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NEW PRINCIPALS AT ANTRIM SCHOOLS

Lyman Gilmore



PAMELA CAMPBELL AES PRINCIPAL

Pamela Campbell, the new Principal of Antrim Elementary School, is no stranger in town as she taught third grade here for five years before becoming the Teaching Principal of Bennington's Pierce School, where she also taught first grade for seven years. She will be Principal of both Pierce and AES, and while managing two schools in different towns might appear difficult to someone who doesn't know Pamela, her history of handling severe challenges suggests that she is more than up to the job. When she moved to Antrim in 1993, she was a single mother with two young children, no college degree, no money, and no job. Initially on welfare, she worked as a waitress at Antrim's Rynborn Restaurant for ten years while putting herself through Keene State College on grants and scholarships,

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JAMES ELDER GBS PRINCIPAL

This fall Jim Elder takes over from Gib West as Principal of Great Brook School where he has been Assistant Principal of both GBS and AES since 2008. Jim brings extensive experience to the job, having been a Dean at Whittier Vocational/Technical High School in Massachusetts, an art teacher at Winnacunnet High School in Hampton, New Hampshire, and Assistant Principal at Seabrook Middle School. Jim earned a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Cambridge College, and he is working on a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study at UNH.

Born in Dublin, and a 1978 graduate of Conval, Jim worked at a Jaffrey sawmill after high school where he remembers winter temperatures twenty degrees below zero, so freezing that they had to build wood fires under the motors. To



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HOME & HARVEST SEPTEMBER 16-18

Brian Beihl

Four new events, plus a concert by blues legend Luther "Guitar Junior" Johnson, headline this year's Antrim Home and Harvest Festival.

Luther Johnson, a Grammy-winning Chicago blues artist and now Bennington resident, will be playing with R&B band Brian Murphy and the Bursitis Brothers during the Saturday night barbecue at Tenney Farm. Johnson was a former guitarist with blues legend Muddy Waters in the 1970s and now leads his own band, the Magic Rockers.

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ANTRIM SELECT BOARD

Eric Tenney

After two days of hearings, the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee voted on June 27 to take jurisdiction over the proposed wind energy project. The final motion at the hearing was to require that the application for the project be submitted by the end of January 2012. Your local boards are currently working to fairly represent the town's interests in this process. The planning board has created an ordinance that regulates wind energy projects—posted on the town website at www.antrimnh.org and also available at the town offices. The first hearing was held in August with a second hearing scheduled for Tuesday, September 13 at 7 pm at the Town Hall.

To improve the flow of information to residents and taxpayers, the Selectmen have decided to add a new on-line program called "Query Manager

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escape the cold, and the rut he felt he was in, he followed an uncle into the U.S. Marine Corps where he was stationed in the pleasantly warm air at the Kaneo Bay Naval Air Station in Hawaii. After his service, he went to UNH where he graduated Magna Cum Laude in Fine Arts, specializing in sculpture.

As leader of GBS Jim plans to focus on “Raising the Bar” for students “which to me means doing more to contribute to the greater good,” that is, improving both academic achievement and social behavior, especially in terms of “Respect, Responsibility, Safety.”

Significantly, Jim and the new Principal of AES, Pamela Campbell, have consulted and worked together for years, and that continuing relationship can certainly benefit the students and teachers in both schools. ✂

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receiving two Bachelor of Arts degrees in Science and Art in 1999. In the fall of 1999 she was hired as a teacher aide at AES, and when parents petitioned for an additional third grade class six weeks into the semester, she got the job. For two years Pamela commuted to Plymouth State College from which received a Master’s Degree, certifying her in Educational Administration. Pamela credits the staunch support she received from Antrim’s Presbyterian Church for much of her success, and she has given back to the church by serving as Sunday School Director, Elder, and member of its Board of Trustees.

Pamela sees her relationship with AES and Pierce providing an ideal opportunity for creating a “Professional Learning Community” in which teachers from both schools can get together to share teaching methods and learn new skills. She is excited about this chance to bring all of her considerable experience to bear on two schools and two towns she has come to love. ✂

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Sept 15 • Oct 20 • Nov 17 • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM

LETTERS POLICY

The Limrik welcomes letters to the editor on matters of public interest. The maximum length is 250 words. The editorial staff reserves the right to approve, edit and condense all letters submitted. Letters must be the original work of the author and must include name, address, e-mail, and telephone number. All letters are verified by phone before publication. Letters that contain language that is blasphemous, obscene, legally objectionable, or commercial in nature will not be published.

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VALUABLE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Ruth Benedict

Thanks to the generosity of individuals and towns like Antrim, Contoocook Valley Transportation Company (CVTC) was able to do twice as much for residents of the Eastern Monadnock Region over the past year. At town meetings this spring, voters in seven towns, including Antrim, approved funding for CVTC, which is up from two towns the previous year.

CVTC volunteer drivers gave more than 2,000 trips last fiscal year, which is double the year before. These included getting people to life-saving dialysis three days a week, to cancer treatments in Keene, Lebanon and Boston, and to cardiac rehabilitation at the Bond Wellness Center in Peterborough. One young man's life has been completely turned around. After faithful attendance at drug addiction treatment sessions for a year, he will soon get his driving license back and be able to get a job. He says he couldn't have done it without the wonderful volunteers at CVTC.

The CVTC carpool program, MonadnockRideshare.org, increased 65% over the last twelve months. People across the entire Monadnock Region are getting excited about the money they save when they carpool, as well as the environmental and social benefits that happen when they 'share the ride.' Since April of 2010, the CVTC carpooling community has reported over 96,000 miles of shared rides, which saved them over \$51,000, and reduced carbon emissions by almost five million pounds.

In May, CVTC was chosen to be a Monadnock United Way Partner Agency. CVTC will be working with fifty other agencies to address some of the thorniest issues facing the Monadnock Region, such as affordable housing, hunger and transportation. Also as a result of becoming a Partner Agency, CVTC will receive substantial funding next January from the MUW campaign happening this fall. This will provide some of the matching dollars necessary for CVTC's federal grants. In fact, every dollar donated to CVTC is matched by a federal dollar.

The dream of creating an affordable and sustainable transportation system FOR and WITH the residents of the Eastern Monadnock Region has become a reality with the support of towns like Antrim. CVTC is grateful for that support! More information about volunteering to drive, carpooling and CVTC in general can be found at cvtc-nh.org or by calling the Antrim Town Representative, Ruth Benedict, at 588-6208. Or, drop by the CVTC Booth on Saturday during Home and Harvest Days.

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ANTRIM POLICE

Officer Ryan Storro

Greetings from the Antrim Police Department. The new school year is here, and we would like to take a few minutes of your time to remind you to take extra precautions when driving this year. There will be a lot of children walking our roadways, and we will also be seeing the buses carrying our precious cargo again. Please use extra caution when approaching buses and heed their lights and signals. Please remind your children to use crosswalks when available, and when possible have them walk with other children in a group. It's a good idea to have a travel route planned for your children, and also a good idea to do a pre-walk with them to go over any potential blind or trouble areas. We would recommend sneakers and backpacks with reflective material on them as they are not always out on the streets in the daytime. Please instruct your children to walk on the sidewalks where available and against traffic when there are none. Please don't hesitate to notify the Antrim Police of anything out of the ordinary or any obstructions on their route to school.

I know it's a tough subject to broach, but be sure to instruct your children not to accept rides from strangers to school or to talk to them while they're walking to school. If approached by a stranger have your children keep walking and try to get the attention of other people around. When reporting suspicious persons, be as descriptive as possible with details about the vehicle and stranger. We wish you all a happy school year and look forward to sharing lunches with your children at school.

We would also like to take a minute to inform you of a few other things. Over the past few months, there has been an increase in the number of burglaries and thefts in Antrim and surrounding towns. The price of metals and scrap has risen dramatically, and residents should be vigilant and report any suspicious activity, vehicles, or noises that they observe, regardless of the time of day or night. Reporting suspicious vehicles or people the next day, although useful, is not as affective as police being able to make contact with the person or vehicle at the time they are observed. If residents do observe suspicious activity it's important to document the vehicles' license plate number along with details such as make, model and colors. If possible try to get a sense of direction in which the vehicle or people are headed.

The Antrim Police Department takes these calls very seriously, and we ask that any suspicious activity be reported as soon as possible. Antrim residents should make sure all doors and windows to their homes and vehicles are locked at night and when they are away. We also suggest motion lighting, and we have a vacant property check program so residents leaving their residence for any extended period of time are encouraged to fill out the vacant property check form and submit to the Antrim Police Department. The form can be located on the Antrim Police Department website or picked up at the station.

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ANTRIM NEEDS A MOTTO

Lyman Gilmore

This is what Linda Tenney asserted when I was at Tenney Farm buying one of their excellent cantaloupes. We agreed that the slogan "Home Town Pride" is appropriate for our police cars, but the town needs a motto that speaks to our uniqueness. With a certain disdain we discussed Peterborough's grammatically questionable "A Good Town To Live In," although we decided that ending with an awkward preposition probably made it memorable. (Something like our misspelling of "Limrik.")

So, let's put Antrim on the motto map with a tag appropriate to our distinct, idiosyncratic character. For inspiration, look at some other NH town mottos, better than which we can certainly do:

Wolfeboro	<i>The Oldest Summer Resort in America</i>
Berlin	<i>The City That Trees Built</i>
Derry	<i>Space Town</i>
Keene	<i>Elm City</i>
Manchester	<i>Queen City</i>
Meredith	<i>Latchkey to the White Mountains</i>
Milford	<i>Granite Town</i>
Rumney	<i>Crutch Capital of the World</i>

Send your Antrim Motto Ideas to the Limrik, P.O. Box 84 or e-mail lyman-gil@comcast.net and our Motto Committee (from the Selectboard, Historical Society, Limrik) will choose two or three to be voted on at Town Meeting in March.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Crista Salamy

The chamber will be hosting the third Thursday community supper in August. A decision on what the food choices is still up in the air, but I am sure it will be delicious! The chamber will be getting ready to put up the fall harvest flags soon around downtown, hard to believe! Home and Harvest is fast approaching and we again offer an information booth in front of the town hall helping visitors find their way to events and all of our wonderful businesses. This is a great day to see Antrim shine, and be the community I have grown up in! ☞

CONVAL SCHOOL BOARD

Crista Salamy, Board Member

The beginning of the school year 2011-2012 will see several changes for our children at the AES/GBS campus. Gib West has taken the position of Dean of Faculty at the high school, and Jim Elder, who has been Assistant Principal at the middle school, will be our interim principal at Great Brook while a search committee looks at possible candidates for the permanent principal position. Pamela Campbell, who has lived in Antrim for many years and has been a teaching principal at Pierce Elementary School in Bennington, will be Principal of both Antrim Elementary School and Pierce Elementary School. She will also work at GBS in special services. Due to the increase of pupils in kindergarten, a second class will be added. Jessica Allison will be teaching this new kindergarten along with long-time kindergarten teacher Kathy Stacy. Linda Potter, who has been our Special Education Director, has retired, and her position has been renamed "Director of Student Services" with Rick Matte in that post. Margie Moran who taught many years as a music teacher at Great Brook has retired, and her position will be filled by Patrick Cogan who will work at both GBS and AES. Joan Bando who has taught art at GBS will now be teaching at Antrim Elementary School as well. These changes may seem overwhelming, but our staff always makes it look seamless. We wish Gib West good luck at the high school, and we welcome Pamela Campbell and Jessica Allison to Antrim Elementary School. ☞

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THE 2ND ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES

Thelma Nichols

Christmas is coming! Remember last year? The Festival of Trees Committee, made up of the Antrim Historical Society and the Friends of the Library, surely does, and we are planning on lighting the library up again this year with a lot of help from the businesses, organizations, and individuals of Antrim. We hope this year will be even better, if that is possible.

The Open House will again be the first Saturday of December, December 3rd, and it will remain free to all. Refreshments will again be served during the day, and we will continue the much-enjoyed scavenger hunt, voting for favorite entries, holiday music, and the story hour. So with our repeating so much of last year, what will make it better? Well, we anticipate that now that you have all enjoyed the 1st Festival, you have been thinking of what you can do this year to expand the senses and outdo last year. We are also adding a new category for you to consider, wreaths! Unused wall space was identified last year, and it was suggested that wreaths would make a great addition. So you have the option of entering a tree or a wreath this year, or both.

This year we are adding the Evening of Lights Gala that will be a fundraiser to help meet expenses. This event will be on Friday, December 2nd, 7 pm–9 pm, the evening prior to the Open House. We will have hors d'oeuvres, special music, a silent auction, and best of all, a viewing of all of the trees with ample room and in full illumination. And this will be a great excuse to wear your holiday finery! Tickets for this event will go on sale November 15th, and are \$10 per person. There will be only 150 tickets sold, so get your reservations in early!

Remember that if you do not attend the Evening of Lights, the exhibit will be up from December 3 through January 7 and can be viewed illuminated any evening the library is open. This also gives you plenty of time to return for a second visit as you can't possibly see everything in one trip.

Forms for entering a tree or wreath including dates and rules, forms for sponsorships, and for reserving your Evening of Lights tickets, can be picked up at the Festival of Trees booth at Home and Harvest. Look for the booth with the tall green Christmas tree and the smiling faces. That will be us! If you do not make it to the booth, you can contact any committee member and we will make the forms available to you, or stop by the Tuttle Library where forms will also be available.

Did you have Sunday guests last year that you would have liked to bring to the Library? Another new feature this year: Kathy Chisholm, Library Director, has agreed to open the library for two Sunday afternoons this year so that can happen. We will announce the dates and times as December nears.

This year's committee has expanded from three people to five people, but even with these additional bodies, we will still need more help for set-up on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday before the Festival, at the Gala on Friday evening, and on Saturday for the Open House. If you would like to help, please contact any committee member. It's



definitely work, but it also a lot of fun! You'd be amazed at how much we laugh!

Members of the 2011 Festival of Trees Committee are: Kristy Boulé: 588-2939, kaboule@hotmail.com; Gerry McGlory: 588-2452, gmcglory@comcast.net, Thelma Nichols: 588-6766, tnichols@mcttelecom.com, Missy Taylor: 588-7146, missette77@yahoo.com, and Connie Vandervort: 588-2652, cvandervort@comcast.net. ☞

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Online" offered by Cartographics Associates, the company that maintains our property and tax maps. This will allow public access to the town's records to review maps, zoning, parcel locations, create abutter lists, and much more. This will allow the public, real estate professionals, and others to access these data and print maps, saving everyone time. This program should be available in the next three months and will be linked to the town's website.

As you may have already read in the local press, the Conval School Board has begun discussions about changes in the district to reduce costs and improve education. You should really pay attention to this as it could lead to changes, including closing schools, consolidating classes, and moving grades around. Some things could be done by the School Board, but much of it would require public votes to change the Conval Articles of Agreement. The Articles of Agreement are like the constitution of the school district, and they define the rules under which the district operates. To make changes to them requires a two thirds (2/3) vote of the voters. Like every other public issue, there are at least usually two sides to a policy change. ☞

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Last month, via the magic of the Internet, I chanced upon Antrim's own journal, *The Limrik*. I never lived in Antrim, but for two years I was on the faculty of the liberal arts college that existed in Antrim for a quarter of a century. I rented a roomy old house for myself and young family in the center of Deering and commuted from there. Nathaniel Hawthorne College closed its doors in 1988, but from the early 1960s till then it had been a part of Antrim's landscape. I was there in its early days. I thought I might send the *Limrik* a memory or two.

My years in higher education have almost all been spent as a middle-size fish in a large, urban pond. Not my years at Hawthorne. At Hawthorne there was no background traffic hum or really any jarring sounds that I remember at all. The sound my memory evokes is the rustle of leaves. Arcadia in the most rural part of Antrim, the town center five miles down a wooded winding road (Do I remember right? I'm sure the road's still there though the college is not). On Hawthorne's faculty we were all middle-size fish, no Nobel or Pulitzer Prize winners, and the atmosphere was good. There were tensions but not among colleagues. Hawthorne was unusual in one respect. It offered a B.A. degree in the liberal arts (I taught history), but it also had an airport and in the time I was there at least one airplane and possibly two. This aspect of the college made some faculty a bit nervous, wary this addition was not an increase, but a rival. Hawthorne's founders instead were very keen on the flying side of the college, and I believe it went more and more in that direction in later years.

One of my sharpest memories is of the one flight I was taken on. After my first year on the faculty I was made the

head of the college's history section—highest position I held in academics—and made responsible for hiring. It was probably over a hiring, though I don't recall precisely, that I needed to speak to the college's main financial officer. He lived in Nashua. I spoke to the Dean. Telephones existed of course, but he suggested we make a morning of it, drive over to the airport, jump in a plane and fly to Nashua after phoning ahead to Mr. X and asking him to meet us at the airport there. I wasn't thrilled at the idea but thought it undiplomatic to object, and so it went. The plane had two open cockpits, one behind the other. There was some trouble getting off the ground because the college Dean at the commands quickly got the blades whirling but forgot first to remove the blocks that are always in place to prevent a plane from rolling due to a sudden gust of wind or the like and so he had to climb out again. This naturally had me doubting his competence just a bit. He rectified the oversight and we got airborne. It was a beautiful day with cloudless vistas. The only worry I had came at mid-flight (it was half an hour each way) when he suggested we do a few acrobatic rollovers. I was grateful he asked rather than just pulling it on me. My memory as to what I answered is blank. If it were today, I'd answer, "No, but thanks." Whatever, we got to destination, Mr. X was there to greet us, we had a short inconsequential talk, and then the flight back. This anecdote is just a sidelight in my experience at Hawthorne, which I remember with great fondness and from which I have maintained two of my longest friendships.

Ian Duff
University of Pisa, Italy



PAUL VANDERWENDE: MAN OF MANY HATS

Lyman Gilmore

Antrim's Paul Vanderwende wears many hats, both figuratively and literally. A writer, he has published two fine books on New Hampshire trout fishing ponds and streams. He is a licensed NH Fishing Guide (Reel & Creel Guide Service), and he has a company selling his self-designed bass and trout lures (Washington Lure & Bait). He is a licensed pilot, he is the webmaster for the NH Guides Association, and his day job is land surveying. As for his literal hats, he owns a huge collection of sports caps, centering, of course, on the Boston Red Sox, Bruins, Celtics, and Patriots, and including his own attractive fishing cap for sale on his website.

Paul and his wife Sarah—also an expert fisherperson—live on Old Pound Road where in early August they welcomed me into their comfortable home with a splendid view across the Contoocook Valley to Crotched Mountain. They built their house in 1997, and they love Antrim for its natural beauty, its rural atmosphere, and its proximity to great fishing.

Paul designs lures that are as esthetically attractive as they are effective in catching fish. He favors small highly polished copper spoons with a flash of color, saying, "I like red on a lure." All USA made, his lures begin with his spoon designs that he sends to a company in Minnesota for stamping, coating, and polishing. When he gets the shiny spoons back, he attaches special hooks and splashes of color that he has learned attract game fish. All of his lures are displayed in impressive color on his website: www.fishspoon.com.

I picked up his Field Guide to Trout Ponds of New Hampshire and one of his spoons at Place In the Woods, and Paul kindly gave me a signed copy of his other book, Field Guide to Trout Streams of New Hampshire during my visit. His website contains all sorts of interesting links, including fishing tips, and some really corny-funny fishing jokes.

Paul offered to take me fishing. I think I'll take him up on it.



THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MARK TWAIN VOLUME I

Harriet Elinor Smith, Editor
(2010, University of California Press)

Reviewed by Dick Winslow

This huge (736 pages) Volume I of a projected three volumes is loaded with Twain memories that delight, or cause concern, or that deeply inform. Here is one of the delightful ones. It involves his brother Henry about whom he writes, “I never knew Henry to do a vicious thing toward me but he frequently did righteous ones that cost me heavily. It was his duty to report me and he was very faithful in discharging that duty. He is ‘Sid’ in Tom Sawyer. But Henry was very much finer and a better boy than Sid ever was. One day Henry took sugar from his mother’s prized and precious old-English sugar bowl which was an heirloom in the family—and he managed to break the bowl. It was the first time I ever had a chance to tell anything on him and I was inexpressibly glad. When my mother came in and saw the bowl lying on the floor, she was speechless for a minute. I allowed that silence to work; I judged it would increase the effect. I was waiting for her to ask ‘Who did that?’—so I could fetch out my news. But it was an error of calculation. When she got through with her silence she didn’t ask anything about it—she merely gave me a crack on the skull with her thimble that I felt way down to my heels. Then I broke out with my injured innocence. I expected her to do something remorseful and pathetic. I told her that I was not the one, it was Henry. But there was no upheaval. She said without emotion, ‘It’s all right. It isn’t any matter. You deserve it for something you’ve done that I didn’t know about; and if you haven’t done it, why then you deserve it for something you’re going to do that I shan’t hear about.’”

Samuel Langhorne Clemens (1835-1910), known as Sam to his friends, had in early manhood worked as a pilot of riverboats on the Mississippi River. “Mark Twain” was a riverboat term which he had taken to calling himself when he was a newspaperman in Nevada and California, after first considering such other possibilities as Rambler; W. Epaminondas, Adrastus Blab, Thomas Jefferson Snodgrass, and Josh. He signed himself “Mark Twain” for the first time in 1863. As he and his writings and lectures became famous, the name “Mark Twain” also became famous, such that even his wife, Olivia, sometimes called him by it. One of his many biographers, Ron Powers, refers to him as “a small man with a deranged mop of curly red hair and a wide-swept red moustache ... (with a) gait that was a curious rocking, rolling shambles—the physical equivalent of a hinterland drawl, which he also possessed.” That in his earlier says he sometimes “reeked of alcohol” seemed to go with the territory.

A word about wife Olivia and her father. She was Olivia Louise Langdon (Livy) of Elmira, N.Y., daughter of Jervis Langdon, a wealthy businessman. Twain fell madly in love with her and sought her father’s permission to marry. Mr.

Langdon asked Mark to provide him with references, which he did. Here is Mark Twain’s memory of what happened next. “I had referred him to six prominent men, among them two clergymen. ... The results were not promising. All these men were frank to a fault. One added to the black testimony the conviction that I would fill a drunkard’s grave. ... Mr. Langdon said ‘What kind of people are these? Haven’t you a friend in the world?’ I said, apparently not. Then he said, ‘I’ll be your friend myself. Take the girl. I know you better than they do.’” To say that Livy was the love of his life would be an understatement. She and Mark married in 1870 and for the next 34 years, until her death in 1904, she was his companion, stabilizer, mentor, lover, and partner to his successes, failures and griefs. Together they had four children, a son and three daughters. The son, Langdon, died in infancy, daughter, Jean, was subject to epileptic seizures and died of a heart attack during one on them, at age 29, and daughter Susan died in her twenties of spinal meningitis. Only Clara outlived her parents.

Over a period of some 35 years, Twain composed, spasmodically, memoir after memoir, accumulating hundreds of them with the thought that, at some point, he would organize them into a coherent whole. Then, in 1904 he discovered the efficiencies and pleasures of dictating, hiring a secretary to write down his spoken thoughts. “You will never know how much enjoyment you have lost ‘til you get to dictating your

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“We’re grateful for Luther Johnson’s participation this year,” said Antrim Home & Harvest director Rick Davis. “He’s a world-class artist, and a real draw for the festival,” he said. He added that the Bursitis Brothers will play for the first 90 minutes of the barbecue, and Johnson will join them for the last hour before the fireworks.

Kicking off the weekend’s activities on Friday night is the Ghost Dinner Band at Antrim Town Hall from 7–11 p.m. Local favorites, GDB plays rock, grunge, and psychedelic rock, including many original songs. This event is a substance-free event.

Two new events on Saturday this year are the “redneck regatta,” taking place at 2 p.m., a two-person obstacle course race across Antrim’s mill pond behind town hall, and a new fine arts exhibition organized by the Spectrum Art Association at the Tuttle Library from 10:30 to 2:30. Also added is a Powderpuff football game, featuring the mothers of Monadnock Mountaineers players at Shea Field, near Antrim Elementary School at 2 p.m. Beginning at noon, test your downhill skiing skills in the upstairs of Antrim Town Hall, using a projector and Microsoft Wii equipment.

Several events return to the festival, including the Antrim Can/Am Slalom Championships, one of North America’s largest skateboard slalom races, which draws racers from throughout the U.S. and Canada.

About 40 racers are expected this year, including Louie Ricard, one of the world’s top racers. Racing begins with qualifying on Friday, and continues throughout Saturday. The freestyle skateboard competition also returns, featuring local skaters showing their acrobatic skills, as well as a demonstration by the Eastern Boarder professional skate team, beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday.

This year’s parade includes both the ConVal Regional High School and the Hillsborough-Deering High School bands, and the Shriner’s band as well. Community organizations and businesses are encouraged to construct a float for the parade, and a trophy will be awarded for the best entry. The parade organizes at the intersection of North Main Street and Rt. 31 at 11 a.m., with the parade kicking off at 11:30. Contact Ted Brown at 588-2886 for more parade information.

Along Main Street, behind town hall and in front of the post office, the arts and craft fair will offer more than 60 jewelers, potters, painters, quilters, and other artisans and their wares. Also, located in front of the post office, the children’s games include bouncy houses and “water wars,” a water balloon slingshot game. All the games are free, but require parents to be watching their children. Children’s games this year will be run by the Antrim Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts.

“One of the great things about Antrim’s Home & Harvest Festival is that most everything is free,” said Rick Davis. “Most of our events are sponsored by local companies and organizations, which keeps the cost low for families. That’s really important in this economy, and we appreciate the generosity of all of our sponsors,” he said.

Food is available throughout Saturday at local restaurants, street vendors, at the First Presbyterian Church breakfast at 8 a.m., and at the chicken barbecue at Tenney Farm beginning at 5 p.m. The barbeque includes chicken, corn on the cob, chips, and a drink, or a hot dog or burger.

Saturday’s festivities end with fireworks by Atlas at Tenney Farm beginning at 7:30 p.m. Parking is available at the Rymes gas tanks on Rt. 202 and at Frameworks on High Street, but residents are encouraged to park in downtown lots and to take the shuttle from Antrim Village and Town Hall. Parking is no longer allowed on Rt. 202 for safety reasons.

The weekend’s activities wind up Sunday as the Antrim Can/Am Slalom Championships continue with the giant slalom racing from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the Bravest vs. Finest softball game at Shea Field, pitting the Antrim Fire Department vs. the Antrim Police Department.

For more detailed information and a printable schedule, Antrim Home & Harvest Festival has a new website, www.HomeandHarvest.org, or you may call Director Rick Davis at 464-9915 or Brian Beihl at 620-8300. ☞

THE 2011 ANTRIM CAN/AM SLALOM SKATEBOARD RACE

David Kirkpatrick

The 7th annual Antrim CAN/AM Slalom Skateboard Race will be held during the Antrim Home and Harvest Festival. Skaters from all over the world will come to participate in this three-race event that runs full days Friday through Sunday, September 16–18. For those unfamiliar, this is fast, downhill slalom skating, perhaps most comparable to the slalom snowboard or skiing events seen in the Olympics. Each day features a different discipline, beginning with Tight Slalom on Friday. The main event is the Dual Hybrid with head-to-head racing on Saturday, and on Sunday a Giant Slalom course is set from the very top of Summer Street. Kids and beginner races follow the GS on Sunday offering opportunities for the newest racers and the curious alike to get in on the action.

While this is a sport for all ages and experience levels, you won’t see any newbies or seasoned slackers on the podium when it’s over. The top racers train hard throughout the

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WATCHING THE ELECTRIC METER GO BACKWARDS IS FUN

Sandy Snow

About a year ago Carol and I began thinking seriously about installing either solar hot water panels or electricity-generating solar photovoltaic panels. We talked to ReVision Energy, a solar installation company in Maine and New Hampshire to set up a free assessment of the southern facing potential of the roof of our house off of Route 9. We had selected ReVision because it had installed more than 2,600 solar energy systems for residential and commercial clients and had been in business for eight years, a fairly long period for this relatively new industry. Within about a week a solar technician arrived. He measured the pitch and orientation of two roofs, one of which faced southeast and the other southwest. Shortly thereafter we got the estimates for both systems.

The solar hot water system, consisting of two panels containing 40 tubes and a super-insulated hot water tank that is rated at losing only one-third of a degree of heat per hour, would cost \$11,566. However, what made the project attractive are the rebates New Hampshire offered and the 30% tax credit we could take on our federal tax return. Our net cost would be about \$6,971.

On the other hand, the photovoltaic system was a more expensive project. ReVision proposed 14 230-watt solar collectors. The system comes with an inverter that allows it to provide electricity to the house and sends any excess electricity back to the grid. ReVision estimated that the panels would supply about 82% of our electricity. Cost of that system was \$16,801. However, the 30% federal tax credit also applies which would amount to \$5,190. In addition, the state announced that it will provide a \$4,025 rebate for this system, leaving our net cost at \$7,586.

(A word of caution about the rebate for anyone who might be interested in installing a photovoltaic system. The state ran out of money for the rebate program last September. It still continued to accept applications in the event more money became available. Recently, the state announced that more money had become available. However, according to ReVision Energy the applications in the queue will be funded but the rebate program may then be dropped.)

In October of 2010 we opted to go with the solar hot water system partly because it was the cheaper of the two we were considering and because heating oil prices were high and climbing at an alarming rate. Also, Sam Harding, our plumber, had warned us that the little hot water heater we then had would likely fail sometime in the future. So this was an opportunity to be pro-active in replacing our hot water heater and cut down on our heating costs at the same time.

A little bit about how the hot water heating system works. The antifreeze contained in the tubes on the roof heats up and is circulated through a closed system in the hot water tank heating the water inside. As I write this, the temperature of the antifreeze in the panels is 157.2 degrees. We have seen it as high as 196 degrees. Obviously, this is dangerously hot. So, when the hot water heater gets a call to deliver hot water it blends it with just the right amount of cold water to deliver it at 120 degrees.

The installation of the hot water system took place in March of this year. By the middle of May we turned off our furnace to see how the hot water system works on its own. We've yet to run out of hot water.

We are excited with generating hot water from just sunlight. Here are the projections ReVision gave us about the system's performance: produce 11.7 million BTUs of heat energy annually and offset about 6,000 pounds of CO2 emissions annually. In May of this year we received an inheritance, and we decided to go ahead and put it to work by having the photovoltaic system installed. We got a new estimate that actually was about \$300 less than the previous one and ReVision also gave us a \$500 break for installing both systems.

In the process of figuring where to put the panels the solar technician said they tried several computer models and decided to arrange them differently than what was previously designed. The rails and panels went up quickly in the course of 10 or 11 hours of work over two days in July.

The panels generate varying amounts of electricity depending on how sunny it is. The inverter converts the direct current to 240 volts alternating current which is the same voltage transmitted from the power lines to the house. When the electrician turned on the inverter to connect the solar output to our electric panel, the electric meter stopped spinning dead in its tracks. We were now running the house off our own electricity! Then, after about five minutes when some haze cleared away, the meter started running backwards. Now, we not only were supplying our own needs but selling the excess back to PSNH! As of today, August 10, nineteen days since the system was installed, the panels have generated 244 kilowatt hours of electricity. This is about one-third of the power we used last August, and the scheduled meter reading is still a week away. Here are some of the benefits of the system. It is projected to produce 4,402 kilowatt hours of clean electricity annually and offset roughly 5,722 pounds of CO2 emissions annually. How does this affect us financially?

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year for events like this, continually tuning their equipment to the course, always looking for ways to get the edge on the next guy. Race times, which adjusted upward for every slalom cone knocked out, often come down to mere thousandths of a second, so choosing the perfect line and pushing every turn hard is what wins races. Speaking from experience, that's easier said than done once you pull off the starting ramp and the scenery starts to blur. Though many of us manage to "make it through" the course, we know we'll be sitting and clapping when the prize money is handed out. That's all right, because most of us are really racing against ourselves and the guy we think we can possibly beat. For some, simply racing on that hill is an accomplishment to hang one's helmet on.

Not long after the first Antrim Can/Am in 2003 (at that time called The Race for the Old Gold Jug), Avenue A Teen Center began setting up race training days to foster some local interest in this extreme sport. This group has been mentored since the beginning by pro skaters from neighboring states who have helped bring our home team up to speed by race time each year. Several local racers got times in the main events in 2010, and many more earned prizes and glory in the kids' and beginners' events. This year Avenue A has partnered with the Antrim Recreation Department to offer a Slalom Racing Intro program set to begin in September. Those interested can contact Antrim Rec or Ave A for details.

A great deal of time, effort, and resources go into putting on an event like this. It would not be possible without the help of countless volunteers, many from our community, and many from abroad. Some people show up and work the long race days, others continually give that "little bit here and there" that adds up to a lot, to the community, to the Antrim Home and Harvest Festival, and to the sport of Slalom Racing. The Summer Street residents tolerate the spectacle in their front yards, as well as being locked out of their driveways for days on end. Our major and in-kind sponsors include Rick and Diane's, Pepsi, Battaglia Foundations, Fullbag Skates, and Crotched Mountain, and they make it possible for us to put on a world class race that attracts world class racers. Many more prize sponsors bring "the good stuff" that kids and competitors at every level will bring home, and remember for

years to come. I offer my heart-felt THANK YOU to those who contribute to making the Antrim CAN/AM Slalom Skateboard Race one of the best!

For more information or to become a sponsor or volunteer, contact Dave Kirkpatrick, teencenter@tds.net or 588-3334. ☞



ANTRIM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Todd Bryer

The chassis of the new fire truck is being built at the writing of this article. It should arrive at Valley Fire Equipment in Bradford the 3rd week in August, with truck completion and delivery slated for November.

Also the department has five members enrolled in a Firefighter Level One class. Shane Demers, Jason Bryer, Bob and Danielle Ruston, and Mike Willett will be in a class taught out of the Hillsboro fire station, with practical days at the N.H. fire academy in Concord. This class is about a 200-hour course that runs for three to four months. It's a huge time commitment, but it will be great training for them personally, and important for the town of Antrim.

As always, thank you for your continued support. ☞

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THE FOUNDING OF ANTRIM'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nina Harding

“Our earliest knowledge of England was that it was a land of swamps and forests, rough, desolate and of no account in the world. It was in the days when Rome was a republic, and civilization and learning were at their height in the neighborhoods of the Mediterranean. A race of savages then occupied the now thrifty, mighty little islands. The Romans had peaceful and entire possession for more than five centuries. Then the Scots, a native clan came to notice. The name could mean “scout” in Gaelic or assessment of money by whatever means—robbers. Today in England there is still a phrase on the books that anyone escaping payment of taxes is “Scott free.”

W. R. Cochrane, *History of Antrim, N.H.*

In 1717 four Scots ministers and their congregations came to the new world and settled towns in the northeast, including Londonderry, N.H. Although this settlement suffered a serious Indian attack, some of the survivors were ancestors of Antrim folks. Many Scots were settling all around Antrim, but the Indian attacks were frequent and the French had declared war. The settlers were abandoning their homes and the land was being divided between the Masons and the State of Massachusetts that claimed parts of New Hampshire for itself. This attempted annexation was brought before King George II, and in the end New Hampshire received more land than it had sought.

Antrim, slow to be settled because it was not a border town, was grouped with at least five towns known as “Society Land.” Scots who had left Scotland to settle in Northern Ireland began coming to this “Society Land” in the 1770s, and they named the area “Antrim” after the county they left behind. Antrim started having religious services as soon as the first barn was raised, about 1775. (The barn was located a short way down the road from what is now the Presbyterian Church.) The settlers were Presbyterians and brought their faith with them. As there were no stores in town—the nearest one was in Peterborough—folks lived off the land.

Dr. Cochrane—serving as our pastor for forty years—described our earliest residents: *“Yet there was something delightful and beautiful in the society of this town’s people at that day, if they had privations they had them all alike. Then was a time of brotherly love, each family sat under its own vine, having none to molest, no haughty looks or mincing steps, no jealousy, tale bearing, or envy known in town, but as wealth and population increased, these evils crept in.”*

In those days many a barn was used for church meetings, and children were taken to these meetings to be baptized whenever a preacher could be hired. Religious education was not neglected, as each household had a Bible and Catechism as its chief form of literature. Families faithfully taught their children at home.

The year 1788 was the time to organize a church, and leaders worked with the town in seeking permission from the Presbytery to build a church which at that time had to be accomplished legally as town business. The close relationship between the town and church remained in effect until 1836.

They surveyed the town to find its center so the church would be equally distant from every household. This turned out to be at the top of the very steep Meeting House Hill overlooking the town. The building, a copy of the West Meeting House in Londonderry, was to be 50 by 40 feet with a porch at each end. Building piecemeal, it took them eight years to finish the church that at the end had no mortgage and was the debt-free. In those days, they “voted two gallons of rum for the raising and also dry fish, bread and cheese”

Before the building was finished preaching was done at various houses around town. One such was the home of Daniel Miltimore where Alabama Farm now stands. The little dwelling being crowded full, the floor collapsed and dropped them all into the basement. “Strange to say, no one was hurt. After a small fright and a few scratches, the service went on. During the first years many days of the week were given over to services.”

Communion was celebrated by setting up tables in the aisles. Back then tokens were needed to entitle one to receive communion, and these tokens were lead discs the size of a dime with an imprint on it. Antrim ceased using them in the early 1800s.

In 1825 the church on Meetinghouse Hill began to deteriorate, folks were moving to the south toward the Great Brook, and the uphill walk was getting harder. After much discussion they decided to move half way down the hill.

A beautiful brick church with a Christopher Wren steeple was built near where the Grange stands now and was dedicated in 1826. This dedication service was unique as Reverend Whiten started the service in the old building on top of the hill, preaching from John 4:20, “Our father worshipped in this mountain” and closing with the words of Jesus, “Arise and go hence,” and all the parishioners followed him to the new church down the hill, beginning a new chapter in the Presbyterian life of Antrim.

As with all changes, some people were against the move, and other residents thought the town should not pay for the

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BICYCLE RIDE FOR 9/11 CHARITY

Charles Levesque

Along with two friends (Charlie Niebling of Boscawen and Chris Wells of Wilmot) I am riding my bicycle 270 miles from Ground Zero in NYC to Boston, leaving Sept. 9 and arriving Sept. 11, to raise funds for *Beyond the 11th* (www.beyondthe11th.org), a foundation started by two suburban Boston women, Susan Retik and Patty Quigley, whose husbands were on the planes that hit the World Trade Center towers. They use the funds in support of women in Afghanistan who've been widowed by the loss of their husbands to war/on-going military/terrorist conflict. The money is used for training and micro-loans to help these women start small businesses to support their families. Our team has set out to raise \$15,000 as part of a group of 50 riders seeking to reach a goal of \$200K.

Our family always supports our local charities that help local people, and we continue to do that, but we thought that this is a time to reach out beyond our area and do something positive to benefit some other people who have suffered as a result of the terrorism being directed at our country. We felt *Beyond the 11th* is a place to make a positive difference.

The three of us have meshed our love for bicycling with an interest in doing something worthwhile to commemorate the awful tragedy of 9/11. Susan and Patty didn't dwell on their tragedy, but channeled it into direct action to get at the root of the inequalities that exist in the world, which often lead to children growing up as terrorists because their family and society provide them no real alternatives. Widowed women in the Afghan culture have no support system like in the US, and when they lose their husbands, they lose all of their possessions and the ability to support their children.

An op/ed about *Beyond the 11th* that appeared in the NY Times, found at <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/09/09/opinion/09kristof.html>, inspired us all.

Our riding team, known as "The Tree Amigos" because all three of us have professions associated with trees and forests, has raised just over \$12,000 at the time of this writing. I hope Antrim people will support this effort while continuing to support the needs of local people. This shouldn't be an either/or—we should help those who are also innocent bystanders being affected by world conflict, both here and abroad.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE:

Via check—make checks payable to *Beyond the 11th*—mail to Charlie Levesque at 37 Old Pound Road, Antrim, NH 03440. Make sure you put "Tree Amigos" in the memo line.

Via credit card, make a secure credit card payment on the "Beyond the Bike" event website on our team page at <http://beyondthebike.kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?ievent=447218&lis=1&kntae447218=7328D758F16C4D6AA26ED5A7BACB0D17&supId=0&team=4117659>.

TO LEARN MORE:

Visit the *Beyond the 11th* website: www.beyondthe11th.org. Find us on Facebook—visit "The Tree Amigos" page for information, updates, photos, and even reports during the ride! We hope you will "like" the Tree Amigos page and forward to your own Facebook friends who you think would be interested. ☞

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preacher or rule over the church. When things looked darkest, church members believed that God came to the rescue. It was entirely unexpected when a most sweeping and wonderful religious revival came over Antrim. Few questioned that it was the work of God, and it silenced opposition, turned enemies into friends, and brought many new members into the church.

Feeling the burden of age, Reverend Whiten resigned in 1869 after serving forty-five years, and Reverend Cochrane came to serve the church for the next forty years. During the life of the brick church, one very important celebration was observed, the 1877 Centennial.

By the 1890s the town of Antrim was again spreading out, and the main village began to grow where we are now, so plans were developed to build a new church. At that time there was much unhappiness in the brick church by Meeting-house Hill because many of its members did not want a new church downtown. For several years this disgruntled group took its complaints to court. The Presbytery, the ruling body of the church in New England, had approved a new location for the church but had ruled that the town was not large enough to have two Presbyterian churches, and that the brick church could not be sold to another denomination.

For many years rumors spread that the brick church had been blown up with dynamite, but finally we found proof that this was not true. In fact, what had happened was that everything of worth in the church was sold, the church was dismantled, and our present Presbyterian Church was constructed where it now stands. Many pastors have served this church, and their average years of service—other than our two longest serving ministers, the Reverends Whiten and Cochrane—was eight years.

As with many churches we have had our ups and downs, but with help from our friends and members and God's love, we can make it. ☞

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ANTRIM RECREATION FALL 2011

Celeste Lunetta, Director

YOUTH SPORTS SOCCER

Youth fall soccer gets started in August, and the program is well under way come September. This year, we are fielding teams for more than 175 youth players, ages 4 through 12. Players come from Antrim and the surrounding towns. We are extremely grateful for the continuous support from local businesses that sponsor youth sports.

YOUTH SPORTS BASKETBALL

Youth basketball begins in November. We organize basketball programs for players 5 and older. Players in Kindergarten through 2nd grade have a skill development program, while players in 3rd through 6th grade participate in travel leagues. Registration for basketball begins in September, and registrations received after Friday October 28 will incur a \$10 late fee.

YOUTH SPORTS GYMNASTICS

We continue to benefit from the positive coaching style of Alison Wozmak and her daughters! Gymnastics will run on Sundays through the fall. Gymnastics for 4 year old through 1st grade is 2:30–3:30; and for 2nd–4th grade, 3:00–4:30. The focus for the class is strength, balance, toning, flexibility, core strength, tumbling skills, and positive attitude. Equipment includes beam, vault, climbing rope, and bars. Registration by month is encouraged, and the cost is \$20 for the month. Drop in registration is an option; the drop in cost is \$7 per child.

YOUTH SPORTS KARATE

We are thrilled to continue martial arts training for elementary and middle school with Elizabeth Kenney of Kenney's Tae Kwon Do. This class is Thursdays after school at the Town Gym. Registration forms and more information are available at the Town Gym and the Town Hall. Karate is ongoing throughout the school year. This is a very popular class with several of the towns' children. Registration can be done monthly.

YOUTH SPORTS JUMP ROPE CLUB

Wednesdays & Saturdays, November 2 through the 19th. 3:15 to 4:30 on Weds, 10:30–11:30 on Saturdays. This will be an introductory three-week club that may continue if there is enough support from kids and parent volunteers. Parent volunteers are required to meet the kids after school and supervise snack time until the coach arrives at 3:30. The cost of the class is \$10 per student, and will include after school snacks. The kids will have an opportunity to purchase special jump ropes for an additional cost. The jump rope club is open to interested kids in 2nd through 8th grade. Pre-registration is required by Friday October 28. Registration forms are online at www.Antrimnh.org.

ALL AGES SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

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CELTIC EVENSONG

FIRST SUNDAYS OCTOBER—JUNE

Sharon Dowling, Celtic Evensong Coordinator

How many times have you heard or used this phrase: “We’ll be praying for you”? It seems like the perfect thing to say and do in so many situations when you otherwise have no solutions to offer. Some scientists suggest that prayer has great power, and meditation has been proven to be beneficial on many levels. Our busy lives offer too few moments of quiet contemplation, times when we can truly pray deeply for those we care about and know, as well as strangers we hear about on the news. No time that we can really settle in and listen to what the Spirit might be saying to us.

If you would like to experience a peaceful time of prayer and meditation, with quiet Celtic music and an informal service that incorporates the philosophy of modern Celtic Christianity, join us at 5:30pm on the first Sundays of the month, from October to June, at Antrim's Presbyterian Church on Main St. The Celtic Evensong service is short, less than 45 minutes, with time left for continued meditation if you wish, with no sermon preached, or “Fellowship Hour” following. This is the perfect time to remember all the people, places, and events that need your prayers. This is the perfect time to take that deep breath as you start the new month. Come alone, or bring a friend. Experience the peace and share the love.

If you have any questions you can call the office at the church most mornings during the week at 588-2209. Look for our beautiful sign that appears out front in the days immediately preceding Celtic Evensong. Hope to see you there!



LIONS CLUB HOME AND HARVEST BBQ

Rick King, President, Antrim-Bennington Lions Club

In conjunction with Antrim's Home and Harvest Festival, the Lions Club will once again be putting on a chicken BBQ at Tenney Farm Saturday, September 17th from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. While chicken is the specialty, we will also provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and veggieburgers. All meals come with homemade coleslaw, chips, fresh corn on the cob, and a drink. As an added attraction this year, Luther Guitar Junior Johnson, a very famous blues player, will perform during the BBQ in addition to The Bursitis Brothers Band.

There is a “baked beans bake-off” again this year, so get your entry in by 4 pm Saturday. You can drop off your baked beans at the Tenney farm stand anytime prior to 4 pm on the 17th. The BBQ will be followed by a fantastic fireworks show starting at 7:30 pm at Tenney Farm.

The BBQ and selling Christmas Trees are the Lions' two major annual fundraisers. This past year we provided over \$3,000 to various sight and hearing and other community projects. We thank you for your support over the years and hope to see you once again for a wonderful evening at Tenney Farm.



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autobiography,” he wrote to his friend William Dean Howells. “You will be astonished to see how like talk it is ... what a dewy and breezy and woodsy freshness it has.” He did much of this dictation in 1905 and 1906 at a rented summer home, Upton Farm, in Dublin N.H. There he especially liked working on a veranda which, he said, has “one of the most beautiful landscape visions on the planet ... an inspiring place.”

He did not want his autobiography to be organized chronologically, or by topic, or by any other mode of systemization. He wanted rather to let the work reflect thought after thought, memory after memory as, dictating day after day, they occurred to him. When his older brother, Orion, sought advice for making his own autobiography, Twain wrote, “When you recollect something that belonged in an earlier chapter, do not go back, but jam it in where you are. Discursiveness does not hurt an autobiography in the least.” And indeed his own autobiography is, I think, fundamentally discursive, that is, given to moving freely from one topic to another: words about friends, acquaintances, heroes (he was close friends with and an ardent admirer of Ulysses S. Grant, for example) villains, and foreign countries both European and Asian. Although he occasionally has dark thoughts—about individuals, about governments, about military behavior for example—most of his memories reflect at least a hint of amusement, even when they suggest a deep anger, which they sometimes do.

Mark Twain’s first book, *The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County*, was published in 1867 when he was 32 years old. The *Adventures of Tom Sawyer* came in 1876, and the *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* in 1884. It is almost a commonplace to hear literary professionals suggest that Huckleberry Finn is the greatest American novel.

The Tuttle Library has generous holdings in Mark Twain fiction and biography. The Autobiography has now been added to these holdings and is available for borrowing. ☞

WINNIE’S MAIDEN VOYAGE

Schatze Moore

My husband, Peter, and I have a treasured summer-time treat. On Sundays we like to stop our work around 3pm-ish. We pack up our favorite picnic foods, load the canoe in the back of the pickup truck, and head off to Gregg Lake. Usually, by the time we arrive at the lake most folks have headed for home and serenity has returned which is great for us because that is just what we are looking for. We paddle for a while, and once we have beached the canoe, Peter swims a little, then we eat a bit, we talk a bit, we watch the lake, and we watch the sun go down.

We have a young dog that Peter and I have talked about introducing to the canoe because we’d like her to share in our pleasant time. Winnie is a wonderful dog with a great sense of fun, but she has some quirks. She is extremely alert and aware of her environment, and she is also very wary of her environment. She is unsure of people activity. Last summer, if we took her to the lake for a swim, she wouldn’t get out of the car if other people and dogs were there. She is very comfortable riding in the car, but she doesn’t like to get in it. We wondered if we were able to get her in the canoe would we be able to keep her in it. We wondered if we would get flipped over in the middle of the lake. We wondered if we would mind losing our stuff.

So, one Sunday in mid July Peter said it was time for Winnie’s maiden voyage. He thought the best way to do it, was to just do it. So we did. We put the canoe in the lake, and loaded in our stuff. I sat in the bow facing Peter and when we asked Winnie to get in she did. We attached the leash to her collar so that I could control her movements somewhat, and we were off. She shook like leaves on a tree in the wind, she moved from right side to left side, she tried to drink the lake, but she stayed in the canoe and we made it to our favorite landing spot.

After unloading the canoe, Peter wanted to swim. In he went and Winnie after him. She caught up to him, took him by the wrist in a soft bite, and pulled him back to shore. Each time he swam out, she followed him and pulled him back in. She had a great time. She sniffed at the abundance of things to smell, she watched the lake, and she waded in the water.

After the sun had gone down, we loaded back into the canoe and paddled back the direction we had come with Winnie our canoe dog. ☞

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MISSING LIMRIKS

Lyman Gilmore

We are missing several early issues of the Limrik and hope that readers will have copies stashed away that we can either have or photocopy to make our archive complete. We need every issue from Volume 1, #1 (December 1991) through Volume 4, #2 (March 1995). If you have any or all of these and are willing to donate or have them copied, please let me know. lyman-gil@Comcast.net – 588 6860. Thank you.

1968 MEMORIES

Robin Rockwell

My wife, Linda, and I attended the Antrim Harvest Festival last fall for the second straight year. It's a great time to meet people unexpectedly from Antrim High School. I even met Lyman Gilmore for the first time. I had heard that my former Antrim High School basketball coach and principal, Chick Hamel, planned to ride on the float for the class of 1970, so we arrived early at the starting location (dentist's office) for the parade. You can still see his name splashed on the Great Brook Middle School building facing the ball field. An irate student painted it there back in 1968, and there it remains, though faded, 43 years later. I hadn't seen him since he celebrated his 70th birthday nearly ten years earlier. From there, as Linda and I walked down Main Street, I thought back to my high schools days.

I was a senior at Antrim High School in 1968, and it was a very carefree time in my life. I can remember driving my father's gold Chevy station wagon and buying gas at Bob Morrill's garage (which is now vacant) located next to Wayno's. Gas sold for about 33 cents per gallon. As a joke, I would ask Bob to pump 50 cents worth on a couple occasions. Only problem was, he never laughed.

At one time there were three businesses located in the Town Hall building. On the right side was Pat's Barber Shop. Next to it was the post office. Next to the post office was Keough's

drug store (where I bought the Beatles' first album), and next to that, the town hall.

The next building was the old fire station. The Boy Scouts used to meet there under the leadership of Martin Nichols. In what is now Rick and Dianne's Pizzeria, was Wayno's coffee shop where high school students gathered after school. Edmund's is the only mainstay, and Proctor's was recently destroyed by fire. In between Edmund's and Proctor's was Charlie Jackson's used furniture store. Across the street from Rick and Dianne's stood the home of Ernie Ashford and his oil company. This building was also destroyed by fire.

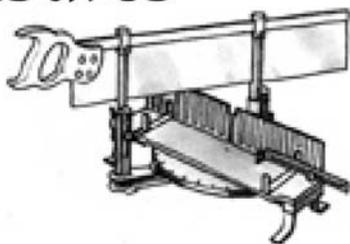
I remember buying first class stamps from Phil Lang for six cents apiece at the Antrim Post Office. With a little help from the internet, I have found these interesting tidbits about 1968: a dozen eggs cost 53 cents; a gallon of milk, \$1.07; an 18 ounce box of Kellogg's Corn Flakes, 39 cents; a six pack of Pepsi (10 ounce bottles), 59 cents; and a Hershey candy bar would set you back a nickel. There weren't any McDonald's in the area. The closest one I can remember was in Concord where hamburgers sold for 18 cents.

Lyndon Johnson was President in 1968 with Hubert Humphrey Vice-President. Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King were assassinated. Some of the most popular songs released that year included "Jumping Jack Flash" by the Rolling Stones, "Magic Bus" by the Who, "Mony Mony" by Tommy James and the Shondells, "Magic Carpet Ride" and "Born to be Wild" by Steppenwolf, "Hey Jude" by the Beatles, and "Mighty Quinn" by Manfred Mann.

That summer of '68 I worked for landscaper Bill Richardson. Working with me were Stan Dutton, Jim Putnam, Hal Grant, Dennis Huntington, Steve Brzozowski, Bill Davies, and John Doleac. We affectionately called Bill Richardson, "Uncle Willie." Each day we would hope for rain so a group of us could travel to Manchester in Bill Davies's station wagon for the day. Bill's car was missing its gas cap, so in its place Bill stuffed an old rag. It would remain there for the duration of the summer. Steve and I called it the "Traveling Molotov Cocktail."

I am looking forward to this year's Home & Harvest Fest. I never know whom I will meet from the past. There is one person I would like to see again, Joyce Davidson. I believe it's been forty years since I've last seen her. Someone told me she was standing next to Lyman last year, but I did not realize it. ✂

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ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Peter Moore, President

The Historical Society is once again getting ready for Home & Harvest Days. On Saturday, September 17, we will be selling homemade apple crisp with ice cream, as well as our note cards, tote bags, and historical publications in front of the Maplehurst Inn. Please stop by to see us and make sure to get your apple crisp early—this event has become so popular, we usually sell out by early afternoon. Bakers and helpers are needed to help to continue to make this event a success. If you can pick apples, bake crisps, or help on that Saturday, please contact Liz Robertson at 588-2562 or Peter Moore at 588-2331.

On Sunday, 16 October, the Society will hold its annual meeting at the First Presbyterian Church at 3 pm. All Antrim Historical Society members, and those interested in learning more about our ongoing work, are encouraged to attend. There will be a brief program about the Society's continuing effort to secure the Stone Church, and some of the proposed plans for the church once it is in our possession. I think you will find this report to the membership quite interesting.

The board has been working to update the AHS By-Laws in an effort to clarify policy concerning conflict of interest, dissolution, terms of office, committee responsibility, and liability. We expect to adopt the up-dated by-laws and have copies available at the annual meeting. I want to thank the board for their diligent and important work.

There are also a few individuals who have worked to enrich and solidify the holdings and archives of the Historical Society whom I would like to recognize and thank. Rebecca Enman has spent many volunteer hours in the preparation and indexing of documents and artifacts currently held by the society. The board would like to thank her for furthering this essential process, and wish her well as she pursues her formal education in preparation for a career as an archivist.

The Nichols family donated a large collection of artifacts and documents important to Antrim's history recently, and a special note of thanks to Marty Nichols for entrusting the society with his WW II "letters home" and associated artifacts from that era. Also noteworthy of kudos is the project initiation and hours of hands-on work done by Ray Sweeney to obtain, coordinate and replicate the 3 volume, 800-plus page diary of Everett Clinton Davis, past Postmaster in Antrim. This diary, as transcribed by Mr. Davis' son, Kermit Clinton, brings to light the daily life in town during the late 1800's. Thank you all for your efforts in helping to preserve Antrim's past, and making it available to us today.

Finally, please be sure to make time in your holiday plans this December to visit the 2nd Annual Festival of the Trees to be installed at the Tuttle Library, beginning on December 3rd and running into January. Last year's display of unique and traditionally decorated trees was beyond expectation, and this year's promises to be even better, you can count on it.

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

The Antrim Historical Society is dedicated to the preservation and understanding of Antrim's heritage. All those interested in Antrim's past and preserving its present are urged to join. Dues are \$10 a year for an individual, \$20 for a family, and tax deductible donations are always welcome. For more information about joining, please contact Thelma Nichols at 588-6766 (tnichols@mcttelecom.com) or me at 588-2331 (beappy@tds.net). The Society depends on member dues and donations for its operating support. All of the Society's programs and meetings are open to the public without charge.



PICKING UP MAIL AT THE ANTRIM POST OFFICE

Well How Do You Do and Good Morning, he said as she held the door open – and, Thank You, and Hi There to you and to you Missis Antrim. Is that Mister Antrim with you? Really splendid – and young Master Antrim and Sister as well? Oh, how freely the grass grows in springtime – of course, when it's winter the only thing free is the snow and quite frankly ... Oh Hi there! How well you both look! Do you think folks are nice 'round this Office since people who work here are nice to begin with?

Dick Winslow

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 3 **"Touch a Truck" Family Fair** • sponsored by The Grapevine @ GBS • 11 AM–2 PM
- 6 **Weekly Children's Programs** beginning at The Grapevine (see article on page 30)
- 7 **Antrim Grange meeting** • 7 PM
- 9 **Dance** • middle school–6th, 7th, 8th grade • Antrim Rec Dept • 7–9 PM
- 9–11 **Try Out Camp Out** • Boy Scout Troop 2 • Caughey campsite @ Gregg Lake
- 10 **Movies at the Town Hall** • "Win Win" • Antrim Rec Dept • 7 PM
- 13 **Public Hearing on Wind Ordinances** • Antrim Town Hall • 7 PM
- 15 **Community Supper** • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM
- 16–18 **Home & Harvest Festival** (see insert)
- 17 **Open House** • Tuttle Library • 10 am–3:30 PM
- 21 **Antrim Grange meeting** • 7 PM
- 24 **Concert: Tara Greenblatt** • Antrim Grange • 7 PM

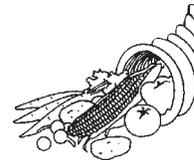
OCTOBER

- 2 **Celtic Evensong** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM
- 5 **Antrim Grange meeting** • 7 PM
- 10–14 **Scholastic Book Fair** • The Grapevine • 9 AM–12 NOON
- 16 **Concert: Anne Crane** • Antrim Grange • 7 PM
- 19 **Antrim Grange meeting** • 7 PM
- 20 **Community Supper** • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM
- 22 **Church Dinner** • Baptist Church • 5–6:30 PM
- 24 **Movies at the Town Hall** • "Pirates of the Caribbean" • Antrim Rec Dept • 7 PM
- 29 **Trip to Yankee Candle** • Antrim Rec Dept • 1–3 PM
- 30 **Halloween Family Party** • Antrim Rec Dept • 1–3 PM



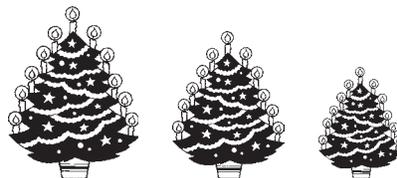
NOVEMBER

- 2 **Antrim Grange meeting** • 7 PM
- 6 **Celtic Evensong** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM
- 9 **"Just For Dads" workshop** • The Grapevine • 6–9 PM
- 12 **National Gaming Day** • Tuttle Library
- 12 **Movies at the Town Hall** • "Cars 2" • Antrim Rec Dept • 4 PM
- 16 **Antrim Grange meeting** • 7 PM
- 17 **Community Supper** • First Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM



DECEMBER

Dec 3 – Jan 7 • Festival of Trees
Antrim Historical Society and the Friends of the Library
"Evening of Lights Gala" • Dec 3 • Tuttle Library • 7–9:00 PM



ANTRIM CHURCH OF CHRIST

Alan Fahrner, Minister

Somebody Misses You.

Although the pews have a habit of filling up just before church starts, summer activities definitely have meant it's less crowded during the Sunday services here at the Antrim Church of Christ. Luckily, e-mail, Facebook, and various other social media outlets mean that even though one family might be visiting Alaska, another member vacationing in Puerto Rico, and others camping in the great outdoors, the distance is only physical.

But, I think everyone who wouldn't be labeled "antisocial" agrees that nothing beats seeing somebody in person. We can try to enter the cyber-universe and escape reality, but reality is that whether God or evolution produced humans, we are part of the physical cosmos, not just a bunch of zeros and ones instructing a CPU how to behave. Ask yourself, do you prefer an e-mail or a letter? A book you hold in your hands or one you read on the computer? Someone who posts "I'll pray for you" in your Google+ stream, or a friend who sits down and petitions the Lord with you?

Back in June I preached a sermon called, "Because I Said So." In the spirit of David Letterman, I gave the top ten reasons to attend church. Some are tongue-in-cheek, and others will only make sense if you are a Christian, but here they are:

10. Because I said so ("I" being God via Hebrews 10:24-25)
9. Because church potluck food has no calories
8. Maybelle (That is, because of the great people who are at church)
7. The day is drawing near (Please take a second look at Hebrews 10:24-25)
6. It's good for your back (You can't slump in a church pew)
5. We need you...you "complete" us (Check out 1 Corinthians 12:12-27)
4. Because it decreases the chance you'll have to go to the emergency room (It'll take too long to explain this one here)
3. If you go it alone, you will fail (Take a look at Proverbs 11:14; 15:22)
2. It is fire insurance (Matthew 16:18 says "the gates of hell shall not prevail against" the church)
1. Because, ultimately, all you have is Jesus and He is here

If you are interested, you can listen to the sermon (and see the sermon notes) on our web site, www.AntrimCOC.org. Even if you don't, please take a couple moments to consider how you prioritize your weekends. Antrim may be a small town, but within its boundaries are three churches who could bless you, and who would be blessed by you. Expand the boundaries a bit more, and your church-going options expand almost exponentially.

We miss you ...



Watching the Electric Meter continued from page 9

From August, 2010 to July, 2011 we spent \$1,154.59 for 6,442 kwh of power. If we can actually generate 82% of our own power, we will only need to purchase 2,040 kwh annually from PSNH at a cost of \$207.83—a saving of \$946.76. If that projection is correct the system will pay for itself in about eight years. It isn't clear what the payback time will be for the solar hot water system. We don't know how much of the furnace operation in the past went to heating the house or to heating water. Over several years it should become apparent about how much less heating oil we are using.

In the mean time we love to take an occasional peek at the electric meter to see if it's moving forward or backward or standing still.



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CHICKEN SWAP

Sheila Nichols

Sheila and Bill Nichols have launched into farming at their new home off Liberty Farm Road in North Branch. Sheila is writing an account of their adventure that she has offered to share with the Limrik. This is the first of what we hope will be a continuing series of articles.

—Editor

Bill sent me an email with a link that advertised a Chicken Swap. What is a Chicken Swap, I asked. He wasn't quite sure, but now that he heard there was such a thing, how could we not go and check it out?

We traveled to the local tractor supply store. There, similar to days of yore were, not circled covered wagons, but pick-up trucks and lots of cars. The cacophony of barnyard calls drew us in. There were all sorts of fowl, rabbits, goats, ducks and assorted equipment for the care and raising of them all. There was even a woman selling homemade soap, who has since become a friend, but that comes in a later chapter.

A Chicken Swap is a gathering where people swap, sell, and buy all manner of farm animals. These are some of the nicest folks you'll ever meet. They are helpful with answering your questions, offering anecdotal tales, and showing great interest in whatever you may have brought along to sell.

We were sold on the whole Chicken Swap culture, and became followers of Chicken websites and blogs. No one can leave a swap empty handed, or empty caged, as it were. Our days as empty nesters were numbered. Our children, both, biological and step, had flown the nest, but we soon filled that void with a flock of our own chickens.

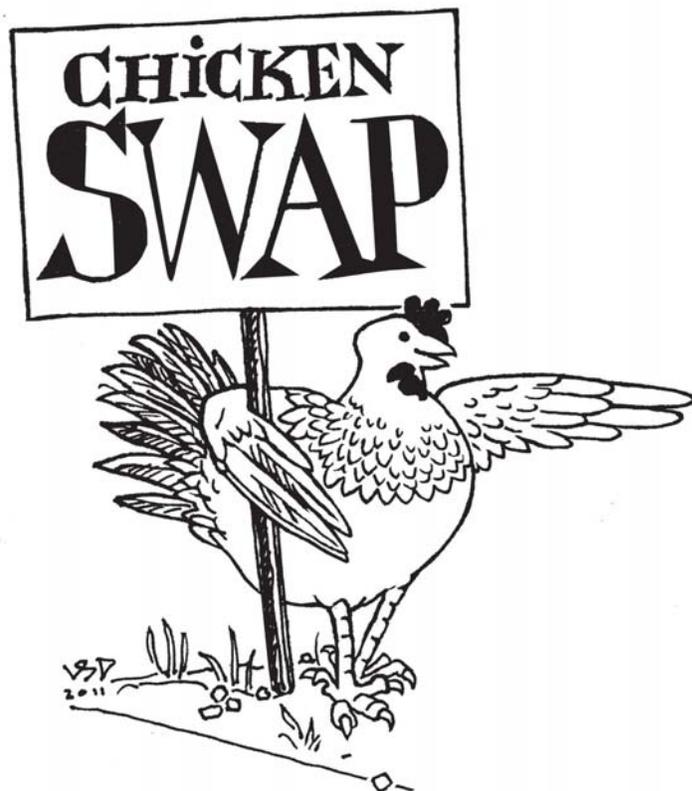
Friends heard about our trip to the swap and decided they needed the experience as well. So I located an upcoming Chicken Swap on the internet and sent them driving directions.

A bit lower on the same webpage was an advertisement for a romantic weekend get-away. I copied and pasted the link in an email to Bill, saying it looked like fun and we should try it. He shot back an email, "WHAT DO YOU MEAN WE SHOULD TRY THIS? Did you read the whole thing?" Well no, I hadn't, but quickly remedied that only to find that my "romantic weekend" was a couple swap! Yikes! Had my new husband thought that after only a brief time together I wanted to swap him out? Reading a bit further I found that not only was it a spouse swap weekend, but it seemed that clothing was optional as it was a nudist couple swap. Had Bill not carefully read the whole thing we may have arrived bags in hand only to find that we had over packed! A word to the wise, when searching something on the Internet, read the results completely!

We started attending Chicken Swaps with items to sell, and one of our sons agreed to go with me. We had had four roosters hatch, and that is three roosters too many. He helped me load the roosters into the travel cage and off we went to sell the boys off. It was a very chilly day, and after a while I went into the tractor supply store to warm up. I got a very

excited text message from my son saying he had sold one of the roosters! Hurray, only two more and we could pack up and go to lunch. I hurried out to our car to see the rooster being packed up. In a flash a second one was sold.

Picture for a moment, if you will, my 6'3" son on his hands and knees half in and half out of a large wire cage trying to grab an elusive rooster. Sure enough he got the one he was after, but just as sure the remaining one saw freedom and took off over my son's back and raced off under some parked cars. My son, a true animal lover but now cold and out of patience said, "Mom get the car started and let's just let him go. He wants his freedom so badly, let him have it." I have to admit the thought did cross my mind. There were about forty cars there, and that rooster was fast.



Getting back to the interesting folks that come to swaps, suddenly, and seemingly out of nowhere, came a man with a net attached to a long pole. With great skill and speed this guy swooped in and dove under cars with that net, and quick as that had our rooster trapped. "Whose rooster is this?" Yes, there was half a second when my son and I locked eyes and thought about getting quietly into our car and driving off, but that passed and we owned up to it.

Back the rooster went into the cage. With a flash of a felt marker and a lot of inspiration from our growling tummies, we crossed out "Roosters \$5.00" and printed "FREE ROOSTER" just as neatly as can be done with the cold fingers and all. In no time we were packing him up for his new owners and were off in the warm car to get some lunch. Once we had lunch and were warmed up, we had a good laugh over the whole thing.

QR

Ben Kilbride is this year's winner of Conval's annual Edith Bird Bass Essay Contest. He is off to Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, to study writing. —Editor

THE PATH TO ENVIRONMENTALISM

Ben Kilbride

“Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads.”

—Henry David Thoreau

A path stretches through a forest, delving into the foliage. My feet pound the packed dirt in a resounding beat of life. A tree appears in the middle of the trail, a solid and proud white birch. I am captured by its beauty and the tiny facets of detail in the bark. My hands reach out and slide down the trunk, sensing strength in the core. My fingers tingle, and then melt away. My mind is at ease, there are no worries, no troubles, and no thoughts. I sink and sink into the tree until there no longer remains a body. My fingers are tall branches, my toes the roots, and my skin the detailed bark. I feel everything; the energy of sunlight permeating my leaves, the scamper of tiny squirrel feet on my trunk, and the small vibrations of underground life in my roots. I am joined with the earth as is everyone. We are born from it, live on it, and return to it.

Environmentalism is the protection of the environment from pollution, from destruction, and from ignorance. It is the idea that we as humans are a part of our surroundings, our environment, instead of just occupying space. Environmentalism began with the group of people in the 1800s called the Naturalists, a group of authors and philosophers. Among their ranks was Henry David Thoreau, a transcendentalist and avid writer. Thoreau traveled around New England to write observations and enjoy the natural beauty. He saw the environment as part of all human life. This philosophy can be tracked to the beginning of Environmentalism.

One of his most known works is *Walden*, a book about the time he spent by Walden Pond in Concord, Massachusetts. It creates a picture so well developed that the reader cannot help but experience Thoreau's memory as nearly his own. One of the reasons for this is his masterful writing, while another is the pure magnificence of the earth. During his time at Walden Pond, Thoreau lived in a cabin through all four seasons. He found that man was following in the same footsteps as his ancestors. No change was taking place even though

some, the Naturalists, valued the natural world. Most did not even understand the Naturalist idealism, much less agree with it. Thoreau defines this discovery in an excerpt from *Walden*.

“It is remarkable how easily and insensibly we fall into a particular route, and make a beaten track for ourselves. I had not lived there a week before my feet wore a path from my door to the pond side; and though it is five or six years since I trod it, it is still quite distinct. It is true, I fear that others may have fallen into it, and so helped to keep it open. The surface of the earth is soft and impressible by the feet of men; and so with the paths which the mind travels.” (Thoreau, pg. 207)

Thoreau understood that the way humans live is easily manipulated because following in the path of others takes much less effort than forging a new one. It is difficult to break from the beaten path, to return to the undergrowth of unknown forests. The beginning environmentalist idea was that of a Naturalist. Their philosophy was that to live on this earth, humans must learn to protect it, and thus take a new track.

Following World War II, during the prosperous 1950s, America was riddled with landfills, smoke-spewing factories, polluting cars, and wasteful people. The cultural standard was that of personal image and fortunes. The general public was too busy with their lives to be bothered by the appalling truth that their actions were damaging the environment. Recycling was not part of industry or consumer ideals. Cases like the Love Canal, where toxic chemicals leaked, were common. The main cultural and political interests during the time included the Korean War, Civil Rights, and Segregation. The public mind was far from concerns about nature and the human position within it.

Even though the Naturalists had initiated the design of environmentalism, it took many decades to see progress. People did not realize what they were doing to the environment until the early 1960s. Before that, pollution and improper waste disposal reigned. But even after environmentalism took hold in the United States, mistakes and misunderstandings occurred. The incidents in Love Canal and at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant are good examples of the problems that existed before and after the environmentalism movement began.

The first recognition of the damage humans had caused to the environment was Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*. In 1962 she published the book as a revelation to the American people. It describes the dangers of using pesticides on farmland to eradicate insects that infect crops. Rachel Carson makes the point that, by using these chemicals, humans may have altered themselves on a genetic level causing disease and defects. Carson makes a valid point in this passage:

“Future historians may well be amazed by our distorted sense of proportion. How could intelligent beings seek to control a few unwanted species by a method that contaminated the entire environment and brought the threat of disease

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and death even to their own kind? Yet this is precisely what we have done.” (Carson, pg. 8)

The chemicals caused sickness and disease as well as death among people surrounding pesticide covered farmland. For the first time, the notion that chemicals can build up their toxicity as they travel through the food chain, was revealed. Humans did not realize that we are directly linked to our surroundings. The soil on which we stand has molecules that could be from our ancestors because of decomposition. We become the earth when we die, just as a bird does or a tree.

The wind shakes my branches gently. My fingers suddenly detach from the bark as my human legs jump backwards. I stare in wonder at the tree, a newfound respect and feeling of completeness fills me. My eyes drift lazily across the packed path and stare into the distance where it curves around a bend. Then I shift my gaze to the unknown forest to the left and watch as the upper bows of the trees dance with the wind. I step into the undergrowth and am quickly swallowed up, becoming part of the forest once again.

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A STITCH IN TIME

Dr. Tom Dowling- Great Brook Veterinary Clinic

Most people will remember the old saying that “a stitch in time saves nine.” Good, practical horse sense like this is hard to come by in this modern age of smart phones, etc. However, these words still hold their value today (unlike the U.S.dollar) and should be taken seriously.

From the health and wellness arena (and this includes our pets), early intervention is the best approach to prevention. Also, it can save a person a tremendous amount of worry and expense.

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Similarly, even a small growth that arises on the body or in the mouth can be just the tip of the iceberg. Pathologists, who love nothing better than to study such things as these “neoplasms”(abnormal tissue growths or tumors), tell us that by the time we can see a growth it is already 90% developed and programmed for growth, or for spreading to other organs if that is what it is programmed to do.

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variety of passes, after school lessons, rentals, and more. In addition, the club is the major fundraiser for our recreation programs, as Crotched Mountain gives 7% from the sales of all passes and lessons through our club back to us. For the best prices, passes must be purchased by October 12. Passes available include unlimited season passes, weekday passes, Blue Skies at night (3pm to close every day the hill is open); 7-session after-school passes on Wednesdays; after school lessons for skiers, snowboarders, and freestyle riders of both ski and boards, as well as a ski area management feature class! Prices for Crotched Mt. products range from \$50 for a VIP under 5 pass to a \$349 for an adult unlimited season pass. Multi area passes to Crotched and Peaks Resorts sister Mountains (Mt Snow, Attitash and Wildcat) are also available through the recreation department. The community bus will transport kids from the Town Gym to after school ski lessons on Wednesdays between January and February. If you would benefit from a payment plan, contact us before Friday September 23. Passes can be purchased by cash, check, or credit card, and we can take payments in installments.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT SWAP AND SHOP

Saturday October 8 from 11–2 pm and Sunday October 9 from 12–2:00 pm. Bring your ski's, snowboards, skateboards, cleats, all sports equipment, and gear in good sellable or swappable condition. You must stay with your equipment, and be prepared to remove it immediately from the facility if it does not sell or swap.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

Friday September 9 for kids in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. With music by a DJ, dance party lights, and refreshments for sale, here is a dance to help kids get together with friends new and old! The dance is 7:00-9:00 pm, costs \$5.00.

HALLOWEEN FAMILY PARTY

Sunday October 30 from 1–3 pm. This is a chance for kids and parents to get together and celebrate the season! This party will be held at the Antrim Town Hall, and will feature a Costume Parade, games, crafts, storytelling, donut eating contests, and more. This party is designed for kids ages 4 through 10.

RECREATION SPORTS AND EXERCISE FOR ADULTS

Yoga classes are offered on Tuesdays at 6 pm, and Yogilates is offered on Thursdays at 6 pm. The instructor for both of these classes is Jeanine Clarke Edmunds, a fitness instructor with years of experience. Zumba with Cathy Garland is at the Town Gym on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm and Saturdays at 9 am. To get more information about these fitness programs, contact the Rec department or the individual instructors.

Pick-up basketball on Wednesdays at 7 pm and Sundays at 4:30 pm. **Open volleyball** is on Thursdays at 7 pm.

Indoor walking at the Town Gym and Elementary School will begin in December and continue through April 2012.

The doors at Town Gym open at 6:30 am, and indoor walking is available through the halls of Antrim Elementary School on every day school is open and in session.

Trip to Yankee Candle in South Deerfield Mass: Saturday October 29, 2011. Join us for a trek to the Pioneer River Valley in Massachusetts. In addition to experiencing all that this Flagship store of Yankee Candle has to offer, from a candle museum, shopping, dining and waxcrafts, on this day you can enjoy a free concert by the Von Trappe Children. The cost for the bus for this trip is \$8 per person. A rate of \$4 per person is available to 3rd + member of a household joining on the trip.

MOVIES AT THE TOWN HALL

- Saturday September 10 @ 7 pm: **“Win Win”**
- Saturday October 24 @ 7 pm: **“Pirates of the Caribbean”**
- Saturday November 12 @ 4 pm: **“Cars 2”**

(More movies are likely to be scheduled: Watch for updates on www.antrimnh.org)

The Bay State Winds, the clarinet quartet of the United States Air Force Band of Liberty will be performing in Antrim! The final date is still pending, but this excellent clarinet quartet will bring holiday cheer to Antrim and our surrounding communities.

The **Annual Holiday Tree Lighting**, sponsored by the Antrim Friends of Recreation, will be on Sunday December 4th, at 4:00 pm. Join the fun as Santa arrives at the Bandstand at Memorial Park. Sing along to carols, enjoy the lighting of the tree, and then visit with Santa at the Town Hall for pictures, cookies, and cocoa. This is a beloved Antrim tradition, and we look forward to seeing you there!

HELP WANTED!

Antrim Recreation needs volunteers to join the Friends of Recreation group, as well as the Recreation Commission. If you are looking for a way to participate in the governing of Recreation Programs, Facility development, and Master planning, or want to help with parties, family events or youth sports—we need you! Contact Celeste at 588-3121 or e-mail antrimrecdir@tds.net.



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BOY SCOUTS

Brian Beihl, Scoutmaster

This summer's activities for Boy Scout Troop 2 included football, launching model rockets, canoeing, swimming, blueberry picking at Pitcher Mountain, wiffle ball, a scavenger hunt in downtown, a bike ride to Hancock, and a game of cricket. The summer activities give boys a chance to experience many different activities and have fun without the "book-work" of rank advancement during the rest of the Scouting year.

SUMMER CAMP IN GILMANTON IRON WORKS

Chris and Colin Brinkley, Justyn Christophers, Morgan Whitney, Brendon James, Jared Lewis, and Liam Healey all attended Camp Bell in Gilmanton Iron Works where they learned rock climbing, went tubing and water skiing, conquered a military-style obstacle course, forged a knife, snorkeled and kayaked. At Camp Bell, the boys do everything as a patrol, including their cooking. The troop will return to Hidden Valley in 2012 & 2013.

FIFTY-MILE CANOE TRIP TO MAINE

Three weeks later, Troop 2 joined with Troop 530 for a 50-mile canoe trip to Lake Umbagog on the NH/Maine border. The 14 members of the expedition paddled 16 miles of the Magalloway River on the first day, rigged canoes with a sail and sailed across Lake Umbagog to a remote camping

site, and paddled back the next day. During the return trip, the group encountered a female moose, and watched from 150 feet while a bald eagle sat on a stump and ate a fish. Three days of whitewater followed on the Androscogin River, including one run down class III rapids. Boys who participated earned the BSA 50-Miles Afoot/Afloat award.

"TRY OUT CAMP OUT" SEPTEMBER 9-10-11

Is your son ready for an adventure? Troop 2 welcomes new boys 11-17 to join throughout the year, but has a campout this fall to which non-members are invited. This event will be at the troop's Caughey campsite at Gregg Lake September 9, 10 and 11. There will be no cost to visitors, and events will include swimming, canoeing, Scoutcraft, and lashing reusable tent frames at the site.

UPCOMING WREATH & POINSETTIA SALE

Troop 2 will mail its wreath and poinsettia order-forms out in early November again this year. Wreath sizes range from 10-inch to 24-inch frames, and there will be two sizes of poinsettias. The poinsettias are locally grown in Townsend, MA, and wreaths are made in Canada and in Franklin, NH. Scouts will decorate your wreath, and give you your choice of bows. This is the primary fund raiser for 2012, and pays 50% of camp for any Scout who would like to attend.

For donations, member information or other questions, please contact Scoutmaster Brian Beihl at 620-8300. ☪

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Cindy Crockett, Bakery 42

Ooey, gooey cheese dripping off of a crisp slice of pizza. Mouthwatering and delicious! Have you ever had a hankering for a pizza but are tired of ordering out, getting the same old, same old, or not getting what you ordered? Enough of that, make your own! You can make it any shape, size, or flavor combination you like. It's easy! And it's fun to do whether you are a grown-up or a kid. You don't need any special equipment; it takes a little patience but not a whole lot, and an imagination. All you need is dough, stuff to put on your pizza, and something to bake it in—that's it!

The dough part is easy—come get it fresh at Bakery 42! How do you work it? Stay tuned. The toppings? The possibilities are endless with summer gardens in full swing. Fresh tomatoes make an easy sauce or you can use canned spaghetti or tomato sauce. Fresh herbs and greens such as basil, oregano, parsley, chives, spinach, and arugula are available locally in lots of gardens and farmstands near you. Use them as whole leaves or chop them up into smaller pieces. Pick up some fresh vegetables as well, like zucchini, whole tomatoes, eggplant, and mushrooms. Cheeses? Even cheeses can be found locally made in a variety of flavors and styles, including goat, mozzarella, and ricotta. American cheese—i.e. “Kraft American Singles”, is probably not the best choice (as one young neighbor likes to do—ugh) but after all, it's your pizza. A ball of fresh mozzarella or fontina/fontinella cheese makes a nice, creamy, gooey cheese once it melts. Now, for the pie.....

Let the chilled dough warm up for 20–30 minutes on your kitchen counter. While that is happening, start assembling your toppings. Cheeses can be sliced and set aside, tomatoes can be chopped or sliced and left whole. Now is a good time to sauté some mushrooms, or slice and salt eggplant (to get rid of excess water). Wash any herbs and leafy greens, making sure they are dry. Find a cookie sheet (or pizza pan) if you have it and rub it lightly with a little olive oil or vegetable oil—not much—just so the pizza doesn't stick to the pan. Grab your sauce of choice and here we go.

Turn your oven on “Bake” to about 410° F to warm up. Lightly flour a flat surface on your counter and start pushing

the dough outward from the center with your fingers, or roll it outward with a floured rolling pin out of its ball or round shape so that it starts to become flatter and more spread out. It can be shaped into a round traditional pizza, rectangular to fit a cookie sheet, or simply freeform. Continue shaping the dough until you reach the desired shape; it should be about 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick and will make about a 12-inch pie. Now (this is the hard part), walk away! Leave it alone for 10–15 minutes. The dough will want to shrink back to a smaller shape, so let it. Once it has “rested” and relaxed a bit, go back to it and gently reshape it to the desired size pizza. If it keeps shrinking back in, let it rest a few more minutes. You are ready to assemble the rest. Spread a few regular spoonfuls (not a soup ladle, but not a teaspoon) of sauce evenly over the dough—not too much or your pizza will be soggy. Then add veggies, greens, and herbs evenly over the sauce, all around the pizza. Once again, if you use too much, your pizza will be soggy and not bake well. Layer or sprinkle your cheeses on top so that they lightly cover the entire pizza.

You are now ready to bake! Make sure the oven is up to temperature; this is important since you want the crust to start baking as soon as it goes in the oven in order to support all of your toppings. Carefully put your pizza pan with assembled pizza on the center rack of the oven. Bake at 410°F for 20 minutes and then start checking the pie; the toppings should be bubbly and the underside of the crust should be turning golden and crispy. Once it is crispy and a nice light golden brown color, carefully take the pizza out of the oven and let it sit 5–10 minutes so that the sauces and cheese stop bubbling and set up so as not to run off your pizza. Slide your pizza off of the pan, slice and enjoy your custom-made pizza!

If you have a baking stone in your oven, make the pizza crust on the back of a floured cookie sheet and quickly slide it off of the back of the pan and right onto the stone to bake. Feeling more adventurous? Bake it on the grill! Just make sure the grill (gas or charcoal) is really hot (410°F), prepare the same pizza on the back of the floured cookie sheet and quickly slide it off the sheet right onto the grill itself. You'll have to watch the bottom of the crust more closely but the results are a delicious, crispy crust pizza!

Combinations to try:

Tomato sauce, fresh slices of tomato, whole basil leaves, slices of fresh mozzarella

Halved cherry and yellow pear tomatoes, kalamata olives, smoked mozzarella

Grilled sausage, fresh fig, and goat cheese

Tomato sauce, sliced zucchini and summer squash, shredded parmesan and romano cheese

Dessert pizza! Bake the dough plain, then spread with Nutella and sprinkle with white and dark chocolate chips and chopped hazelnuts; put back in the oven just until chocolate softens. Eat with a scoop of ice cream!

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TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

Melissa Lawless

PROGRAMS

Saturday Sept. 17 • Open House • 10:00 am – 3:30 pm

September – October • Art Exhibit

Sept. 12 – 17 • Banned Books Week

Sept. 17 – 22 • Teen Read Week

Saturday Nov. 12 • National Gaming Day

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Thanks to all who participated in our Summer Reading Program “One World, Many Stories;” about 50 kids of varying ages signed up this year. Our Friday story times were really hopping thanks to Virginia and Connie Vandervort who did the storytelling, and to the adults who took the time to bring the numerous children in their care those days. We all had great fun! Unfortunately, with so many families traveling on the chosen day of our Harry Potter party, the festivities had to be postponed until this coming fall. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about this. Keep your costumes ready!

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

This year we are looking for artists of all ages and abilities to display their craft at the Library for the months of September and October. It is our goal to fill the Library with splendid artwork of many forms using various mediums in time for Home & Harvest Day and leaf peeping season. If you are

willing, we would love to display your handiwork regardless of skill level. In the past, we have witnessed comments made by accomplished artists who are enthralled with the evidence of emerging talent found in artwork submitted by beginners of all ages. Please contact Melissa Lawless at the Library (588-6786) ASAP or just stop by with your artwork. We usually have plenty of spaces available for display.

TEEN READ WEEK

This year’s theme for Teen Read Week, Sept. 17–22 is “Picture It @ Your Library,” which encourages teens to read graphic novels and other illustrated materials, seek out creative books, or imagine the world through literature, just for the fun of it. Teens have many opportunities for entertainment, so it’s important that they remember to spend time reading for pleasure: it’s free, fun, and can be done anywhere! Research shows that teens who read for fun have better test scores and are more likely to succeed in the workforce. Teen Read Week is an initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA).

CELEBRATE NATIONAL GAMING DAY 2011

In the 21st century, libraries are about more than books. On Saturday, November 12th, libraries across the country will be simultaneously showcasing gaming programs in support of National Gaming Day. Gaming at the library encourages folks of all ages to interact and cooperate with a diverse group of peers within our community, share their expertise with

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LIMRIK BOOK REVIEW

The September Limrik contains an excellent review by Dick Winslow of the recently published *The Autobiography of Mark Twain*, a copy of which is available for borrowing at the library.

AUTHOR FOCUS

Born to working class parents on September 20, 1948 in Bayonne, New Jersey, **George R.R. Martin** is best known for his fantasy series *A Song of Ice and Fire*, which was adapted into HBO's hit series "Game of Thrones". George Raymond Richard Martin, affectionately known by some as GRRM, was selected for *Time* magazine's list of the "most influential people in the world" – "2011 Time 100." His life-long interest in *Marvel* comics and the super-hero genre has had a strong influence on his writings. In fact, he began his writing career when his letter to the editor was included in the published copy of *Fantastic Four #20*. Martin's writings tend to have a dark, cynical side with complex characters that are dissatisfied, but try to remain idealistic while living in a harsh world. With Tolkien's attention to a detailed theme and Shakespeare's fondness for tragedy, George R.R. Martin is not above killing off important characters for the sake of a

good story line. His themes of approaching winters and the accompanying snow symbolizing innocence may have an appeal to New Hampshire fans, but if you are looking for a nice cozy story with warm fuzzy feelings, these books may not be for you. However, rabid GRRM fans have been clamoring for their turn to read his latest book, #5 in his *A Song of Ice and Fire* series, *A Dance with Dragons*.

Martin Handford, famous for the popular *Where's Waldo?* series which has provided hours of entertainment for people everywhere, celebrates his birthday on September 27th (1956). Born in Hampstead, London, he was fascinated as a child with seeing epic movies, playing with toy soldiers, and drawing battle scenes. As an adult he began working as a freelance artist specializing in drawing crowd scenes. The idea for "Where's Waldo?" began in 1986 when the art director of Walker Books had him put a character in his picture which would stand out as a focal point in a crowd. In England, "Where's Wally" was about a world traveler and time traveler who always dressed in red and white and was accompanied by his girlfriend who wore matching colors. There was also an evil character named Odlaw (reverse spelling of Waldo) who is dressed in yellow and black. Walker Books published *Where's Wally?* books in the UK and Little, Brown and Company first published *Where's Waldo?* in the US until the rights were bought by Candlewick Press (an American division of Walker Books).

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When *Where's Waldo?* was first published in the US, it was designed as a book for adults. Unfortunately, it quickly found itself on the Banned Books List when one of the tiny characters drawn in a scene on an over-crowded beach was discovered by a discerning critic to be sunbathing in the nude.

OPEN HOUSE/HOME & HARVEST

Local author and illustrator Hope Ann Phillips will be joining us at our Open House on Home and Harvest Day. She will be displaying and selling signed copies of her two children's books, *Robin Bird and Chick-a-Dee Dee's Journey for Truth*, and *Hoover's Day Out*. Hope will also have her artwork on display that day in the Reference/Reading Room along with the other members of the Spectrum Art Association as well as other local talent.

HOLIDAYS THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED

- Monday Sept. 5th • Labor Day
- Monday Oct. 10th • Columbus Day
- Thursday Nov. 11th • Veterans' Day
- Thursday Nov. 24th • Thanksgiving Day

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Mark your calendars and look for our Open House at the Festival of Trees on December 3rd! The committee has been meeting regularly throughout the summer in preparation for this gala event. Be sure to keep the date open, it is going to be the highlight of the season! ☞

ANTRIM GRANGE NEWS

Gloria Davis

The ninth annual Community Art Show in June was another big success. With the help of the artists and community, the hall was once again changed into a wonderful showplace for the art. A lot of new faces and old friends came through the hall to see the paintings. We would like to thank Tenney Farm for their flowers and the artists for their beautiful works. This year's People's Choice winners are 1st Dianne Gutgesell and 2nd James Hankard. We are looking forward to next year's 10th show.

We had an afghan raffle and the winner was Doug Thompson of Pembroke. Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser.

We are working on gathering names and products to include in the Local Foods/Products Directory that the Grange is working on. If you would like to be included, you can find the form on our web site <http://antrim.nhgrange.org>.

This year the State Grange had a fundraising "KISS THE PIG" contest and Beth Merrill was the winner. So yes, she did kiss the PIG!

Over the summer we've traveled to Grange events in Vermont, Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire. At this year's North East Youth Rally Arthur Merrill came in first for his Public Speaking. Once again Davi Penny was on the Drill team, which came in 2nd, and she placed first with her Public Speaking entry. Beth Merrill placed first for her Sign-a-Song and, as Best of Show winner, will perform her entry at the National Grange convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in November.

At the time of submission of this article, Antrim Grange had earned Best of Show among Grange exhibits at Cheshire Fair, with plans to also exhibit at Hopkinton, Hillsborough County, and Deerfield Fairs.

We are planning some Concerts at the Grange Hall this year. The first one will be on September 24th with Tara Greenblatt taking the stage. If you would like more information go to our web site <http://antrim.nhgrange.org> or our Facebook page. ☞

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Gib West

Dean of Faculty, ConVal High School

As some of you may have heard, I have returned to ConVal High School as the Dean of Faculty. I want to take this opportunity to thank the parents and community members of Antrim, Bennington, Frankestown, and Hancock for their generosity and support during my five-year term as the Principal of Great Brook School and my three-year term as Principal of Antrim Elementary School. I would be remiss if I did not also thank the faculty and staff of both schools who worked diligently to support and implement the many changes that occurred during that time. Without their patience and professionalism, the students we serve would have languished.

During my brief tenure, I learned a tremendous amount. As a leader, one must create and sustain a clear vision and stay the course despite the challenges that are posed. One has to be willing to listen intently to the voices of all those who one serves, and as a principal the list is extensive. One has to be confident in the decisions made and thorough in the thinking that leads to those decisions. One has to be willing to live with not being able to make everyone happy because that is not the role of a leader. Most importantly, I learned that we need to keep in mind that all of the important decisions we make should improve the learning of our students.

I am honored to have served these two schools that without question are the finest examples of creative and child-centered schools. They provide truly personalized education for the students. Each day, the learning needs of students are addressed with interventions and extensions that seek to support and challenge the children of our communities. I am proud of the initiatives we have sustained over the years and know that the staffs are committed to continuing them.

Recently, I read an article by veteran educator Carol Ann Tomlinson who reflects in her article, “Notes from an Accidental Teacher,” that educators (and I believe this can be generalized to all professions) are most effective when “you find a place that fits you, understand that teaching is a calling, know you don’t know, associate yourself with quality, and generate your own energy.” As I return to the high school, where I spent the first twenty years of my career, I believe that the job I am beginning best fits these insightful criteria.

Thanks again for the support and encouragement that you offered me. It is truly appreciated. ☺

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Kristen Vance

Buy a Cord for \$170 and Give it Away. Robblee's Tree Service, a long-time supporter of The Grapevine and the Community Wood Bank, has offered to sell cords of firewood for \$170 to people who will donate the cord to The Grapevine Community Wood Bank. This is a great opportunity to help families who can't afford to heat their homes this winter. Your donation of firewood to The Grapevine is tax deductible.

"Touch A Truck" Family Fair September 3. See up close and personal many of the vehicles that intrigue and amaze young and old alike at the 3rd Annual Grapevine "Touch-a-Truck" fundraiser at Great Brook School Saturday, September 3 from 11–2. Featured at the event last year were Robblee's big crane, an S.R. Jones dump truck, an Antrim police cruiser, fire truck, and ambulance, a tow truck from Mike's Towing, a school bus, a super duty truck from Hillsboro Ford, the ever-popular Ice Cream Truck, and many more! The event will take place rain or shine. This year we'll have hands on robotics fun with Wapack Youth Robotics, martial arts demonstrations by Villari's of Hillsborough, and many new surprises. The cost is \$5 per person and \$20 max per family, with proceeds supporting our programs. Rick & Diane's pizza and other refreshments will be on sale. Bring your children, your grandchildren, or your neighbor's children to enjoy this event while you support The Grapevine!

Kids and Alcohol: Did You Know? In New Hampshire the percentage of teens who drink doubles from 26% freshmen year to 52% by senior year. This is, of course, a very steep rise. And yet by senior year there are still 48% of teens who are still choosing not to drink.

So what makes the difference between these two groups? If you asked the teens why they are choosing not to drink, they would all give pretty much the same answer, "Because my parents would kill me!" What they are saying (in 'teen speak') is not that their parents are armed and dangerous, or even scary or threatening. What they are saying is that they really care about their relationship with their parents; and they know that drinking (or smoking or using drugs) is clearly something that their parents expect them to not do.

It is the strength of their parents' influence and the clarity of their expectations that protects these children; not only from the risks of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, but from all the other risks that teens are exposed to. You can build the skills to get and keep that influence and that clarity now, so that your protection will be in place when and wherever your child will need it.

Here's How: Start now. This fall we will offer the opportunity for parents of 9–14 year old students to take a course called **Guiding Good Choices**® which will give you the knowledge and support you need to help your child make healthy choices. **Guiding Good Choices**® will be offered by The Grapevine free of charge, with childcare and food provided, in collaboration with AES-PTO, Creating Positive Change and Monadnock Family Services, and in cooperation with Antrim Elementary and Great Brook Schools.

We're planning to offer the 5-week course Wednesday evenings in November—watch for details and information about registration in September. Call The Grapevine at 588-2620 to learn more.

Thank you to the many people who supported The Grapevine in many ways over the summer, including:

- Sasha Dube, for her countless volunteer hours and enthusiasm in the children's programs
- Robblee's Tree Service, for the big load of wood chips for the play yard and gardens
- The Girl Scouts and their leader Linda Bryer for designing and building a beautiful new playhouse for Grapevine children
- Antrim Lumber for donating playhouse lumber
- Edmunds ACE Hardware for donating playhouse materials, as well as paint for our newest outdoor feature, Stump Seat Art
- Tom Masson for creating a soft landing pad for a play yard climbing structure and for digging up a huge section of Japanese knotweed



Linda Bryer and the Girl Scouts inside the beautiful new playhouse

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- Wayne Nichols for helping Ben Pratt to shore up our play yard fence
- Wayno Olson for a lot of stuff
- The Webbers for hosting a blueberry picking morning with our parents
- NH Children in Nature for supporting our summer camps

FREE books, backpacks and school supplies! Scholastic Book Fair beginning Monday, October 10th. We're teaming up with Scholastic once again to offer a week of Children's Literacy. Come by Monday through Friday from 9 am to noon to browse the selection and order books for young and school-age children. Visit our "Make Your Own Book" table, learn what's happening at local libraries, and take home free goodies.

Just for Dads—a workshop for first time fathers. Get the inside scoop on what fathering is all about, including the basics of baby development, from parenting educator Jeff Drake of Monadnock Family Services. Bring your questions and your experience. November 9 from 6–9 pm at The Grapevine. Also offered on December 14 at The River Center in Peterborough. Call 588-2620 for more information and to let us know you're coming. This is a free workshop.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS 2011-2012

Call The Grapevine to register your Elementary School or Great Brook School student in the Before or After School Club for the coming school year. The programs operate on the Antrim schools campus on school days, with Before School running from 6:45 to 8:45 am and After School from 2:15 to 5:15 pm. The programs include quiet time to read and finish homework, board games, Legos, and activities in the gym. You may pick up registrations at the Town Hall, Tuttle Library, the Rec Office at the Town Gym, or at The Grapevine.

WEEKLY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 6

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

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

Better Beginnings playgroups and parent groups give children an opportunity to play in a enriching environment while parents enjoy time with each other in an adjacent room

for coffee and tea, and discussions about child- and family-centered topics with our parenting educators.

Better Beginnings for Babies. *New Group Forming!*—for infants to 2-year-olds and their parents. Expectant parents are welcome, too. Parents have found this group a great way to meet other parents while their babies make their first friends. Discussions include infant development, nutrition, crying (and what to do!), sleep for baby and parents, and others of interest.

Learning Vine preschool. *Space Available for the 2011–12 school year!*—for children 4 and 5 years old. This hands-on program focuses on social interaction and problem solving skills in a small group setting to help prepare children for school in a fun and engaging environment. Taught by Carol Lunan, MEd for the past eleven years. Both parent-cooperative and drop-off available.

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

The People's Service Exchange has over 250 services to choose from, ranging from computer support, yard work, financial advice and massage, to companionship, resume writing, haircuts and rides. Here's how it works: One hour of service equals one hour of credit called a "time dollar." It's easy to become a member. Call or email interim coordinator Mandy Grenier at 588-2620 or peopleserviceexchange@hotmail.com for more information.

Wood Bank—Help Wanted! We're looking for fresh volunteers to work with our committed regulars to cut, split and stack firewood this fall. Experience is great, but not necessary. Trucks, chainsaws (with operators) and splitters always welcome. Please call 588-2620 and give us your number so that we can contact you for the next "wood party." Many thanks to the Murphy Family of Old Hancock Rd. who have donated several loads of split wood this year. We're expecting a lot of requests this winter—donations are greatly appreciated and tax deductible. ☞

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