

CONVAL REPORT CARD

Mary Allen
ConVal School Board

Since it's almost the end of the school year, consider this as the report card for the ConVal School Board. I'm not assigning grades ... I'll let you do that.

School models: The subcommittee committee, which is studying different school models (some of which could close schools or create new grade configurations for existing schools), hit the road in April. The Model Studies Committee visited eight ConVal towns (Sharon residents were invited to join the Peterborough discussion), presenting a PowerPoint presentation on five models under consideration.

Antrim's input session, held at Great Brook School, was well attended. The discussion after the presentation was lively and thoughtful, and included com-

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SELECTBOARD

Eric Tenney

After an abnormally busy and conflict-filled winter, the Selectmen's office usually finds itself in a quiet spring when things are boring. But not this year as the town has several important issues to deal with: the SEC Tuttle Hill wind-farm hearings, the Conval School Board Model Study, deciding what is the best design for a new police station, and replacing the Civil War statue in front of the Baptist Church.

The New Hampshire SEC (Site Evaluation Committee) has begun the process of determining whether the site proposed by Antrim Wind for a wind-farm is appropriate. According to the SEC at the first hearing held in Antrim in April, the process should be completed by the end of October, although the deadline can be extended if all is-

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WIND UPDATE

The Editor

On 30 April the NH Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) came to Antrim and held a site visit so that residents could see from different locations in town where the wind turbines will be located, and later that evening held a hearing at which interested people could testify. All further SEC hearings will be in Concord, and only those who have been granted "Intervener Status" by the SEC Chair will be allowed to speak; all others can submit testimony to the SEC in writing. On 7 May the SEC held a meeting in Concord at which those wishing to be granted Intervener Status could state their reasons and justifications. The SEC Chair is currently deciding who will be granted Intervener Status, and that list will be posted on the NH SEC website. The SEC has announced that it hopes to have reached a decision on 31 October as to whether or not the Antrim Wind project proposal will be approved and can go ahead, but that date can be extended if necessary.

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sues cannot be resolved by then. If you have opinions or comments you can address them by writing to the SEC. While that process is occurring the Selectmen will be negotiating Antrim Wind's financial obligation to the town.

The second issue, the Conval Model Study, is just as important to the town as the first in the long term. With the diminished student population in Conval, there is a big push in certain quarters to restructure the schools. The School Board has established a Model Study Committee that is holding meetings in each town to explain the restructuring options. Later in the summer, this committee will send you a survey asking you which of these options you favor. With this information the School Board will move forward on what to do. Your selectmen feel that while the idea is good the process is weak as there is too much time between the town hearings and the survey, especially in the summer when nobody pays attention to things like this. Just to get your attention, one of the options is to close our Great Brook School.

Issue three is the proposed new police station. Police Chief Scott Lester and selectmen are working to come up with a plan for the new station. Scott is attempting to design it to meet the needs for a community of our size for the long term. If all goes as planned, you will be voting on this at the next town meeting.

The last issue is the War Monument, and our Civil War soldier statue is presently being re-cast in long-term bronze by a foundry in Boston. Remember, if everything goes according to plan, we will have a dedication ceremony of the new monument this summer.



VOTERS

Diane Chauncey

Are you a Democrat, a Republican, or are you Undeclared? Are you sure? If you voted in the January primary, you declared a party—even if you consider yourself "Undeclared." If you did not make the effort to return to an *Undeclared* status, you remain on the Voter Checklist as a Democrat or a Republican. June 5, 2012, (90 days before the September Primary) is the last day to change your party affiliation. Stop in, call, or email Town Hall if you are not sure of your party status (588-6785 x225; email: antrimtownhall@tds.net).

Diane Chauncey, Catrina Young and Kara Penney: Supervisors of the Checklist



ANTRIM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Detective Jason LePine and Officer Ryan Storro

Greetings from the Antrim Police Department! Once again summer is upon us, and we would like this to be a happy, safe and most of all fun season for all. We would like to take a minute of your time to suggest a few summer safety reminders. We will begin with water safety; it is pertinent to remind your children and family members on swimming safety. We recommend that everyone be instructed on the proper use of personal flotation devices when in or near the water. For more information regarding swimming lessons that are available locally, contact the Antrim Recreation Department. It is also important to know boating rules when taking advantage of our beautiful waterways in Antrim. Did you know some boating offenses carry the same penalties as motor vehicle laws such as Driving While Intoxicated? Also a friendly reminder, alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the town beaches.

We would also like to touch on bike and skateboard safety. Did you know almost twenty percent of all traumatic brain injuries to children and adolescents are caused by sports and recreational activities? Most occur during bicycling or skateboarding, so we hope you will help us keep our kids safe and make them understand the importance of helmet use. The Antrim Police Association has a limited number of bicycle and skateboard helmets for children in need, and we will provide them to youths until our supplies run out. You can purchase a nice helmet for less than ten dollars! The Antrim Police Association can buy helmets at a discounted cost, and anyone interested in making a donation to the Association, please see any Antrim Police Officer. Our kids are priceless, so please invest. Kids should know the rules of the road for biking and skateboarding. We also recommend they wear bright color clothing at night, as well as having proper reflectors and lights. It's a good idea to have your children provide you a schedule for their day's activities when they leave for the day. The Antrim Police hosted another successful Bike Rodeo on May 5th in conjunction with the Antrim Recreation Department's Celeste Lunetta. We would like to thank our volunteers because without you it would not be possible. The winner of the bike donated by the Bennington Antrim Lions Club was Dustin, a young male from Antrim, and he couldn't have been happier.

We would also like to make everyone aware that during the last few months we have had a significant increase in criminal activity along with an increase in arrests. In April of 2012, after a lengthy investigation spanning months, the Antrim Police Department in conjunction with the Bennington Police Department arrested a male subject in connection with a number of car thefts, thefts from vehicles, burglaries, and a car fire. The subject stated he would look for unlocked vehicles in both towns and he would take items from inside the vehicles. On multiple occasions the keys to the vehicles would

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THE BUG

Sandy Snow

Spring is a wonderful time of year. It's a great season to ponder the renewal of nature, like, how come there are holes in my lawn (thanks, Coal, Tristan and Pretzel), why my rhododendrons look like they are 90 per cent dead, why all the gravel is in the lily garden and not in the driveway where it was before the snow plow invasion.

But who cares? Not me. I've got the "bug" and with it come the usual symptoms of being compelled to check the North Branch River in front of our house for insects, water flow and delicate swirls from trout sipping on a hapless mayfly.

I admit it's a sickness—an infection, a "bug" or a disorder—whatever you want to call it, but when a couple of warm days sneak in through the March cold fronts there is no cure. I helplessly follow Dante's advice on the inscription engraved on the gates to hell, "Abandon all hope ye who enter here."

The holes in the lawn can wait for Coal to fill them; there are more rhododendrons at the nursery, and who really cares where the gravel ends up? It's a part of nature, anyway, and nature gets to decide where it belongs.

I've had the "bug" since I was about seven or eight years old when my father introduced me to fly-fishing. (And it's my theory that the longer you are infected the stronger the "bug" becomes.)

Early in April, this year, I was so infected I took a Saturday off and drove over to Orvis in Manchester, Vermont, on the pretext that I needed a short fly rod for the pocket water behind the island on the North Branch or even for those pesky little streams where my longer rods wouldn't work. Of course, Orvis knows how to soothe those with the "bug." "Would you like to try out this rod?" the sympathetic salesman asked, handing me a seven-foot graphite for four-weight line.

How could I resist? He led me out the side door to the beautiful trout pond nestled in the manicured lawn. Handing me the rod, which he had thoughtfully strung up for me, I began to cast. It was the first cast of the season and I felt like a drug addict getting his first hit after rehab. As the rod loaded down with the line, it was love at first cast. The rod understood my timing and dropped each cast delicately on the water where I wanted it.

Rainbows and browns, some large enough to appear dangerous, prowled the waters in full view. It was fun to drop the little fluff of red yarn (there was no fly on the leader) in front of their noses. And I forgot for a moment that I really was there to put the rod through its paces and not tease trout.

"If you drop it up under the bridge, you'll probably get a hit. But the 10 pounders are in the deeper section of the pond over there," a voice beside me said. I glanced over at the salesman standing nearby, out of reach of my back cast. He held out another rod. "Here's a seven-foot for three-weight if you would like to compare the two." I tried it for three or four

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ments from voters from Hancock, Bennington and other ConVal towns.

The next step will be a district-wide mailing. Information on each model will be presented, including cost savings. Maximum savings would total about \$2.5 million for a plan that would close seven schools (six elementary schools and one middle school), but this figure does not factor in additional transportation costs. Money also would be needed to renovate an elementary school staying open.

A preliminary tax impact for each model has been calculated, based on the annual tax savings for a \$200,000 home. For Antrim taxpayers, top savings for any plan would be \$191.03 off the yearly tax bill for a \$200,000 home.

The mailings will include a postcard poll. Please take the time to read the comparisons before you return the postcard.

Kindergarten: The board's Education Committee is studying whether to recommend full-day kindergarten in all district elementary schools. The district has offered half-day kindergarten for several years. But some small schools moved to a full-day option when there were too few first-grade students to support a teaching position. In those cases, the kindergarten students were combined with the first-graders for an all-day session.

Larger schools—like Antrim Elementary and Peterborough Elementary—were not able to offer that option. In addition, enrollment fluctuations in some smaller schools meant a full-day kindergarten might be offered one year but not the next.

The committee will report on its findings to the board, including an analysis of the costs.

Gym wing bond: By a slim margin (just 7 votes!), district voters gave the needed 60 percent approval in March to a \$4 million bond for the high school gym wing. Hutter Construction of New Ipswich has been selected as the construction manager. That firm will be coordinating bids from subcontractors and other purchases. Construction will start this summer, with hopes that the renovated gymnasium will be ready by the first home basketball game in December. Other work and new construction will be phased in during the year, including full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Administration analysis: A consultant has been hired to review the district's administrative system.

The N.H. School Administrators Association to conduct the department study and program audit of the SAU. The study will look at workflow efficiency, staffing positions and costs, job descriptions and comparisons of similar districts. The study will cost \$11,500.

THE MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS
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Library services: A comprehensive study of the district's library and media program has been undertaken by an outside consultant. The final report showed ConVal schools should beef up their offerings, especially in the area of teaching students to use electronic research tools correctly. Improvements to the library and media programs at each school will be studied, including need for additional staff. Those recommendations will be made in time for the next budget cycle.

Questions or comments? Please contact your school board representatives: Mary Allen (*mallen65@hotmail.com*) 588-2742 or Crista Salamy (*salamys@tds.net*) 588-2574. ☞

CELTIC EVENSONG

Sharon Dowling

The last Celtic Evensong of the season will be held at 5:30 pm, on June 3, 2012, at the Antrim First Presbyterian Church on Main Street. This will finish the second year of this worship service which has drawn many participants from the Monadnock Region, and beyond.

This wonderful service has benefited from the support of many in the church and surrounding community. Melissa Lawless has continued as our Worship Leader; readers have included Patty Grant, Laura Akerley, Sharon Dowling, and Mo Connell; musical talent: Andrew Koutroubas on cello, Kate Dowling on flute and voice, Steve Smillie from Peterborough with his beautiful voice, Sharon Dowling on piano and Celtic Harp, Alan Bessette on penny whistle, guitar, and also great voice, Bonnie Acterhof on piano and voice, and Loyall Allen on organ, have, in one combination or another, added immensely to the power and tranquility of this candlelit service.

Drawn from Celtic tradition and theology, as well as contemporary Celtic communities such as Iona in Scotland, and including liturgy from Protestant and Catholic contemporary worship, this peaceful, meditative service has filled a need for those who attend. We invite all of you to come and enjoy this unique service and join us as we finish the year on June 3— or when we start the next season in the dark of October!

Questions can be directed to Sharon Dowling, Music Director/Evensong Coordinator at 588-2209. ☞

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GREAT BROOK SCHOOL NEWS

Jim Elder, Principal

As the school year winds down, I am taking a minute to reflect on my first year as Principal of Great Brook School. It has been an exciting year, and I have learned a great deal. Of course, one of the main things I have learned is how much more I need to learn!

First, I have been extremely impressed with our students. I challenged them with a goal to “raise the bar,” and they have responded by doing just that. Over 80 students have been recognized as students of excellence during assemblies throughout the year; our entire student body participated in an all-school reading event; our students have donated over 2,000 hours of service to our community; drama events took the forms of a spring production as well as a fifth-grade Shakespearian play; 20 students serve as mentors to younger students; our 43-member N.H. Dance Institute team performed in a multi-school annual event in Keene; and four students participated in a district-wide “Iron Chef” competition. A major result of raising the bar that I think deserves special mention is the fact that we have reduced the total number of disciplinary incidents in half! Our students are bright, hopeful, and so full of promise.

In addition, I also need to make mention of the Great Brook staff members. What a great group of dedicated professionals! If you are ever around here during the week in the late afternoon and into the early evening, you will see many of our staff members *still* here preparing lessons—and remember, we begin each day at 7:00 a.m. Even on the weekends,

you will likely encounter numerous teachers grading papers and preparing for the week ahead. Barbara Black, Linda Bundy, and Sarah and Matthew Hale are notorious for this! All our teachers have created a special environment where students find their voices and thrive academically. Our teachers have embraced a philosophy of collaboration where they agree to share their students’ work with one another for the purpose of improving their instructional skills. Teachers have also embarked upon an effort to create a unified set of academic expectations to help students find success in our “bobcat way.”

The parents in this community have also helped me a great deal this past year. They have assisted and supported us in all we have done. We have a thriving P.T.O. that has taken the initiative to extend their services into community events such as evening roller-skating, a family barbeque, and movie events.

Finally, I wish to also thank every one of the *Limrik* readers, members of the Great Brook School family. As a recent addition to your community, I have tried to view situations and events evenly and fairly. However, I am also aware that life is a learning experience. I would be foolish to think that I have not made my share of mistakes. However, I am hoping that people will begin to notice an improved change in tone here as time goes by. The main thing, of course, is working to improve the quality of the educational experience at G.B.S. I promise to make every effort here to keep the main thing the main thing! I value your insight and welcome your comments.



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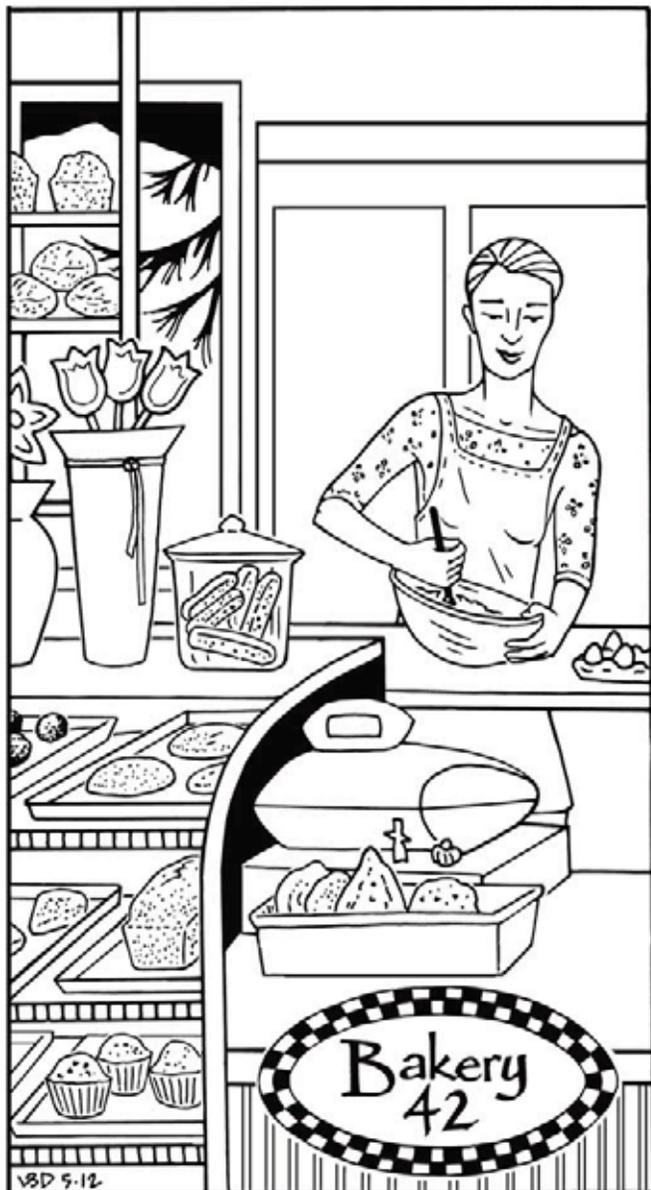
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be in the ignition or nearby and he would then take the vehicle. We would like to remind our citizens that although Antrim is a small, tight knit community, serious crimes do take place here and are not limited to the big cities. We suggest you keep your homes and vehicles secure, and that you also keep your valuables secure.

The Antrim Police Department feels that being a small, tight knit community is beneficial in that we have good neighbors and we should be watching out for each other as we all work hard for what we have. As we come into the summer months, we typically see an increase in overall criminal activity, and we rely on our citizens, to help us in our efforts to catch these criminals and keep our neighborhoods safe. We recommend you stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the Antrim Police Department. When possible, vehicle and subject descriptions as well as direction of travel are very helpful to officers investigating calls for service.

We wish you a happy and healthy summer season. ☞



BLACK FLY ART SHOW JUNE 2 at The Grapevine

Kristen Vance

Children, youth, and some local adults will display their works of art at the opening of The Third Annual Black Fly Community Art Show on Saturday June 2 from 10 to noon at The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center.

The event is for children and youth of all ages, and parents are also welcome to show their art. "Grapevine Alumnae" are encouraged to submit work. Please call Beth first. The public is welcome to view the artwork, visit the arts and crafts stations, and create a piece of art to take home. Antrim potter Brian Murphy will be on hand again this year to throw ceramic "family hand print platters."

Three-dimensional community art creations will be on display, both outdoor and inside, and children and adults will be invited to join in community art-making by adding to the pieces.

The show hangs through the month of June.

For more information about the show, call The Grapevine at 588-2620. The Grapevine is nonprofit service organization located behind the Tuttle Library and serving the residents of Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Frankestown, and nearby towns. ☞

NEW LIMRIK FEATURE:

"ANTRIM WILDLIFE REPORT"—PLEASE JOIN US!

Rural Antrim abounds in fascinating wildlife, yet not all of us are aware of all of it. So the *Limrik* plans to bring you wildlife sightings and encounters from around town—including songbirds, bears, coyotes, turkeys, snakes, fox, possums, deer, moose, et al—reported by residents. *Limrik* staffer Sheila Nichols will head up this new Antrim Wildlife Report that will appear in each issue, and we hope you will share your sightings with her, 588-6539 or by email, sheesh55@gmail.com.

To give an idea of content, here are some sample reports from the *Monterey, Massachusetts News* from which we got the idea:

March has been a fine month for bird sightings, all sizes and all quantities. Early in the month, Bonner McAllester watched a flock of snow geese. They were way up high, yapping like small dogs, catching the morning sun. There were seventy of them.

Sandy Pullen went for a walk on New Marlborough Road and heard a barred owl, which is the one that seems to ask, "Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you?" This was in broad daylight.

Alice Howell has been visited by a bear which came into her garage to forage in the trashcan. She also reports a porcupine up in her willow tree and a coyote crossing her lawn. Her most exciting visitor, however, was a big goshawk, the first she has seen.

The *Limrik* will be delighted to publish your wildlife sightings!

— Editor

REQUIEM FOR A FIRE HOLE

Charles Butterfield

I went looking for a Clinton landmark. But the fire hole I first knew as a six-year-old and that my father and grandfather had known before me is gone. Its former margins are obliterated by abundant smooth alder, black willow and sturdy meadowsweet that took over while I was away. The spot that was once deep enough to cannonball into from the edge of Clinton Road is filled with silt. Nothing remains of the little dam. Today I can almost straddle the pool where I learned to swim.

I resided at the fire hole. Located on Parmenter Brook not four hundred feet north of our farmhouse, the little reservoir that cautious citizens generations ago dredged and dammed was my fishing hole in spring, my swimming pool in summer, my frog pond through the fall and my skating rink most all winter. When my mother wanted me, she knew in which direction to holler first. Some January afternoons my farm chores were long overdue by the time I walked home on legs made crazy by hours on skates.

My neighbor-cousins and I made good use of the impounded water, but its original purpose, as far as I know, and happily so, was rarely put to the test. No one knows when the Clinton fire hole was established. Maybe it was in response to the great conflagration that consumed most of North Branch in 1888. It's possible that the little impoundment was in place at the time our original farmhouse burned down in 1896 because the Antrim Reporter account of

the fire makes clear that there was no shortage of water.

But the fire hole may have been dug more recently. In the 1930s, Civilian Conservation Corps workers were paid to construct fire holes. The single reference to them that I can find in old Antrim Town Reports tells me that in 1934 the fire department bought \$12.50 worth of lumber for fire holes from Caughey and Pratt. That lumber, I presume, was used to build or repair dams, possibly by the CCC.

At any rate, fire holes, an eminently practical feature of rural living, are from another era, and modern fire-fighting equipment makes them obsolete. So much so that a Google search turns up no history, statistics or description of them.

Apparently, even when fire holes were common, their maintenance was largely left to the neighbors. They were informal facilities, occupying private land, and as far as I can tell, once dredged, were thereafter generally ignored by town government, though I recall once seeing some men from the highway department doing something at the dam.

Maybe because our fire hole was only a quasi-municipal operation located in the corner of our ancestor's field, my cousins and I assumed the role of overseers. As we grew older and stronger, we put the fire hole under our own management. We cut the weeds that grew up around it so that we could swim in the sun. We lifted out rocks to add depth for cannonballing from the road edge.

We added flashboards to the dam so that we had some control over the depth. In peak condition, the fire hole contained water four or five feet deep in a pool several yards across, deepest where the brook dropped out of the culvert under NH Route 31, shallower at the dam end. The older set had water deep enough to swim in, and younger children played in the sand washed against the sunny dam.

The culvert leading into the fire hole was itself a source of hot-day entertainment. Crawling upstream through its cold, slimy concrete darkness, especially when we knew a gravel truck bearing a full load was about to pass just inches over our heads, we considered a wildly courageous thing to do. What if the truck were too heavy and broke through the road? Could we scoot out one end fast enough to save ourselves from being crushed to death? Making up stories to scare ourselves as we moved on hands and knees through the three-foot high, moss-dripping, algae-slick, claustrophobia-inducing concrete tunnel was all part of the fun. Screams reverberating in our watery sepulcher added to our excitement.

That we might actually somehow be killed was not part of our reality. Death in general, though, was familiar to me and my friends. No one growing up on a farm is unacquainted with death. It may be a mystery, but sometimes it's a blessing. No animal on the farm should be allowed to suffer. The farm boy learns that early. His own thoughtlessness is quickly corrected, and he sees the

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THE ANTRIM CHURCH OF CHRIST APPOINTS ELDERS

Rick Davis

The Antrim Church of Christ has been in town for 40 years and has never had elders. Acts 14:23 says “Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.” So it’s been a long time coming and essential to have godly leadership to be a successful Church. Why so long you may ask? The qualifications are listed in Titus 1:6-9: “An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. Since an overseer is entrusted with God’s work, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.” So it is a great responsibility to become an elder; also you need more than one because it is always listed plural.

One of the most important messages our former pastor Larry Warren gave us before he passed away was to be the church God wants us to be, it must have elders. Finally long term members Jim McGlory and Rick Davis showed a strong desire to become elders and were appointed on 15 April 2012, in a celebration at the church. Rick spoke at the ceremony saying “it’s an honor to serve God and our congregation, especially during this time we are in search of a preacher. We need leadership and Jim and I are thankful to give.”

While the Church of Christ looks for a minister, Rick Davis preaches every other Sunday with a guest preacher the other Sundays. Antrim Church of Christ Schedule: Sunday: 10 AM Bible Study on the Holy Spirit; Services at 11 AM; Wednesday: 7 PM Bible Study. ☞

Antrim In The Evening

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AVENUE A TEEN CENTER

Dave Kirkpatrick

Ave A was a busy place to be this spring. Friday night Open Mic / Music Jam has been very popular among patrons and performers of all ages, and the *Lights, Cameras, Action!* video crew has been on hand to shoot a lot of the Open Mic action. Who knows, there may be an Antrim’s Got Talent in the making here! Some of the *Lights, Cameras, Action!* kids also shot several musical performances plus interview segments for Acoustic Showcase, a half hour program to be broadcast on Cheshire TV in the Keene area. Avenue A hosted its very first Safe Sitter training class in April that resulted in six new, card-carrying Safe Sitters being set forth into the world. We were honored and pleased to host another Community Supper at the Presbyterian Church in March. We were even more pleased when, on that same night at Town Meeting, the voters of Antrim approved the warrant article in support of Avenue A Teen Center. Thanks to all who help and support us in so many different ways!

The summer schedule is not fully set as the *Limrik* goes to press, but there are some things we can be all but sure of. Friday nights have been a big hit and will remain regular, open hours. We’ll be adding new events on Fridays, so be on the lookout. The 3rd Friday will stay slated for Open Mic, unless something comes along that is just too good to pass up. Monday daytime is also going to stay, but will move up to Noon - 4PM once school gets out. Saturdays time will be available for Arts and Crafts, Longboard Construction, *Lights, Cameras, Action!*, Games Tournaments, and Beach & Boating Days with the Antrim Yacht Club. Sundays Ave A will host an Intro to Slalom Skateboard Racing program in conjunction with Antrim Recreation throughout the Summer. Please note, *Saturday and Sunday events may require a sign-up and times may vary*, so pick up a flyer, get on our email list, or follow us on Facebook to stay informed of activities, as well as open hours, on the weekends.

We’re always looking for new events and activities, so if you or someone you know would like to come in and share what you do—music, dance, exercise, crafts, games, sports—please get in touch to discuss your ideas and availability. We count on both teen and adult volunteers to bring and support new events at Ave A, and additional open hours can be made available, either to your group or to all, when a few people can commit to just a few hours of time. Similarly, contact us if you have a band or act you’d like to share at open mic, or if you’d like to “get shot” by *Lights, Cameras, Action!*

To get involved at Avenue A or keep up with what’s happening here this Summer get in touch with Dave Kirkpatrick, teencenter@tds.net, or “like” Avenue A Teen Center on Facebook. ☞

THE SWERVE HOW THE WORLD BECAME MODERN

Stephen Greenblatt

Reviewed by Missy Taylor

This book is an exhilarating romp through intellectual history!

In 1417, Poggio Bracciolini discovered a long-lost epic poem by Lucretius, the Roman poet and philosopher, on a shelf in a remote German monastery. A scholar and lover of ancient Greek and Latin, Poggio had lost his position as apostolic secretary to Pope John XXIII when the Pope, a “hugely gifted man...without a trace of a spiritual vocation,” was deposed and imprisoned. Temporarily with secure employment, Poggio retreated to his lifelong passion for the ancient writers and his hunt for their works.

In “The Swerve,” the author Stephen Greenblatt uses the story of Poggio’s life and his most important discovery to take the reader on a fascinating trip through the end of the Middle Ages as Europe emerged from centuries of upheaval, barbarity, plague and famine. Many classical texts had disappeared during this period, and the Italians had become obsessed with recovering them, particularly since Petrarch had compiled a version of Livy’s History of Rome around 1330. As more texts were uncovered, they were eagerly circulated and discussed, forming the basis of “the study of the humanities.” Poggio and his fellow humanists hunted all over the continent for more works, particularly in monasteries. As the Roman Empire crumbled, its education system had disintegrated. Because monks, however, were required to read, monasteries became the principal “librarians, book preservers and book producers of the Western world.”

Poggio was born in 1380 in Terranuovo, Tuscany, to an undistinguished family, which was always moving, one step ahead of its creditors. When he showed an early aptitude for classical Latin, his father took him to Florence to pursue his studies and he became well-schooled in the diction, rhetorical devices, and grammatical structures of

Latin, as well as some Greek. Advancing quickly, he became a member of the notaries’ guild in Florence and soon came to the attention of the Roman Curia. Of considerable personal charm, he was a very fast and accurate scribe and became famous for the beauty of his script. Indeed, the text we know today as “Roman” is derived from his hand. By the time he retired to Florence in 1453, he had served eight popes.

Scribes were an important element of life, both ecclesiastical and commercial, in the Middle Ages, up until the invention by Guttenberg of the printing press in the mid 1400’s. Greenblatt uses the development of Poggio’s talents as a scribe to explain the process of how ancient texts were originally written and then disintegrated over time, due to climate and to the scourge of the bookworm. Greenblatt quotes the Greek poet Evenus: “Page-eater, the Muses’ bitterest foe, lurking destroyer, ever feeding on thy thefts from learning, why, black bookworm, dost thou lie concealed among the sacred utterances, producing the image of envy?” It was the monks who copied the texts and thus preserved them for civilization. It was tedious work and some monks left notes in the margins of their copies: “The parchment is hairy”... “Thin ink, bad parchment, difficult text”... “Thank God, it will soon be dark.”... “Now I’ve written the whole thing. For Christ’s sake give me a drink.” Mistakes were corrected with a combination of milk cheeses and lime, the medieval version of whiteout.

The discussion of the texts also provides Greenblatt with an opportunity to examine the role of libraries in the ancient world, describing the Great Library of Alexandria and the role of reading and discourse in Greek and then Roman times. He describes the papyri found at a villa in the 1750’s at Herculaneum, a seaside Roman city destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 CE that also destroyed Pompeii. The villa probably belonged to Lucius Calpurnius Piso, a powerful politician and the fa-

ther-in-law of Julius Caesar. Preserved for centuries under the volcanic lava and ash were the contents of his library. After a lengthy and arduous process, over eleven hundred books were eventually recovered. Included among them were works by Philodemus, a Greek philosopher, a follower of Epicurus, and a contemporary of Lucretius. In the 1980’s, the Norwegian philologist, Knut Kleve, discovered remnants of Lucretius’ poem among the papyri. For Greenblatt, this is the moment in history that “brought forth Lucretius’ poem... the culmination of a lengthy process that braided together Greek and Roman high culture.” Greenblatt threads the influence of Epicurus on Lucretius and through Poggio’s discovery, the influence of Lucretius on the Renaissance and the development of the modern western world. The “swerve” is that pivotal moment in history when a poem written centuries before is rediscovered and changes the course of human thought and sensibility.

The poem, *De rerum natura*, (*On the Nature of Things*) is Lucretius’s only known work. It was written about 50 BCE and, in language that is renowned for its beauty, lays out the tenets of Epicureanism, which is not the hedonistic amorality that we may think of today as epicurean. Cicero noted the dazzling elegance of the poem, even though he vehemently disagreed with its philosophical ideas. It was an important influence on Virgil and Ovid, and it was through their mentions of the work that a scribe like Poggio even knew of its existence, for all copies of it had vanished in the Middle Ages.

Once rediscovered by Poggio, copied and sent back into circulation, its ideas—that “everything that has ever existed and everything that will ever exist is put together out of indestructible building blocks, irreducibly small, in size, unimaginably vast in number,” i.e. atoms; that there is nothing but atoms and void; that there is no afterlife and so no need to fear death and punishment by the gods; that pleasure is the greatest

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lengths to which his father will go to relieve the supposed pain of an animal *in extremis*.

Life and death and suffering were running jumbled in our heads as my cousin Kenny and I contemplated a weighty challenge. Cats are at the top of a short food chain on a farm. Grain, however securely stored, must be measured out and strewn in the open for cows, pigs and chickens to consume. Loose grain attracts mice and rats; rodents, in turn, feed cats. With few natural enemies in or around the barn, cat populations soar. Disease and defilement result. My pragmatic-minded, farmer-father was obliged to control the feline population. Kenny and I were offered the gruesome task of putting to death the most recent litter. It was for the good of all, we were told, and drowning, we were led to understand, was the most humane method of mass extermination. (How could anyone know this?)

We gathered the five kittens and one-by-one forced them against their natural, scratching resistance into a burlap grain bag. We put some large stones in the bag, adding them carefully so as not to injure the young cats, tied it shut, and carried it to the fire hole. We took turns carrying the heavy, squirming, mewling load. Neither of us wanted to be the last one to hold the bag over the deep water. If I was the one, I have erased it from my mind.

After what seemed to us sufficient time for the kittens to breathe their last, we retrieved the quiet bag. We opened it to remove the heavy stones and out crept the waterlogged kittens. They shook themselves off and moved dazedly into the tall grass. Relieved that my father asked no questions, we volunteered nothing about the assignment that had misfired. It was the kittens' lucky day as far as Kenny and I were concerned.

The fire hole in every season was a ready source of learning. On the spur of the moment, if we weren't doing some assigned work, I, or one of my cousins, would concoct some project to try out at the fire hole or the brook that ran through it. A stimulating companion, such an appreciated brook is a watering place for ideas. Not strong enough to turn a water wheel, or deep and wide enough to float a life-sized craft, the stream seemed simply to await our curiosity to release its potential to challenge us and rouse our creativity.

How could I ever forget the fire hole? The day I discovered that it is no more, my sense of loss, my *solastalgia* as psychologists call it, was real enough. Solastalgia is that feeling any one of us knows who has watched a familiar field becoming a parking lot, a handsome mansion giving way to a fashionable bank building, a favorite picnic spot turning into a tangle of brush. Or a fire hole silting into oblivion. It's the feeling we get with each new sign of environmental degradation. To be touched by the passing of what we once loved is to know our place in the interconnected world.

The Clinton fire hole is no more. Its time is irretrievable. Still it remains a part of that interior landscape I sense as self. ☞

ROBIN ATTACK

Dick Winslow

For the past two months a single robin has been attacking windows of my house, dawn to dusk, seven days a week. First floor windows only, because its method requires a start-up and fall-back shrub directly underneath. From the shrub, it flies up against the glass, wings beating furiously, underbelly exposed to an indoors onlooker, beak giving a swift *bang* on the glass before it falls back onto the shrub. If I go outside to drive it away, it flies off only to reappear immediately after I turn my back. A call to the Audubon office in Concord yields (a) laughter (b) a suggestion that the bird, seeing its own reflection in the glass, thinks it's an enemy, and attacks (c) assurance that, as mating season arrives, the bird will leave off victimizing my house to attend to more pressing matters. That was a month ago and I'm still waiting.

My growing belief is that this particular robin is insane—demonstrating this constantly by the joy it takes from incessantly pounding on glass. It's like a mad figure skater going into a spin which is so enjoyable that he or she never stops—just continues twirling, hour after hour, dawn to dusk, seven days a week. ☞

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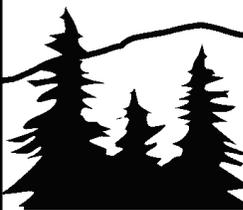
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BILLA THE DUCK AND A MOTHER'S DAY GIFT

Sheila Nichols

Ducks would be a good addition to the farm, my husband Bill thought. He researched to find the perfect breed.

"Muscovy"

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We have more than our fair share of mosquitoes, black flies and ticks in New Hampshire, so the skill of controlling bug populations moved this breed right to the top of his list.

We located a registered Muscovy breeder here in New Hampshire. On Mother's Day we tossed some boxes in the car and took the two-hour ride. Pulling into the yard we saw ducks, pigs, chickens, and many other animals roaming about. We got out of the car and instinctively watched out for poop underfoot as we walked to the house. It felt just like home.

The owner greeted us at the door and invited us in. Several containers of peeping chicks under heat lamps framed her living room. She shared a story with us about the winter morning her son had found a Muscovy duckling who had wandered away from its mom, nearly dead from exposure. He handed it to his mom while she was still in bed to warm it. Yup, we were home.

We decided on two Muscovy ducklings. Determining the sex of ducklings is apparently a tough thing so the breeder gave it her best shot at giving us a breeding pair. We also collected several chicks to add to our growing chicken flock.



Off we drove with peeping boxes in the backseat. Remembering it was Mother's Day, Bill offered to take me to lunch. We couldn't leave all the birds in the car so we got take-out and picnicked. I guess it was a Mother's Day theme as we had all those babies in the back of the car.

When we got home Jenny, our Black Lab, inspected the boxes, looked at us as if to say you two are hopeless and should not be allowed out without supervision. Lincoln, our Jack Russell/Rat Terrier, didn't know what to do first, sniff us, the chicks, or the ducklings. In the end the ducklings won out.

We always introduce the dogs to the new animals and they are very gentle trying their hardest to understand that these animals are not food. The ducklings decided that Lincoln was to be their adoptive mom. Imprinting on him, they proceeded to waddle around the yard following him.

It was really hysterical to see this short-legged dog with two ducklings in tow. They discovered a puddle and jumped in and were having a grand old time, but poor Lincoln was very worried. He kept trying to push them out of the water with his snout. Jenny found a warm place in the sun and napped leaving Lincoln to sort it all out.

Bill called me at work a few days later and speaking in a shaky voice said, "One of the ducklings is dead. I tried to resuscitate it but it died." I asked what had happened. He said that Lincoln had turned around abruptly and accidentally stepped on it. It was so small and he was just too heavy. Now I know this was sad but, a wee voice inside me couldn't help itself and thought, hmmm, *Bill to bill resuscitation*. Sadly, his efforts did not bring the baby back to life.

The remaining duckling was very lonely. She just called and called for her sibling and could not be comforted. That night my son Mark came over and held her on his lap as we watched TV. She was better when held, but that couldn't go on when we all headed back to work. So the very next morning we set off for the long drive back to the breeder.

Billa, as she is named, sat in Mark's lap for the ride. We decided we should get three more ducklings making a grand total of four, just in case something unforeseen happened. We put the new ducklings in a box and placed Billa in with them. She immediately stopped calling and waddled over, extended her neck and hugged the new members of her family. It was a very happy and quiet ride home.

Once back at the farm we monitored the new babies a bit more closely and soon they were adjusted and eating bugs to their hearts content. It was only a matter of time before we noticed the large duck eggs. It was curious to us that the females were not setting on the eggs as the chickens did. We learned that this breed of ducks will lay an egg a day over a period of time and only after they are done laying do they *set* on their clutch of eggs. They are very devoted moms. Only once or twice a day do they move from their nest to eat and relieve themselves and return to the nest. The incubation time is 35 days.

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good, but that this pleasure is achieved by living prudently, honorably and justly—began to percolate throughout Europe. Machiavelli copied out the entire poem (which consists of six books in dactylic hexameter) for himself, and its influence can be detected in his work. Thomas More grappled with the Epicurean tenet of the pursuit of pleasure in “Utopia.” Amerigo Vespucci was part of a humanist circle in Florence in which the poem was circulated. Shakespeare refers to the “little atomi” in *Romeo and Juliet*. Ben Johnson’s own signed copy of the poem rests today in a library at Harvard. Moliere attempted a verse translation. Montaigne’s essays contain more than one hundred quotations from *On the Nature of Things*.

A fascinating section of the book depicts the reaction of the Catholic Church to these radical ideas. Greenblatt vividly describes how the Church handled the threat: ridicule, suppression, and, of course, the use of the tools of the Inquisition. The depictions of the deaths of the church reformers Jan Hus and Jerome of Prague are particularly grisly, as Greenblatt details their burnings at the stake as heretics. He takes us through the trial of Galileo and Savonarola’s famous Bonfire of the Vanities in the Piazza della Signoria in Florence.

Most thrillingly, he ends the book with Thomas Jefferson. *On the Nature of Things* was one of Jefferson’s favorite books: he owned five Latin copies as well as translations in English, Italian, and French. To a friend who wanted to know his philosophy of life, Jefferson wrote “I am an Epicurean.” Greenblatt postulates that fingerprints of Lucretius found their way into the Declaration of Independence in the “turn toward a government whose end was not only to secure the lives and liberties of its citizens but also to serve ‘the pursuit of Happiness.’”

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As the 35th day approached we hovered over Billa anxiously awaiting the arrival of her babies. Our sons were all living on their own or in college at the time. Bill set up the web cam and they watched with us as the babies pecked their way out of the shells and into the big world.

Seeing Billa walking around the farm with 16 ducklings waddling after her made me smile remembering we had gotten her on Mother’s Day!



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WHITE BIRCH POINT ASSOCIATION

1912 – 2012

Jim Franco

This August the White Birch Point Association will celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of its establishment. This is the first of a two part series adapted from a forthcoming book *The History of the White Birch Point Association* by Jim Franco.

In 1908 a large block of land on the north side of Patten Hill overlooking Gregg Pond was conveyed by Albert P. Wilson of Newburyport, Massachusetts to Helen C. Thayer, wife of Paul W. Thayer. Thayer developed this 80 acre parcel which they named White Birch Point. He and his wife had a plan for the area and went about achieving their vision in a very methodical and determined manner. After building their dwelling, they built an inn, first named Burnt Birch Inn, which they soon renamed White Birch Inn. Their plan was to house summer visitors at the Inn which had private rooms. They advertised as follows: "...good wholesome living at \$ 7.00 per week. Special rates to parties of four and over...In connection with the Inn, we have cottages, small camps, and tents to rent by the week, month or season."

During the summers of 1910, 1911 and 1912 Thayer branched out and started building and selling cottages. While these buildings were being constructed, and for many years after, everyone on White Birch Point had a view of the lake looking toward Holt's Hill. In 1910 the town voted to change the name of Gregg Pond to Gregg Lake in response to a request by Paul Thayer. He felt that people would be more willing to purchase property on a lake as opposed to a pond.

The property deeds for all of the lots sold by Thayer contained very restrictive language. "Under & subject, however, to the express conditions and restrictions that no building whatsoever shall hereafter be erected upon the said lot of piece of land until such a time as plans and specifications therefore shall have been submitted to the said Helen C. Thayer, her heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, and her or their approval in writing received thereto....And that no building shall be erected on said lot for the manufacture or sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquors of any kind. And that no stable, steam mill, tannery, slaughter house, piggery, or any offensive manufactory or business, or building other than dwelling house be erected thereon."

As the number of cottage owners increased, the 'Pointers' decided to organize. In the summer of 1912 they formed "The White Birch Point Improvement Association." At their second meeting the word "improvement" was struck since it made the title too long. The organization was headed by four officers who established by-laws, made arrangements for dues, admission of new members, special assessments, quorums and meeting dates.

In 1913 the White Birch Point Association members arranged for a general picnic at the beach to which they invited the town folk, of whom a large number came. There was a

flag-raising, with speeches followed by a minstrel show with an all White Birch Point cast. The members had Saturday night parties at different cottages to which everyone was invited, having received elaborately-made invitations, some of them on birch bark. Most of the families stayed at White Birch Point for the entire summer; travel was a challenge and not at all convenient. Social life at the Point revolved around the beach, almost everyone was there on a daily basis. Bathing suits in those days, for both men and women, were knee-length black woolen garments.

The Association members worked hard to establish their living spaces. Initially, as intended by Paul Thayer, all renters and owners had their meals at the White Birch Inn. However, it did not take long for cottage owners to set up their own kitchens. In 1914 Paul Thayer sold out and never returned. All of the property not owned by individuals went to the First National Bank of Hillsborough. Two owners after Thayer held the property briefly and in 1920 it was sold to three women who purchased the sixty-seven acres, the Inn, three cottages and several bunk buildings for the purpose of operating a summer camp for girls.

Camp Greggmere was established for girls 8 to 20 years of age who were mostly from the Boston area. There was considerable tension between the owners of the camp and the cottage owners over two issues. The supplying of water by the camp owners to the cottages had been written in the deeds of the cottage owners. The camp had trouble meeting the demands for water for the girls camp and the cottages. The tension over the water supply was minor when compared to the question of the right to use the beach at the lake. The camp owners informed the owners of the cottages that they could not use the beach. This was a very serious challenge since it would have completely altered the life and conditions that the cottage owners were so accustomed to at their summer homes. The matter was settled in the Supreme Court of New Hampshire in 1922 in favor of the cottage owners who obtained an injunction against the camp owners restraining them from interfering with the use of the beach.

The camp ceased operating in 1932, partly due to the depression and partly to capital lost trying to get adequate water.

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Once again the bank in Hillsborough owned the camp property which was not used from 1932 to 1935. In 1935 it was purchased by Glenn Loucks and Alice Kyle who improved the property and began operating a girls camp, named Camp Birchmere, in 1936. In conjunction with the opening of the camp they solved the water supply problem by building a reservoir, drilling a deep well and installing a water pump. The overwhelming majority of the campers were young girls from Westchester County, New York. At its height, the camp had as many as one-hundred forty girls. It remained in operation for almost forty years.

During the early decades of White Birch Point there was no jumping into a car and driving downtown. Many tradespeople brought their foodstuffs up the hill to the summerpeople. A Mr. Wheeler brought fresh vegetables; people could also order a chicken from him. Miss Myrtie Brooks went up the hill daily and delivered unpasteurized milk as well as fresh vegetables. There also was the Cushman baker who offered tasty treats; the crumb cake was a favorite. A laundryman appeared regularly as well as the iceman who came up the road from the dam where the ice was stored. The iceman could tell from cards left at the beginning of the road how much ice was wanted by individuals on the hill.

The Association maintained a very positive relationship with Antrim citizens and annually secured the services of many individuals from the town to patrol the hill during the winter months, put the float in the lake in the spring and beach it in the fall, deliver sand to the beach, and many other home maintenance projects. Several names appear in various financial information, notes and meeting minutes: Bill Bezio, John Brown, Ted Brown, Clark Craig, Andy Cuddihy, Russell Cuddihy, Donald Dunlap, John Dunlap, Robert Dunlap, Alan Elliott, Sam Harding, George Hildreth, Richard Holt, Steve Jones, Arthur Rockwell, Bob Rogerson, Duane Searles, Wade Searles, Ralph Whittemore and, yes, Hattie Brown who patrolled the hill for one year after her husband, John passed away.

As the children of the property owners who purchased property during that first decade became teenagers in the twenties and early thirties, more cottages were unused and there was

less activity on the hill. Meetings of the Association were not held every year and frequently when meetings were scheduled it was difficult to obtain a quorum. In 1928 the owners did build what they called the mail house on town property where it still stands at the entrance to White Birch Point Road. It was originally lined with mailboxes and was the scene of a daily social event as cottage owners gathered to receive their mail from mailman, Everett Davis, who knew everyone by name and always had a personal remark for each person.

New England was hit with a ferocious hurricane in September 1938. It was a very destructive storm that caused considerable damage over a wide area. However, there was no damage at White Birch Point, but across the lake, the Boy Scout camp was destroyed, not a tree was left standing.

During the Great Depression and World War II, the Association was not very active. After the war activity increased and three new homes were built. In 1947 William and Emma White built a cape that they called Pinemere. It was and still is on the channel and has recently been enlarged by its current owners, Bill and Paula Bishop. William White worked as a handyman for Camp Birchmere. In 1949 Dr. Ralph Ross and his wife Alice had a building erected that served as sleeping quarters for them and their three children. Ross and Marie Fleming built a cottage on land owned by Ross's father, Charles Ross who was a charter member of the White Birch Point Association.

The faithful observance of the founding of the White Birch Point Association is evidence of the members pride in their organization. In 1952 the fortieth anniversary was celebrated and again in 1962 the fiftieth was celebrated with many social events organized for the occasion. Much of the planning for these events was organized by members of the Fleming family.

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SPRING 2012

Celeste Lunetta

The Recreation Department is very happy to introduce Charlotte James as our new staff member. Charlotte fills the position left by Tammy Ford, who is now working at the Town Hall. Charlotte will be helping to provide some new programs, and I look forward to working with her. Please join me in welcoming her to town. She is at the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and other times as needed.

This spring, Antrim Youth Sports has Baseball, Softball and Lacrosse teams competing around the region and the state. There are games almost every evening and weekend day at Shea Field.

In February, we hosted a Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser for the American Heart Association. Several young women participated in this event, and together, they raised over \$1,000 for the American Heart Association! The girls did a great job, and we were very proud of them. We will have another jump rope club next year, and we will repeat this fundraiser. Congratulations and thank you to Emma Anderson, Isis Battaglia, Rosel Burt, Eva Calcutt, Hannah Cook, Rosemary Crooker, Emily and Julia Donovan, Kyra Hall, and Autumn and Isadora Jones.

Summer is always a fun and busy time for us. We try to plan something for everyone. In addition to the events listed below, there are Yoga classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Zumba on Tuesdays, Wednesdays evenings and Saturday mornings, Basketball on Wednesday's at 7 pm and Sundays at 5:30 pm, Volleyball on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 pm at the gym. The town beach will open up for the season on Saturday June 16. The beach will be staffed daily from 10 am–5 pm. Lifeguards go off duty for the season after August 17.

SOME OF THE EVENTS COMING UP THIS SUMMER!

Free Movies at Antrim Town Hall: Schedule is still pending based on movie releases. Schedules are posted at the Town Hall, Library and online at www.antrimnh.nh.

Roller Skating at Antrim Town Gym: Saturday June 9 and for the rest of June skating is 7–9 pm. The theme for June is SUMMER IS HERE! Participate in the theme for a ticket

into the door prize raffle! Cost for admission is \$2. Skate rentals are \$5. We do not have skating in July, August or September, but we will start back up on October 13th, 6–8 pm the second Saturdays.

Family Fitness Fun! Saturday, June 16th, 5–8pm, \$15 per person with a \$30 family cap. All proceeds will go to support Antrim Recreation Summer Programs. Come join Master Fitness Instructor, Cathy Garland, for an evening of Zumba, Zumbatomics, Country Line Dancing, and a taste of “Turbokick”! Schedule of events will be posted online. You do not need to pre-register; you just need to get over here!

BACK ROADS AND CELLAR HOLES SPRING AND SUMMER HIKING TOUR

Saturdays as listed. Meet at the Antrim Town Hall or as noted, a brief pre hike discussion will follow with carpooling to the trailhead, and a walk with points of interest. June 9 Goodhue Hill; June 23 Lilly Pond; July 14 Bagley Pond and Windsor Mountain; July 28 Greystone Lodge in the morning, and an evening full moon hike to High Five Reservation. For the 28th, we will meet in the morning at 9 am in the Historical Rooms at the Tuttle Library. Neil Brown will lead a discussion on the history of the site. The afternoon hike meeting time will be announced on the website, www.antrimnh.org, the week of the hike, but it will be late afternoon.

ANTRIM IN THE EVENING SUMMER CONCERTS

2012 brings local musicians, as well as family shows and acts from around the state. Please see the Antrim in the Evening insert for more details. The concerts and shows are on Wednesdays, at 6:00 pm; July 11 through August 22. Here is this years lineup: July 11: Big Maple Trio; July 18: Off the Cuff; July 25: Wildlife Encounters: traveling animal exhibit from the Granite State Zoo; August 1: Dana and Sue Robinson; August 8: UNH Little Red Wagon Theatre EARLY SHOW at 5:30, starting with The Frog Prince and then at 6:45 folktales from around the world with “Tellin Tales”; August 15, Shana Stack Band; August 22, Freese Brothers Big Band. In case of rain, or severe weather (or threats of such) concerts and shows move indoors to the Town Hall on Main Street. Crafts and some activities for children always make this a special fun

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Todd Bryer

The Antrim fire department proudly announces that four of its members have successfully completed a Firefighter Level One program. Mike Willet, Jason Bryer, and Bob and Danielle Ruston completed the 240-hour course that culminates in written and practical exams by the State of New Hampshire.

The open winter and dry spring led to a busy brush fire season. Fortunately most of our responses to brush incidents were to assist neighboring communities with mutual aid. However, I was amazed by the number of times I heard local fire wardens calling dispatch, saying they had just explained the rules to a property owner following a smoke investigation, that the rules have not changed for ten years. Outdoor fires, including fire pits and free standing fireplaces, require a seasonal fire permit. The State "fire danger classification" is posted at both of the Antrim fire stations and is updated daily. The phone numbers of the local fire wardens are located on the side of the buildings to help residents apply for written permits.

As always thank you for your continued support. ☞

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I was saddened to read in the last edition of the *Limrik* regarding a comment that might have been made about Antrim's "ALL" volunteer fire departments response time. I have never had an interest in fire fighting or had a fireman as a close friend, I only know what I see on television or from the windows of my house. You see, I have lived across the street from the fire department from the day it was built! In the beginning I wasn't all that happy about it and through the years I have had an issue or two with a siren and horn blowing newcomer, but very, very few compared to the number of men and women who train and risk their lives when called out on an emergency. The training is nonstop as volunteers come and go, but it is as thorough and complete as anyone can receive in any profession. When an emergency occurs time seems to crawl for the person needing help but races at break neck speed to the person responding, somewhere in between is reality. In reality Antrim residents should be proud of it's "ALL" volunteer fire department and the effort they put into protecting all of us from the perils of fire and other emergencies, both natural and man made.

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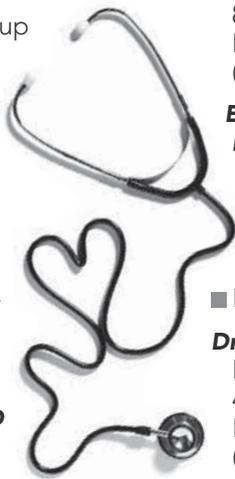
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JUNE

- 2 **Third Annual Black Fly Community Art Show opening** • The Grapevine • 10:00 AM–12:00 NOON
- 3 **Celtic Evensong** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 PM
- 6 **Home Economics Night with Food Pantry speaker** • Antrim Grange • 7:00 PM
- 11 **Reading with Mozart** • Tuttle Library • 6:30 PM
- 16 **Lake Host training program** • NH Lakes Association • Rec Dept • 2:00 PM
- 16 **Family Fitness Fun!** • Rec Dept • 5:00–8:00 PM
- 14–17 **Tenth Annual Art Exhibit** • Antrim Grange • schedule on website
- 18 **Registration begins for Summer Reading program** • Tuttle Library
- 26 **BIG BOLD Grown-Up Paint Camp** • The Grapevine • 5:30 PM
- 29 **Magic Show with Christopher Commander** • Tuttle Library • 10:30 AM

JULY

- 4 **Annual reading of Declaration of Independence** • Antrim Historical Society • Memorial Park bandstand • Coffee and homemade donuts • 9–10:30 AM
- 6 **Storytime** • Tuttle Library • 10:30 AM
- 6 **Teddy Bear Picnic** • Rec Dept at Memorial Park • 11:00 AM–12:30 PM
- 6 **Weed Watchers Training** • NH Dept Environmental Svcs • Rec Dept at Gregg Lake • 4:00 PM
- 9–13 **Backyard Adventures Session I** • The Grapevine • 9:00 AM–12:30 PM
- 10 **Reading with Mozart** • Tuttle Library • 6:30 PM
- 12 **Silver Lining Circus** • Rec Dept at Antrim Town Gym • 4:00 PM
- 13 **Storytime** • Tuttle Library • 10:30 AM
- 14 **Yard Sale** • The Grapevine • 9:00 AM–12:00 NOON
- 14 **Pot Luck Supper** • Franklin Pierce Lake Association • 6:00 PM
- 16–20 **Vacation Bible School** • Presbyterian and Baptist Churches • 5:00–8:00 PM
- 17 **Pajama Storytime** • Tuttle Library • 6:30 PM
- 18 **Youth Night** • Antrim Grange • 7:00 PM
- 20 **Storytime** • Tuttle Library • 10:30 AM
- 21 **Creatures of the Night Summer Reading program** • Tuttle Library • 11:30 AM

AUGUST

- 8 **Dolls Day at the Park** • Rec Dept at Memorial Park • 4:00–5:00 PM
- 11 **Annual Meeting & Loon Presentation** • Franklin Pierce Lake Association • 9:00 AM
- 12 **St Gaudens Historical Site and Concert** • Rec Dept bus trip • leave Antrim at 10:45 AM
- 12 **History of the White Birch Point Association** • Antrim Historical Society program
Presbyterian Church • 3:00 PM
- 13–17 **Backyard Adventures Session II** • The Grapevine • 9:00 AM–12:30 PM
- 14 **Reading with Mozart** • Tuttle Library • 6:30 PM
- 15 **Mystery Ride** • Antrim Grange • 7:00 PM
- 25 **Wendy Keith Concert** • Antrim Grange • 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **Fourth Annual Touch-a-Truck!** • The Grapevine

Antrim In The Evening
SEE INSERT FOR SCHEDULE

ANTRIM GRANGE NEWS

Beth Merrill

To begin this quarterly report of Antrim Grange, here are the activities of the past three months, which include our Meet the Candidates Night, a speaker's program featuring Bob Haefner, Chair, and Tara Sad of the NH House Environment and Ag Committee (sure wish more people could have come to this, as there is a lot going on in the state legislature these days), NH State Grange Bowling Tournament (Arthur Merrill and Gloria Davis each won trophies in their category). Various Antrim Grange members attended several events sponsored by the NH State Grange such as the Spring Fling Workshop Day, Talent Show and Penny Sale on National Grange's Gathering Day, and a Fisher Cats ball game in observance of National Grange Month in April.

Since the Antrim Grange Hall is not used in the winter and therefore not always available for April events, we plan our open house, Grange Month observance in May in the form of our annual Community Awards Night. This year's awards were presented as follows: Community Citizen Award, the Grapevine; Educator, Pamela Campbell; Agriculturalist, Bob Bernstein; Scholarship recipient, Chris Mundy; and a special achievement award to Bob Flanders for his 41 years of service to Antrim as the Town Moderator.

Several members, who attended a meeting with the Master of the National Grange on his bi-annual nationwide speaking tour, participated in a Degree Day in Hudson and assisted with a State Grange breakfast and plant sale fundraiser in Hooksett to round out May's Grange activities.

Looking to the upcoming months, we are planning the following: The tenth annual Spotlight on Community Artists exhibit June 14 through 17. Check our new website and/or our face book page for a complete schedule of viewing times. If you've never attended this event, we think it's worth your time to come and experience the Antrim Grange Hall when it's at its loveliest! A lot of work goes into this event, which lasts only a few days and then in a matter of a few minutes at the close of the show, is gone forever. Come check it out!

June 6th is our traditional Home Economics Night featuring Dawne Hugron speaking on the Antrim Food Pantry, a canned goods collection for the food pantry, a display of hand-crafts made by our members, and judging of our pumpkin muffin baking contest. The public is welcome! Currently, some of our members are polishing their entries for the public speaking contest and the sign-a-song contest, which will take place at the June Youth Rally in Hooksett. Winners in each category of these contests compete again in July at the regional level and those Best of Show winners earn a fall trip to the National Grange Evening of Excellence, this year to be held in Boise, Idaho.

On August 25th, Wendy Keith will perform her strong, lyrical New England folk music in this year's first Concert at the Grange. Watch for details later this summer.

Perhaps our biggest news, we save for last! Antrim Grange looks forward to new opportunities as we soon will share our beautiful, historic building with the Odd Fellows' Waverly Lodge No. 59 who have chosen it to be their new meeting space. It seems fitting that our two fraternal orders join ranks to further the worthy goals and purposes of our long-standing community organizations within the hallowed walls of Antrim's first Town Hall. Antrim Grange meets every first and third Wednesday. Waverly Lodge meets every second and fourth Friday. Welcome, Waverly Lodge No. 59!

You can keep current in all things happening at Antrim Grange by checking out our Facebook page or by logging onto our new website at www.grange.org/antrimnh98. We'd love to tell you about the exciting opportunities the Grange offers. Stop by a meeting anytime. If you'd prefer to support rural America and agriculture on your own time, you can look into E-Membership. E-Members enjoy the same benefits as community Grange members and have all materials delivered to their inbox. For more info, go to www.nationalgrange.org.

CHURCH OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

The First Presbyterian Church of Antrim is offering scholarships to young Protestant people from ages 9 to 16 to go to Camp Wilmot this summer. The scholarship money has been offered to the church from the will of a benefactor to send Protestant children to camp.

The church's Session, the governing body for the Presbyterian Church, decided to use a portion of the grant for the Vacation Bible School which is sponsored jointly by the Presbyterian Church and the Antrim Baptist Church.

Camp Wilmot is a Presbyterian camp that offers a wide variety of programs for children and families. Located in Wilmot, NH, on more than 200 acres of woods, fields and hilltops, the camp has a private pond and offers many activities such as hiking, water sports, arts and crafts. It has many buildings which serve a wide variety of uses. The camp is located near New London. For more information about the camp go to its website at www.campwilmot.org.

Protestants interested in sending a child to Camp Wilmot should call the business office of the Presbyterian Church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at 588-2209. ☪



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Silver Lining Circus is coming to town! A youth circus show at the Antrim Town Gym; Thursday July 12 at 4 pm. Bring your children out to see this wonderful youth circus, performed by children ages 12–20. In 2011, thirteen Silver Lining Youth Circus Troupers made the trip to Sarasota Florida to perform and take 4 days of workshops at the biennial national festival of the American Youth Circus. We will accept donations at the door to support this circus, and we will sell popcorn and circus novelties!

Dolls Day at the Park: August 8, 4–5 pm at Memorial Park; A chance for kids to come down to Memorial Park for an afternoon out with their favorite doll. We look forward to getting together and sharing an afternoon tea party. There should be plenty of time for the kids to share their favorite outfit, hobby, story or activity their doll has. We will provide fruit ice tea, lemonade, sliced fruit and cookies. You can bring something to share too! Bring a picnic for dinner, and stay to enjoy theatre in the park with the UNH Little Red Wagon Theatre at 5:30. In case of rain, we will meet at the Antrim Town Hall.

Bus Trip to St. Gaudens Historical Site, The Fischer Duo (Cello/Piano): Sunday August 12. This trip is becoming an annual tradition, we will take the community bus to the beautiful St. Gaudens Sculpture Garden in Cornish NH. That Sunday, the summer concert series features The Fisher Duo of cello and piano. The bus will leave Antrim at 10:45 am. The concert is at 2:00, we will get back to Antrim around 5:00 pm. The cost for the bus is \$5 per resident, reduced rates available for families; \$7 pp non residents. There is separate admission to the park, which includes the concert, and can be paid for individually. Registration forms are available at the Town Hall and at the recreation department. Plan to bring your own picnic lunch—these are lovely grounds.

SUMMER CAMPS

Days of Summer: Recreation camps provide a great summer environment for children entering grades 1 through 6. Kids ages 6–12 are eligible. There are also opportunities for junior counselor jobs for 13 and 14 year old children. A full brochure is available at the Town Hall, Rec. office, and online at www.antrimnh.org.

Lacrosse Camps: Peter Ketchum will run a Lacrosse Camp at Shea Field during the week of June 18–22. This will

be a morning camp, 9–11 am at Shea Field or indoors at GBS if it is raining hard. In early August, Shaun and James Reilly will lead two weekend Lacrosse clinics. Saturday and Sunday August 4–5 will be instructional Lacrosse, for the beginner and early intermediate; and Saturday and Sunday August 11–12 will be for the intermediate and more advanced player. Girls and Boys are encouraged, and we have some equipment available to lend players new to the sport. These weekend clinics will run from 10 am–1pm. The cost will be \$40 per player for the weekend. To register for Lax camps, contact Celeste or look for registration forms at the Recreation Department.

SOCCER CAMPS

Join Peter Ketchum during the week of July 30–August 3 for his half day soccer camp, or join British Challenger Soccer camp the week of August 13–17. Brochures for these camps are online and at the Rec Department.

BASKETBALL CAMP

Bombers Basketball will be at our gym the week of August 6–10 for kids entering 3 grade and older. Keep those hoop skills sharp, and register for this popular camp.

SWIM LESSONS

All Swim lessons are held at Gregg Lake Beach. Toddler and Preschool lessons this year are instructed by Lisa Hennessy, Levels 1 through 4 will be instructed by Charlotte James. Our lessons are American Red Cross Swimming Lessons. Lessons for children 18 months through 5 years old are July 2 thru August 3, meeting Monday’s and every other Friday. For our youngest citizens, 18 month–3 year old, we offer a Parent & Child together at 10:45 am. Preschool lessons for ages 4 and 5 meet at 10 am. Lessons for children 6 and older, levels 1 through 4 will; be held July 9–20, and again August 6–17. Lessons are held between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Final lesson times for these swim lessons are determined after registrations are received. Lessons are \$5.00 for Antrim Residents and \$15 for non-residents.

Beach Stickers: Beginning with the 2012 beach season, we will be issuing beach stickers to residents. We will be offering day passes and season passes for parking to non resi-

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minutes but nothing was going to come between me and my first love.

So, I retraced my path home on Rte. 30, past the Stratton and Bromley ski areas still mostly covered with snow. I had my new love beside me and everything was right with the world.

I have to confess that I am fickle. At home reside my previous loves—a dozen or more—and each a favorite at one time or another. There are tawny, delicate bamboos, one even older than I, dark graphites, one up to ten and a half feet long, and one beautiful nodeless bamboo rod created for my father by a master rod maker. Each awaits my bidding to accompany me for an afternoon or evening alone together on some of the most beautiful rivers and streams North America has to offer.

Don't get me wrong, fly-fishing isn't primarily about rods; they are simply the tools that enable me to reach the fish in an unobtrusive fashion. They may look and feel delicately fragile, but a rod—some literally worth their weight in gold—must perform to my wants and whims whenever I demand. Whether I ask it to do a dainty 15-foot cast or an all-out 90-foot double haul, the rod is the workhorse of my adventures on the stream. It gets pulled through the woods and laurel tangles without me giving much thought to its wellbeing. It can stand up to the most rugged use and weather, but car doors are its mortal enemy.

Trout can be found in many types of water. But streams and rivers are my favorites. Each pool, with its rushing or still waters is a book whose story changes as the seasons progress, even from day to day, no, hour to hour. Each riffle, pocket, smooth flow or churning fast water must be understood for what it is and what the trout's desires are for that time of day, weather, water height and food.

The insect hatches and underwater activity such as minnows and other small creatures are crucial to understanding trout behavior. The fish often get fixated on one special insect, and if I can't match that insect well with my arsenal of flies I may go home with the feeling that the "trout just weren't hitting." But deep down I know that I hadn't properly solved the riddle of the water, rocks, insects, weather and possibly a whole host of unknowns that hadn't occurred to me. It's a bit

like solving an algebraic equation. If I don't solve all the unknowns I won't solve the problem.

And within those equations of are the answers to a wonderful day on the stream. Therein lies the magic of fly-fishing. Amidst the beauty of nature my cares and frustrations are no longer important and are soon abandoned. My concentration is focused on where my next cast will land, behind that rock, beneath this overhanging branch. How must I present the cast so I will not scare the trout or spook the ones I plan on casting to later?

My brain is so full of what I must understand for the moment and do correctly on each and every cast that there is no more room for the frustrations and challenges of my other life: work, personal interactions, what my car repair is going to cost, and why I keep putting off balancing my checkbook.

I confess that as a math student I frequently cut morning calculus or irrational numbers classes to spend my time on the Yantic River in Connecticut when the temperatures were mild, the sun shining, and the caddis flies hatching. My father, who long before me had been infected by the "bug" I'm sure disapproved of my behavior but never said a word. And I easily rationalized my truant activities by telling myself I was merely swapping mathematical problems for those of a more natural occurrence.

As the sun gets lower in the sky there is always the hope that evening will at last bring that special time which may last only 15 minutes or perhaps an hour, if I am lucky. As the sun sets the insects begin hatching. The trout, wary for most of the day, abandon their stealth and begin feeding on the mayflies or caddis as they emerge, struggling to the surface where they float in the current, mayflies appearing to be helpless miniature sail boats and caddis frantically skimming above the surface are all food for the trout.

During that flurry of activity there is so much to do and often so little time to get it done. Find the right dry fly: is the color right, is the size right, should it be dragged, should I twitch it occasionally or fish it in a dead drift? Mostly I can solve the equation, but when I can't there is the frustration of knowing the sun is dying and the hatch might quit at any time. Toward the end I am probably changing flies constantly with a penlight gripped between my teeth for a last frantic five minutes of casting which seems to end in an instant.

It is then that my love and I walk back home not speaking to each other. We both had worked hard but I know the trout were smarter than I that day.



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Lake Host: the Lake Host program is an educational program designed by the New Hampshire Lakes Association. We will be training returning and new volunteers for Lake hosting on Saturday June 16 at 2:00 pm at the Antrim Recreation Department. We will also train new and returning volunteers on Friday July 6 at 2:00 pm at the Antrim Recreation Department. Call to register.

Weed Watchers training with Amy Smagula from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Friday July 6 at 4:00 pm. This training will be at Gregg Lake if it is nice out, if it is stormy, we will meet at the Antrim Recreation Department. This training will teach you about the native species of plants in and around Gregg Lake, and also how to identify invasive exotic species, to help us continue our prevention and stewardship activities for the Gregg Lake Watershed.

Fall Soccer: Register in June and July for the Fall Antrim Youth Soccer Season! We run soccer programs for area kids

ages 4 through 12. Our club is a member of New Hampshire Youth Soccer Association and US Youth Soccer. Registrations are due into the Recreation Office by Friday July 27.

Ski and Ride Passes: We have a club at Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride. We sell club passes, and it is a fundraiser for our recreation programs. Club prices are the best price you can get on season passes, and there are several options. The club passes must be purchased before October 12, so plan ahead! Our club will have online ordering, and we provide payment plans. Crotched Mountain is putting in a high speed quad to the top of the mountain! This increases the ski and ride acreage, as well as the amount of time you spend on the hill, instead of the lift!

More programs are often added after the Limrik goes to print. For the most up to date information, go to www.antrimnh.org, and become a subscriber to the town news. We also maintain a Facebook page. The Antrim Parks and Recreation Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month. Antrim Friends of Recreation is looking for volunteers to help with family events and monthly roller-skating. The recreation office phone number is 588-3121, and you can email us at antrimrecreation@tds.net. ☞

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Many of your favorite activities return in this fall's Antrim Home & Harvest Festival, including the Antrim Can/Am Slalom Championships, the Redneck Regatta, the big parade, the corn-eating contest, the Historical Society's apple crisp, and more. A number of new events have been added and the festival has been slightly reconfigured geographically.

NEW EVENTS!

LOCAL TALENT SHOWCASE. This homegrown event features the many talented singers, instrumentalists, and bands in our town. A stage and sound system will be set up on the Tuttle Library end of Main Street at a location to be determined. Acts will be in 15 or 30 minute segments, from 11 am until 3 pm. Call Brian Beihl at 588-3014 if you'd like to perform.

ROLLERSKATING AT THE TOWN GYM. This family-friendly event includes skating to a DJ, and details are being worked out for a live band at the beginning of the event. We're hoping for a group to organize dinner here, so families can have a fun night out. Skate rentals will be \$5.00 a pair.

CONCERT FRIDAY NIGHT. For those not into roller skating, we're hoping to lock in the Bay State Winds, a small group from the U.S. Air Force Band, 7 p.m. Friday night at the Town Hall.

HOME RUN DERBY. Part of the Bravest vs. Finest event on Sunday, a home-run derby will have Antrim's greatest hitters swinging for the fences.

TENNEY FARMEGG TOSS. This great spectator event will have the town cracking up! See how far you can toss the egg to your partner — and catch it without scrambling it! It's eggspected to be a great time! Look for the time on the upcoming schedule.

NEW GAMES! Water Wars and the bouncy houses have been a great success, so we've added a T-Ball game where the ball bounces on a jet of air. It's harder than it sounds. In Gold Cup Racing, ride your horse by rocking it back and forth to move your horse along. Fun for all ages! And Boy Scout Troop 2 will be running the Hillbilly Golf game near the Tuttle Library for adults looking for a little quieter activity.

ARTS AND CRAFTS vendors should sign up by August 15 with the newest members of our committee, Ella Kent. Cost for a booth is \$20 for all day Saturday and can be reserved by calling Ella at 588-2598.

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Look for the new schedule coming soon on the website at <http://www.homeandharvest.org/>

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ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Peter Moore, President

Winter-into-Spring saw a curtailment of activities by the Antrim Historical Society's Board of Directors. A third of the board's members head south of the Mason-Dixon Line for the duration, and although the board continues to meet on the second Friday of each month, absences by those that do remain, due to work or winter maladies, tends to forestall decisions and planning better carried out by the full depth of the 9 member board.

I am pleased to publically welcome Sarah Vanderwende to the AHS Board as our newest director and Treasurer. Sarah enthusiastically stepped forward to take the financial reins of the historic society at our February meeting, relieving the much appreciated interim treasurer team of Dubois & Gilmore. Sarah has a great deal of administrative and accounting prowess, and has—in a few short months—helped put our financial organization into top-notch shape.

A few things of note that I'd like to share...

The board is in the process of working with local restoration expert John Kendall, at the request of Carol and Jim Rymes, to determine how best to replace the entire roof of the Stone Church at Antrim Center. This phase of work will be completed this summer by a local contractor in anticipation of the society being "gifted" the building by the Rymes family.

A hard-bound reprint of Antrim's *Parades & Promenades* is now available for sale by the historical society at \$40 per copy. The new edition may be purchased at the Library, or by contacting any board member. Only through the encouragement, tremendous effort, and skilled guidance of Lyman Gilmore could the digitization and complete reprint of this special slice of Antrim's history have been accomplished and made available once again.

The AHS Board of Directors was sorry to receive Lyman's resignation from the board during its February meeting. As with the *Parades & Promenades* reprint project, Lyman has been instrumental in many other invaluable historic exposures, from the complete digitization of the *Antrim Reporter*, to many interviews and oral reminiscences by some of Antrim's more colorful characters, to leading as Editor-in-Chief of Antrim's journal, the *Limrik*. I'm happy to say that Lyman will remain active with the Historic Society.

AHS programs and events coming up in the months ahead:

- Wednesday, July 4th: Annual reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Memorial Park bandstand, with home-made donuts and coffee at 9:00 am.
- Sunday, August 12: History of the White Birch Point Association, 1912-2012 at 3:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church.
- Saturday, September 15: Apple Crisp & Ice Cream Social from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Main Street.
- Sunday, September 16: History of the Grange Movement in New Hampshire with Steve Taylor at 7:00 pm at the Antrim Grange Hall.
- Sunday October 21: Old Man of the Mountain by Maggie Stier, author of *Into the Mountains: Stories of New England's Most Celebrated Peaks* at 3:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church.

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. ☞

CHURCH NEWS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP • 10:30 AM

Sunday School • 10:30 AM every Sunday
Communion is served on the 1st Sunday of every month

AA Meetings, Sundays at 7:30 PM

June 3 • Celtic Evensong • 5:30 PM

July 16–20 • Vacation Bible School held jointly
with the Antrim Baptist Church

The Revival Shop, which sells consigned and donated clothing, is always looking for volunteers.

BAPTIST CHURCH

588-6614

PASTOR CHARLES V. BOUCHER

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

July 16–20 • Vacation Bible School • 5:00–8:00 PM

Grades pre-K to 8 as well as adult class. Held jointly with the Presbyterian Church. Register by calling 588-6614

CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY • 10:00 AM

SUNDAY SERVICE • 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY • 7:00 PM

TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

Melissa Lawless and Lynne Lawrence

HOLIDAYS- LIBRARY IS CLOSED

Wed. July 4 Independence Day

PROGRAMS

- Tues. June 11 Reading with Mozart @ 6:30 pm
- Mon. June 18 Registration begins for Summer Reading Program
- Fri. June 29 Magic Show Christopher Commander 10:30 am
- Fri. July 6 Storytime @ 10:30 am
- Tues. July 10 Reading with Mozart @ 6:30 pm
- Fri. July 13 Storytime @ 10:30 am
- Tues. July 17 Pajama Storytime @ 6:30 pm–7:30 pm
- Fri. July 20 Storytime @ 10:30 am
- Sat. July 21 Summer Reading Program “Creatures of the Night” @ 11:30 am
- Tues. August 14 Reading with Mozart @ 6:30 pm
- August—September Creative Arts Challenge

CALLING ALL DREAMERS!

Readers of all ages will explore the night this summer as the Tuttle Library presents “Dream Big–READ!” during our summer reading program. Activities include programs, poems, and stories on stargazing and moon lore. Dreams and wishes, space exploration, nocturnal animals, an evening pajama story time, guessing jar contests, AND MORE...!

The Summer Reading Program is open to young people (and the young at heart), but especially preschool through young adult, with programs, prize drawings, and story hours. Participants may read themselves, be read to, listen to books on tape or CD, or read to Mozart, our reading companion dog. Registration for “Dream Big–READ” officially begins on June 18, and the program runs through the end of July.

For more information, call the Library at 588-6786 or visit the Town’s website at www.antrimnh.org and click on the Library link.

CREATURES OF THE NIGHT

On Saturday July 21st, “Critters ‘n Creatures,” a fun, educational, hands-on live animal show will be visiting the Tuttle Library in conjunction with our Summer Reading Program. A wildlife educator will be bringing *Creatures of the Night* including a Cuban knight anole, a 3 banded armadillo, a fruit bat, a chinchilla, a scorpion, a four-eyed opossum, a legless lizard and a python. This gathering will include a 15 minute hands on petting session.

UPDATE ON READING WITH MOZART

Mozart, our reading companion dog has turned out to be a huge hit with children of all ages. Like a rock star, when Mozart arrives the crowds part and folks clamor for a chance

to have some one-on-one time with him. A trained therapy dog, Mozart often spends his days visiting with ill patients at Cheshire’s Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital in Keene, where he quietly stands next to, or lies on the bed of his chosen patients as they pet him and think about something other than their illness.

Children in Antrim are lining up for a chance to read snuggled next to Mozart. Tightly scheduled for reading appointments on the second Tuesday of each month, Mozart charms away any young fears of reading out loud. Readers choose their own books; we have discovered that Mozart isn’t picky about content or reading styles, he truly only wants to be friends. Several adults have come in looking for Mozart, simply hoping for a chance to catch a glimpse of him nestled contentedly in the arms of a reading child. Every child who reads out loud to Mozart gets a “Mozart bookmark”.

Touted as a low allergenic, non-shedding dog, Mozart is considered a *Double Doodle*, which is a Goldendoodle (Golden Retriever crossed with a Poodle) who is then bred with a Labradoodle (Labrador Retriever crossed with a Poodle). Mozart is a big bundle of fun that has charmed his way into our Tuesday evening routine. Needless to say, he has become a welcome addition to our Library.

CREATIVE ARTS CHALLENGE

One of the highlights of our year is our display of artwork done by members of the Antrim community. We are actively seeking artists working in any medium to consider submitting their work for display at the library from the beginning of August to the end of September. Artists of all ages and levels of experience are encouraged to share their accomplishments during this period of time. Visitors to the library enjoy the rich variety of textures and colors which fill our walls and display areas and become a feast for the senses during this time of the year.

AUTHOR FOCUS

Children’s author and illustrator, **Maurice Sendak** passed away from complications from a stroke on May 8th at the age of 83. Possibly best known for his books *Where the Wild Things Are* and *Chicken Soup with Rice*, twenty-two of his books were awarded New York Times best illustrated books of the year. Sendak was presented with the National Medal for the Arts by President Bill Clinton and was the recipient of numerous other awards including the Hans Christian Andersen award for illustration and the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award.

Timing seemed to be perfect when a film debut of his book *Where the Wild Things Are* was released in 2009. Many of his fans who had grown up with this book tucked under their arms at night were delighted to be able to take their own children (or nieces and nephews) to see the movie. Wildly popular for decades, Maury Sendak’s books will be remembered with fondness by readers born after 1961 and their children who have come after them.

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Natalie Kinsey-Warnock, born in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom in 1956, weaves tales around local legends, her own childhood experiences on the family farm, and documented historical events. *The Bear that Heard Crying* is based on the story of the author's 5-times great aunt who, in 1783 at the age of three, was lost in the woods of Warren, New Hampshire. After four days of searching, the desperate family followed a stranger's dream and found the little girl, deep in the woods, being cared for by a black bear. Following his directions, a search party found the child asleep in the woods, surrounded by bear tracks. Kinsey-Warnock has created a delightful fictional account to match historical records passed down for generations. The strength of family ties and the harsh beauty of the New England landscape play major roles in this book, as they do in all the author's works.

Kinsey-Warnock still lives on the land that has been in her family for generations, and the authenticity of her New England experience rings true in her stories. She has built her own timber-frame house, made maple syrup, and rescued a menagerie of animals. When her hands are not crafting stories, they may be planting an orchard of heirloom apples, or playing the bagpipes. Every book is beautifully illustrated. A wash of deep watercolors illuminates *The Fiddler of the Northern Lights*. Original woodcuts and family photos bring life to *A Christmas Like Helen's* (Helen is the author's grandmother) and *From Dawn till Dusk*. Kinsey-Warnock has cho-

sen local artists to breathe life into her stories and they do so with delicacy and charm.

Kinsey-Warnock's books have won numerous awards, including the Smithsonian Notable Books for Children Award and *Booklist's* Children's Editor's Choice. Her next book, *True Colors*, the story of a young girl's search for the mother she never knew, is due out in November, 2012. Although she writes for the 4-to-12-year range, adults who love beautiful books, and who appreciate both the beauty and the rigor of life in New England, will take pleasure in these stories with their great regional flavor. ☞

THE WAY YOU GOTTA TALK

Dick Winslow

This is a true Antrim story. Its hero is the late Morris Cutter who, until about 1950, ran a butcher shop in a now-gone building on Main Street, right across from the library. Morris was old-line New Hampshire. In his youth he had moved from Stoddard to Antrim where he helped supply the Town with Cutters and made a fine reputation as a butcher.

At his butcher shop, Morris sold mostly meats but also offered, in season, fresh vegetables from Antrim gardens.

The other actor in this story is the late Navy Captain, Roy Dudley, an Annapolis graduate who, after World War II retired to his farm at Antrim Center, *The Uplands*, just east of Grange Hall—in recent years a bed-and-breakfast place. He had such massive military reserve that one would scarcely guess he had a first name. He was always called Captain Dudley. His eyes were steely. He wore a brisk gray moustache and gave the impression that he never spoke to anyone except maybe his wife and that only on Sundays. Captain Dudley's retirement hobby was raising garden vegetables.

One day I mentioned to Morris Cutter that Captain Dudley was, for me, intimidating and difficult to talk to. Morris would have none of it. He told me firmly that it was a matter of knowing "how to talk to guys like him" and gave me the following example:

"The first time I ever lays eyes on Dudley," said Morris, "out of a clear sky he pulls up in front of my shop in his little pickup truck, gets out, takes a bushel basket of vegetables from the back of the truck, comes in the store, plops the basket on the floor and says, 'that'll be five dollars.' Now I hadn't asked for no vegetables, but I looks at Dudley, then I walks around the basket looking at the vegetables. Then I walks around the basket again—keeping him waiting, don't you know. Finally I says, 'I'll give you three-fifty.'

Dudley never says a word. He picks up the basket, puts it in his truck and drives off towards Bennington. A half hour later he comes back, going the other way, parks across the street, takes the basket out of the truck, comes into my store, plops the basket down on the floor again and says, 'Will you still give me three-fifty?'

And then I really lets him have it. I says to him, 'NO sir!' Now that's the way you gotta talk to guys like Dudley." ☞

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 2

Brian Beihl

CAPE COD BIKE TRIP

May 19th, Troop 2 bicycled the Cape Cod Rail Trail, accumulating 60 miles of riding on the way to earning Bicycling Merit Badge this spring. Six boys and three adults participated, ending in Provincetown at the end of a long day of riding. Earlier in April and May, Scouts took shorter "tune-up" rides as well as learning bike mechanics.

MEMORIAL DAY

You may have wondered about a small card that both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts carry with them while marching in the Memorial Day parades. A few years ago, leaders thought that it might make Memorial Day more meaningful if Scouts could identify with an individual. Fallen veterans, most from New Hampshire, are researched and a short biography is placed on an index card along with a picture, if available. Boys volunteer to march for that veteran, and keep the card to remember him or her.

As in past years, the Scouts placed flags in all eight Antrim and Bennington cemeteries as a public service on May 23, and will march in both parades.

TROOP 2/PACK 2 CAMPOUT JUNE 2

Each year, Troop 2 and Pack 2 camp together in June at

the end-of-the-year award ceremony at Seven Maples Campground in Hancock. This fun weekend gives Cubs a chance to learn from, and play with, older Scouts. Bear Cubs learn knife handling, the Boy Scouts rig a zip-line, and the whole group hikes together. In a combined Court of Honor, Scouts receive their final awards for the year.

SUMMER OUTINGS

Beginning June 13, Troop 2 switches its weekly meetings to weekly outings for June, July and August. While the schedule has not been decided for this summer, past activities included flag football, ultimate frisbee, trebuché-making, fishing, hiking, biking, canoeing to see the eagles on Nubanusit, and the mysterious Great Brook Challenge. Non-Scouts are welcome to participate on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 pm to see what Scouts is about.

SUMMER CAMP

Troop 2 heads to summer camp on July 8 to 14 at Hidden Valley, part of the Griswold Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Iron Works. This year the troop anticipates taking seven Scouts to camp for boating, shooting, sports, hiking, swimming and many other activities. The camp is run by the Daniel Webster Council, and is one of the largest Scout camps in New England.



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ANTRIM BENNINGTON LIONS CLUB

Richard Loveland

OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Antrim Bennington Lions Club is planning to hold an Outdoor Photography Contest for residents of Antrim and Bennington. The reason for the contest is that we will be updating the Outdoor Guide we published in May 2009 with a revised version planned for May 2013, and we would like to get a fresh batch of pictures to put into the guide.

Now you are wondering if we get to use your photos what is in it for you. There are two reasons for you to enter the contest. The first is a sense of pride and recognition, contributing to a community project that should be the overwhelming reason for you to submit your photos. The second is there will also be cash prizes, and if you had second thoughts about entering the contest, this may have a positive influence on you.

The Antrim Bennington Lions Club will be awarding a 1st place prize of \$25, 2nd place prize of \$15 and a 3rd place prize of \$10 for all three age groups:

- 6 to 11
- 12 to 17
- 18 and older

There is even more good news as the picture selected to be on the cover from the above three categories will be awarded

another \$25. In addition we plan to use many of the pictures that are submitted, even though they are not prizewinners.

The type of photo we are looking for is an outdoor one consistent with the content of the Outdoor Guide (e.g. special places, activities, wildlife and wildflowers) and taken within Antrim and Bennington. If you don't have a hardcopy of the Outdoor Guide you can see an Internet version at www.ablions.org and click on "Outdoor Guide."

HOW TO ENTER YOUR BEST PHOTO?

The photos need to be submitted by September 15, 2012.

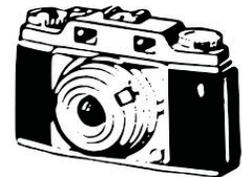
You will be allowed to enter two photos in JPEG format and in full resolution.

Your photos should be emailed to ablions@gsinet.net along with name, address, telephone number, your age group, and a brief description/location of each photo.

The Antrim-Bennington Lions Club will have non-commercial rights for use of the submitted photos.

We will be judging all the submitted photos in late September and will announce the winners on October 1, 2012.

If there are any questions please email ablions@gsinet.net.



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IT'S A SMALL WORLD

Rick Wood

My daughter, Audrey Wood, a 2011 graduate of Conval, had talked about backpacking across Europe since she was probably twelve years old. As most parents would, we politely encouraged her to see what programs were available, presuming the fad would pass as quickly. After doing some legwork, she did bring her mother and me a few programs that we quickly dismissed as either too costly or for a variety of other reasons that translated to “not over my dead body under any conditions” from her mother.

Little did we know that she had two high school classmates who had spent their senior year in a Student Exchange Program sponsored by local Rotary Clubs. She was able to stay in contact with them via Skype and Facebook and really liked what she was seeing from their experiences. Though each friend was in a different country experiencing a variety of cultures and regions, living with as many as three different host families for 9-10 months periods, they clearly were having the time of their lives even though they knew little of the culture, history, or language of the locals.

Needless to say, Audrey's overseas senses were tingling with excitement about the possibilities. The program was so well run and the cost so affordable, we had a hard time saying “no,” though her mother is still recovering from saying goodbye at the airport. After numerous meetings with the volunteer Rotary team charged with preparing students and families with the highs and lows of international travel, she was accepted into the program and was selected to go to Belgium. At least three other Conval students are overseas in the same program including another from Antrim currently in Chile. Fortunately Audrey had three years of High School French so she wasn't totally unprepared. But nothing could completely ready one for actual emersion into a foreign culture.

Thank goodness for current technology. We've been able to keep in touch with her via Skype, Facebook, Snapfish and a very funny blog that she has kept during her stay. She was able to travel all over Belgium visiting Rotary Exchange Students in other cities. Belgium has great public transit system that provided her the freedom to travel extensively. She also spent four days in London, eleven days in Spain, and will be spending six days in Prague before coming home at the end of June. She experienced numerous cultural events including a concert where everyone wore white outfits, a carnival where there were old traditional costumes and dancing in the streets and plenty of local food, particularly French fries and waffles (not together). Audrey also attended school full time and gained a lot of friends and experiences with her classmates, including introducing many to Ultimate Frisbee. Her travels weren't completely free of adversity. She had her wallet stolen twice, and we received an email from her with the subject line of “HELP DAD” which was not fun.

All in all we've really enjoyed the Rotary program and would highly recommend it to any parent/student consider-

ing going overseas or hosting a student. I partly wrote this for those who stop me and ask how Audrey is doing and who allowed me a moment of father pride and the chance to talk your ear off. Even those who didn't ask, I say sorry, but I had to tell you the latest Audrey story.

If you're interested in the Rotary program, go to: <http://www.rotary.org/EN/STUDENTSANDYOUTH/Pages/ridefault.aspx>. 

FRANKLIN PIERCE LAKE ASSOCIATION

Robin Loveland

The Franklin Pierce Lake Association (FPLA) was formed in 2009 to “promote the protection, careful use and shared enjoyment of the lake,” and our 2012 season is off to a great start.

SAT. JULY 14 AT 6:00 PM • POT LUCK SUPPER

After having a successful Pot Luck Supper last year we have scheduled one again for this summer at the Manahan Park Pavilion in Hillsborough. This is a good opportunity to meet neighbors around the lake as well as visit with old friends.

SAT. AUGUST 11TH AT 9:00 AM ANNUAL MEETING AND LOON PRESENTATION

We have scheduled Harry Vogel, Senior Biologist /Executive Director of the Loon Preservation Committee, to give a presentation on Loons after the regular business of the meeting. The meeting and presentation will be held at the Manahan Park. We are very fortunate to have a regular presence of loons on our lake and proud to have arranged for this respected speaker talk to us about this unique and interesting bird.

We will continue participating in the following three programs that are important in protecting the health of the lake.

LAKE HOST PROGRAM

In April, partnering with the Hillsborough Conservation Commission, we were awarded a grant of \$1000 from the NH Lake Association to go toward paying for part time paid Lake Hosts. The FPLA will be supplementing this with an additional \$400 to extend the hours of ramp coverage. The Lake Host Program is our first line of defense against invasive exotic plant infestations. They do this by educating boaters about the threat these plants pose and assisting them with inspecting their boats for plant fragments to prevent their spread. We have hired two part time Lake Hosts who will be staffing the Manahan Boat Ramp approximately 9 hours each weekend from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

WEED WATCHER PROGRAM

Our Weed Watchers are our second line of defense against these invasive plants. Volunteers are encouraged to regularly monitor sections of the perimeter of the lake and are trained to recognize suspicious plants. It is hoped that in this way should any exotic plants have eluded our vigilance in inspect-

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ing boats they could be dealt with at a very early stage. To date 23 volunteers have been through a training program offered by the NH DES. Plans are underway to further their training this summer with some hands on plant identification on the lake.

WATER AND FISH TESTING

Since 2010 we have been participating in the NH DES Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP). In this program volunteers with the support of a NH DES biologist test water samples at several locations in the lake to monitor the health of the lake and detect any negative changes should they occur. We have also sent several fish to the NH DES for mercury testing. Results on the fish sent indicated very high mercury in three bass but the one trout that was sent showed a very low mercury level. This is consistent with previous findings. The level of mercury in trout, which have been stocked in the lake, tends to be so low as to not be of concern, while in bass it is high and people should avoid eating them.

Franklin Pierce Lake is a treasure for the towns of Antrim and Hillsborough. It provides continuing enjoyment to those living on it as well as those visiting it through Manahan Park. To learn more about FPLA or become a member, check out the website www.fplake.org. 

INVITATION TO ANTRIM

Trim Hahn

The members of the Steering Committee for the Fourth Annual Hillsborough Living History Event, August 18th & 19th 2012, invite you and the residents of Antrim to join in a fun filled weekend of authentic hands-on historical programs for the family. Winner of the Association of the Historical Society's of New Hampshire Public Education Award in 2009, the action packed, 2 day, 4 location event in Scenic and Historic Hillsborough is a weekend not to be missed.

Hillsborough's tremendous history and beautiful vistas, is perfect as a home away from home for historians, re-enactors, artisans, settlers, photographers, and visitors from all over New England and beyond. From the pristine Hillsborough Center to the Franklin Pierce Homestead, to historic Jones Road, and six double stone arch bridges (on the 10 best list of National Engineering Heritage Sites), visitors are given a treat for the senses through the lens of history.

Did Ben Franklin fly that kite? You can ask him! Try your hand at panning for real gold, help throw a pot on the potter's wheel or weave an authentic Native American ash basket, be a student in a real 1800's schoolhouse, cast your own pewter spoon, press some cider and more... Immerse yourself while the cannons roar, a Cavalry charges down a field, you watch a battle in the woods, and falcons fly for prey. Meet Benjamin Franklin, our guest from Philadelphia. These are just some of the exciting and interesting things to do on 4 action-packed sites all for one modest ticket price over two exciting days. Complete information at: LivingHistoryEventNH.com

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For this black fly I shed a tear
Who flew right into my left ear –
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In nature's bounteous otic muck.

All such was after this black fly
Had seen his best loved sister die
By drowning in my moist right eye.

The moral for black flies is this:
Beware the open orifice!

— Dick Winslow

THE GRAPEVINE

Kristen Vance

TWO PATHS TO THE SPRING WALK

Two Great Brook School students—one from Antrim, one from Bennington—each collected enough sponsors to fill their respective pledge forms for The Grapevine Spring Walk for Families. One squeezed in three more names at the bottom for a total of 21 sponsors. None of the other 75-plus walkers collected as many pledges as these girls did. Looking over the list of names on each form, I imagined the pledge path each girl took. Tiffany Ellis traversed the school—stopping teachers in the hall and making the rounds in the cafeteria and the administrative offices. Jacklyn Remick set out from the Teen Center and hiked up Main Street, stopping first at the bakery, then at Trends of Fashion, Antrim Computer, and up to Edmunds' before she canvassed her neighborhood. On the morning of the Spring Walk, it was my pleasure to talk for a bit with Tiffany and Jacklyn who, each in her own way, took part in determining The Grapevine's path in the coming year. Our thanks to you both.

BLACK FLY COMMUNITY ART SHOW OPENING JUNE 2

The public is invited to join us Saturday, June 2 between 10:00–12:00 to view works of art by children and youth in our community. All ages are invited to participate in community art making projects at the various arts and crafts stations. Media include group watercolor, food art and large outdoor art. Antrim's Brian Murphy will once again be throwing unique and beautiful Family Heirloom Platters by request on his potter's wheel, complete with your children's handprints.

YARD SALE to benefit The Learning Vine Preschool Scholarship Fund. **When:** Saturday, July 14th from 9-noon. **Where:** Grapevine parking lot. **What:** Loads of treasures, gently-used items, and drawing of the *Live It Local* Raffle with many great prizes donated by our generous local businesses. Donations of like-new items are welcome.

BIG BOLD Grown-Up Paint Camp with Carol Lunan begins June 26! This 4-session "camp" on Tuesday evenings is an opportunity for adults to have the same fun with paint, paper, textures and colors that Carol's preschoolers enjoy. We'll be painting indoors and outdoors, experimenting with

a variety of techniques, papers, colors and tools. Prepare to get messy and laugh a lot. Paper and paint provided, please bring all shapes and sizes of brushes (or other paint applicators) to share. Tuesdays from 5:30–7:30 pm, June 26 and July 10, 17 and 24. Cost: \$40 plus \$10 materials fee. If the cost is a hardship, please let us know when you call to sign up.

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Summer is a great time to join the Exchange—if you'd like some help with gardening, yard work, house painting, or bicycle repair, or if you'd like to learn to sail, swim, or kayak, let us know! About 300 other services are available, including massage, transportation and computer support. Need a service or have one to offer? Call Nancy at 588-2620, or email PeoplesServiceExchange@hotmail.com for more information.

THANK YOU...

• **Rick & Diane** for once again hosting a Grapevine Day this spring at your restaurant and donating 20% of the day's receipts to support programs for children and families.

• **Bank of New Hampshire** for sponsoring the spring *Guiding Good Choices* series for parents of 9-14 year olds at Antrim Elementary, and to our Antrim schools and PTOs for partnering with us to offer a program shown to enhance the family skills that help youth steer clear of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs.

• **Linda Bryer** for volunteering each week in our Better Beginnings children's program.

• **Our community**, for collecting pledges, walking, and sponsoring walkers in our Spring Walk for Families to raise over \$11,000 in support of Grapevine programs for children and their families.

SUMMER OF ADVENTURES AT THE GRAPEVINE JULY 9 THROUGH AUGUST 14

Better Beginnings Parent-Child Summer Program

Tuesdays 9:30-11:30. For parents and their children (18 months to 5 years of age). Children play and learn in a fun and nurturing environment while parents have some "adult time" and discussion about parenting and other topics. Outdoor summer fun includes water play, gardening, bubbles, nature walks and more! School-age siblings welcome—we

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have games and opportunities to help with the little kids. Sliding scale fee, call now to sign up.

Backyard Adventures for Young Children

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

- Session I—July 9-13, 9-12:30
- Session II—August 13-17, 9-12:30

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

Backyard Science for 7-9 year olds with Carol Lunan and Rachel Lunan-Hill, back by popular demand! July 18-22 from 9:00-1:00. \$120 for the week.

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

LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL

4TH ANNUAL GRAPEVINE TOUCH-A-TRUCK IS COMING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Don't miss it!

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

Better Beginnings parent-child program—Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30—Young children (to age 5) play and explore with guidance from our early childhood educators while parents “put their feet up” and talk with our parenting educators and other parents about child- and family-centered topics.

Better Beginnings for Babies—Fridays 10-11:30—parents, infants and new toddlers come together to play and talk with our early childhood educator and other parents about the joys and challenges of parenthood, including topics such as nutrition, breast and bottle feeding, crying, sleep issues (for baby and parents!), developmental expectations and more.

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

Learning Vine Preschool—Looking for a preschool program for your 4 to 5 year old? Now enrolling for September 2012. Early June is a great time to visit—Call to schedule.

Before and After School Clubs 2011-2012 Registration

Call The Grapevine to register your Elementary or Great Brook School student in the Before or After School Club for the coming school year. Children currently enrolled will have priority until June 15. The programs provide before and after



school care Monday through Friday, and include time to finish homework, games, and activities.

SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE GRAPEVINE...

On site application for food stamps, Healthy Kids insurance and State other assistance

- Community Wood Bank—we're looking for summer donations!
- Child and family counseling through Monadnock Family Services
- Information and assisted referral for resources to meet basic needs such as housing, home heating, food and prescriptions
- Help finding meaningful employment for people with disabilities through A.C.C.E.S.S.

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

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