needed. "We just hug and cook a

lot which can seem at times like a greater intimacy than I have with her son."

Gabrielle's notions of an ideal restaurant were the results of many years working in and observing kitchens both in America and abroad, none more impressive to her than a restaurant called *Margarita's* on a tiny Greek island called Serifos. The place was named after its owner, Margarita, who "may be only forty but looking sixty ... got everything she cooked from her garden. I walked there many times in the early mornings, and when you pushed open the little gate fashioned out of branches and bedsprings, there was a rough and casual Eden inside, with olive trees, grapes, fig trees, zucchini, and eggplants and tomatoes and the wild greens called horta that she boiled in hot water to tame drabness and then drowned—delicious death—in her own olive oil. ... There was no menu, no daily special, no appetizers, entrees, and no dessert, ever. ... At the end of your meal ... she'd tally up your bill by scribbling on the paper tablecloth. She would ask you what you ate and drank, and she added up the numbers, accepted your cash, and after you left she would clear the table and crumple the cloth and stuff it in the garbage."

The experiences and thoughts that Gabrielle Hamilton brings to life in *Blood, Bones & Butter* are absorbing, sometimes startling (she describes her City Hall wedding with "I've never seen a more disparate group of people in a room for the same occasion before in my life—an Italian Upper East Side doctor eleven years my senior and all of his cohort, and a downtown, pierced and tattooed, recently defrocked lesbian dishwasher and her motley crew—all convened in chapel C on the eighth floor.") and always couched in vibrant language. The following description of Sunday brunch at *Prune*, for instance, vivifies, in the writing itself, speed and intensity:

"... like the Indy 500 of services at *Prune*. There is a roaring thunderous stampede every forty minutes as hordes of hungry, angry, mag-wheeled, ticked-out customers line up at the door, scrape the chairs back, take their seats, blow through their steaks and eggs. ... We hardly have the space on the tiny dining room floor to accommodate the crush of bodies, the large plates of eggs, potatoes, toast and bacon sailing through the room. ... The staff are like professional drivers, taking the turns on two wheels, screeching around the room, getting the tables turned, the Bloodys shaken, the eggs delivered and then the bus tubs hauled back to the kitchen. ... This is nothing compared to a hotel or a big restaurant; the only thing that makes it monstrous is that we're doing it in a kitchen the size of a Lincoln Continental."

The material of *Blood, Bones & Butter* is by turns touching, earthy, humorous, wise, sad, happy, and, I think, unforgettable. It may be borrowed from Tuttle Library. ✂

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MARION HUNTINGTON MOULTON'S MEMORIES

An Interview by Virginia Dickinson

I recently sat down with Marion Moulton and her niece Dawn Hugron in Marion's home at Antrim Village. Marion is an Antrim native and a treasure trove of funny and sad family memories. She is a charming and spirited ninety-one year old, and I enjoyed my afternoon visit with her.

She was born Marion Huntington to Hattie and Rodney Huntington on July 25th 1920. Although the rest of Marion's siblings were born at home, Hattie told her as a little girl that she was stubborn and had to be taken to St. Josephs Hospital in Nashua where she finally made her appearance. Marion told this story with a twinkle in her eye, and when I asked her if this stubborn streak was part of her nature, she just smiled. Marion was the oldest and is the last survivor of her sisters and brothers. The next oldest was Ellen who was born in March 1922, her twin brothers Arthur and Sydney were born in 1923, and the youngest, Alice, was born in 1927.

Marion's father Rodney Huntington was born in Nashua in 1879 and grew up in Francestown, and her mother Hattie Rockwell was born in 1896 and grew up in Hancock. Rodney and Hattie met at an Antrim rooming house on Depot Street when she was working as a chambermaid and Rodney was employed at the Goodell Company.

Rodney and Hattie's large family was not well off, but they were able to weather the depression in their home on Depot Street where they had land enough to raise chickens and hogs and grow large crops of vegetables to get through the lean times. They belonged to the Antrim Baptist Church that Marion still attends.

Marion spoke fondly about her father Rodney who loved to play practical jokes on her in particular of all her siblings, and also on his pal George Edes. She told of one night when she and her father were at the kitchen table, Marion immersed in her studies, her father quietly pulled out of his pocket a collapsible yardstick, opened it secretly, and poked her with it under the table while she was deep in thought. He loved it when she screamed and jumped out of her seat.

George Edes was also on the receiving end of her father's jokes. George was terrified of snakes, so one day her father put a little green garden snake under his hat before he left for work. When he got to the Goodell factory and saw George, he lifted his hat in greeting, and when George saw the snake he had a good fright.

Marion's family had their share of sorrows. During the great Hurricane of 1938, the family had to be evacuated from their home. Marion recalls that she and her mother were hang-

ing wash out on the line, the water just up to the porch floorboards, when a neighbor told them that they had to flee to higher ground. While her brothers stayed in the barn on high ground to watch the cows, the rest of the family was taken in by friends and neighbors. Her father would row over and supply the boys with food and potable water until the floodwaters subsided. One of the most frightening stories Marion recalls from the flood was their pigs' escaping and her father's rowing towards the raging Contoocook River to rescue them. Rodney had a touch of angina before this terrible flood, and she thinks that the stress from the flood, the difficult rowing to save his livestock and keep his boys fed, and then his re-starting their lives after the flood, placed a heavy toll on his heart.

A heavy toll hit all of their hearts in 1938 when Arthur, her fifteen-year-old brother, died of "walking pneumonia."

Marion attended the Antrim Elementary and High School, but did not finish because of her father's failing health. After leaving school, she got job at the Goodell Company where she worked with her former geography teacher, Peg Maxfield. Marion said it felt odd to be working next to her teacher instead of sitting in her classroom.

Marion remembers the World War II air raid blackout drills when her father made blackout frames for all the windows,

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his dad didn't mind, so we set off the length of Old Hancock Road filling our bags with countless Bud Light cans, brown lager bottles, Dunkin' Donuts stuff, cigarette packages. What made this a remarkable trek was this child's energetic participation, scrambling into places I couldn't maneuver, and his pondering the reasons why people throw stuff on our beautiful roads.

We continued on down Pleasant Street where the ditches are deep and hold a lot: twisted metal, a hubcap, and countless beer containers. The "rescue" driver came by with new bags and took our full ones; by then of course, all the others on the walk were long gone, but Brady wanted to do this work! We also spotted a bush with intriguing leaves and buds, so we brought a broken branch along so we could try to identify it. Someone at Tenneys suggested it might be in the elder family. I'd thought it was a sort of viburnum.

Brady noticed a large round structure in the woods: a water tower? We passed the Wool Room and talked about knitting which he had learned to do. We talked about school and TV and trips his family took. We marveled at a waterfall barely visible from the road. Near the end of the loop Brady's dad came by again and offered to take our full bags, and after careful consideration Brady and I decided we could leave the rest until next year and ride the rest of the way. We shook hands as our event ended, but the memory from that day—of that child, and the joy he brought to a tedious unpleasant task—is the unexpected treasure of this brief relationship that began at The Grapevine. ✂



REVERENCE OF PLACE

Liz Lawler, 2nd grade teacher

This year at AES, a group of teachers has given new life to a valued committee called Reverence of Place. The mission of this group is to allow the entire AES community, every student and teacher, the opportunity to discover the natural resources that surround us. We believe, as teachers, that academic and social growth come from experiencing the world and the people around us. We know that learning and true knowledge aren't just acquired within the four walls of a classroom.

To that end, each student in our school is part of small multi-age group which meets once a month to read, talk about, and explore nature. The theme—connection—carries through each of these meetings. The students connect with children from all grade levels in the school, they connect with literature that has nature at its core, and they connect with the woods behind the school as well as McCabe Forest. The students will visit McCabe Forest two times this year, and in the process will learn not only about the life cycle of a tree, but hopefully also that spending time in nature, working with others, and exploring freely in the natural world, is something they have a passion for and something which they'll want to continue for the rest of their lives. We want students to discover that learning is something that they have control over and that it can happen anywhere and everywhere, even in their own backyards and forests.

As part of this year-long endeavor, we have done many exciting activities that link nature and children's literature. Children have listened to stories and have then gone into the woods to explore nature's wonder that they read about in each book. Currently, each group is writing a poem about an animal, and illustrating that poem in the style of local artist Beth Krommes. Below is a list of some of the children's books that we have used for inspiration this year: *One Small Place in a Tree* by Barbara Brenner; *The Busy Tree* by Jennifer Ward; *Whose Tracks are These?* James Nail; *Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow* by Joyce Sidman; *The Trees of the Dancing Goats* by Patricia Polacco

As a culminating activity, we plan to publish a newsletter for all AES parents and our community, sharing pictures, photos, and stories that our students have produced during our work this year. Please stay tuned! ✂

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PROGRAMS: ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SUMMER 2011

Missy Taylor

We hope many of you will join us on the Fourth of July when the Declaration of Independence will be read by Dean Proctor and Bill Nichols at the Bandstand in Memorial Park. This is a wonderful annual tradition, now in its 18th year. Come join your friends and neighbors for coffee, homemade donuts and sweet rolls on Monday, July 4th from 9:00 am to 10:30 am as we celebrate the birth of our nation.

The Festival of Trees Committee will start meeting in July to begin planning the second Festival of Trees in December at Tuttle Library. Last year's Festival was a resounding success and we have had many individuals and businesses tell us that they are already planning their trees for this year. We hope to expand the categories this year to allow more entries and will begin offering spaces in the early fall. Based on the overwhelming response we had last year, we expect the spots to go very quickly. It is our hope that this event becomes another annual tradition, one of the many that makes Antrim such a special place in which to live.

We're getting ready for Home and Harvest Days in September, about which more will be in the September issue of the *Limrik*. Save the date of Saturday, September 17 when the Historical Society will again be selling homemade apple crisp with ice cream, as well as our note cards, tote bags and historical publications. Our apple crisp has become a fall tradition and we sold out early in the afternoon once again last year, so make sure to get yours early.

Our 2011 Spring Membership Drive is underway and we thank everyone for the terrific response and for your generous donations. On page 11 in this issue of the *Limrik* is a letter from the president, Peter Moore, describing our past and ongoing programs and initiatives, as well as a 2011 membership form that can be cut out and mailed along with your check. We are always looking for new ideas for programs, and we are very interested in your suggestions on how we can better serve the community. We also need volunteers to help us with our ongoing projects, the apple crisp social, the Festival of Trees, the Historical Society room at the library, service on the Board, and help with the Stone Church. If you haven't yet joined the Society and you are interested in helping us collect, interpret, and promote the history and heritage of Antrim for present and future generations, please return the form to us. Dues are a very reasonable \$10 a year. We depend on member dues and donations for our operating support.

Please watch for Historical Society news and program announcements in the newspapers and on the town's website at www.antrimnh.org. Historical Society programs are usually presented on the third Sunday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church at 3 pm, followed by refreshments. All of the Society's programs and meetings are open to the public without charge.

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COLD CASE SOLVED

Robin Rockwell

Back in January 1967 the residents of Antrim could ski at Bunny Hill. It was located on Smith Road, owned and operated by the Doleac family. One of their three sons, John, was my classmate at Antrim High School at the time. It was a new venture for the family and they worked hard to make it succeed. Several two by three foot wooden "Ski Bunny Hill" signs were placed in strategic locations throughout the area to inform potential skiers.

One such sign was placed at the fork of Main and Concord Streets where the Baptist Church stands, under the watchful eye of the Civil War soldier. A few days later, the sign was gone and the Doleac's immediately contacted the Antrim Police Department. The police chief at the time was Pete Flood who resided on Clinton Road. Chief Flood compiled a list of suspects and an investigation quickly followed. But it seemed to be an unsolvable case. After all, how can you prove a case like this without any eye-witnesses?

On this list were members of the Green Hat Gang as well as their girlfriends. There were two gangs in town at the time, the Red Hat Gang and the Green Hat Gang. They were basically harmless, aside from a prank or two. They consisted of two groups of male high school students who wore either a red felt hat or a green one. Sometimes, you could see them milling around in front of the Antrim Town Hall, an occasional cigarette dangling from their lips. My friends and I nicknamed one of the members the "Ranger," because of his slender build and a recent White Owl cigar commercial. It went something like this: "Slim as a branding iron, tough as rawhide, the Ranger is back in town."

Chief Flood interrogated the Green Hat Gang members and three of their girlfriends. No one was willing to spill the beans, so to speak. John Doleac also played detective, questioning students at the high school, but to no avail. Several weeks passed, then months, and it appeared the culprit or culprits would never be found.

Now flip the calendar forty-four years to 2011, and rather than get in touch with former Antrim Police Chief, Brian Brown, for help, I decided to tackle this cold case on my

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Robin Loveland

While there are seventy-eight bodies of water in New Hampshire that are plagued with infestations of exotic aquatic plants, I am happy to report that to date none of these species has been found in Franklin Pierce Lake. The other good news is that the quality of the water is better than other lakes in the state on all the key characteristics. We are fortunate in both of these areas, but it is important that we be proactive on these fronts because prevention is easier and less costly than remedying a problem once it occurs.

What is the Franklin Pierce Lake Association (FPLA) doing to keep the lake free of exotic plants?

Since being formed in 2009, we have implemented two programs toward this end: Lake Host Program, and Weed Watchers. The Lake Host Program, organized by the NH Lake Association, aims to prevent the spread of the exotics from lake to lake through educating boaters about the problem and the importance of inspecting their boats for plant debris before launching and after leaving any body of water. This year, as in the past two years, we have been awarded a grant to help pay for a part time Lake Host to staff the Manahan Boat Ramp for a few hours each weekend. While we also have about a dozen volunteers who have been trained as Lake Hosts, we need more to extend the hours we are able to staff the ramp. All that is required of a volunteer is to attend a short training session and staff the ramp for a shift or two on a weekend during the summer.

The Weed Watcher Program, introduced by the NH DES, focuses on training volunteers to be able to identify the invasive aquatic species. They are then encouraged to regularly monitor the perimeter of the lake from canoe or kayak on the lookout for any suspicious plants in hopes of detecting any occurrence before it becomes an infestation. In 2009 we trained 16 people as Weed Watchers and have scheduled another training clinic this year for Saturday, June 18th at 9AM.

What is FPLA doing toward maintaining healthy water quality?

In 2010 we became active with the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) in their Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) and will again participate in it this year. The goal of this program is to monitor numerous characteristics of

the water by collecting samples several times a year in order to identify any negative trends in time to remedy their causes.

Does FPLA have any social activities?

While in prior years our focus has been on running the programs to maintain the quality of the lake, this year we are also planning a Pot Luck Supper on Saturday, July 16, to provide an opportunity for members to get to know others around the lake. This will be our first 'social' event. We are hopeful that as we grow as an association, we will sponsor more social and common interest activities (such as sailing, bird watching, etc) in the future.

How can you support FPLA?

You can support FPLA simply by becoming a member and paying the \$10 annual dues. The dues are used to defray the costs of the programs we have implemented and are one of the best investments a lake property owner can make toward protecting the value of his/her property. In addition to joining, consider becoming a volunteer Lake Host or attending the Weed Watcher training on June 18 (free, but pre registration required). Contact me at 478-1344 or robin@fplake.org. To get the latest information or a membership application, please go to our website at www.fplake.org.



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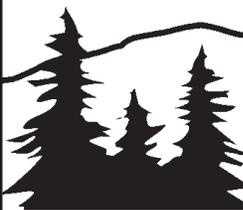


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ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Peter Moore, President

Dear Antrim residents,

On behalf of the AHS Board of Directors, thank you for your support of the Historical Society in the past. We could not pursue our numerous programs and projects without it. Your membership helps to bring Antrim history alive, and to preserve the tales, personalities, events, and artifacts that have made Antrim what it is today. Without your financial support and your participation, our purpose could not be carried out and the telling of Antrim's history carried on.

2010 was a very active year for the Historical Society. We hosted Sunday afternoon programs about Mount Monadnock, Eleanor Roosevelt, the USS Antrim, and the Colonial Wars. Events that have become a tradition include the reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Bandstand on July 4th by Bill Nichols and Dean Proctor, the popular Apple Crisp Social in front of the Maplehurst Inn during the Home & Harvest weekend, and our Annual Meeting in October.

A new event this past year that was overwhelmingly attended was the 1st Festival of Trees celebration hosted by the Historical Society and the Friends of the Library. Over seventy trees were decorated and presented by individuals, organizations, and businesses, to the delight of hundreds of visitors the opening day and many others throughout December and January. The festival was a resounding success and is likely to become our newest Antrim tradition.

Finally, Carol and Jim Rymes's gift of the Stone Church is still in the offing, and we're hopeful for a final closing this spring. With the cooperation and financial support of the Rymes family, planning and restoration work have already begun. The board has retained an Antrim contractor to oversee work in progress to stabilize the structure, and make it weather-tight. Proposed alterations and plans have been created and reviewed with the board to help us conceptualize its potential uses and preserve its historic nature. Our goal is to make portions of it more up-to-date and perhaps usable year-round, while preserving the simple but beautiful sanctuary. Our intent is to employ local craftsmen and builders when at all possible. The Stone Church project is very exciting, and it will take the full measure of us all to utilize the potential of this opportunity and carry on the vision Carol and Jim had when they first acquired it.

For current members who have not already renewed their membership for 2011, please consider sending your renewal fee now, just \$10 a year for individuals, or \$20 for a family membership. Additionally, tax deductible donations to the Society to help defray operating costs, including the eventual restoration of the Stone Church, will be most welcome, and a wonderful way to support the Antrim Historical Society, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Thank you. ☪



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and she and her mother climbed the stairs of the lookout station up on the ball field to watch out for enemy planes. They never saw any, but they enjoyed their time together and the excitement of looking out for the enemy.

Marion met her future husband Nelson Moulton while she was a relief cook at the Pembroke Tuberculosis Sanitarium and he was working in maintenance at the hospital. They started a family, ultimately having seven children: Brenda, Stephen, Bill, Nylene, Audrey, Bonita, and Trudy.

Marion says that she drove a car only once when, in the late '60s, the family was invited to a reunion at Bernice and Clarence Rockwell's house up on High Street. Marion decided to drive, but she had a little mishap along the way. As she was making the turn from Water Street onto Depot Street, she turned the wheel too far and ended up stuck in the sand. While she managed to get the car back on the road, this was good fodder for constant ribbing from Nelson about her lack of driving skills. She got sick of the teasing and decided to let Nelson do the driving from then on. When I commented to her that he became her personal chauffeur, she liked that way of thinking about it.

In 1966 Nelson came down with spinal meningitis, and the seriousness of his illness forced the doctors to relocate his care from the VA hospital in Manchester to a larger facility in Bedford, Massachusetts. Nelson was away from home and in the hospital for twenty years, and he died in 1986.

Marion went back to work at the Goodell company in 1966 until her retirement in 1985.

Her apartment at Antrim Village is just a stones-throw away from her old home on Depot Street. She is a charming, very nice lady, and I had a lovely time reminiscing with her and her niece Dawn Hugron. ☞

ANTRIM FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Tod Bryer

The Antrim Fire Department would like to thank the Leonard family for the donation of the family home on Gregg Lake Road. We were able to start and extinguish more than a dozen fires in the home during a Sunday training before we allowed fire to demolish the structure to make room for a new home on the property. This gift gave many new members valuable experience and built confidence in firefighting skills that cannot be gained in any other way. The Leonard's gift of their house for training purposes could help to save countless homes in Antrim and throughout our surrounding communities. If you see Tom, Pat, or John, please thank them for their generous gift.

In other news, Marcel Coutorier and Scott Howard completed an airpack and protective clothing class. They were able to put their new abilities to work at the training burn.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Antrim Fire Department. ☞

PEOPLE'S SERVICE EXCHANGE

Gerry Chagnon, Coordinator

Here it is the beginning of June and spring is finally here. It is the season of renewal, growth, and warm breezes. We at the People's Service Exchange, a project of The Grapevine, are also looking for renewal and growth. The enjoyment comes when one of our members is able to help another member.

Presently we have 185 members and over 200 services we offer. We are looking to grow with new members from all the towns of the ConVal District who may bring new services to add to the ones we have now. The mission of the People's Service Exchange is to promote within each community the exchange of individual talents and services. Each service is as important as any other, just as each member's ability and contribution is vital to the membership.

The services we offer are getting to be more and more diverse. We have a member who does graphic design, and others who offer chiropractic and massage services, therapeutic painting, and Emotional Freedom techniques, and other services useful to everyday life. As a member you can take advantage of any of these services and many more. As a new member, the PSE will credit you with three "time dollars" to start you off toward a service you may want.

One of our members had this to say: "The PSE helped me several times. I got my lawnmower fixed. I bought brakes, made a request for someone to put them on my car, and it was done. I also had part of my roof fixed and snow shoveled off my roof. All I have to do is let the PSE know what I need or what I am looking for and Gerry looks for someone to help. Most of the time, I get what I need from the PSE. I also have helped members when they needed a service. For instance, I have used my car to drive members when a ride was needed. I think this is a great organization, and I am proud to be a member and to offer help, when I can."

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Merle's Door: Lessons from a Free Thinking Dog

By Ted Kerasote

Reviewed by Sandy Snow

"He came out of the night, appearing suddenly in my headlights, a big, golden dog, panting, his front paws tapping the ground in an anxious little dance. Behind him, tall cottonwoods in their April bloom. Behind the grove, the San Juan River, moving quickly, dark and swollen with spring melt." Thus begins *Merle's Door, Lessons from a Free Thinking Dog*, a book which chronicles the richness and depths of the bond between a dog and his man. Ted Kerasote has penned a wonderful documentary of his relationship with his adopted dog, Merle.

Painted against the rich scenery of the Rockies, Merle and the author ski, hike, and hunt through the peaks of Utah, the Grand Tetons of Wyoming, and into Yellowstone Park. Growing increasingly stronger season by season, their relationship exposes each one's foibles, frailties, and strengths to the other.

Their special bond is born of a strong mutual understanding of the underlying needs, strengths and weaknesses of humans and dogs that was established perhaps more than 40,000 years ago.

Often, Kerasote pieces together how Merle and he perceive the world differently. In the opening chapter where the dog approaches him, Kerasote describes the scene and his companions not from a visual perspective as we would observe others, but by their smells, the way a dog does. He says one couple "... had recently fallen in love and exuded a mixture of endorphins and pheromones." Kerasote says, "It was for this reason—smell—that I think he trotted directly to my (Jeep) door, leaned his head forward cautiously, and sniffed at my bare thigh. What mix of aromas went up his long snout at that very first moment of our meeting? What atavistic memories, what possibilities were triggered in his canine worldview as he untangled the mysteries of my sweat?"

"His deep brown eyes looked at me with luminous appreciation and said, 'You need a dog, and I'm it.'"

"Unsettled by his uncanny read of me—I had been looking for a dog for over a year—I gave him a cordial pat and replied, 'Good dog.'"

"His tail beat steadily, and he didn't move, his eyes still saying, 'You need a dog.'"

Later that evening, Kerasote throws his pad and sleeping bag down on the sand under a cottonwood, slips into it, and finds the dog digging a nest by his side. Finished scooping out the sand, the dog turns, turns, and turns and settles into the nest facing Kerasote. The dog was there in the morning watching the author when he wakes up.

Merle's and Kerasote's bonding and understanding of each other grows steadily over the ensuing weeks and months as they explore the mountains and fields surrounding Kerasote's cabin. Kerasote, who only eats what he can kill himself, introduces Merle to elk hunting. With his keen nose, Merle is able to pick up the scent of elk well before Kerasote can see them, which makes elk hunting one of their favored activities.

Merle's happiest sport comes when snow falls and he and Kerasote cross country ski into the high Rockies. There, Merle slides down powder-snow slopes, steering himself with his front paws, while Kerasote carves graceful curves around the path Merle has created, leaving behind a series of dollar signs in the snow.

Kerasote is a firm believer that man and dog can communicate extremely well. He says that research on a variety of species including parrots, dolphins, wolves, and dogs "has demonstrated that they have the physical and cognitive ability to transmit a rich array of information to others," not just to their own species. He quotes Charles Darwin, "there is no fundamental difference between man and the higher mammals in their mental faculties," adding that non-human animals experience happiness, wonder, shame, pride, curiosity, jealousy, suspicion, gratitude, and magnanimity. Darwin goes on to say, "They practice deceit and are revengeful..." and have "moral qualities" including "love and the distinct emotion of sympathy."

Merle's Door is much more than just a narration of a dog and his man. Kerasote delves into the research about dogs and how their close partnership with humans has evolved over the thousands of years. He says that the ongoing Dog Genome Project, an international effort at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Washington, may eventually discover whether some wolves have a similar predisposition to find us likable. He says that the project may ultimately determine a date when wolves and humans began associating with one another.

He goes on to say that wolf and human remains dating back 400,000 years have been found side by side in Kent, England. Other sites in Europe have yielded remains of humans and dogs in common burial sites. The recorded history of man has yielded many instances of the cooperation and love between dogs and human, he says. Polynesian women lovingly nursed puppies. The Norwegian, Carl Lumholtz, noted that dingos were "an important member of an Aborigine's family. 'It sleeps in the huts and gets plenty to

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CUB SCOUTS: PACK 2 NEWS

Tammie Blanchette

Pack 2 is comprised of twenty-nine boys from Antrim, Bennington, and Frankestown. We continue to grow with four more boys joining in the last month. This year has been filled with many activities at the Den levels as well as Pack Activities such as the Pinewood Derby, Klondike Derby Hike-A-Thons, Chuckwagon Derby, Monarchs Hockey Game, Fischer Cats Baseball Game, and Blue and Gold Celebration. The boys give back to the community through participation in town-wide cleanup days, Scouting for Food, and marching in the Memorial Day Parades.

On March 26th seventeen Cub Scouts and twenty-one family members from Pack 2 had the opportunity to spend the night on the USS Salem CA-139. The USS Salem CA-139 is the world's only preserved heavy cruiser and is moored at her birthplace in Quincy MA. The boys were given a tour of the ship and then had the opportunity to participate in several activities including cold water survival, hoisting, and scavenger hunts. That evening, after a hearty dinner, they had their choice of three movies to watch in three different locations on the ship. Lights out was at 10:30 pm with reveille at 6:45 the next morning! They took a 1-hour tour of the Boston Harbor Sunday morning before heading back to NH. One of the greatest things about this trip was that there were very few areas of the ship that were off limits! The boys took the opportunity to explore the ship from top to bottom during free time.

Weekly meetings have wrapped up for the school year, but we are not done Scouting and we welcome any interested boys to join! The Pack will be participating in our traditional campout with Troop 2 in June and will be attending another baseball game. Almost a dozen boys have committed to going to Summer Day Camp at Otter Brook in Keene in July. Dens will also be gathering for informal hikes and activities in August.

Plans are well under way for the 2011/2012 Cub Scout Program. The Pack has a group of dedicated volunteers that helped get the program up to speed this year and more are getting involved every day. A special thank you to our Den Leaders: James Simons, Wanda Grant, Mary Farrell, and Melissa Stewart for all the extra time they put in. All have volunteered to lead again next year. The Pack is also blessed with many parents that are ready and willing to help.

The Cub Scout program receives its funding through the parents of the boys and fundraising efforts such as Popcorn Sales and Hike-A-Thons. In this difficult economy we are finding fundraising to be more challenging. But, no boy is ever turned away due to financial difficulties. We make every effort to uniform all boys and include them in all events. We have been very lucky to have donations of "experienced" uniform shirts from former Scouters, but find we have more boys in need than we have donations. Pack 2 also faces the yearly dilemma of finding adequate meeting and activity space. Due to repairs at the Legion this year, we were especially in dire need of a place to hold meetings. We were very

fortunate to find a temporary home at the Pierce Elementary School in Bennington for the bulk of the group. Through their generosity we were able to hold all of our Pack events there as well. A special thanks to Principal Pamela Campbell and Custodian Jarvis Adams for working hand in hand to help make our program so successful this year! In addition, the Town of Bennington offered us the VFW for our Webelos Den. We are so grateful for their willingness to accommodate us.

Our Pack is a volunteer run program and is open to all boys in grades 1 through 5. Donations of time, talent, materials, and financial support are always appreciated and directly benefit the boys in the program. For more information about how you can help Pack 2 or to have your son join the Pack, please contact Tammie Blanchette at 588-2594. For Boy Scouts, ages 11-18 please contact Brian Beihl at 588-3014. You can also see what we are doing by visiting our website at www.sites.google.com/site/pack2nh. 

TAMMIE BLANCHETTE

My name is Tammie Blanchette. I grew up in the Antrim/Bennington area since 1980 (formerly Chirichiello). I am the Pack Committee Chair. I have been involved with Pack 2 since 2005 when my oldest expressed an interest in joining Cub Scouts. I became actively involved with Pack 2 due to the same child dropping from the program. I was concerned as to why he didn't enjoy it as it seemed so worthwhile and his younger brother was getting into it. I could see that Cub Scouts creates a connection between home, school and community. The program does have basic requirements in order for boys to achieve their ranks but also has flexibility to allow boys to explore and grow further at their pace. Their everyday life and choices mesh perfectly with the program and they have the ability to earn recognition for doing additional things such as sports or academics. I especially love that the program fosters an appreciation and desire to give back to ones community.

I discovered firsthand that since it was a volunteer run program it could not be truly successful for my sons unless I as a parent was truly committed and involved. I became a Den Leader in 2007 and saw incredible success with my second son. In addition, my third and youngest also became interested and joined. He is now a Webelos 1 and will crossover to Boy Scouts in 2013. Unlike the Boy Scout program, the Cub Scout program does not have longtime adult help. When the child leaves or crosses over, we lose the parents. I myself will more than likely be leaving the program when my youngest is done. It was due to this turnover in help (and Brian Beihl) that I came into the role I hold today. Brian stayed on long after his son Ethan crossed over as he did not want the program to die out.

My goal is to leave a program that is even better established, organized and can easily be run by anyone stepping into it. My hope is that this can be achieved by parents further into the program always training and educating new parents. The Boy Scouts of America has also rolled out a new way of presenting the program so that we don't have to keep 'reinventing' it with each new Leader. We have many hurdles to overcome in running the program since we receive no funding. I put in countless hours just to keep the program going. My faithful volunteers also put in a lot of time and we are not financially reimbursed for our efforts. I just wish more people could see the value of programs like this so they don't vanish. These boys will be future voters, decision makers and leaders. In my opinion, you cannot have an active community in the future if you don't build on that with these children today.

THE COUCH

Schatze Moore

The couch was probably twenty years old when we received it. We have had it since just after our daughter was born twenty-eight years ago. When it came to us it was in good condition even though the fabric—kind of that 1960's look, a garish floral pattern in greens, gold, olive, and browns—was outdated and somewhat worn. The couch also came with a slipcover that was starting to show signs of wear but was still functional. This couch is small, a two-seater that pulls out into a twin-size bed. We use this couch in our kitchen; it's where we sit in the morning to have our coffee and where we reconvene after the day's work is done.

After some time, the original slipcover had to be replaced, and I was directed to a very lovely lady in Greenfield who did that kind of sewing. She and her husband came over to collect the couch, which is very heavy, and then returned it in a few weeks with its beautiful new cover. That was eighteen years ago, and time along with daily use has not only taken their toll on the second slipcover, but on the original fabric as well. At this point in its life another slipcover would not save the couch, but sending it to be reupholstered was out of the question. So, I pondered. Should I take it to the dump? No! Except for the fabric, this couch is still an excellent piece of furniture. I could put it at the bottom of the driveway and maybe some knowledgeable person—in the way of recovering furniture—would rescue it, or maybe I could sell it on Craig's List. No, none of these options appealed to me. Then I remembered that my friend Margot (who can do anything) had reupholstered a chair some time ago. So, I approached my friend asking if she might help me with this project, and she readily agreed.

A month or so went by and I was beginning to have second thoughts about the couch when my friend called to tell me she had found some fabric at Ocean State Job Lots that she thought would look very nice on the couch as well as in my kitchen. I only needed to take the necessary yardage measurements and then determine if the store in Peterborough had enough fabric for the project. They had just enough, provided that I use a contrasting fabric to make the cording and that we made no errors when we cut.

I finished the cushion for the couch (first off, last on or vice versa) two and a half months after Margot and I started the project. We spent a lot of time studying the couch and planning our moves before taking any action. We had a notebook where we documented with words and drawings everything we did. We even wrote instructions on the pieces of fabric as we removed them. But thankfully, before we had gotten very far along Margot suggested we use my husband's digital camera to photograph every stage of the removal process. We referred back to those photos many times to make sense of what we were doing when we were ready to put the couch back together. Between the two of us, Margot and I agreed that there was nothing easy about this project, but once it was done, I perhaps foolishly stated that I would like to try it again. Many, many thanks to my good friend for all her help, but the pleasure of working on this project with her are where the true joy resides. 



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AVENUE A TEEN CENTER SUMMER PROGRAMS

Dave Kirkpatrick

Avenue A is offering some exciting programs and activities for teens, tweens, and parents this year, beginning with another longboard building workshop starting Wednesday, June 29. Whether their interest is racing, cruising, commuting, or building a great looking wall-hanger, kids can design and finish a custom board that's both a work of art and a fully functional deck. Cost for the workshop is just \$20, and complete wheels/hardware packages can be ordered for less than \$50. Teens in the workshop can opt in for some fundraising efforts to offset the cost of the hardware. Open to ages 12 and up, sign up by June 15.

In July, Media Power Youth classes are scheduled Thursdays from 2 to 4 pm. The course teaches professional video production techniques, script writing, storyboarding, editing, and special effects. The objective is to learn the techniques commercial media use to send messages, then to use those same techniques to produce a 30 second Public Service Announcement that can be broadcast on local TV and posted to the world web. Those who complete the course will have a professionally produced DVD with their name in the credits to add to their resume. The MPY group will have further opportunity to add to their demo reel by working on ongoing projects for Avenue A Teen Center, The Antrim Can/Am Slalom Championships, and Antrim in Action. The course is \$40 for 4 weeks of classroom time, plus unlimited field time to work on projects.

We've got regular pool and table games tournaments with cash prizes scheduled throughout the summer. Some are free, and some are mini-fundraisers and have modest entry fees. We'll also post monthly Photo Contests through the summer which are free to enter and offer a \$25 prize for the winner. A photography basics workshop is free and open to all, to be held Monday June 13 at 4:30 pm. Sailing and kayaking activities are currently in the works for the hot weather as well. For additional details about any of these events, check our website, stop by for the monthly flyer, or get on our email list.

Last but not least, a new Parents of Teens Group will be meeting on the second Wednesday night each month at 6:30PM. Day and time are subject to change or "float" as the group prefers. We can loosely define "parents" as anyone involved in the raising of children, so grandparents, aunts and uncles and older siblings are invited to join us. This is a very informal chat session, some have said it feels like a little bit of "me time," and makes for a good excuse to get out of the house and have a cup of tea with friends.

For more information about Avenue A or any of our upcoming events, contact Dave Kirkpatrick via email at teencenter@tds.net or call Avenue A at 588-3334. You can visit us on the web at www.avenueatc.com. ☪

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eat,' he wrote, 'not only of meat, but also of fruit. Its master never strikes, but merely threatens it. He caresses it like a child, eats the flees off it, and then kisses it on the snout'"

Perhaps, the important break-through in Merle's and Kerasote's relationship begins when Kerasote is deeply concerned that Merle much prefers to be outside when Kerasote is away for long periods, particularly when the temperature drops to 20 below zero. So, Kerasote builds Merle a \$400 doghouse complete with open-cell foam bedding topped with a wool afghan and a radiant heat lamp. But Merle will have nothing to do with such niceties and promptly ignores the dog house. Not to be deterred, Kerasote tells Merle, "'Watch me,'" I said, and crawled in. Turning around, I put my head on my folded palms. 'Oh, my god! Is this ever comfortable and warm! You'll love it.'" Instead, Merle trots to the front door apparently saying, "Doghouses are for dogs. I want to be in our house." Kerasote finally settles on installing a dog door in his front door. The dog door sparks an enormous change in their relationship. "Like millions of other dog owners, I was rooted in the assumption that it is the human who is in control and decides when the dog will come and go." Now, Merle has the ability to explore and visit any place he chooses.

In the little village of Kelly where they live, Merle now is free to travel as he pleases. His daily circuits through the town where he greets people and his dog friends earn him the nickname, "Mayor."

Of course, no close relationship can last forever. In a tender and loving chapter, Kerasote describes Merle's passing.

Sprinkled with many insights into the differences and commonalities of humans and dogs, *Merle's Door* is a wonderfully warm and rich look at what makes the bond between humans and dogs such a special and enduring relationship.

(A copy of *Merle's Door* is available at the Tuttle Library.)

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

- 4 **Grapevine Black Fly Community Art Show** • 10:00 AM–12 NOON
- 8 **Caregivers' Support Group** • Tuttle Library • 11:00 AM
- 9 **Caregiving Workshop** • HCS • at The Scott-Farrar Home in Peterborough • 5:30–7:00 PM
- 15 **"Try it Out" night** • Boy Scouts Troop 2 • Legion Hall • 6:30 PM
- 15 **Antrim Grange Mystery Ride** • 7:00 PM
- 16 **Antrim Grange 9th Annual Community Art Show** • 3:00–7:00 PM
- 16 **Community Supper** • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM
- 17 **Antrim Grange 9th Annual Community Art Show Gala** • 7:00–9:00 PM
- 18 **Weed Watchers Training Clinic** • Franklin Pierce Lake Association • 9:00 PM
- 18 **Antrim Grange 9th Annual Community Art Show** • 10:00 AM–3:00 PM
- 19 **Antrim Grange 9th Annual Community Art Show** • 12 NOON–4:00 PM
People's Choice Award Presentation 3:45 PM
- 20 **Summer Reading Program** (program runs through July 30) • Registration • Tuttle Library

JULY

- 4 **Independence Day** • Memorial Park • 9:00–10:30 AM
Reading of Declaration of Independence & Historical Society Coffee & Donuts
- 8 **Story Time** • Tuttle Library • 10:00 AM
- 9 **Grapevine Yard Sale** • The Grapevine parking lot • 9:00 AM–12 NOON
- 9 **Harry Potter Party** • for fans of ALL AGES • Tuttle Library • 11:00 AM
- 11–15 **Backyard Adventures for Young Children** • Session I • The Grapevine • 9:00 AM–12:30 PM
- 13 **Caregivers' Support Group** • Tuttle Library • 11:00 AM
- 15 **Story Time** • Tuttle Library • 10:00 AM
- 18–22 **Backyard Science for 7–9 year olds** • The Grapevine • 9:00 AM–1:00 PM
- 20 **Antrim Grange meeting** • 7:00 PM
- 21 **Community Supper** • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM
- 22 **Story Time** • Tuttle Library • 10:00 AM
- 25–29 **Backyard Art for 6–9 year olds** • The Grapevine • 9:00 AM–12:30 PM

AUGUST

- 1–5 **Backyard Adventures for Young Children** • Session II • The Grapevine • 9:00 AM–12:30 PM
- 10 **Caregivers' Support Group** • Tuttle Library • 11:00 AM
- 17 **Antrim Grange meeting** • 7:00 PM
- 18 **Community Supper** • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM



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TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

Melissa Lawless

Hours Open: Mon. & Wed. 2–6 pm; Tues. & Thurs. 2–8 pm; Fri. 9 am–12 noon; Sat. 10 am–4 pm.

Holiday Library is closed: Mon July 4 –Independence Day

PROGRAMS

June 20—July 30 • Summer Reading Program
Wed. June 8 • Caregivers' Support Group 11:00 am
Fri. July 8 • Story time 10:00 am
Sat. July 9 • Harry Potter Party for fans of **all ages** 11:00 am
Wed. July 13 • Caregivers' Support Group 11:00 am
Fri. July 15 • Story time 10:00 am
Fri. July 22 • Story time 10:00 am
Wed. August 10 • Caregivers' Support Group 11:00 am

CALLING ALL WORLD TRAVELERS!

Readers of all ages can travel the globe this summer as the James A. Tuttle Library presents “**One World Many Stories**” during our summer reading program, where children can explore places around the world through reading and listening, stories, crafts, music, and other activities. The 2011 Summer Reading Program is open to all—the young and the young-at-heart, with a reading club, story hours, contests, prizes, and more.

Registration begins Monday, June 20, and is open through July.

You can read any book or any number of books; you can listen to audiobooks, or you can have someone read to you.

HARRY POTTER PARTY

Part 2 of the film **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows**, will be released July 15th, and as this is the last Harry Potter *anything* (that we know of), this year's party on July 9th will have a Harry Potter theme. It will be a party for fans of all ages; we invite you to come as your favorite Hogwarts character (or not), enjoy Dragon Snot Punch and other treats, and activities from the world of Hogwarts, with a bit from the Muggle World as well.

For more information, call the Library at 588-6786, check us out on Facebook, or check the Town's website at www.antrimnh.org.

VIDEO GAME COLLECTION UPDATE

We now have 56 video games in our collection and they are flying off the shelves! We are always looking for donations in any system you might have to offer. We currently have PlayStation, PlayStation 2, XBOX, XBOX 360, wii, and GAMECUBE. Stop by and browse through our baskets. We also have a Harry Potter Game! You loved the Harry Potter books, you loved the movies, now try the game!

DVD DONATIONS

We want to remind folks that we look forward to donations of current DVDs to augment our collection. With so

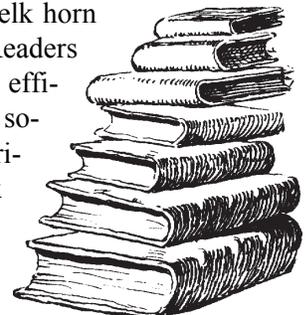
many people using our DVDs and with our budget being what it is, it is hard to keep up with the demand. When you are cleaning out your cabinets and wondering what you will do with all your extra DVDs which are taking up valuable space, think of us.

AUTHOR FOCUS

This month we celebrate the birthday of noted author **Brian Jacques** (pronounced: *Jakes*), best known for his well-loved “*Redwall*” series. A native of Liverpool, England, James Brian Jacques (June 15, 1939 – February 5, 2011) was known to his friends and family by his middle name “Brian” because he had the same first name as his dad and his brother. His talent for creative writing was first noticed at an early age when he was severely punished by his teacher for plagiarism. His teacher found it difficult to believe that a child at the age of 10 could possibly write such an in-depth creative story for a simple assignment.

When Jacques was working as a milkman, he wrote his first book, *Redwall*, as a treat for some of his favorite customers, the children of the Royal Wavetree School for the Blind. It was this intentional descriptive style, developed specifically for these blind children, which won him acclaim when his former high school English teacher showed the manuscript to a publishing company in London. They soon contracted an agreement with Jacques for five more novels in this series. Jakes used personality traits of people he knew, for the characteristics depicted in the animals in his stories. His thirty-nine novels which have delighted people of all ages have been translated into twenty-eight languages and have sold more than 20,000,000 copies worldwide.

Pulitzer Prize fiction writer **Annie Proulx** (pronounced: *Pru*) was born in Norwich, CT on August 22, 1935. She is best known for her novel *The Shipping News* (1993) and her short story *Brokeback Mountain* which were subsequently adapted into major motion pictures. Her memoirs entitled *Bird Cloud*, were released in January of this year. Included in this book are descriptions of her genealogical roots going back to 19th century Mississippi riverboat captains and Canadian settlers, and her recent attempts to build her dream home in the wetlands of Wyoming. Fans of Annie Proulx will be delighted to read her detailed observations as she turns her focus on herself and the surrounding wildlife as her construction team attempts to build a green home complete with solar panels, concrete floors and elk horn handles on her kitchen cabinets. Readers who have an eye toward energy efficiency and conservation may get a sobering glimpse of the extensive trials and tribulations Annie Proulx faces while building a dream home aimed at living in harmony with nature. ☞



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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The exciting Antrim Community Vacation Bible School is to be held July 18-22 at The First Presbyterian Church. You won't want to miss this always-amazing week! There is a place for all ages: preschool-adults.

The theme for this year is "PandaMania, Where God is Wild About You!" and, the focus will be on Psalm 139 with the following themes for each of the five days: "God made you," "God listens to you," "God watches over you," "God loves you no matter what," "God gives you good gifts."

The fun starts at 5:00 pm and ends at 8:00 pm. A free dinner begins the evening, which all participants and families are welcomed to attend. After dinner, everyone will go to "Party Time Sing and Play" where they will sing, be introduced to the day's theme, and enjoy amusing skits about "PandaMania Pete." After this gathering, the adults will go to their Bible Study, and the children will go from Station to Station: "Wild Bible Adventures," "Bamboo Blast Games," "Treetop Treats," "Chadder's Movie Mania," and "Crazy Crafts." The evening ends with "Rowdy Wrap-up" where the evening's theme will be wrapped up with singing, watching a Spotlight VBS (a powerpoint presentation of the children), drama, and other experiential fun.

VBS is jointly put on by the Antrim Baptist and First Presbyterian Churches. This will be the 81st year of working together each summer! In 2005, they celebrated 75 years together, and honored Phil Lang who was one of the early participants.

If you have questions and/or want to sign up your child for this amazing Vacation Bible School, please call 588-6614. ☞

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Spring has arrived at the Antrim Community Garden and if you have driven by you can see that people have been busy preparing their spaces. There are four sections left—plots are about 20 x 30 feet—and many people are splitting a plot with another person. There will be an "Open the Garden" day on the first weekend in June (delayed due to excessive rainfall) with a brown bag picnic lunch.

For more information, contact Kara Penny by e-mail: womanothehour@yahoo.com or phone: 547-7112. ☞

TED BROWN NEW MILITARY REPORTER

Ted Brown, Post 50 American Legion Service Officer, is the *Limrik's* new Military Reporter. If you know of any Antrim residents serving in the military, please contact Ted at: 588-2886 or email: downtownbrown49@yahoo.com. ☞



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Anderson. 12 coaches and team managers participated in the annual Coachsmart training, a course designed by University of New Hampshire, and facilitated by Celeste for the Recreation Department.

New to the pitch this year is a Lacrosse Clinic. There are 38 kids registered for this clinic which takes place on Sundays in the late afternoon. We are benefiting from the experience of Coach Shaun Reilly, who started Lacrosse programs in Manchester and Kansas City! The kids are having a great time, and we hope to field teams in the state youth Lacrosse program next year. The clinic is the first phase in a Lacrosse plan that was established by the receipt of enough Lacrosse sticks, goggles, and padding to field a full girls' team and a full boys' team. We received this grant from US Youth Lacrosse.

The Antrim Friends of Recreation Annual Egg Hunt was held at Memorial Park this year. It was a lot of fun to have the variety of terrain to hide eggs in, and though the day was cool and not so springy, about 60 kids came and enjoyed the day. A special thanks to Diane, Emma, and Hattie Kendall for bringing down some of the newest lambs from Over East Farm, it was a delight to have some baby animals to visit with. Lauren Kirkpatrick, Catrina Young, Laurie Cass Griggs, Linda Breyer, Julie Anderson, and several kids helped organize and worked at the Egg Hunt. We are very grateful for the dedication of our volunteers.

With the support of the Antrim Bennington Lions Club, and the Antrim Police Department, we again organized a Bike Safety Rodeo. More than 25 children came with their families and participated in equipment safety checks, bike tune ups, rules of the road and first aid instruction. They ran an obstacle course designed by the Antrim Police. Special thanks to Officers Ryan Storro, Bryan Lord, and Chief Lester, as well as Ed Dishong who did the bike tune ups, and the youth volunteers, Carly Storro, Mackenzie Burnside, Tarynn Winf, and Breanna Lester. Each year at the Rodeo, the Antrim Bennington Lions Club donates a bike to a lucky winner of our door raffle. This year's winner is Luci McClay. She showed up on a Radio Flyer tricycle (a very nice red one) so we were all very excited to be helping her into her first 'Big Girl Two wheeler'!

ONGOING AND UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Zumba, Yoga , Volleyball, Basketball~ adult exercise and recreation

An exciting and well-received addition to our activities is an exercise program called Zumba. This is a dance exercise, very lighthearted, very adaptable to different abilities, and very popular! The class is currently meeting on Wednesdays at 5:30, and Saturdays at 9 am. An average of 40 people per class attends! It is a great workout. We also are proud to assist in two other weekly exercise programs: Yoga on Tuesdays at 6:00, and Yogilates on Thursdays at 6:00. There is a big group of guys who come play basketball on Wednesdays at 6:30, and Sundays at 4:30. Volleyball also continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 pm. All of these programs are open to drop-ins, some are free, some have a cost. Call us for more information, check us out on Facebook, or send an email!

SUMMER SIZZLER RACES COME TO ANTRIM

Antrim will be home to three Summer Sizzler races this year. This is the 15th year that the Summer Sizzler Foot Race Series has been happening, operating for several years in neighboring Hancock and Greenfield. The race dates for Antrim are Monday May 16 ("Race for the Blackfly Pie"), Monday June 20th ("Race for Strawberries and Ice Cream") and Monday July 25, ("Race for the Blueberries"). **Please note: The roads are not closed for these races, so runners, walkers and cars must all exercise caution and courtesy to keep the races safe and successful.** Race registration is at the Bandstand at Memorial Park. Please park at the Town Gym/GBS campus, and then head down to Memorial Park for registration. The race is 3.2 miles, and there is a \$5 registration fee. The race starts a 6:35 pm. For more information, contact David Birse at sizzlermania@hotmail.com.

JOIN US TO SEE THE FISHER CATS PLAY THE PORTLAND SEA DOGS

Game is Saturday June 23, start time is 7:05. Our seats are in Section 102, behind the Sea Dogs bench, and there are Atlas Fireworks that night, in addition to the stadium keeping it moving with 'Decades Night' and USA Subs Baseball Bingo—win prizes each time the Fisher Cats are up to bat. The tickets are \$8.00 each, and this is a fundraiser for Antrim Youth Baseball and Softball.

MONDAY HIKES: JUNE 27, JULY 11, JULY 18, JULY25, AUGUST 8, AND AUGUST 22

We are working with Bob Holmes to establish hikes on Mondays throughout the Spring, Summer, and Fall. The hikes we choose will have a variety of locations and terrain. The first hike will be on Monday June 27. It will be an easy, local hike to get us started. Watch the news announcements on www.antrimnh.org. Our goal is to build these hikes to a regular program, with hikes for people who enjoy the outdoors, and are able to hike moderate terrain. On Monday July 18,

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there will be a hike up Mt Cardigan. We will be organizing some trips to hike to various fire towers in New Hampshire.

TRIP TO ST GAUDENS HISTORICAL SITE AND CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT

Sunday July 10. Join us for a beautiful drive up to Cornish, New Hampshire, where you can enjoy a picnic on the exquisite grounds of the St. Gaudens beautiful sculpture gardens where there is gorge to explore and a concert. The performers are Rogers and Millican on flute, cello, and piano. We will leave Antrim at 10:30 am, with picnic lunch and concert at 2:00. Return home by 5:30 pm. Cost is \$5 for the bus and the admission to the site.

TRIP TO THE FELLS MANSION, SUNAPEE

Thursday August 4th. Civil War Sesquicentennial Exhibit: Real History is told in Private Letters, an exhibit of the diary and letters of Lincoln's trusted secretary and confidant, Colonel John Hay and those of Ninth NH Regiment Corporal John Hay, as well as the beautiful gardens that the Fells is famous for. Fells is featuring Roc Gardens this summer. Trip leaves Antrim at 9:00 am, returns by 4:00 pm. Cost is \$7 for a seat, plus cost of admission into the Fells.

OLD ORCHARD BEACH TRIP

On Monday August 1st we will depart Antrim Town Gym by bus around 8:30 am, head over to Exeter NH where we

will board the Amtrack Downeaster for a train ride up to Old Orchard Beach, Maine, We will spend the day and early evening at the beach, and will take the 8:00 pm train back to Exeter. We will return back to Antrim around 10:00 pm. A long fun day! Cost will cover the train ticket and cost of the fuel etc. for the town bus. \$12.50 for kids, \$15 for adults.

FRIDAY ADVENTURES

Friday July 22 an adventure trip for kids 8 -11 with a grown up, and 12 and older can join us. We will head out for some river gorge swimming. We will leave Antrim at 8:00 am, return around 4:30 pm. Cost will be \$15 per kid. Friday August 5, a climbing adventure. Details TBD, we will head to an outdoor climbing park.

SWIMMING LESSONS AT GREGG LAKE BEACH

Swimming lessons are available two ways. Our traditional two week sessions, with WSI Hannah Ellsworth, will be Tuesday-Fridays, July 5 thorough July 15th, and July 26 through August 5th. New price this year—we really want kids to sign up for swimming lessons—swimming lessons are \$5 per child

Another option for swimming lessons for kids ages 6-12 is to attend our Days of Summer Camp on Tuesdays. WSI Lisa Hennessy will be instructing swim lessons at camp every Tuesday, with Wednesday as a rain date, from July 5th through August 16. The cost to attend a single day of summer camp (8:30 am-3:30 pm) is \$25 per day.

DAYS OF SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp is one of our favorite times of year. New in 2011: kids and families can register for single or multiple days. Summer Camp will be open every day from Tuesday July 5th to Friday August 19th. The cost for Antrim residents is \$25 per day, or \$120 per week. There are swimming lessons and a Gregg Lake Beach day once per week, as well as a field trip every week on Thursdays (Friday rain date) .

TIE DYE WORKSHOP

June 29th- August 1st with Jocelynn Drew. Two groups, a family group (kids 6-10 with a dedicated grown up), and then an older kids group, 11 years and older.) Older kids group will be from 1:00-3:00 pm, family group

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LACROSSE CAMP

Kids ages 6-12. June 27th thru June 30th, 3:00-5:00 pm Shea Field. Cost is \$30 per kid. A clinic with our lacrosse specialists, camp counselors, and high school players. This will be a fun and instructional camp.

GREAT BROOK SOCCER CAMP

At Shea Field with Coach Ketchum, Monday July 25 thru Friday July 29, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Cost is \$65.

BOMBERS BASKETBALL CAMP

Full Day is August 1st through August 5th. Half Day is August 8th through August 12th. Brochures and more information at the Rec. Office

BRITISH CHALLENGER SOCCER CAMP

New this year, we are hosting a British Soccer Camp. August 15th-August 19th at Shea Field. Soccer camp programs for kids age 3 through 16. Brochures and additional information at Rec. Office, and online at challengersports.com/camps

ANTRIM IN THE EVENING

Check out the insert in this issue, kindly donated by the *Limrik*. Please take it out and display it prominently in your home! Dance Bands, a traditional balladeer, a jug band, a country rock band stopping in Antrim on their way to open for Reba McEntire at Meadowbrooks, celtic pipes and accordion, big band Jazz, and our own Otis! It's going to be a wonderful summer. **Antrim in the Evening** features some of the best free family time around (though we love to accept your donations). At every **Antrim in the Evening** performance you can find Celeste on the scene, presenting fun crafts for the kids to participate in. Bring a picnic, bring your bug spray, join in an evening of camaraderie and music with neighbors from near and far! **Antrim in the Evening** is rain or shine! When it rains, we just move the concert into the Town Hall, and we have just as much fun! Concerts start at 6:00 pm, and wind down around 7:30-8:00 pm.

MOVIES AT ANTRIM TOWN HALL

Schedule is posted in window of town hall, and online at www.antrimnh.org.

Antrim Recreation is always adding more programs after the *Limrik* goes to print. We will be scheduling some live animal presentations, as well as a youth theatre show, so definitely stay tuned! Stay up-to-date with our action by subscribing to news on www.antrimnh.org. Visit us at the Rec. Office on most Thursday nights. Daytime Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays you can find us at the Rec. office. Call 588-3121 and leave a message to set up an appointment! Find us on Facebook, or email Celeste antrimrekdir@tds.net. ☞

ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Neil Brown, Curator/Archivist

Preservation of Antrim history is important to the understanding and perpetuation of our historical heritage. The history captured by the Antrim Historical Society enables us to learn about the founding and growth of our community. This history is not necessarily taught in our schools, being deemed too trivial compared to national and world history. Antrim has a rich history in the development of New England and, in its' own way, of our county. One of our citizens, David H. Goodell, became Governor of New Hampshire in 1888, and he owned Goodell Co. which became famous across the nation and beyond for his invention of an apple parer and corer. Also, our men and women played important parts in the military history of this country from the Pre-Revolutionary Wars to the wars of modern times. To build on the perpetuation of our heritage, it is important for all Antrim citizens and friends to give thought to donating or loaning items relating to Antrim History to the Antrim Historical Society for preservation and study. In this respect, the AHS Board of Directors gives thanks to the following for their recent donations:

Jay Crooker: *History of Antrim* by Cochrane, and Hawthorne College Mug. Rod Zwirner: 1911 Survey Map of Birch Point, Gregg Lake. Kristy Boule: Christmas-tree Ornaments. Everett Chamberlain: 1944 Army Air Force Warning and Service Documents & Felt Insignia. Leslie Thompson: Fred D. Brown, 1894-95 Diary

If you have questions about donating or loaning items relating to Antrim history, please call me at 588-2599, or any other AHS Board member. ☞

ANTRIM IN ACTION HEALTH AND NUTRITION UPDATE

Dick Loveland

Over a year ago when most of our 35 volunteer organizations met to decide what Antrim residents need, improving health and nutrition was the highest priority. To address this we held a brainstorming session earlier this year, and we came up with 60 ideas we could work on concerning the following four headings: What Should I Eat? Where Do I Get It? How Do I Prepare It? How Do I Work It Off?

In March we decided which of the 60 we would focus on (see *Limrik* article in the March 2011 issue), and in our meeting on May 3rd listed possible resources.

WHERE DO I GET IT?

We want to provide a directory of where to buy local fruit, produce, meat, and dairy products. Beth Merrill and the Grange are collecting information for this directory. We will focus on Conval towns to identify where we can purchase local food. If you are a supplier of locally grown products,

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LAST CELTIC EVENSONG OF THE SEASON

Sharon L. Dowling—Evensong Coordinator

The First Presbyterian Church of Antrim began a new and different ministry last October. The Celtic Evensong service, held once a month on first Sundays at 5:30 pm, has attracted folks from all around the Monadnock region, and as far away as Nashua. While competing events in the area, stormy weather, and holidays have sometimes depleted the number of participants, a loyal following has enjoyed this quiet and meditative time of communal prayer, beautiful music, and periods of candlelit silence.

The support of the Session, Pastor Peggi Boyce, and many volunteers have all contributed to the success of this ministry reflecting the philosophies and beliefs of Celtic Christianity. An extra measure of thanks goes to Melissa Lawless, who has led each of the services, and readers, including Lyman Gilmore, Pamela Campbell, Laura Akerley, Rev. Madelyn Betz, Rev. Madelyn Klose, Bill Newbold, Patty Grant, and Pastor Peg; as well as some fabulous musicians (some who doubled as readers) including Andrew Koutroubas, Dagney Hedberg, Kate Dowling, Steve Smillie, Bonnie Achterhof, and Alan Bessette.

The plan is to end this season with a last Evensong on June 5, at 5:30 pm. No service will be held during the months of July, August, or September. Celtic Evensong will resume October 2 at 5:30 pm. Mark the first Sundays of the month on your calendars and share this lovely service with a friend! ☪



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CHURCH OF CHRIST RACING TO OUR GOAL

Alan Farner, Minister

After unseasonably and perpetually cool temperatures abated and spring (along with its pesky flying friends) arrived, weather was almost perfect for Antrim's Daffodil Days on April 30. The Antrim Church of Christ, like many others, took part in the town-wide yard sale, and thanks to the generosity of both the donators and buyers, we generated quite a bit of cash to split between scholarships for Gander Brook Christian Camp in Maine and Diane's Miracle.

And speaking of low temperatures and Diane's Miracle, it was definitely a bit chilly on April 16th, but that didn't discourage a bunch of people from participating in the First Annual Diane's Miracle 5K Walk-Run. We had 72 registrants and many volunteers (including the Bursitis brothers, who played classic rock for those crossing the finish line). Chris Reilly had a blazingly fast winning time of 20:54 (especially considering the course was actually more than 5K) with Jerry McDoutle coming in second at 24:42. On the women's side, Judy Heady was tops at 27:35 and Missy Lombard second at 28:18. More complete results and a photo gallery are available at www.DianesMiracle.org (under the "5K Walk-Run" menu entry at the top).

Thanks to the walk-run, yard sale, and other donations (including a painting provided by accomplished artist Earl Scholfield for auction), we have reached around \$20,000 of our \$25,000 fundraising goal. That incredible number is the result of our community, once again, coming together when it recognizes a need. Thank you.

(If you are wondering about Diane and haven't heard, she had her surgery in March and is already showing improvement including increased strength, movement, and energy.)

Diane's Miracle now moves into its next phase, and we will be formalizing how it'll accomplish its calling, what the next goals are, etcetera. Do you have any suggestions? Please share them via the "Contact Us" page on www.DianesMiracle.org or by e-mailing minister@antrimcoc.org. You may have the best idea to "bring Christ's love to those who cannot come to church," so please don't hesitate to send it.

Of course, please also feel free to share your thoughts in person. We have Bible study every Wednesday night at 7 pm and Sunday morning at 10 am, worship service at 11 am Sunday, and a delicious potluck lunch after church every fourth Sunday. Until summer temperatures allow us to move into our large sanctuary, gatherings are cozy, but we *always* have room for everyone, especially you. ☞



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ANTRIM GRANGE

Beth Merrill

The annual Community Awards Night was held this spring, with the following local dignitaries receiving recognition for their valuable contributions to the community: Agriculturalist, the Kendall family; Community Citizen, Gerry Chagnon. Two special appreciation awards for long service to Antrim were presented to Robert Edwards and Robert Varnum. This year's Grange scholarship was awarded to Emily Bryer. Antrim Grange thanks the community for the great attendance and support offered in celebration of these remarkable people.

The Grange sponsored a digital photography contest in support of activities relating to Daffodil Days. Several local people tried their hand at creating a winning entry, and the results of the contest were announced at the Community Awards Night. The photos will be displayed at our Art Show in June.

In cooperation with efforts of the Antrim In Action Committee, the Grange is currently collecting information to assemble and produce a Local Foods/Products Directory to aid citizens in their quest to eat more healthily and to support local agricultural producers. Copies of this form may be downloaded from the Grange website at <http://antrim.nhgrange.org> and should be returned to the address provided on the form by June 10th. Listings from neighboring towns will be included, so please pass this information on to anyone in the area that you know is a local producer.

Grange winter program meetings were well received by the community including: Wind Energy, Meet The Candidates Night, and a food production-related documentary film "Global Banquet: the Politics of Food".

With the generous sponsorship of the Monadnock Paper Mills, we presented dictionaries to every third grade student in Antrim, Bennington, Hancock, Frankestown, Greenfield, and Dublin. This was the eighth year that we joined efforts with The Dictionary Project in providing this service to local students.

Several Antrim Grange members hosted a meeting of the Hillsborough County Pomona Grange and participated in the State Grange Bowling Tournament, Legislative Day in Concord, Degree Day, Maine/NH Gathering, Winter Youth Rally, the National Grange Legislative Fly-In in Washington, D.C. Davi Penny, Bob Varnum, and Adam Paquin are members of the Youth Drill Team that will compete at the Regional Youth Conference in July.

Antrim Grange will sponsor its ninth annual Community Art Show June 16-19 (see page 1 of this issue).

Although the dates were unavailable at press time, Antrim Grange also looks forward to hosting a series of musical concerts at the Grange Hall this summer. Please look for updates in local news sources as well as our website and facebook page.

For more info, please go to <http://antrim.nhgrange.org>. ☞

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We are also developing a guide to what wild foods you might want to eat (and ones you should probably stay away from) as a result of being in the outdoors. Shelley Nelkens is developing a list of a few possibilities by season, starting in June.

HOW DO I PREPARE IT?

Dave Kirkpatrick and teens in the Avenue A “Media Power Youth” project will lead the effort to create videos on how to prepare easy, nutritious meals using fresh ingredients. We are looking for people who have recipes, would like to star in a video, or help in the production of these videos. Please contact Dave for more information: teencenter@tds.net.

Beth Bradford and others at The Grapevine have been thinking a lot about local food and nutrition: “A variety of informal activities have been spontaneously happening here at The Grapevine centered around our interest in cooking with

families, supporting farmers, local food, and getting outside with our children. We’d like to build on that, and are working to put together a modest summer program we’ll call ‘Livin’ it Local’ that we hope will generate more interest and resources for an ongoing, year-round family-oriented local eating program.”

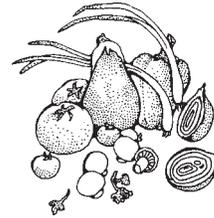
HOW DO I WORK IT OFF?

We want to identify as many of the options we have for available indoor and outdoor activities. Jeanine Clarke-Edmunds will begin compiling a list of these, and you can help by emailing any that you are aware of to jeanineclarke@yahoo.com.

All this is great, but we need to be able to communicate the information we develop. Jess Gerrior-Baribault will identify the various channels we have (e.g. websites, email, and newspapers) and make sure we are providing timely updates.

Our next meeting is June 7, 2011, in the Little Town Hall from 2 pm to 3 pm, and we invite you to join us. If you have any questions please contact Dick Loveland at ral@gsint.net, or 603-478-1344.

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BOY SCOUTS

Brian Beihl, Scoutmaster

“TRY IT OUT” NIGHT WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

Troop 2’s first of eight “Summer Outing Nights” will be Wednesday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall on West Street. Boys 11-17 wishing to try out Scouting may visit that night and the following week with no obligation. The first night’s activity is “Capture the Flag”. Bring a water bottle, small flashlight, bug spray, and shoes.

TROOP 2 CANOES MAINE’S LITTLE OSSIPEE RIVER

As of this writing, the weekend of May 18-22, Troop 2 plans to travel to southwest Maine to ply the waters of the Little Ossipee River. Nine Scouts and five leaders will play hooky from school and work on Friday and will drive up to North Shapleigh, Maine, where a camp will be set up for the weekend. Using that camp as a base, the troop will paddle about 10 miles a day, logging 25 miles of the Little Ossipee, crossing Lake Arrowhead, then heading south for five miles on the Saco River to the Bonnie Eagle dam. In addition to being a beautiful, unspoiled waterway, the Little Ossipee has some Class I and II rapids, a great introduction to white water canoeing for the Scouts.

SCOUTS LEAVE FOR SUMMER CAMP JULY 10

Camp Bell in Gilmanton Iron Works is this year’s summer camp destination. Camp Bell is one half of the Griswold Scout Reservation, a 3,500-acre parcel in the Belknap mountain range. Camp Bell specializes in patrol, rather than individual, activities. Motor boating, sailing, horseback riding, and other programs are all done by an eight-man patrol, which promotes teamwork and leadership. Scouts will cook their own meals at their campsite, and even feed the camp counselors and adults.

CONTOOCCOOK RIVER CLEAN UP IN LATE AUGUST

In combination with Peterborough’s Troop 8, our Troop 2 will spend a weekend in late August cleaning the Greenfield to Bennington stretch of the Contoocook River. Plans are in progress, but the two troops will each work on its community’s section, with Troop 8 covering from north Peterborough to Greenfield. Goals include making the waterway passable by

canoe and kayak, and extracting trash from the banks and river bottom. After a busy day on the water, the two troops will camp together, likely in Greenfield.

WORKING TV AND DVD PLAYER NEEDED FOR TRAINING

Troop 2 is looking for a good working TV and DVD player to play training videos. If you think you have a working unit to donate, please contact us. We always welcome good sleeping bags, hiking boots, cross country skis and boots, snowshoes, and canoes. Thanks for the support of our program.

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GEARING UP FOR THE ANTRIM CAN/AM SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dave Kirkpatrick

As you may have suspected, the 2011 Home and Harvest festival will again feature the Antrim Can /Am Slalom Championships as one of the main attractions. This year's race is expected to have more local participation, an extra \$1000 in prize money, and full video coverage provided by Cheshire TV in Keene. Race dates are Friday, September 16 through Sunday the 18th, with the fastest, head-to-head action happening on Saturday. This event brings people from all corners of the US and the world to our humble community, and the race surely benefits from the traffic that Home and Harvest provides as well.

Slalom racing has its roots in the '70s with the very birth of skateboarding, and began making a comeback in the internet age as friends from the "glory days" were able to find each other and reconnect. The racers are eager to expand this extreme sport, and they strive to leave a positive impression on the communities in which they race, which they certainly have done in ours. Antrim has become endeared to the skate community as well for hosting such a large, well-organized contest, and our supportive local crew. Words like "hospitable" and "progressive" are being used across the net to describe our town, which has been noted to be "the slalom skateboard capital of the northeast."

As the new race coordinator, I must mention it takes a lot of help to pull this off each year. We're always looking for new sponsors, prize donors, and plenty of helpers before, during, and after the race. Community Service hours can be earned by those who lend a hand. There are plenty of ways to get involved, so get in touch!

I'm also trying to get new racers involved in the action. Avenue A Teen Center sets up racecourses on Sundays through October, often with expert coaching from pro racers. If all goes as planned, a slalom racing program will be offered through Antrim Recreation this summer as well, with more structure, less slacking, and "drills, baby, drills"! Having been soundly beaten over the years by a 13-year old boy, twenty-something moms, and an original Dogtown Z-Boy, I can assure you that this is a sport for *all ages*.

If you are able to help out at this event, wish to get involved in the sport, or would like more info about the race, sponsorships, or other ways to contribute, please contact me at teencenter@tds.net or leave a message at 588-3334. Visit the official Antrim Can/Am Slalom Championships website at www.slalomskateboard.com. 

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NEW ANTRIM WIND PROJECT WEBSITE

Brian Beihl

With the help of Mary Allen, Barbara Gard, Bob Edwards, and others, I have created a website to provide links to the many documents, maps, petitions, and testimony regarding the Antrim Wind Energy LLC wind farm project on Tuttle and Willard mountains.

AntrimWind.org will provide information from the Eolian/Antrim Wind Energy developers, the Antrim Selectmen, the Antrim Planning and ZBA Boards, the NH Site Evaluation Committee, pictures and videos of other New England wind installations, maps of the Antrim site, as well as wind-strength maps by the federal government. We encourage suggestions for links and content on the site.

We're hoping to present information on all sides of the issue, including third party resources, so Antrim residents can educate themselves on the pluses and minuses of commercial wind farms. If the project is approved, we're going to live with this in our landscape for 25 years, so I want to make sure we know what we're getting into.

The site also includes "discussion boards" where residents can post their questions and opinions about the project, though postings will be limited to respectful and constructive comment.

All of us, no matter how we feel about the project, want what's best for Antrim. Let's work together to make sure we can have a civil discussion, and be able to speak to our neighbors when this issue is decided.

As new documents are available, they will be added as the project evolves. New link suggestions and ideas for the site may be sent to Brian Beihl at beihl@comcast.net. ☞

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own. After several phone calls and emails, I discovered the three girlfriends of the Green Hat Gang were guilty of this heist. I promised them anonymity.

They revealed they had yanked the sign out of the ground on a cold night that January and concealed it at alternating times at each girl's home. They would make the exchanges in the dark of night, usually past midnight. One of these homes was located on Fairview Street. The second was on lower North Main Street, and the third, on Craig Road. Their parents kept their secrets lest they be arrested.

Four years after the caper in the summer of 1971, and with the Green Hat Gang disbanded, the "Ski Bunny Hill" sign was placed in the back window of a Volkswagen and along with two of the accomplices, headed for the west coast. It took them a week to reach their destination. One of the girls returned home two weeks later, while the other remained in Monrovia, California, with the Bunny Hill sign. When I questioned this individual about the sign, she answered, "I think the statute of limitations ran out years ago." As for where the sign is today she replied, "I have no idea..."

The whereabouts of the sign is still a mystery and most likely will never be seen again. If you ask me, it's in the Monrovia landfill. It's time to close the file on this cold case. My friend, John Doleac, who now resides in San Francisco, will never learn the truth from me. ☪

THE GRAPEVINE

Kristen Vance

A CHALLENGE

Three anonymous donors (two are long-time Grapevine supporters, one relatively new) have pledged to match contributions from first-time donors up to \$5,000 between now and Labor Day. This is the promise of a dollar-for-dollar matching, unrestricted gift of up to \$5,000. If you appreciate the value of the community services The Grapevine provides, and have yet to make your first donation to help make these services possible, now is the time to do it.

The timing of this challenge is no accident. As of July 1, it is expected that funding from the State of New Hampshire will be eliminated. The Grapevine has received State funding since its inception—three years ago our State grants totaled \$55,000. Needless to say, adding new donors to our list of supporters has never been more critical.

If you have contributed in the past, you can help us with this important campaign. Tell everyone you can that we have this great opportunity to raise \$10,000 and urge them to join you in supporting The Grapevine.

Apply for Food Stamps and more at The Grapevine. Call 588-2620 for an appointment. Other benefits available include Cash Assistance, Healthy Kids Medical Insurance, Medical Coverage for Pregnant Women, Child Care Assistance, Medicare Beneficiary assistance.

Black Fly Community Art Show Opens June 4. The public is invited to join us at the Grapevine on Saturday, June 4 anytime between 10:00 am–12:00 noon to view works of art by children and youth in our community. People of all ages are invited to participate in community art making projects at the various arts and crafts stations. Media include group watercolor, food art, and large outdoor art.

Yard Sale to benefit The Learning Vine Parent-Cooperative Preschool Scholarship Fund. **WHEN:** Saturday, July 9th from 9-noon. **WHERE:** Grapevine parking lot. **WHAT:** Loads of treasures, gently-used items, and drawing of the *Livin' It Local* Raffle with a Grand Prize of a share of vegetables all summer long from a local farm. Donations of like-new items are welcome.

Free Help in the Yard and Garden. Summer is a great time to join the Exchange—if you'd like some help with gardening, yard work, house painting, or bicycle repair, or if you'd like to learn to sail, swim, or kayak, let us know! For more information call Gerry at 588-2620, or email her at: PeoplesServiceExchange@hotmail.com.

Thank you Rick & Diane, Laconia Savings Bank, our faithful Spring Walk for Families participants, and those who sponsored the walkers and ate the best pizza around—we reached and then exceeded our goal of \$5,000!

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Livin' it Local. A variety of informal activities have been spontaneously happening here at The Grapevine, centered around our interest in cooking with families, supporting farmers, local food, and getting outside with our children. We'd like to build on that, and are working to put together a modest summer/fall program we'll call "Livin' it Local" that we hope will generate more interest and resources for an ongoing, year-round family-oriented local eating program. If you have interest or resources, please call Beth at 588-2620.

Better Beginnings Parent-Child Program, Tuesdays 9:30–11:30 am. For parents and their children (18 months to 5 years of age). Children play and learn in a fun and nurturing environment while parents have some "adult time" and discussion about parenting and other topics. Outdoor summer fun includes water play, gardening, bubbles, nature walks, and more! School-age siblings welcome—we have games and opportunities to help with the little kids. Sliding scale fee, call now to sign up.

Backyard Adventures for Young Children. Two one-week sessions for children ages 4 to 6 years. Carol Lunan M.Ed., our Learning Vine teacher and former Harris Center educator, leads the programs with our Early Childhood Educator Beth Bradford. Activities include investigating flying creatures, creepy crawlers, and swimming bugs; exploring mud and water; and scavenger hunts, hikes, nature stories, songs, crafts, and painting. This is a wonderful opportunity for young children to discover the natural world—and their place in it—with their peers under the guidance of our early childhood educators.

- Session I—July 11-15, 9:00 am–12:30 pm
- Session II—August 1-5, 9:00 am–12:30 pm

Parents are welcome to drop off their children or stay for all or part of the morning. \$100 per session.

Backyard Science for 7-9 year olds with Carol Lunan and Rachel Lunan-Hill, back by popular demand! July 18-22 from 9:00 am–1:00 pm. A few spaces left; call now— \$115 for the week.

Backyard Art for 6-9 year olds with Rachel Lunan-Hill, offers a fun exploration of creative art making and the natural environment. Rachel was a counselor for six years and program director for one year at the Harris Center's Wol's Nest Summer Program, has taught for five years at Greenfield Elementary School, and enjoys sharing and creating with young children. She has co-led many Grapevine summer programs with her mom, Carol. The session runs July 25-29 from 9:00 am–1:00 pm. \$115 for the week.

Call 588-2620 to register for Better Beginnings and Backyard programs. Ask about partial scholarships.

PLANNING FOR FALL

3rd Annual Grapevine "Touch-a-Truck" is coming Sat. September 3—Don't miss it!

Fall Better Beginnings Pre-Registration: Call now for a space in the Fall!

- **Better Beginnings parent-child program.** Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30–11:30 am. Young children (to age 5) play and explore with guidance from our early childhood educators while parents "put their feet up" and talk with our parenting educators and other parents about child- and family-centered topics.
- **Better Beginnings for Babies.** Fridays 10-11:30 am—parents, infants and new toddlers come together to play and talk with our early childhood educator and other parents about the joys and challenges of parenthood, including topics such as nutrition, breast and bottle feeding, crying, sleep issues (for baby and parents!), developmental expectations and more.

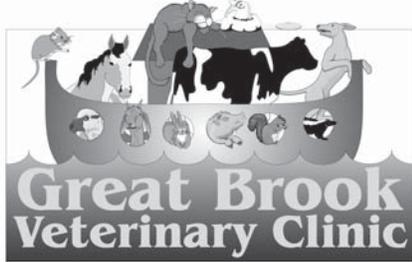
Better Beginnings programs are offered on a sliding-scale fee. Call Beth at The Grapevine for more information.

Learning Vine Preschool. Looking for a preschool program for your 4 to 5 year old? Now enrolling for September 2011. Early June is a great time to visit. Call to schedule.

Before and After School Clubs 2010-2011 Pre-Registration. Call The Grapevine to pre-register your Antrim Elementary School or Great Brook School student in the Before or After School Club for the coming school year. Children currently enrolled will have priority until June 15. The programs provide before and after school care Monday through Friday, and include time to finish homework, games, and activities.

ABOUT THE GRAPEVINE

The Grapevine is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit family and community resource center located at 4 Aiken Street, behind the Tuttle Library. For more information call 588-2620. Donations are tax deductible. Please make your check payable to The Grapevine and mail it to PO Box 637, Antrim 03440. ☪



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