

HOME & HARVEST SEPTEMBER 14—16

Rick Davis

Luther “Guitar Jr.” Johnson returns to this year’s grand finale on Saturday night during the 9th annual Antrim Home & Harvest Festival, September 14–16. Johnson, a Grammy winner and blues guitar legend, played with Muddy Waters and fronted his own band, the Magic Rockers. He will perform during the Saturday night barbeque, from 6 p.m. to 7:30. Another local favorite, the Bursitis Brothers, will play during the afternoon prior to Johnson.

Several additions highlight all three days of the festival this year, including the Monadnock Sustainability Fair, held

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ANTRIM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Scott R. Lester

Preparation for site development and design of a new police station are underway. After approval at Town Meeting in March, the town administrator and selectman began the process to purchase the vacant lot in front of the Post Office. In May, requests for proposals were placed in several local newspapers for company bids and cost estimates to begin designing a new station through construction.

In order to give the selectman a perspective of what needed to be considered during the design phase, I arranged to visit four police departments renovated or built over the last fifteen years. In May and June we visited the Warner, Hopkinton, Peterborough, and Chesterfield Police Departments. These departments were chosen for size, police activity, and community setting. Both

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CIVIL WAR SOLDIER DEDICATION

Lyman Gilmore

Our beautiful new bronze soldier statue recently completed by the New England Sculpture Foundry in Boston will be dedicated on Saturday of Home & Harvest, September 15 at 9:30 a.m. in front of Antrim’s Baptist Church.



*New England Sculpture Mold Maker Miguel Angelo DeCastro DaSilva applying a thin rubber coating to our statue in preparing a plaster mold into which molten bronze will be poured.
(Lyman Gilmore Photo)*

WIND CONTROVERSY

Lyman Gilmore, Editor

Antrim’s wind controversy is in the hands of the NH Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) that has designated certain interested individuals and organizations as “Intervenors” from whom the SEC has accepted testimony; the deadline for which was July 31, 2012. This testimony consists of position statements for and against various aspects of the project.

To find a list of all the Intervenors and read their testimony, go to <http://www.nhsec.nh.gov/> and click on “Current Projects” and then on “Antrim Wind Energy, LLC (SEC Docket No. 2012-01).” To find the list of Intervenors, click on “Service List July 11, 2012.”

According to the attorney for the SEC, Michael Iacopino, these are the next steps in the process: (1) on August

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20-21 "Technical Sessions" will be held in Concord, chaired by Mr. Iacopino, during which witnesses (Intervenors) and the "applicant" (the company proposing the project, Antrim Wind Energy LLC), exchange information (the SEC will not be present); (2) the week of September 10-14, the SEC holds an Adjudicatory Hearing" or trial to hear all sides of the case; (3) on October 4-5 the SEC holds its public deliberation on the project; and (4) in late October the SEC announces its decisions regarding the project. 

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Warner and Chesterfield have staffing equal to our current size, and Antrim has the potential to be the size of Hopkinton and Peterborough twenty-five years from now. I feel the visits were very productive and gave the selectman a good point of reference for when we start designing your new police department.

By the end of June, we had acquired the land and received fourteen proposals. Administrator Stearns and I reviewed all the company bios and obtained feedback from prior clients on our finalists. On June 25 we presented our finding to the Board of Selectman who reviewed the top two suggested companies and opened their price bids. We further discussed the benefits of each company, and Baybutt Construction in Keene, NH was chosen.

Administrator Stearns and I then met with the project manager and architect from Baybutt the following week. We provided them with a conceptual floor plan and discussed our expectations and needs, and we walked the proposed site. This meeting went very well and we all left feeling optimistic that this project will provide the Town of Antrim with a police facility it will be proud of, and that will be suitable for more than twenty-five years without renovation.

We plan on having architectural drawings sometime in late September/early October and have our first public presentation/discussion in December.

In early May, I prepared a brief photo presentation and explanation outlining some of the concerns with the current station and posted it on the home page of the town website (www.antrimnh.org) titled "Concerns with space at Antrim Police Department" in the Residents section. If you haven't had an opportunity to come by the station or view our poster at the town office, please visit the website and take a look.

On behalf of all the members of the Antrim Police Department, we greatly appreciate all your past and future support. 

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ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Peter Moore, President

The Antrim Historical Society Board of Directors, as tasked by the general AHS Membership, has a big responsibility to the stakeholders of Antrim's past. As stated in Article II of the Society's Bylaws:

"The purpose of the Society shall be to collect and preserve books, manuscripts, prints, diaries, memoranda, service records, pictures, photographs, paintings, relics, and other articles, items or records that may be of historic interest relating to the history of the Town of Antrim (The "Town"); to record items and events which may be of historical significance; and to foster general interest in the history of the Town and the state of New Hampshire."

Whether you grew up here and moved away, or never left, you are a stakeholder of Antrim's history. If you summered on Pierce or Gregg Lakes and decided to make it year-round and retire here, you are now part of Antrim's history, and it part of you. Maybe, by chance, you discovered Antrim because one of your revolutionary war era relatives answered the call from here. You are a stakeholder of Antrim's past. Or perhaps you are ten years old, and for you the history of Antrim is a big, faded book that sits on a shelf by the fireplace in the library. You too are an important stakeholder of the history of this town.

As members of the board, we see lots of opportunities to help enhance our collection and to bring it alive. At every meeting we discuss how to make the collection more accessible, what programs to offer, and how to best invigorate the interest of our members. Perhaps you have an Antrim family history you would like preserved in our museum. As board members we also see the need for more member involvement and volunteerism, both on the board and as an interested member.

And so we thought a good place to start might be an introduction of the members of the AHS Board and an invitation to contact any of us to share your ideas and find out more about what we do:

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Fourth of July around the bandstand was a commemorative event again this year with upwards of seventy people attending. Thanks to all who came to hear Bill Nichols and Dean Proctor read the Declaration of Independence. Thanks also to Brian Beihl and John Robertson on the donuts, Diane Chauncey on the sweet rolls.

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SELECTBOARD

Mike Genest, Selectman

Another summer has flown by and is behind us as we head into fall. The extremely dry conditions with the periodic thunderstorms have created havoc on some of our roads, with washouts occurring during these intense rains.

Work has continued on Elm Avenue and another portion should be paved by the time this article appears. The Town plans on continuing this project further next year. This has been a very labor intensive project with our Highway Department doing the work. It has been a challenge at times to keep up with all the washouts that have occurred throughout the Town. We thank you for understanding.

The SEC process continues on with Antrim Wind and the actual hearings will take place the week of September 10, 2012 in Concord.

At the time of this writing, the Town of Antrim has just received notice that a petition has been filed in NH Superior Court against the Board of Selectmen, attempting to invalidate the PILOT Agreement approved by the Selectmen at the June 20 Public Hearing. The petitioners, Gordon Allen, Mary Allen (School Board representative and intervenor), Charles Levesque and Martha Pinello (both members of the Planning Board and intervenors representing the Planning Board) and Janice Longgood (intervenor), allege that the PILOT was a product of numerous secret meetings. The Selectmen consulted with legal counsel on multiple occasions to insure that all meetings were legal and proper. At this time with a lawsuit filed against the Town, we have been advised by Town Counsel to make no further comments at this time. ☞

CONVAL SCHOOLS

Crista Salamy, School Board

As I sit down to write this, it is hard to believe that summer is coming to a close and a new school year will be starting. Even though the ConVal School Board has not had as many meetings this summer, there has been much going on. The Model Study Committee is working on the poll survey that will be sent to all registered voters in the district sometime this fall. It will include a list of priorities for you to rank which models possibly appeal to you as we look towards the future for our district. Speaking of the future, the Building Committee has been working with Hutter Construction, which won the bid to oversee the new gym reconstruction at the high school. The Education Committee is continuing its work helping Conval become a higher performing district. We had a successful Summer Academy at the high school where students took classes that they could not fit into their schedules during the year. Our district staff members have been working throughout the summer on professional development to help prepare them for this coming year. I would like to thank our staff for all the hard work they put into our schools, and especially our children. ☞

HOOVIE

Beth Merrill

Very seldom does a horse live its entire life at just one farm, but on March 2nd of this year our Hoovie completed his 26 year earthly journey (that's 78 human years) just a few feet from where his journey began. You might wonder why this tribute is worthy of interest to this readership, so I will expand on the theme: when we lost this beloved member of our family, Antrim lost a lifelong resident and unofficial town ambassador.

The little bay colt, sired by the Morgan stallion, Tamarlei Peter Pan and out of the Arabian mare, Skipper's Angel, was born in early May in 1986. We named him HS Pan-demonium. He was our first-born, so we misjudged the telltale signs of delivery and found him that morning all dried off, walking around, and trying to convince his mother to let him nurse. Quite a humble start, actually, but just weeks later a photo of him standing in front of the "It's A Boy!" banner proudly displayed across the front of our barn was published in the local weekly paper. This was the first of several bits of publicity he would garner.

Later that summer Baby (his first of several nicknames) went to Alstead to his first horse show. Rick Sudsbury did the trailering and found, during a routine stop and check that the colt had somehow climbed up into the manger! I have a hard time picturing what that must have looked like. They were able to disentangle him, continued on, and arrived at the show grounds a bit tardy but nonetheless unscathed. The incident seemed not to affect the colt's trailer-confidence as he was to travel often over the course of his life with no further incident.

During his first and second year, Squirt (his second nickname) had an ungainly growth period such that a visitor to the farm one day asked my husband what we intended to do with the "mule" that was pastured with the other horses. He did sport a coat of a most peculiar color before completing the transformation from the mousy bay color of his birth into the gray horse that we knew he would become. Gray horses are born a dark color before turning their natural color at around 4 years of age. By the time of his senior years our gelding had transformed from a lovely dapple gray, into a flea-bitten gray, and thus, was the spitting image of Angel,

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CELTIC EVENSONG RETURNS

The third season of offering a Celtic Evensong worship service will begin at 5:30 p.m. on October 7, 2012, at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Antrim. Our second season ended in June, with a wonderful closing prayer sung by Steve Smillie of Peterborough and accompanied on the organ by Antrim's own Dr. Loyall Allen.

As summer filled the sanctuary with both heat and light, we have been on hiatus. However, new resources have been found, some new musicians have volunteered to help out, and I am very excited about continuing and growing this wonderful ministry. As it has been organized to be non-denominational, ecumenical, and inclusive we have seen participation from many people of varying faith traditions and from all around the Monadnock region. We will be sticking with the same calendar schedule, despite the occasional conflicts that arise—so, always on the first Sunday of the month, at 5:30 p.m., from October to June.

If you have never attended but are curious, the service is open to all. It lasts no longer than 30 to 45 minutes, contains no sermon, and leans heavily on the Celtic Christian theologies and philosophies of the Scottish Iona Community, the Irish Corrymeela Community, the French Taize style of worship, and other contemporary Christian communities in Europe, as well as the Anglican traditions in England and New Zealand. It also frequently includes poetry or prose from other wisdom traditions around the world, as we acknowledge that all people are children of the same Creator Spirit, and that love is the universal language.

Are you looking for a few moments of peace, silence, quiet music, powerful communal prayer, candlelight, and song? Come join us! Many of our regular attendees have expressed the wish that we could do this service weekly! It is a great way to start the month off right. Please help us spread the word, and spread the peace and love as well!

If you have questions about the service, or wish to contribute to the service by helping to set up or pack up, read or help with music, please contact the church and leave a message for me. Thank you.

Sharon Dowling – Evensong Coordinator/Music Director
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SOLDIERS' MONUMENT POETIC INSCRIPTIONS

Lyman Gilmore

We do not know who of our forefathers in 1892 selected the poetic quotations for the base or plinth of Antrim's Civil War Monument, but they chose wisely, if, in one case, curiously. The two bits of poetry etched into the current granite plinth are identical to those on the original zinc base. On the east side:

The land is holy where they fought,
and holy where they fell,
the land by which their blood they bought,
the land they loved so well.

and on the west side:

How sleep the brave who sink to rest,
By all their countries wishes blest.

The east side quote—The land is holy where they fought—is from a long poem “New England's Dead” by the American poet Isaac McLellan (1806-1899). McLellan was born in Portland, Maine, lived in Boston from the age of six, graduated from Maine's Bowdoin College in 1826, practiced law and wrote poems and articles for popular magazines in Boston, but lived most of his life on Long Island, New York, where he divided his time between hunting and fishing and writing poems about these activities, gaining him fame as “The Poet-Sportsman.”

He wrote “New England's Dead” in 1832, long before the Civil War, and it is a patriotic paean to the New Englanders who lost their lives in the American Revolution. Here are the words of the entire poem:

New England's dead! New England's dead! / On every hill they lie; / On every field of strife made red / By bloody victory. / Each valley, where the battle pour'd / Its red and awful tide, / Beheld the brave New England sword / With slaughter deeply dyed. / Their bones are on the northern hill, / And on the southern plain, / By brook and river, lake and rill, / And by the roaring main.

The land is holy where they fought, / And holy where they fell; / For by their blood that land was bought, / The land they loved so well. / Then glory to that valiant band, / The honor'd saviours of the land! / Oh, few and weak their numbers were— / A handful of brave men; / But to their God they gave their prayer, / And rush'd to battle then. / The God of battles heard their cry, / And sent to them the victory.

They left the ploughshare in the mould, / Their flocks and herds without a fold, / The sickle in the unshorn grain, / The corn, half garner'd, on the plain, / And muster'd, in their simple dress, / For wrongs to seek a stern redress, / To right those wrongs, come weal, come woe, / To perish, or o'ercome their foe.

And where are ye, O fearless men? / And where are ye to-day? / I call: — the hills reply again / That ye have pass'd away; / That on old Bunker's lonely height, / In Trenton, and in Monmouth ground, / The grass grows green, the harvest bright, / Above each soldier's mound.

The bugle's wild and warlike blast / Shall muster them no more; / An army now might thunder past, / And they heed not its roar. / The starry flag, 'neath which they fought, / In many a bloody day, / From their old graves shall rouse them not; / For they have pass'd away.

McLellan's poem may not have been written about the Civil War—although the names of Antrim men lost in the Revolution are included on the monument, our statue is of a Civil War Union soldier—but at least it is by an American author. Not so the poem excerpt quoted on the west side of the plinth by the English poet William Collins (1721-1759):

How Sleep The Brave

*How sleep the brave, who sink to rest
By all their country's wishes blest!
When Spring, with dewy fingers cold,
Returns to deck their hallow'd mould,
She there shall dress a sweeter sod
Than Fancy's feet have ever trod.*

*By fairy hands their knell is rung;
By forms unseen their dirge is sung;
There Honour comes, a pilgrim grey,
To bless the turf that wraps their clay;
And Freedom shall awhile repair
To dwell, a weeping hermit, there!*

Originally titled “Ode, written in the Beginning of the Year 1746,” Collins's poem celebrated the British soldiers who were killed at the battles of Preston Pans and Falkirk as they fought against the invading Scottish army of the Catholic “Young Pretender” who believed he was the rightful king of England. “How Sleep the Brave,” one of the most popular English poems in the eighteenth century, was widely anthologized, thus probably chosen for their monument by the Antrim citizens in 1892. But poetic tastes changed, and a later collection of poems by Collins failed to attract much notice. Depressed by this subsequent failure, and “aggravated by drunkenness,” Collins became insane, and in 1754 was locked up in McDonald's Madhouse in London until a married elder sister took him in and cared for him until his death in 1759.

And so, despite the fact that one of our inscriptions concerns the Revolution and not our statue's Civil War, and the other was written by a British poet in honor of English soldiers killed by Scots in the 18th century, it is clear that the poetic words on our monument are beautifully apt in honoring Antrim's heroes who died fighting for their country. ☞

HOME AND HARVEST BBQ

Rick King, President Antrim-Bennington Lions Club

In conjunction with Antrim's Home and Harvest Festival, the Lions Club will once again be putting on a chicken BBQ at Tenney Farm on Saturday, September 15th from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. While chicken is the specialty, we will also have hamburgers, hotdogs and veggie burgers. All meals come with homemade coleslaw, chips, fresh corn on the cob, and a drink.

There is a *Baked Bean Bake Off* again this year so get your entry in no later than 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. You can drop off your baked beans at the Tenney Farm any time prior to the 4:00 p.m. deadline. We will be serving the baked beans as part of the BBQ until they run out so plan to get there early! New this year will be a *Fruit Pie Bake Off* and those entries should also be dropped off prior to 4:00 p.m. at Tenney Farm.

During the BBQ, we will once again be having great music as the Bursitis brothers and Luther Guitar Johnson will be playing. The BBQ and music will be followed by a fantastic fireworks show starting at 7:30 p.m. right at Tenney Farm.

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

ANTRIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Sheena Baldwin

The AES PTO had a very successful 2011-2012 school year! Because of community support at many of the PTO sponsored events like Winterfest and our fall fundraiser through Cristoline, we were able to provide a variety of class trips, special Field Day treats, a brand new composter for the 2nd grade, and many other fun activities and classroom goods.

We held our very first Holiday Gift Extravaganza in November and we hope it will become an annual event. The PTO also held its Holiday Shop for the students of AES; folks donated their gently used items and we set up shop for the children to purchase their friends and family members thoughtful gifts for the holidays. Keep your eyes peeled for signs and posters about these two wonderful events as the time draws nearer for them! If you are interested in donating items for raffles, volunteering or being a vendor at an event, please contact Sheena at sheena.grace.baldwin@gmail.com.

As our children grow up and move on, their parents go with them. With parents leaving our AES PTO and moving up to GBS, we hope that you will consider joining us in our mission to help support our local elementary school staff and children. We generally meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at AES. Since we are all "P's" of the PTO, we understand that it can often be difficult to commit to meetings and events, but please be assured that no amount of volunteering is too little! We will accept any amount of your time, help and donations!

If you would like more information about the PTO please drop by our Welcome Party at the first meeting of the year on September 11 at 7:00 p.m., or contact me at 588-3688. ☞



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WHITE BIRCH POINT ASSOCIATION 1912 - 2012

Jim Franco

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

Older Antrim citizens may remember White Birch Point resident Harold Fleming who lived all year around at his small cottage beginning in 1956. He had quite a combination of heating systems to maintain a comfortable temperature. The fireplace was augmented with kerosene heaters and later electric panels that proved to be costly. He finally settled on a wall furnace fueled by propane. Since his cottage was well beyond the steep turn in the road which the road agent, understandably, would not plow, the tank for the propane was located on the lower road from which it supplied the gas to the furnace via a half inch iron pipe. To solve the problem of getting supplies to his cottage, Harold had a garage constructed on the lower road. After shopping he would place his groceries or whatever he had purchased into a basket that was located next to a window in the garage. The basket was on a cable that went from the garage to his house; between the garage and the house were two poles that supported the cable. After climbing to his home with the help of snowshoes he would get on a bike that was mounted on the porch floor (it

only had a back wheel) and would pedal the bike which would bring the basket up on the cable to the porch gate, where he would unload the contents of the basket. Harold died in 1971. When I purchased his cottage in 1977, the bike was still mounted on the porch.

In the early 1960's the Flemings were the dominant family at White Birch Point since they owned four of the twenty-two cottages there. In addition to Harold, his mother Abbie owned a cottage named "The Hearthstone" which she summered at for more than fifty years. Ross Fleming and his wife Marie had built a cottage that they called "Foot Hill Cottage" in 1949. Harold and Ross's sister Elizabeth, a physician who practiced medicine on an Indian reservation in Oklahoma, owned the cabin known as "Boulder."

The girls camp, Birchmere, continued to own most of the property on the north side of Patten Hill and was at times a source of irritation for the cottage owners. They complained to the Board of Selectmen about the use of a public address system which was operated at a volume sufficient to be heard from the beach all the way up the hill to the horse stables and paddock. In their letter, they stressed that for the thirty-five years Glenn Loucks and Alice Kyle ran the camp they did so without the use of loud speakers. The issue was never resolved to the satisfaction of the cottage owners. Use of the beach would periodically surface as an issue, and elaborate rules were written to maintain peace between the owners and the camp. Cottagers were

limited to a small area to the west side of the beach and were urged not to use the beach for swimming when the camp girls were there for their scheduled swim times, 9:30 to 12:30 and 4:30 to 6:00. All of this became history when the camp ceased operating in 1974.

At about the same time White Birch Pointers had serious discussions about the advisability of purchasing the camp property which was put for sale by the owner, Eleanor Loucks of White Plains, New York. Two of the members did decide to make an offer. However, their offer and the asking price were too far apart to settle the issue. In 1980 the ownership of the camp property was transferred to J. David Loucks. As part of a plan to sell two lots on the lake, Loucks transferred ownership of the beach and an adjacent area of 1.4 acres called "The Grove" to the White Birch Point Association in 1981. Thus, for the first time the Association owned property and decided to apply for status as a voluntary corporation to the New Hampshire Secretary of State. The application was approved in December 1981.

Next the Association turned its attention to possible ownership of a 3.8 acre parcel that contained the pump house and water reservoir. The system supplied water to seventeen of the cottages via a gravity feed system. When the owner of the parcel and water system informed the water users that the annual fee would increase from \$55 to \$350, the desire to purchase became serious. After much negotiation a purchase price was agreed

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WOODY

Lyman Gilmore

This is the story of Antrim's Fred "Woody" Woodworth who fought with the United States Marine 1st Division in the decisive and bloody 1942 WWII battle of Guadalcanal in the South Pacific.

If you do not know Woody and happen to encounter him at TBird while you fetch your paper some morning, you would never guess that he is ninety-two years old. Fit and trim, darkly tanned and broad shouldered, Woody still pumps iron every other day in his home gym on Gregg Lake. (You can't miss his red mailbox decorated proudly with US Marine insignia on the lake road just before The Waumbek Inn.) Woody has been in pretty good shape ever since he joined the Marines at seventeen in 1937, all through World War II, and over his long professional career as a coach and physical education teacher at White Plains High School in New York.

Woody and his wife Gene, whom he met while both were attending Slippery Rock State Teachers College in Pennsylvania after the war, had a surprise when they bought land in Antrim in 1968. They first saw what they thought was their lovely plot covered with ice and snow in the middle of the winter, but when they returned on a warmer weekend in April they were horrified to discover that it was under water. A neighbor happened by and asked innocently if they were the New Yorkers who had bought a swamp, and when Woody admitted with some embarrassment that they were, the neighbor said he knew someone who might be able to help them.

That someone was Antrim contractor, the late great Smith "Smitty" Harriman, and when Woody and Gene phoned Smitty and were invited to his house and he greeted them at the front door in his long-johns, they figured they had found the right man for an unusual job. While Woody and Gene went back to work in White Plains, Smitty and his men hauled truck after truck of sand from his sandpit on Pleasant Street until they had the entire plot filled solid above the waterline. Woody, Gene, and their sons and daughters built their attractive and unique house—to Gene's design—looking out across a sandy beach toward the beautiful wooded ridgeline on the western horizon beyond Gregg Lake, and they moved in when he retired in 1982. (Woody says he is not happy about the

prospect of tall wind turbines defacing those hills.) Gene, who had also been a teacher, died in December of 2009, and Woody says, sadly, that: "the biggest thing in my life was being married to Gene, we had sixty honeymoon years together, we had fun."

Fred Woodworth, born on June 30, 1920, was raised on a hardworking farm in Albion, Pennsylvania, in the far north-western part of the state near Lake Erie. In 1937 when he was seventeen he decided to join the US Marine Corps, something he had wanted to do ever since in an Armistice Day parade (now Memorial Day) he had seen among the familiar soldiers and sailors a large, straight-backed man in a strange and beautiful bright blue uniform. After the parade Woody went up to the man and asked what he was, to which the man answered, "Well son, I am a US Marine," and went on to explain how the Marines were different from any other military branch. That was it for young Woody, he was hooked: "That's what I wanted to be." When he thought of joining he feared that his parents might object, but as the Depression was making it difficult to feed the family, one less mouth made his enlisting acceptable.

After boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina, Woody was sent to Shanghai, China, where he joined the Fourth Marine Regiment keeping peace between the Chinese and Japanese. At the end of his four-year hitch he returned home in November 1941, but when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, he was called to report to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. In the early 1940s there were few Marines in existence, and as only eight or nine in his unit had any experience, he was quickly promoted from PFC to Corporal to Sergeant. With the 1st Marine Division Woody went to Australia and then New Zealand to prepare for the invasion of Guadalcanal, a crucial island in the Solomons Islands that the Japanese needed for defense of Japan, and the United States wanted for the protection of Australia. Guadalcanal was the largest naval invasion to date, and the fate of the entire Pacific war with Japan was at stake.

As Woody explains, on August 7, 1942, the 1st Marine Division landed on the northern coast of Guadalcanal, and while they expected strong Japanese resistance, hardly a shot was

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fired. Their mission was to march through the steaming hot, humid jungle and capture an airfield the Japanese were building, later named Henderson Field after an American flier who was killed. When Woody reached the airfield the Japanese had retreated into the jungle and there was little fighting. Woody says that it was a full week before he was able to get his boots off, and when he did all that was left of his socks was the elastic around the top, leaving him with a bad case of “jungle rot,” a severe fungal infection. Soon Japanese reinforcements landed to the south, and several months of terrible firefights ensued, including a Japanese bayonet charge into the US lines where Woody suffered a bayonet wound in the hand-to-hand fighting.

One of the most angering and frightening things that happened to Woody and his comrades on Guadalcanal came on their first day ashore when the US Navy ships that had brought them retreated out to sea before all the Marines, food, ammunition, and heavy weapons had landed. Some high-ranking navy officer ordered the fleet away from the island because he feared they would be attacked and sunk by Japanese aircraft, and the Marines were abandoned with only the guns, ammunition, and food they carried. For two weeks they were without support and had to make do with their meager supplies, using vehicles and weapons the Japanese had left behind, and living on captured Japanese canned food and large quantities of rice. Woody says he ate so much rice during those two weeks that he can't stomach the stuff to this day.

Woody spent three months fighting the Japanese on Guadalcanal in battle after battle, at first with his favorite weapon, a Springfield 1903 bolt-action rifle first issued in the First World War. When the newer M1 Garand rifles were given to some of the Marines, Woody took one from a dead soldier but did not like it. He ended up using an M1 Carbine that was smaller and lighter and highly effective in the close, twenty-to-thirty yard fields of fire in the jungle where the heavier and longer Springfield rifle and M1 Garand rifles were awkward and unnecessarily powerful.

After leaving Guadalcanal for recovery and rest, he returned to fierce combat closer to Japan on Bougainville in the Eastern Solomons, and then he returned to the US and served as a Gunnery Sergeant Instructor at the Parris Island and Camp Lejeune Marine bases. Woody left active duty in 1947, having served for ten years, and continuing in the Marine Reserves.

Along with Woody's long career as a coach and teacher, first in Butler, Pennsylvania in the 1950s, then White Plains, New York, he completed a Masters degree at the University of Pittsburg and a Doctorate at New York University, which means that when you see him at TBird you can address him as Doctor Woody.

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ANTRIM RECREATION FALL

Celeste Lunetta, Director

The Parks and Recreation Department is wrapping up the final days of Summer Camp, Antrim in the Evening, and the beach season. It has been a successful and busy summer which was the first with a parking permit system at the beach, and I am very grateful to the beach staff who helped implement this new program. Our goal is to have this be friendly and accessible, and we welcome your feedback.

The Parks & Recreation Commission is now finalizing plans for the 2013 fiscal year, as well as for the next several years. A main goal is to make sure our public parks and programs are clean, user friendly, accessible and safe, and that they offer diverse opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities. We are hoping to proceed with work at Shea Field, and Memorial Park. There is also some momentum to get a

dog park set up in town. At Shea Field, we are working to build a pitching wall, as well as initiate a foundation for improved bleachers at the baseball diamond. If you have ideas or feedback, please call Celeste Lunetta at 588-3121, or a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Current members are Sam Harding, Peter Lamb, Joan Gorga, and Dave Kirkpatrick. We are hoping to add some new members to our ranks. We bid goodbye to Barbara Reynolds who resigned in August after many years of service. Barbara was instrumental in the development of the skateboard park, and I am very grateful for her years of service, and her hard work. She will surely be missed on the commission, and I wish her great

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during the day on Friday at Monadnock Paper Mills from noon to 6 p.m. Exhibitors include Ideal Compost, Society for the Protection of NH Forests, NHBSR, Monadnock Rideshare, Nature Conservancy, Pamomile, Land for Good, Contoocook Local River Advisory, Monadnock Table, PSNH, Harris Center, NH DES, and more. There is no charge for the event.

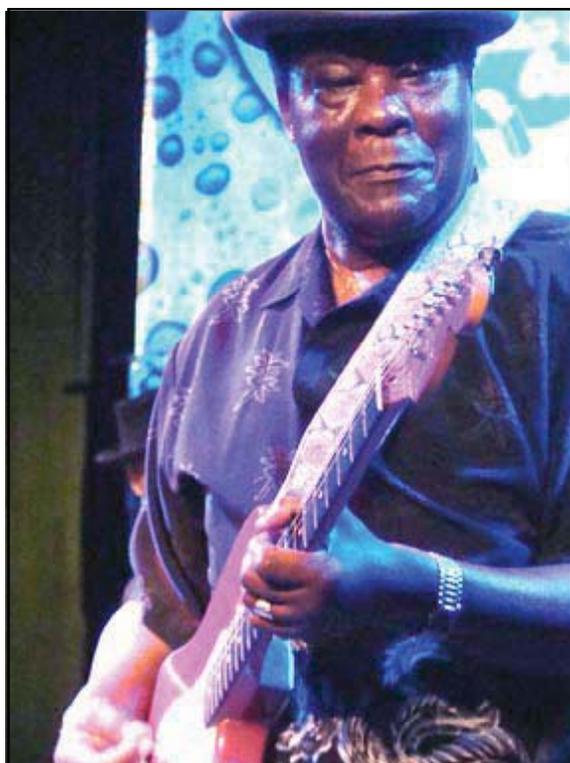
Beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday night at Town Hall, hear the Air Force Band of Liberty's Bay State Clarinet Trio. The trio promises a memorable evening of musical entertainment, including pop, Broadway, patriotic, jazz, and folk music, as well as original pieces for clarinet.

At 7 p.m., bring the family to the town gym for roller-skating and lots of fun and exercise. Skate rental cost is \$5.00.

Returning on Friday is the Antrim Can/Am Slalom Championships on Summer Street all afternoon. This year's event is a "major" in the world of slalom skateboarding, making the Antrim Can/Am one of two most important races in North America. The race continues all day on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. until early afternoon.

Saturday morning, Antrim's new Civil War soldier will be dedicated in front of the Antrim Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. The newly-cast bronze soldier replaces a previous sculpture which had started to corrode. A vote at this year's town meeting approved the funds for the new soldier, which is to be mounted on a new granite plinth.

Among the new events on Saturday is the Local Talent Showcase outside the Tuttle Library. If you sing, dance, play an instrument, have a band, juggle, tell jokes—whatever it is—share it with the community. Acts from residents of adjoining communities are welcome, but priority will be given to Antrim residents. Contact Maddie Beihl at 582-8300 or



email her at maddiebeihl@gmail.com for registration or more information. A sound system will be provided.

In the footsteps of the popular baked bean contest, Tenney Farm is organizing a "Bestest" Fruit Pie contest. Contact Tenney Farm at 588-2574 for more information. Pies and baked beans should be dropped off between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday. Tenney's also sponsors the corn on the cob eating contest on Saturday at Town Hall at 1:00 p.m.

Another new event near the library is "Hillbilly Golf," sometimes called "ladder golf." Scoring is similar to horseshoes, the sport is easy to learn and fun for all ages. Boy Scout Troop 2 has constructed two sets of goals and will oversee the event. This event is just for fun in 2012, but if there's interest, there may be a tournament next year.

Throughout the day Saturday, many favorite events return this year to the Antrim Home & Harvest Festival. The parade begins at 11:30 a.m., mustering on North Main and Elm Streets. Organizer Ted Brown promises a parade that's bigger than ever before, and encourages all local organizations and businesses to participate with a float.

Saturday's returning events include breakfast at the First Presbyterian Church, free fun & games at Touchwood Square, the Redneck Regatta, the Historical Society's apple crisp social, freestyle skateboard competition, Monadnock Mountaineers Powderpuff game, and open houses at the both the Antrim Senior Center and Tuttle Library. Saturday night's fireworks also promise to be a spectacle not to be forgotten. Newcomers to Antrim Home & Harvest are always surprised at the length and intensity of the display.

See the schedule insert or visit www.HomeandHarvest.org for more information and any event changes.

Antrim Police remind attendees that no alcohol is allowed at the barbecue, concert, or fireworks.

One major change on Main Street is a reorganization of Arts and Crafts booth space. With more activities near the Tuttle Library, booths now extend to the southern part of Main Street, but are no longer behind Town Hall. Spaces are still available for crafters, artists, or other businesses, so please contact Brad or Ella Kemp at 620-2491.

On Sunday, just prior to the Bravest vs the Finest softball game, come and see the new all-ages home-run derby. Both events take place at Shea Field next to Antrim Elementary School. For more information 464-9015.

The Antrim Home & Harvest Committee always welcomes volunteer help during the weekend. If you can help by volunteering, contact director Rick Davis at 588-3388, or stop in at Rick & Diane's Pizzeria. If you can't help by volunteering, please "Like" the Antrim Home & Harvest Festival Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/HomeAndHarvest>, email the schedule to your friends, family and business associates, and send them to the website, <http://www.homeandharvest.org/>, and invite your friends and family to come and spend the weekend or the day. Working together, we'll make this the best Antrim Home & Harvest Festival ever.

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SNAKE ON THE CEILING

Dick Winslow

My kitchen occupies a large space in a renovated 1820 farmhouse with exposed, hand hewn, wall and ceiling beams. A large table dominates one side of the space. Attached to a mid-ceiling beam is an imposing light fixture, a flat, four-foot by one-foot container for two long, tubular fluorescent bulbs.

This has a translucent bottom to shed light on a counter directly beneath it.

Recently, when I was having coffee at the kitchen table with my friend Lucy Forcier, she suddenly shrieked, pointed up at the light fixture, and gasped, "Snake!" "C'mon, Lucy, that's the ceiling you're pointing at." "No. A SNAKE!" she repeated. I looked up in disbelief, and sure enough, the head of a largeish snake was peering out from the top of the light fixture, eyes staring and tongue flicking wickedly.

What happened next is blurred in my mind, but I know I fetched from a kitchen drawer a pair of salad tongs that were hitched together at one end and spring-loaded for one-handed serving from a salad bowl. Meanwhile Lucy had produced an empty 2-gallon bucket. She climbed up on a small stepladder, and using the salad tongs, grasped the astonished head of the snake and pulled from its fluorescent light-warmed lair a 3-foot, writhing milk snake which was doing everything a badly frightened snake is supposed to do—lunging, flicking its tongue, thrashing its tail, hissing—but Lucy somehow managed to tuck it into the empty 2-gallon bucket, climb down off the stepladder, and deliver it out onto the lawn near a hedge into which it rapidly and, I think gratefully, disappeared.



JACK

Schatze Moore

He disagrees when I tell him it is time for his nap, but I know what he needs, and I need his naptime, too. It's the same at bedtime, and he objects with all his soul, but then he accepts and he sleeps mostly without a peep through the night.

In the morning I lift him from his bed and he is so cuddly, soft warm cheek and silken red head, for just about 30 seconds and then it's "Let me go." So much to do and so little time, he has turned my household upside down.

I found him just before dark one Saturday evening as I was coming home from a dinner party at my daughter's house.

He was sitting on a stonewall, big eyed and innocent, but maybe a little insecure, maybe a tad frightened. I stopped my car and spoke to this toddler, and quite to my surprise he ran to me. I lifted him into my arms—what else could I do—and I brought him home.

I thought I am only taking this little guy into protective custody, and if need be I'll foster him till his people come to claim him. Who wouldn't come to claim this baby! But, no one did!

Did I say that he has turned my household upside down? He has! He lives to outthink any barrier I can construct to keep him where I can keep an eye on him. Nothing is safe from his explorations.

He loves our dog, Winnie, and she loves him, but he wears her out. I keep reminding her that she was a toddler once, too.

I also keep saying to my husband how happy I am that this little fellow has found his way into our lives. I love watching everything that he does. He makes me laugh. Jack, a youngster, found sitting on a stonewall. What was I to do? I couldn't just pass on by. Babies are a lot of work, I've been there and I've done that, but I'm ready, willing, and able to do it again.

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Mon: 2–4:00 p.m., TAC Meeting + Tues: Open 2–6:00 p.m.
Fri: Open 2–7:00 p.m., Open Mic/Music Jam 7–9:00 p.m.

As we get back into the school year, Avenue A will again adjust open hours to a version of “the norm” we’ve had success with in the past. Tuesdays after school are general open hours for Teens (12 and up), and Friday after school we have general open hours for Teens until 7:00 p.m., followed by Open Mic/Music Jam (all ages w/adult) from 7–9:00 p.m. Mondays after school is a dedicated T.A.C. day. Please encourage your kid to come help out and be a part of our success, healthy snacks are provided. We can often squeeze in a bit of fun at the end of a T.A.C. day too.

T.A.C., you ask? The Teen Action Committee, whose role is to support and help organize Avenue A activities, will be meeting regularly again on Mondays at 2:20 p.m. The T.A.C. also helps set our policies and guidelines, and has the ability to extend and create open hours during the week and on Saturdays. Anyone can attend a TAC meeting, and participation is real and meaningful community service that can be documented if you wish.

Coming up at Ave A: we look forward to hosting another “Safe Sitter” training class in the Fall as our first group was a great success. “Safe Sitter” prepares young adolescents for the responsibilities of nurturing and protecting children, and teaches basic business skills as well. Parents of kids age 11–13 should get in touch to find out about the next session. Classes are limited to eight students and are expected to fill quickly. No date has been announced yet, but you can contact Ave A or The Grapevine now to let us know you are interested.

Continuing: *Lights, Cameras, Action!* Those with interest in videography, acting, writing, or set and costume design are encouraged to join our video production crew and share ideas with this group. The Summer sessions were a bit hit or miss, as can be expected when the weather is nice and school is out, but we’ll be back in business once the school year is in full swing. This is a great way to begin building a demo reel

and resume. Regular time and day for this group is still TBD, so get in the loop if interested.

The loop: You can keep up with all of our current events by getting on our email list, or find and “like” Avenue A on Facebook. We also now send brief updates via text (SMS) to those who wish to receive their Ave A info in a very timely manner. Most kids (and many adults) aren’t reading the newspaper or checking email much these days. But EVERYBODY looks at the thingamajig when a new message comes in. Parents, I recommend it, sign up your kid! (You’re paying for that gadget, right?) It’s no fun to show up when the door is locked, or miss a fun day that gets added on the fly. Send name, phone number plus carrier (ie.US Cellular, Verizon, etc.) to get on the text list. We will use it but not abuse it for those of you who pay as you go.

We’re always looking for new ideas for events and activities, so if you or someone you know would like to share what you do with the next generation, please get in touch: contact Dave Kirkpatrick at teencenter@tds.net. You can visit our website at www.avenueatc.com. ☞

DAFFODILS

Brian Beihl

Do you enjoy Antrim’s beautiful spring daffodils? Almost 15,000 have been planted around town over the past five years, impressing visitors and residents alike as they drive through town. Fall is the time to plant new bulbs and to fertilize the existing plantings. If you would like to donate bulbs, or money toward bulbs, please contact Brian Beihl at 588-3014 in early September so bulbs can be ordered in time. We also appreciate help in planting bulbs, so look for announcements on the town email list. ☞

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WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

Sheila Nichols

"Wildlife Sightings" is a new feature that will appear regularly in the Limrik. If you encounter any wildlife, let Sheila Nichols know and we shall include your sighting in the next issue.

— Editor

Why did the turtle cross the road? Well if you ask Jonas Taub or Grace and Tim Rowehl, they will tell you that the turtles they saw were doing it to lay their eggs. 6/7/12. Jonas saw two turtles he believed to be snappers, laying their eggs. One was right next to the little wooden bridge on Craig Road. The other was along the road past the boat launch.

Tim and his wife Grace spotted this snapping turtle at 33 West Street on Saturday evening 5/26.



Liberty Farm Road residents were visited by a black bear, possibly a yearling. The bear came upon a chicken coop and in spite of the backhoe digging in the road, its being broad daylight, and several people shouting at it, the bear persisted in climbing up on top of the coop! Bill Nichols jumped onto his 4-wheeler and drove at it shouting and waving his arms. The bear lumbered away finally. Phew! Chickens safe. Bear looking for lunch elsewhere.

Robin Lord saw that the wind had blown over her compost cover, about 20 yards from her house on Smith Road. She walked over to put it back in place, and that's when the bear, behind it stood up! Yikes!! Robin insists that she does like bears but, "I like them a little LESS close, thank you!"

Being someone who suffers from an occasional migraine I always watch woodpeckers and wonder how in the world they don't have a constant headache. There is a woodpecker in our neighborhood on Liberty Farm Road who is perhaps a living example of a birdbrain, featherbrain, and rattlebrain. Each day this woodpecker spends hours pecking away at a ladder which our neighbors have leaning against a tree house they are building. May not seem too odd until you listen and then look and see that the ladder is in fact aluminum

Phebe Lewan has graciously invited folks to join her on bird walks. "Anyone want to join me on this walk? I'd love company. Call me at 620-3974 or email phebelewan@yahoo.com subject line: bird walk. My walk is only about two miles, and is best in late April and May, during migration. But you can still see and hear nesting species of birds in June and July. After that, it gets pretty quiet."

She has seen and heard many birds on her walk on North Main Street up the Smith Road hill, past the Lumber Yard and sometimes past Alabama Farm. Here are just a few of her sightings: turkey vulture, sapsucker, downy woodpecker, eastern wood-peewee, red-eyed

vireo, blue jay, american crow, wood thrush, hermit thrush, robin, black and white warbler, yellow warbler, chestnut-sided warbler, pine warbler, ovenbird, common yellowthroat, song sparrow, indigo bunting, scarlet tanager, and goldfinch.

A family of barred owls has taken up residence at the Webber's Patten Hill Farm. (Photo by Gordon Webber.)



I am pleased that so many of you have shared your wildlife sightings. The great thing about living in New Hampshire is that these sightings change with the seasons. I am looking forward to hearing from you! Please do contact me and I'll include your visits in the next issue. Sheila Nichols 588-6539 or sheesh55@gmail.com. ☞

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his mother. He also sported a scar over his left eye which he earned as a foal when he got his head caught between the pasture gate and the granite post that still stands at the pasture on West Street. Proof that four-legged children can scar themselves for life just as easily as most two-legged ones.

As a three year old, the colt earned his final name when he became known for his ability to pick up teeny, tiny pieces of hay with just a flutter of his lips. Electrolux was a mouthful, Eureka sounded too fancy, and Kenmore too ordinary, so it was settled that he should be named after the Hoover brand of vacuum cleaner. For the remainder of his life everyone called him Hoovie.

We were attracting young girls to the farm who were interested in riding lessons. One such neighbor girl was so enamored with the horse world that she got a note from her mom, so we could pick her up from school the day we trailered Hoovie, now a young stallion, to the vet's office in Peterborough. Not only did she watch the entire surgical procedure (if I have to be specific as to which procedure it was, then you're just too young or too innocent to understand), but after sedating the horse and laying him down on the lawn out behind the clinic, Dr. Coombs asked her to assist him by holding a hind leg out of the way, which she did with admirable fortitude. Now that was an educational moment Michelle would never forget!

While it's not appropriate to ride a horse before it is three years old, it is acceptable to train one to drive at two years and that's what I did with Hoovie. Once he became road worthy, we both loved our jaunts along the dirt roads close to home and even paved and dirt ones further away. I started out with a cheap, lightweight, bicycle tire type cart that wasn't all that comfortable, so jumped at the chance a couple years later to buy a marathon competition style cart that I dubbed "The Caddy." My Dalmatian, Isaac, loved to accompany us on our drives, but he would ride on the floor of the cart until we got away from civilization where he could roam and explore freely without getting into trouble. It was this cart that we used in a number of horse shows and several parades, in one of which we carried the Mayor of Concord, Grand Marshal of the Concord Christmas parade. Another was at the

Danbury Grange Fair parade, and another was at the Cheshire Fair where we gave Ribby, the mascot of the Swampbats baseball team, the ride of his life. We were scheduled to transport presidential candidate Elizabeth Dole in a parade in Keene, but before all details were set, her campaign managers sent her elsewhere that day. And, unlike most horses, Hoovie rarely would leave the hazardous piles of waste that marching bands and other such parade people following behind horses always dread. He was a true gentleman in that respect.

One morning, prior to a planned autumn morning drive, I was checking the weather on Channel 9. Meteorologist Josh Judge asked viewers to send in foliage photos of their day's activities, so I brought my camera along as Hoovie and I set off for a lovely drive out Old Hancock Road, up Birch Road, around Eva's Marsh to Rt. 137 and back home via Old Antrim Road. I took several photographs along the way and sent a couple in to Channel 9. Sure enough, they showed a photo of Hoovie in harness with foliage in the background during the evening news broadcast. Some of you may have seen a print of it on display at the Grange Art Show this year.

As if a statewide viewing audience wasn't enough, Hoovie had another claim to fame with a photo I submitted to the nationally distributed "Horse Illustrated" magazine, which was published in the January 1999 issue. And last year a self-portrait photo of Hoovie and me was printed on my National Grange officer's trading card and distributed at the National Grange convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He really put Antrim on the map multiple times!

Hoovie enjoyed making friends, both human and horse. He had many a pasture mate over the years and got along with every one of them and was often the first horse to come up to you when you went out to the pasture. Many of our NH Grange friends knew him from the times we took him to the annual Family Camping Weekend and gave buggy rides. He was a terrific riding lesson horse and gave many local kids their equestrian start. Several had the opportunity to ride him at local horse shows, including the one our 4-H club held at our farm for ten years. Later on, he earned a reputation for bucking off students, but this was never the case! He developed a trick that he used on riders who weren't paying attention or who were overly confident. He would break into a

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trot, which caused the rider to lean forward in reaction. Once he felt them come out of the seat, he would stop dead, drop a shoulder and boom! There was nothing left to keep the rider from falling to the ground! But never once did he buck anyone off; it would have been too much work to lift the hind feet high off the ground for such a clever guy.



Hoovie was an easy keeper and he was a terrific lawn mower. I could tie him out on a long rope and he would eat and eat, without getting tangled in the rope, until all that was left could have qualified as one of those mysterious crop circles we used to hear about in the news.

He was obedient, which I thought was a good character trait until later in his life. After living the life of a traditional horseman for more than 40 years (you know, show the horse who's boss), in 2004 I stumbled upon the Parelli Natural Horsemanship program, which I've since embraced wholeheartedly. That program has been the biggest educational experience of my life and I'm thankful every day for learning a better way to treat and relate to my horses.

In the process of releasing my previous ideas of horse training techniques, it became apparent that I needed to change my relationship with all my horses, especially Hoovie. I began to realize how much worry I'd caused him over the years; because he was so obedient and tried to give whatever I asked,

even when (now I know) he was afraid or unconfident. Not seeing or understanding his fear and therefore pushing him through that fear resulted in the loss of his trust in me. As we progressed through the Parelli Levels, the casual observer could see him responding to my requests whenever he was online, (you can view our online Level II Assessment video on youtube: search "savvyhoov") but in the Parelli program you learn that when you ask your horse to do those same tasks at liberty or offline, the truth of your relationship is revealed. When playing at liberty, Hoovie preferred to be some distance away and was reluctant to approach me when invited. I regret not having the opportunity to continue rebuilding his trust in me, but I take comfort knowing that over the course of this last winter Hoovie was performing liberty tasks with confidence and exuberance and completing the "catching game" with little hesitation and with his ears forward, proving our relationship was indeed on the mend.

All his life he represented our family, his town and county, and the horse world in ways we will never fully comprehend. Even while witnessing his death (from natural causes) he was teaching me the extraordinary capacity of a horse's will to live and his uncanny acknowledgement of the "family members" who were close by during his final moments.

I will most miss Hoovie during this year's parade at the Home and Harvest Festival. As a homegrown, born and raised Antrim resident, it was appropriate for him to be entered in each of these parades since the inception of our town celebration. He tolerated his leaf garland and flower decorations with grace, but was nervous during the parades, so it was a challenge to get him to focus on me enough to show off his Parelli training to the audience, despite having practiced our circle, sideways, and yo-yo games at home. At last year's parade I somehow sensed that it would be our last parade together, so rather than pressure him to "perform", I made a conscious decision to just be with him and soak up the experience. We did not mind in the least that his barn mate, Jewel, and her cute red-headed human Charlotte upstaged us with the big, green Parelli ball. I think perhaps he was showing his approval and was passing on his ambassadorship to the younger generation. Jewel has a lot of ground to cover to achieve the level of ambassadorship that our little backyard horse accomplished throughout his life.



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DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Sharon Dowling

I remember going to the zoo in the summer. Since I was a child, I have visited many zoos, or zoo-like establishments. I loved the ones that allowed us to feed the critters on the other side of the fence; I hated the ones where everybody lived in sterile cement and steel cages; and I thoroughly enjoyed the gems that allowed the animals to live in conditions replicating their natural habitat. One of those gems can be found in Washington DC, which is where I spent the absolute hottest, stickiest, worst summer day of my life! (I won't go into the 2 overheated toddlers, traffic in and out of the city, disgruntled husbands, etc) At any rate, the thing that we all noticed, much to our dismay, was that we saw very few critters that day—except in the distance. They were all in the shade, or close to water, or hiding in cool shelters. Only the people, in droves, marching along the pathways, lugging children, snacks, strollers, and backpacks were active in that heat.

Well, I understand that folks in DC understand that hot and humid pretty much describes their summer. But the same weather has been visiting NH this year, and sometimes sticking around for days at a time. Up here, perhaps people aren't as used to preparing themselves or their pets for the extreme heat, and I have been seeing some very distressing sights between Peterborough and Hillsborough as it relates to our canine companions. Since this article won't be published until September, and our weather may have changed to the opposite extreme by then, it may no longer be timely. But since the trend for warmer weather, and more of it, seems to be the case, perhaps my words may still have value. There are also many websites that have good info for caring for your pets; www.petfinder.com is one that offers many links and suggestions from excellent sources, such as the ASPCA.

Overheating can kill an animal! The most obvious and worse case is leaving pets in parked cars. Even if the temperatures outside seem comfortable, a car heats up extremely fast. Just don't do it.

Choose the early morning or evening to exercise your dog. Don't exercise them after a meal in hot, humid weather. Old, overweight, or snub-nosed dogs (like pugs, Boston terriers, bulldogs) need to be kept inside in the air conditioning as much as possible.

I have seen too many dogs being walked on the streets, mouths open as far as possible and looking very distressed, while their humans walk or jog in the midday heat. Dogs are much closer to the asphalt, which heats them up quickly, and their paws can burn without the aid of shoes or booties. They do not sweat the way we do, and cannot cool their bodies quickly. Don't leave them standing on the street while you have a long conversation with a friend, or pop inside for a refreshing meal or drink for yourself. Consider carrying a portable dog dish (they can be found in convenient collapsible styles) and a jug of water unless you are able to stop for drinking water along the way.

Dogs tied outside in this weather—dogs tied outside for

any length of time in any weather—is absolute cruelty, unless plenty of shade and plenty of cool clean water is accessible. The best thing outside is a properly constructed and insulated doghouse. The very best thing is to bring your pets inside during the worst of the heat, and letting them rest in a cool part of your home.

Avoid walking your dog where you suspect spraying of insecticides or other chemicals. Poisonings increase in the summer when lawns and gardens have been chemically treated. Call the ASPCA National Animal Control Center if you suspect your pet has been poisoned. (1-888-974-6688) Also, be on the lookout for coolant leaking from your vehicle. Animals are attracted to the sweet taste and a small amount can kill. Consider using animal-friendly products that use propylene glycol instead of ethylene glycol.

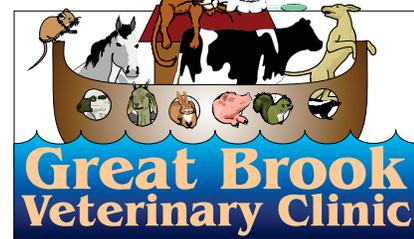
Never take Fido to the beach unless you can provide a shaded spot and plenty of fresh drinking water. Always rinse your pet well after being in the salt water.

And what about haircuts for the summer? Lots of people decide that a short coat for the season helps with the hotspots and tangled nests that can occur with outdoor frolics, and shave their dogs right down. Well, just bathing your pets regularly and keeping them brushed and groomed helps eliminate many hot weather skin and coat problems. If you want a shorter coat, the ASPCA recommends no shorter than one inch in length. Any closer and you rob them of sun protection. And get your cats used to brushing as well!

So the upshot of this article is that if you must be a crazy human who insists on running or jogging or power walking or just plain strolling in the middle of the day, on the hottest, most humid days possible, please be a responsible pet owner and do not drag your furry companion along for the exercise. If Fido really wants to exercise, choose your time wisely, and be prepared with water and rest in shady spots. If your dog shows signs of being overheated, you need to cool his body down quickly, with cool water, internally and externally. If our dogs were in control of their lives naturally (like those critters in the zoo or out in the wild) they would not be going on a 5 mile hike at noon in 90 degree weather. They would have too much sense.

These tips and more were found on the Petfinder website: www.petfinder.com. Check it out!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 1 ***“Touch A Truck” Family Fair*** • 4th Annual Grapevine Fundraiser • at GBS • 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- 11 ***Reading to Mozart*** (“Tail Waggin Tutors”) • Tuttle Library • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- 14–16 ***Home & Harvest Festival weekend*** • see insert for complete schedule
- 15 ***Dedication of Civil War Soldier*** • 9:30 a.m. • front lawn of Baptist Church
- 15 ***Open House*** • Tuttle Library • 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
- 16 ***NH’s Grange Movement*** • Historical Society & Grange program • Grange Hall • 7:00 p.m.
- 19 ***Experiences in the Spirit World*** • Grange program with Crista Salamy • Grange Hall • 7:00 p.m.
- 28 ***Rec Dept sponsored Free Movies*** • “The Avengers” • Town Hall • 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 3 ***Harvest Luncheons*** • Presbyterian Church • 12:00 NOON
- 6 ***Crafts Fair*** • Grange Hall
- 7 ***Celtic Evensong*** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 10 ***Harvest Luncheons*** • Presbyterian Church • 12:00:00 NOON
- 12 ***Rec Dept sponsored Free Movies*** • “The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel” • Town Hall • 7:00 p.m.
- 13 ***Roller Skating*** • Rec Dept • Antrim Town Gym • 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- 13 ***Ukulele Festival*** • Grange Hall • 7:00 p.m.
- 14 ***The Old Man of the Mountain*** • Historical Society program • Presbyterian Church • 3:00 p.m.
- 16 ***Reading to Mozart*** (“Tail Waggin Tutors”) • Tuttle Library • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- 17 ***Family Hike in McCabe Forest*** • The Grapevine • 9:30–11:30 a.m.
- 17 ***Harvest Luncheons*** • Presbyterian Church • 12:00 NOON
- 20 ***Turkey Dinner*** • Baptist Church • 5:00–6:30 p.m.
- 20 ***Auction*** • Baptist Church • 7:00 p.m. (preview at 6:45 p.m.)
- 24 ***Harvest Luncheons*** • Presbyterian Church • 12:00 NOON

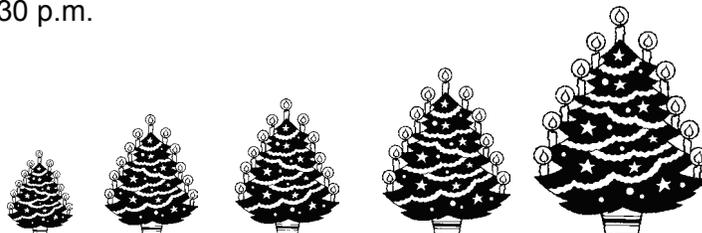


NOVEMBER

- 3 ***International Games Day @ Your Library*** • Tuttle Library • 10:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
- 4 ***Celtic Evensong*** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.
- 10 ***Roller Skating*** • Rec Dept • Antrim Town Gym • 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- 13 ***Reading to Mozart*** (“Tail Waggin Tutors”) • Tuttle Library • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- 28 ***Cookie Decorating*** • Grange Hall • 7:00 p.m.
- 30 ***Evening of Lights Gala*** • “3rd Annual Festival of Trees” • Antrim Historical Society and Friends of the Library • Tuttle Library • 7:00–9:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 2 ***Open House*** • “3rd Annual Festival of Trees” • Tuttle Library • 1:00–6:00 p.m.
- 2 ***Community Tree Lighting*** & visit with Santa • Tuttle Library • 4:00 p.m.
- 2 ***Celtic Evensong*** • Presbyterian Church • 5:30 p.m.



to resulting in Association ownership of the land and water system. Upon the advice of the Association's attorney, a separate application was filed with the Secretary of State for a non-profit corporation. The application was approved in 1985.

The 1980's presented a number of challenges. In 1987 the Middlesex Boy Scout Council of Massachusetts announced that the Boy Scout camp on Gregg Lake was for sale. This caused considerable alarm in the town and around the lake. The three-hundred fifty acre site had the potential of unwanted development due to the fact that Antrim's zoning laws would not prohibit extensive development. Efforts were made to secure funding from a conservation organization, but the price (\$1,200,000) was too much of an obstacle. Eventually the Town made an offer to purchase which was rejected, and finally a good outcome occurred when, in 1992, the Swiftwater Girl Scout Council of Bedford, New Hampshire, purchased the property thus insuring no additional development on Gregg Lake. The efforts made by Antrim's citizens during this challenge are still much appreciated by all who own property on the lake as well as by all who continue to enjoy its beauty.

Camp Birchmere property was now reduced to the 2.5 acre parcel on which the lodge, eight bunk buildings, a cottage called "Perch," and the White Birch Inn were located. The Inn had served as a dining hall and meeting place for the campers. Charles and Francis Patten purchased this parcel in the early eighties and turned the lodge into a summer residence. They requested that the Antrim Fire Department burn "Perch," seven of the eight bunk buildings and the Inn. This was completed in 1996.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Association was celebrated in 1987. Several social events were held including a culminating dinner at the Powder Mill Pond Restaurant in Bennington.

As has always been the case, social life at the Point revolves around the beach. During the summer many residents visit the beach on a daily basis. On the weekends, naturally, there is more dense use. The Independence Day and Labor Day holidays draw many extended families. The lake is full of children enjoying themselves and each other. During the 1970's there were just a few rowboats at the beach; then canoes became popular for several years and at the turn of the century kayaks became the most popular boat at the beach. Motorized boats were never popular at the White Birch Point beach.

The Association meets twice a year, in the spring and again on the Saturday before the Labor Day weekend. Following the annual meeting in August a potluck dinner is held. This has been a tradition since 1988. Several times during most summers, Sunday morning breakfasts are held at the beach. Evening BBQs are organized by several families and many members enjoy an occasional lunch at the beach.

White Birch Point has evolved from an area dominated by girls camps surrounded by individually owned cottages, to

an area of twenty-two cottages, five of which are now fully winterized. White Birch Point has a timeless quality about it that is cherished by all who experience its unchanging nature. For those of us who are so fortunate to enjoy ownership here, White Birch Point will continue to be a special place well into the future because those who were here before us maintained its special nature and passed it along to us; and those who succeed us will be just as determined, as we are, that it be preserved and maintained as it has been for one-hundred years. ☞

THE ANTRIM BOG COPPER

Paul Bedell

Have you ever found yourself looking for something, and in the process found something completely different and unexpected, and been totally taken by this new find?

One of my favorite pastimes is the study of dragonflies. These insects are aquatic, breeding in lakes, ponds, rivers, and marshes. So, in one of my forays in search of different species, I put on my knee boots and bushwhacked into the marshy north end of Gregg Lake. The dragonflies were good, but looking down at my soggy boots, I noticed that I was standing in the midst of wild cranberry! I ate several of these bitterly delicious native fruit, and then also noticed the nondescript, but very interesting butterfly known as the bog copper. This small butterfly is found only in acid bogs of the northeastern United States, from New England west to the Great Lakes. The larvae feed only on wild cranberry and related plants, and the adults feed on "water from raindrops and nectar from cranberry flowers."

I think this marsh is a local treasure. As I witnessed the bog copper, singing in the background were alder flycatcher, swamp sparrow, and rose-breasted grosbeak, among many other birds.

Paul Bedell, son-in-law of Dick Winslow, recently visited Antrim with his family. ☞

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THE YELLOW DAY, THE DARK DAY, AND THE NIGHT IT RAINED STARS

Sandy Snow

For more than two centuries, Antrim, as well as other parts of New Hampshire, have witnessed some bizarre atmospheric and astronomical occurrences. Here are accounts of three notable ones.

THE YELLOW DAY

Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1881, dawned with a red cast to the sky, and early in the morning the sun and sky appeared red. However, toward noon every part of the sky took on a yellowish hue that altered the colors of buildings, ground and foliage. Sidney Perley in his 1881 book, *Historic Storms of New England*, said, "all things were beautiful, strange and weird, and it seemed as if nature was passing in an enchanted state." However, as the day grew older, the sight became "oppressive," he said.

Lamps were lighted in shops. In many schools a recess was taken because of the gloom. In some places, schools were canceled. Chickens returned to their roosts. People everywhere had their own opinions about what was happening. Some speculated that it was the judgment day. A few thought it might be a divine token for President Garfield who was dying.

It wasn't until just about sunset that the red sky and sun reappeared and the darkness disappeared. Despite all the speculation of what caused the "yellow day," it undoubtedly was the result of severe forest fires in Canada. Several days prior to the "yellow day" smoke could be smelled in the air.

THE DARK DAY OF 1780

May 19, 1780, dawned rainy in Antrim. But as the day grew older the sky began to darken and at about 1 p.m. it became so dark that people had to use candles to see. All of nature appeared in turmoil. Again chickens came home to roost, cows returned to the barns to be milked, men in the fields knelt down and prayed and women wept, birds ceased chirping, bats flitted about in the sky. That night the nearly full moon didn't become visible until about 1 a.m. and

then it was blood red.

Was this the beginning of Judgment Day? Were people going to meet their maker? Many thought so. Since communication outside of Antrim in the 18th century was all but impossible, no one could determine how wide spread the darkness was. Later accounts indicate that the darkness extended from as far south as New Jersey to as far north as the Canadian border. Pennsylvania, however, was not affected.

In Connecticut, a legislator, Abraham Davenport, in response to someone's proposing that the legislature be adjourned because it was judgment day, was quoted as saying, "I am against an adjournment. The day of judgment is either approaching or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause for an adjournment; if it is, I choose to be found doing my duty. I wish therefore that candles may be brought." Before the sun rose the next morning, a faint light appeared in the west and the day dawned clear and bright.

What caused the darkness? There was various speculation. Some people suggested that Mercury, Venus, or even an asteroid obscured the sun. However, the earth is too far away from Mercury or Venus for them to darken the sky. An asteroid also was judged to be highly unlikely.

It appears that smoke from massive forest fires in Ontario, Canada, in the area now called Algonquin Provincial Park may have caused the darkness. Scars on trees and the growth rings in the park appear to confirm that hypothesis. Also, other personal accounts from 1780 said the sun on the previous day, as seen from New England, appeared to be red and the sky appeared yellow. As the darkness intensified on May 19, soot was seen in the rivers and rain water, suggesting smoke as a result of the fires.

THE NIGHT IT RAINED STARS

Here is an excerpt from a book recently donated to the Antrim Historical Society that contains interesting old clippings and personal observations of its owner. This is one of his/her personal observations: "On the night of Nov. 13,

1833, occurred a meteoric shower said by astronomers to be the most brilliant ever seen on this continent. It was visible from the Great Lakes to the equator." The observer says, "This description was taken from the Windham Maine History. There is much that I did not copy. My grandmother, Nancy Alldo Cutter used to tell me the story of "the night when they had the shower of stars. This description is the most like the story she told than any I have ever read of it: 'The colors [were] like the aurora (northern lights) as M often called it. The stars falling fast, like a shower. People were frightened, but as the daylight came on it stopped, gradually growing less the latter part of the night.' I do not remember how long she said it lasted or how it began. [signed] M.M.H.""

We all have heard the term "meteor shower". The phrase has its origin for that four-hour period in 1833. According to *The Telescope* magazine, May-June, 1940, "...we must go back to the early morning hours of Nov. 13, 1833, when the inhabitants of this continent were in fact treated to one of the most spectacular natural displays that the night sky has produced... For nearly four hours the sky was literally ablaze... More than a billion shooting stars appeared over the United States and Canada alone. Again, people feared this was the second coming of Jesus. The intensity of the shower was such that it appeared to be raining stars."

One account said, "On the night of November 12-13, 1833, a tempest of falling stars broke over the Earth... The sky was scored in every direction with shining tracks and illuminated with majestic fireballs. At Boston, the frequency of meteors was estimated to be about half that of flakes of snow in an average snowstorm. Their numbers... were quite beyond counting; but as it waned, a reckoning was attempted, from which it was computed, on the basis of that much-diminished rate, that 240,000 must have been visible during the nine hours they continued to fall." —Agnes Clerke, victorian astronomy writer.

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Three presentations are coming up that we'd like to invite you to: Sunday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. (Home & Harvest weekend), former New Hampshire Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Taylor will speak on the *History of the NH Grange* at the Antrim Grange. Sponsored by the Historical Society and the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

Sunday, October 14, 3:00 p.m. in the Antrim Presbyterian Church, the Antrim Historical Society Annual Meeting, followed by a presentation by Maggie Stier, *The Old Man of the Mountain: Substance and Symbol*, a story of New Hampshire, reflecting our history, arts, literature, geography, philosophy and even public policy. The presentation will include images of paintings, literary passages, souvenirs, and film clips of interviews with those closest to the Old Man, and will conclude with a discussion of current efforts to memorialize the state symbol. This program is co-sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

And lest we forget...

At Home & Harvest, our Apple Crisp and Ice Cream Social, Saturday, September 15 happily served to you on Main Street Antrim by the AHS Board and volunteer members. Our biggest fundraiser of the year!

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

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The meteor shower is known as the Leonid Shower. The first recorded Leonid Shower was in 868 A.D. and a spectacular display was seen in 1799 in Venezuela.

The Leonids are spread out over several days as the earth passes through a dense stream of particles left from the previous passage of a comet. The particles are about 9 mm across (3/8 of an inch). These tiny particles slam into the atmosphere with the energy equivalent of a car hitting the atmosphere at 60 miles per hour.

The Leonids, so named because they seem to radiate from the constellation Leo, occur from Nov. 13–21 but peak around Nov. 17 and 18 in the eastern sky. The Leonids cycle over a 33-year period when the parent comet returns and leaves a new trail of particles. The last enhanced period was in 1998 to 2002. The next enhanced period should start around 2031.

If you would like to read more about the Leonids go online to: <http://meteorshowersonline.com/leonids.html>.

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THE SCREAMIN' WHITE HOG, A GOLF GAME, AND CHILDHOOD FRIENDS

Robin Rockwell

I wrote in a previous *Limrik* article that back in 1968 Bill Davies owned an old station wagon missing its gas cap. In its place Bill stuffed an old rag into the end of the gas pipe. It would remain there for an entire summer. Steve Brzozowski (his mother, Maddie, lives on Concord Street) and I called it the "Traveling Molotov Cocktail." The three of us began school together in the first grade in Antrim and became great friends. We played little league baseball together and later, basketball and baseball for Antrim High School.

Some time later, Bill replaced his station wagon with a white Mercury Cougar. It was a used car and desperately needed a tune-up and a new fan belt. Steve and I volunteered to help. We had little or no knowledge among the three of us with car engines. After all, we were just summertime landscapers for Bill Richardson. We asked ourselves "how tough can it be to replace eight sparkplugs and throw on a fan belt?" When we were done, Bill's Cougar started immediately, purring like a kitten. We gave each other high fives and jumped in the car for the test ride. Within minutes, the mighty Cougar began squealing loudly, the engine going "BANG.... BANG.... KAPOW!" We had no idea what was wrong.

This continued for several days. I remember standing outside my home (Eddie's Place) on Clinton Road and hearing the "Screaming White Hog," a nickname Bill had given his car, a half mile away as it came closer. Soon, Bill got concerned and called upon the late Claude Grant to take a look at it. Claude explained to him you need to replace the sparkplug wires in the same sequence as you took them off. We had also put the fan belt on too tight. Like Governor Rick Perry of Texas said in a Republican debate, "Oops."

On another instance, Bill and Steve installed an eight track player in the "Screaming White Hog" and the only time it would play music was when a door was open. Not an easy thing to do while driving on the highway.

As the years passed, the three of us would go our separate ways, living in different towns, and occasionally getting together. Recently, Steve and I began playing golf at Angus Lea. At the Antrim Harvest Festival last year I spoke with our former Antrim High School principal and basketball coach, 79 year old Chick Hamel. We had a short conversation in which I mentioned to him that Steve and I played golf a few times a year. I also added that Bill, who now lives in Maine, had called me inquiring as to when we would play again. As luck would have it, Steve and I had planned to play that coming Friday. Upon hearing this, Chick said "I'll be there!"

We met on a sunny September morning at Angus Lea. Of the four, Bill had the most experience playing golf. He admitted to playing three or four times a week while the rest of us had played a total of four times that year. We could see

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THE 3RD ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES

BRINGING HOLIDAY CHEER TO ANTRIM

Missy Taylor

It's time to start planning your holiday tree or wreath for the 3rd annual Festival of Trees at Tuttle Library! The Festival of Trees Committee, made up of members of the Antrim Historical Society and the Friends of the Library, has been meeting monthly since last year's Festival. We are so grateful for all the support that we have had from the community in creating and putting on this event and we need your help to make this year's Festival the best one yet. Please come visit us at our table at Home & Harvest where you can pick up a registration form, view our "idea book" of trees and other decorations, buy a gala ticket and a raffle ticket for our new holiday quilt, and page through our albums of trees from the last two years. You can also visit our new website, www.antrimfestivaloftrees.org, created by Kristy and Michelle Boulé.

The Festival kicks off the holiday season with the **Evening of Lights Gala**, Friday night, November 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. Our first gala last year proved to be a wonderful success and a great time to visit with friends before the rush of the holidays begins. A fundraiser for the Festival, the evening's events will include sweet and savory refreshments and a punch bowl as well as the opportunity to enjoy and vote on the displays in all their glory and to do a little early holiday shopping by bidding on an item at the Silent Auction. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be reserved by visiting our table at Home & Harvest, contacting a committee member, or emailing Tickets@AntrimFestivalofTrees.org. The number of tickets is limited so be sure to reserve early!

The Festival **Open House** will be Sunday afternoon, December 2, at which you will be able to take in the delightful display of trees and wreaths adorning every nook and cranny of all three floors of the Library, while voting for your favorites and enjoying the delicious refreshments. New this year, we will be hosting the Antrim Friends of Recreation's **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Visit with Santa** at the Open House. The Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on the Tuttle Library lawn beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Join in the caroling and excitement while waiting for Santa's arrival by fire truck and the official Lighting of the Tree, before retiring to the main room of the Library where Santa will take up a special seat by the fireplace and visit with the children. Once again, the Open House is free and open to all.

The Library staff has also graciously agreed to open the Library on two other dates, in order to give visiting friends and family the opportunity to see the incredible display that Antrim puts on for the holidays. The library will be open on Sunday afternoon, December 16, and there will be a second open house on the afternoon of New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1. We had lots of out-of-towners join us last New Year's Day, all of them marveling at the ingenuity, the creativity and the beauty of the many, many decorations that our community created.

The Festival continues through the month of December during regular library hours. Unlike many other tree festivals, our festival is unique in that the trees, wreaths and decorations are not displayed for the purpose of sale. Rather, the Festival remains on display for a full month, solely for the purpose of community enjoyment, free and open to all to participate in and enjoy.

The Festival is growing in both popularity and renown, and we were fortunate to be featured in the Union Leader last year. We expect even more media coverage this year and we need your help to demonstrate once again what a great small town we are. Besides your wonderfully imaginative trees, wreaths and other decorations, we need all sorts of other help: set-up, take-down, silent auction donations, refreshment preparations, greeters, servers, general decoration, etc. Please contact one of the Committee members below if you'd like to participate. It is a joyous and fun-filled endeavor—we hope you will join us!

2012 Festival of Trees Committee:

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BOY SCOUTS

Brian Beihl, Scoutmaster

TROOP 2 VISITS GETTYSBURG & ANTIETAM

In addition to a week of summer camp, five Troop 2 Scouts, Jared L., Brendon J., Morgan W., Max D., and Noah B., four leaders, and two family members made the 9-hour trek to Gettysburg, PA to visit the Gettysburg National Battlefield, Aug. 1–5. Staying in the McMillan Youth Campground, an actual Confederate encampment site, Troop 2 visited the Battlefield, Visitors' Center, and the Cyclorama over two days, then traveled an hour south into Maryland to visit the Antietam National Battlefield.

Joining Troop 2 was Antrim Selectman and Civil War historian Eric Tenney who explained New Hampshire's significant role at Gettysburg. On a 99-degree day with 90% humidity, Tenney walked with the boys to the NH 12th Infantry, 5th Infantry, and 2nd Infantry monuments, and later drove to the NH Sharpshooters monument. The NH 2nd was stationed at the "Peach Orchard," one of locations which saw some of the heaviest action of the battle, with 7 officers killed and 14 wounded, and eighteen enlisted men killed, 119 wounded, and 35 missing. To walk across the Battlefield and stand near the site in heat and humidity not unlike that experienced by NH soldiers 149 years ago on July 1, 2 and 3, and seeing the

peach trees heavy with fruit just as it was then, was an experience not soon forgotten. In the three days of the battle, almost 50,000 soldiers on both sides were killed or wounded, and the Union Army prevented General Lee from advancing into the North toward Washington, D.C., about 70 miles away. Troop 2 thanks Mr. Tenney for taking the time to share his knowledge with the Scouts and leaders.

After completing the Gettysburg museum, Troop 2 headed off to the Antietam Battlefield and then headed north to York, PA to a nearby state park for Friday and Saturday nights. Saturday morning, the Scouts toured the Harley-Davidson assembly plant in York, where most Harleys are assembled for worldwide distribution. After waiting out an intense lightening storm, the troop later attended a York Revolution minor league baseball game, where they were announced to the crowd.

FALL SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

While all planning is not complete, Troop 2 will be camping with the Webelos in late August, may take a trip to Beal Island in Maine in late September, and will attend the Mt. Monadnock District Fall Camporee in early October, as well as participating in the Antrim Home & Harvest Festival September 14–16. Boy Scouts this year will oversee a new event, Hillbilly Golf, near the library, as well as running its fried dough fundraising stand and participating in the parade.

Boys ages 11 to 17 are encouraged to participate in Scouts. For more information about signing up, or for questions about how recent B.S.A. National policy affects the local troop, please contact Brian Beihl, Scoutmaster, at 588-3014.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD IN NOVEMBER

The B.S.A.'s Scouting for Food, one of the largest food collection drives in the United States, will be held again this year. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be dropping off door hangers requesting donations on November 10, and picking up bags on November 17. Food from Antrim and Bennington goes to support the Antrim-Bennington Food Pantry at the Antrim Baptist Church. Drop-off boxes will also be available around Antrim and Bennington for outlying residents. ☞

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luck in her new endeavors. The selectman serving as ex-officio is John Robertson. The group meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We all welcome your feedback, and are always looking for help with keeping the parks and the recreation programs running well.

Antrim Friends of Recreation is a volunteer group that will start meeting again in the fall on the first Thursday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. Our first meeting will be on September 6 at the Town Gym. To join or for more information call Celeste at 588-3121 or speak with Lauren Kirkpatrick, Catrina Young, or Laurie Cass Griggs.

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

Antrim Recreation Ski & Ride Club at Crotched Mountain Ski Area—reduced cost club passes are available through Thursday October 11. Please support our club, and take advantage of this afterschool opportunity for children and their families. Our deadline for purchasing reduced rate club passes is Thursday October 11. A wide variety of passes is available, from 7-session after school club passes, available with lessons or without, to unlimited Junior and Adult passes, daily 3–9:00 p.m. passes, and midweek passes. The sale of club passes through the recreation department is a fundraiser for Antrim Recreation Department. Revenues support our facili-

ties and programs, from the community bus to Shea Field. Pass prices have gone up for the first time in three years. We have seen club members consistently have a high value experience for the season at Crotched, as the mountain has invested well in their snowmaking system. Here are the 2012-2013 club prices. Adult Unlimited Pass: \$349; Junior Unlimited Pass: \$299; Under 5 Pass: \$50; Blue Skies at Night Pass: \$279 (3–9:00 p.m. daily, includes midnights); Midweek Pass (9 a.m.–9 p.m. M–F) \$249. Seven-session after school Pass, we will go on Wednesdays. For lift only, the cost is \$99 for juniors and \$139 for a parent chaperone pass. Five lessons are available for an additional \$50, and rentals are also available. The community bus will transport from Antrim Town Gym at 3:15 p.m. each Wednesday. Group Lessons for kids 7 and older start at 4:00 p.m. To register for our club, go to www.antrimnh.org and follow the link, or give us a call.

Karate: After School on Thursdays, starting Thursday September 6. Cost is \$25 per month. Class is 3:30–4:30 p.m. and is for grades K–8. Registration forms available at Recreation Department and Antrim Town Hall.

Basketball Registrations: Registrations for Winter Basketball are due by Friday, October 19. Cost to play is \$45 for grades 3 through 6, \$35 for grades 1 and 2. Please call for scholarship information if cost is prohibitive.

After School Programs: We will offer regular afterschool programming beginning this fall. Program details will be available in mid September. Program will be varied, including arts and crafts, hiking, swimming, bowling, jump-rope club, and archery. Stay tuned! After School Karate starts September 6.

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CHURCH NEWS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

588-2209

SUNDAY WORSHIP • 10:30 a.m.

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

AA Meetings, Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

Oct 2 • Celtic Evensong • 5:30 p.m.

Oct 2, 10, 17, 24 • Harvest luncheons • 12 NOON
Held jointly with the Antrim Baptist Church
Bring bag lunch – local pastors speakers

Nov 4 • Celtic Evensong • 5:30 p.m.

Dec 2 • Celtic Evensong • 5:30 p.m.

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

BAPTIST CHURCH

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PASTOR CHARLES V. BOUCHER

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.

Club Adventure (grades K–5) meets every other Wed.
from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Youth Group (grades 6–12) meets Fri. nights 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Oct 2, 10, 17, 24 • Harvest luncheons • 12 NOON
at Antrim Presbyterian Church

Held jointly with the Antrim Presbyterian Church
Bring bag lunch – local pastors speakers

Oct 20 • Turkey Dinner • 5:00–6:30 p.m.

Adults \$8, children (ages 5–12) \$5, Family max \$30

Oct 20 • Auction • 7:00 p.m. (Preview at 6:45 p.m.)

Local business and parishioner donations of gift
certificates, crafts, baked goods, new items.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY • 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE • 11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY • 7:00 p.m.

GBS: TEACHERS WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE LEARNING

Jim Elder, Principal

Have you noticed that the new buzzword in TV commercials and advertisements is “collaboration”? This started, I believe, because of an exciting innovation in educational reform in which Great Brook, and our ConVal District schools, are very involved. I thought I would take a minute to explain this great new idea.

We ask our teachers to become involved in “Professional Learning Committees,” which, as all things are in education, has been reduced to the abbreviation “PLC’s.” The original authors and promoters of these ideas are Richard and Rebecca DuFour, Robert Eaker, and Thomas Many. Another very well respected educational author, Mike Schmoker, said that there is “a broad, even remarkable concurrence among educational researchers and organizational theorists who have concluded that developing the capacity of educators to function as members of professional learning committees is the best known means by which we might achieve truly historic, wide-scale improvements in teaching and learning.”

The DuFours looked at as much of the research as possible about how to improve educational outcomes for students and came to the conclusion that the best way to help teachers improve is through discussion with other teachers of the same subject matter. These conversations should not be casual talk about field trips and discipline, but specific discussions about teaching practices and techniques. This is where teachers co-labor, or collaborate to improve student learning. There have been procedures and protocols developed to help teachers stay on the topic and to help them to see how another teacher might be more successful in their instruction about fractions, for instance. To check for understanding, teachers develop tests, or “common formative assessments,” to see if their students understand key concepts. They then can share the results they received from their students against the results that fellow teachers received with their students. If the other teachers were more successful, this would begin a discussion about how the more successful teachers communicated with their students.

The heart of all PLC work is to focus not on what was taught, but rather on student learning. The underlying assumption in all of this work is that *all* students can learn at high levels. PLC members are guided in their conversations by the “four essential questions:”

1. What do we want students to learn?
2. How will we know if they have learned it?
3. What will we do if they didn’t learn it?
4. What will we do if they did learn it?

I have, of course, simplified the whole process a great deal in this description. It might seem surprising to people, but traditional teacher practice is a very lonely and isolative job.

The mindset is “just leave me alone with my students, and I’ll do what is needed to do.” The problem is that this does not lead to reflective practice, and does not help teachers to grow.

Great Brook has been practicing the Professional Learning Community model for a few years now. We have made improvements in our practices, and I believe that teachers are seeing the benefit in their instruction. This upcoming year, we are expanding our PLCs to include South Meadow teachers as well, and we will be collaborating with our neighbors to the south using web meetings software. ☞

ANTRIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Pamela Campbell, Principal

We have prepared our classrooms and curriculums. Teachers, administrators, and leaders are geared up for the learner. We meet them where they are. We greet them with hope in our eyes, their future on our minds.

We must always ask ourselves what is it we are to teach. How will we teach it? What will we do to test mastery? What will we do for those who don’t understand and those who show mastery?

There are approximately 145 students enrolled at Antrim Elementary School this year. The custodial staff was busy all summer. The building looks great. The teachers and I attended professional development workshops all over the state in August. Some of us moved our classrooms. We’re excited. It’s going to be a great school year, a fresh start for everyone.

As a student I always felt a certain energy in the air at the beginning of every new school year. We were guaranteed new friends, teachers, classrooms, information and opportunity. We believed we could be anything we wanted to be.

This year we welcome a new librarian, Mrs. Kramer. She works with children in Antrim and Bennington. Mrs. Tenney will share her library skills with the children in Antrim one and half days a week this year. We also welcome our new special education teacher Mr. Frawley to AES. He comes from South Meadow with a lot of experience. We also welcome Mrs. Sullivan to AES this year. She is our Title 1 teacher and administrator. Mrs. Stacy heads up the kindergarten team along with Mrs. Sysyn. Ms. Lawler is the 2nd grade “coach”. Mrs. Bastarache, Mrs. Colby and Mrs. Woods are invested in the upper primary group.

Sometimes that energy at the beginning of the school year also reminds me of the harvest, a time when we must also leave things behind. Clean out closets, move on, and become more of who we want to be.

I hope your children come to school this year ready to reach for new learning goals. We will be specific about our learning targets. We will assess them three different times in the school year. We will assess formally and informally. If your child needs help, he or she will get it. If your child understands the target and can show mastery we will challenge your child further. We will work hard. We care. ☞

WATERMELONS FOR SALE, BRIEFLY

Charles Butterfield

I don't want to make too much of this, but do you realize that when we "drifters-away" come back for Home and Harvest Days or on other occasions, some of us are returning not to the town as it is but to some place we remember?

You should know that about us when we appear a bit dreamy as we walk Main Street or try to put Abbot's Shop back in its place. We're bringing another Antrim to Antrim.

Of course if we lived in town for any length of time we were caught up in its controversies. Living anywhere usually means becoming embroiled in the dynamics of the place where we are. What we who only visit Antrim these days know is that when we moved elsewhere most of the difficulties we created or were part of once, are forgotten. Even some of our great disappointments have turned into fond memories by the time we come back.

I was thinking about that not long ago as I was walking up Clinton Road past the homes of some of my old watermelon customers.

In *Parades and Promenades*, you will find an excerpt from the *Antrim Reporter* that says I was awarded a MacArthur Victory Garden medal in 1945. Now, a Victory Garden on a vegetable farm might seem a bit superfluous. In war and peace my family always had big gardens. But mine was special in one regard.

Through the farm extension agent I learned about a new

variety of watermelon developed at the University of New Hampshire that would mature in Antrim's short growing season. And my thirteen-year-old entrepreneurial instinct said, grow these and sell them. It was certainly not the goal of victory gardens to profit from wartime shortages, but somehow my project didn't violate the rules, and besides, the extension agent probably didn't expect me to make any money.

But I did. A little. Briefly.

Behind our barn my grandfather had constructed a long chicken brooder house. When I lived on the farm, the building was gone, but the concrete foundation remained, and alongside was well-drained sandy soil probably enriched with old chicken droppings and eroded concrete—apparently just right for these experimental watermelons. Here I had great success growing an abundance of the small, round, pink-fleshed fruit, ready to eat by mid August.

My business plan called for me to build a cart using a pair of discarded carriage wheels and to peddle watermelons door-to-door since most people didn't have gas enough to drive to our farm. The plan worked well enough for a couple of trips, and I pocketed a few dimes collected from neighbors. Then efficiency reared its ugly head, and I learned why any business requires some kind of regulation.

It was not easy for me to pull my loaded watermelon cart through hilly Antrim Center. I decided to harness a young calf I was raising and see if she would pull the cart for me. Bessie was used to my leading her by her halter, and the rope harness I concocted didn't seem to bother her much. During practice runs in the dooryard, she did quite well. So I lined the cart with hay and loaded my watermelons.

Probably the extra weight upset the young heifer. When I started her up, she balked. When I prodded her, she ran. Ran with the cart bumping behind her. Ran with watermelons broken and strewn in the road. Ran with my dreams of watermelon farming smashed.

Maybe receiving the MacArthur Victory Garden medal softened the blow, but I gave up gardening soon after.

I don't know what contemporary issues may occupy your mind when you drive along Clinton Road, you who call Antrim home. But you know what I'm thinking about when I return to town and head up the hill to the Center. ✂

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Fall Ball: Children who played Cal Ripken Baseball Minors or Majors, or Babe Ruth Softball 10U or 12U, are eligible for our league wide Fall Ball. Registration forms are at the Rec office and online. The registration deadline is early September, so act fast!

Sunday Gymnastics Clinics: Led by the Wozmac family, this is a Sunday afternoon clinic that leads children ages 6 through 10 in floor, beam, vault and bars. The clinic runs from 3:30–5:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 for drop in, or \$24 per 4 weeks.

Adult Recreational Sports: Volleyball on Thursdays, 7:00–9:00 p.m. Basketball on Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. and Sundays 5:00 p.m. Zumba on Saturdays 9:00 a.m. and Wednesdays 5:30 a.m. Yoga on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

Free Movies at Town Hall: Friday September 28 “The Avengers” at 6:30 p.m.; Friday October 12, “The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel” at 7:00 p.m. November 2, and 9, movie titles will be posted on the website. December dates also TBA.

Roller Skating: Saturday October 13, November 10 and December 8, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Antrim Town Gym; \$5 pp for skate rentals. Donations to Antrim Friends of Recreation.

Children’s Stage Adventures: Monday October 22 through Saturday October 27. A theatrical opportunity for kids ages 8 through eighth grade. The play title will be announced in early September. This will be a one week program, where

up to 50 children will participate in the production, on the Antrim Town Hall Theatre Stage, of a musical theatre piece. With live music accompaniment, costumes and a full set, this is a great opportunity to experience life on stage. There will be daily 2-hour after school or early evening rehearsals. We will have a performance on Friday evening and Saturday.

Lacrosse Clinics: We are pleased to be developing a lacrosse program for kids ages 7 and older. In the spring we field U9 and U11 lacrosse teams that play in the New Hampshire Youth Lacrosse Association. We will have a beginner and intermediate lacrosse clinics for skill and tactical development. The clinic will be at the Antrim Town Gym on Sunday October 28 and Saturday/Sunday November 3 and 4. Registration is required by October 20.

Program details are still being finalized for after school programs, preschool tumbling, and all age trips and outdoor recreation programs. We will be hosting vacation camps during the Thanksgiving and December Holidays. Indoor winter programs for toddlers will begin in January. For more information on any program, and to register, visit the town website www.antrimnh.org and click on the Parks and Recreation Page. Antrim Recreation also maintains a Facebook Page. You can call us at any time at 588-3121, and be sure to leave a message if we don’t pick up. We are often busy with programs or are out in the field. We will call you back. I’ll close with our department motto: *Be Nice, Play Hard, Have Fun!* ☪

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Thursday Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Day

PROGRAMS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Saturday Sept. 15 Home & Harvest – Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Amnesty Day)
- Sept. 30 – Oct. 6 Banned Books Week
- Oct. 14–20 "It Came From the Library" Teen Read Week
- Saturday Nov. 3 *International Games Day @ Your Library* from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

September is **National Library Card Sign Up Month**. If you have not yet signed up for a library card, consider stopping by with a proof of identity and residence to fill out an application. Remember that a library card should be on the top of the list of your child's most important school supplies.

Our Library Catalog is Now Available Online We are pleased to announce that the new Destiny library catalog is now accessible online. You can search for an item any time or anywhere, and see if it is available or if it is checked out. If you would like to reserve a book, you can e-mail the library at: tuttlelib@comcast.net or call us at 603 588-6786. The cata-

log is searchable by keyword, author, or title and you can print the information on your home printer. Type in this address to access the catalog: <http://jatl>. There is also be a link to the catalog on the town's website.

Home & Harvest Visit the Tuttle Library's Open House on Saturday Sept. 15 during Antrim's Home & Harvest celebration. Come on in and say hello to our friendly staff, check out our ongoing book sale and our Creative Arts Display. Refreshments will be served! If you have overdue materials: no worries—it's Amnesty Day at the Library. Your fines will be waived, regardless of how overdue your item is. We are looking for people of all ages to join us as we march in the Home & Harvest Parade. If you are interested, please call us at 588-6786, message us on Facebook, or stop by and give us your name and phone number.

Teen Read Week During the week of October 14–20 teens are encouraged to visit the Tuttle Library to read in any format: books, magazines, graphic novels, e-books, or audiobooks. *Dare to read... for the fun of it!*

International Games Day @ Your Library Bring your family and friends to play a few games at the Library on Saturday, November 3rd. Play board games, card games and trivia. If you have a favorite game to play, bring it along! Refreshments will be served. The American Library Association (ALA) began Game Day in 2008 to encourage inter-

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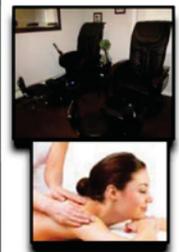
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Author Focus We were saddened to learn of the recent death of best selling Irish fiction writer **Maeve Binchy**. Maeve was born in the village of Dalkey located on the east coast of Ireland just outside of Dublin, on May 28th, 1940. Binchy worked as a teacher and journalist before publishing her first novel at the age of 42. Her stories involving casts of fascinating characters often reflected life's complexities found in both rural and urban settings in Ireland. Sometimes referred to as a modern-day Dickens, Maeve Binchy wrote about the intimate struggles of ordinary people on their journeys through personal development, human interaction and crises. She was quoted as saying, "My heroines do not become elegant swans, they become confident ducks and get on with life." Maeve Binchy's down-to-earth yet positive approach to life reflected in her writings stem from her own happy childhood and also from her assertion that we create our own happiness. Her stories, which have provided a realistic form of literary escape for delighted readers over several decades, seem to defy categorization. Her novels including *Circle of Friends*, *Scarlet Feather*, and *Tara Road* simply flew off bookstore and library shelves when released. Her 18th novel entitled, *A Week in Winter*, is scheduled to be released in mid-October.

The world of books lost another of its bright lights this summer when **Ray Bradbury** died at the age of 91. Does anyone *not* remember being assigned *Fahrenheit 451* in high school? For most of us, this was our introduction to the world of science fiction, a vision of a dystopian future where new ideas are banned, books are illegal, and the world is ruled by mindless television; a world in which firemen go out every night, not to save people, but to hunt out forbidden books and burn them—and the houses of those who treasure them.

More than eight million copies of Bradbury's novels and short story collections have been sold worldwide. Books like *Dandelion Wine*, *The Martian Chronicles*, and *Something Wicked This Way Comes* put us all at the feet of the master storyteller, waiting anxiously for the next turn of the page.

I (Lynne Lawrence) met Ray Bradbury twenty years ago. A portly white-haired gentleman with thick dark-framed glasses, he was dressed that day in plaid Bermuda shorts, a yellow polo shirt topped by a blue seersucker jacket, white athletic socks pulled up to his knees, and green sneakers. But what you noticed most about him was not the crazy outfit; it was his excitement. He was excited about *everything*—about the rush of new thoughts in his head, and getting them down on paper; about reading every book he could get his hands on, and talking to the students who followed him like a slightly scruffy Pied Piper; about getting out of bed every morning to see what new adventure awaited him. He told us that he lived to write, and to have fun with ideas and language. He was big and bluff and a little bit corny, and he didn't pretend to write

on a deep intellectual level. Sometime his stories remind you of little moral tales from the "Twilight Zone." But they wear well, and he continues to inspire new generations of readers and writers.

We have a small Ray Bradbury collection at the Tuttle Library. Please come by to enjoy these classic stories, and if you have some Bradbury titles of your own that you'd like to donate, we'd love to share them with others. ☞

ANTRIM GRANGE

Arthur Merrill

On Sunday, September 16, Antrim Grange and the Antrim Historical Society will host Steve Taylor, former Commissioner of Agriculture, who will speak on NH's Grange Movement. This program is at 7:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall and is open to the public.

On September 19 at 7:00 p.m., the Grange will welcome Crista Salamy, who was featured on a national television program about what it is like sharing her home with the spirits of those who have lived there before her. Her house on Depot Street was built by the Baldwins in 1793, and Crista has communicated with some of the Baldwins and many of the later owners, including the Colbys and Weeks. Parking is available at the Stone Church and refreshments will be served.

A craft fair, put on by outside vendors, will be held at the hall on Saturday, October 6th.

On October 13, we will be hosting a Ukulele festival. Look for this event to feature multi performers and to be a day and evening event.

The end of October will have many of our members attending the annual State Grange session, this year in Hampton.

In November, Arthur and Beth Merrill will travel to Boise, Idaho, for the National Grange convention. Next year's convention will be held in Manchester, NH, the first time National Grange has met in NH since 1913.

Fair season is upon us, and we had an exhibit at Cheshire Fair, which received a blue ribbon. This exhibit will also be entered at Hopkinton, Hillsborough County, and Deerfield Fairs.

We welcomed Sharon Stickney and Dawne Hugron as new members at our June 20 meeting.

At our July meeting, we celebrated Youth Night, with many favorite games, quizzes, and skits.

Our 10th annual Art Show was held in June, and was a great success, with many new artists displaying their work.

Our members continue to attend state and regional events, Davi Penny placed first in her age group in the Public Speaking contest, and Beth Merrill with her sister Kathy Yardley from Walpole won the group sign-a-song contest at the Northeast Regional Youth Conference in July.

Check out our activities and programs in local papers, on our Facebook page or on our website at www.grange.org/antrimnh98. ☞

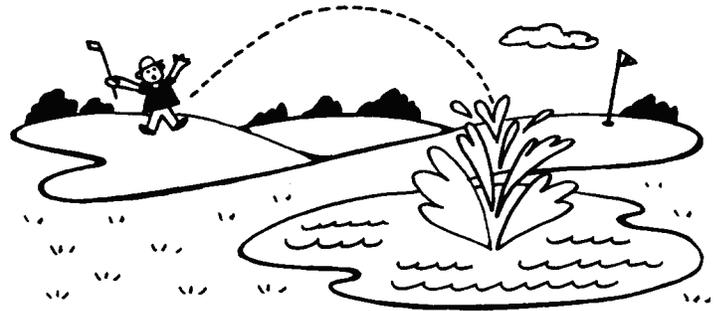
right from the first tee Bill was outstanding. The first hole is 273 yards from the tee and Bill managed to land his first shot onto the green, just a few feet from the cup. I thought to myself "wow!" Here we are, one excellent golfer and the other three may remind you of the Three Stooges. Steve and I have a "gentleman's agreement" which meant no matter how many strokes it took into the cup, it's never more than seven on the scorecard.

In one of our previous encounters at Angus Leas, I delivered a poor drive from the tee many yards from the flag. I set up for my second attempt with Steve standing approximately 40 yards slightly to the right of me. As luck would have it, the golf ball took flight as if following a laser beam. I saw Steve go vertical, trying to avoid being hit, but WHACK, the ball striking his right ankle.

Another time, Steve took a swing off the tee only to see his golf club snap in two, the head going further than the ball. On another day, a third person unknown to us asked if he could join us. I tried to talk him out of it but he insisted. Steve and I were surprised to hear him yell "FORE" a couple of times when one of us teed off. It's also not uncommon for us to take more than one attempt from the tee until we are satisfied the golf ball has traveled a fairly good distance.

Back to that September morning, at the eighth tee, you'll find a pond located directly in front of it. Steve and I planned to use a little psychology on the other two. We told them there was a newsletter in the clubhouse that stated "one of three golfers land their first attempt into the pond on the eighth hole." Bill cleared it easily. I was second and made it. Chick was next and sure enough, his landed in the pond, one out of three!

It was a memorable day as it was the first time the four of us had gotten together since high school in 1968. We went to Rick and Diane's Restaurant afterward, had lunch and chatted for another hour. It was great reminiscing about the good ol' days at AHS and the Screamin' White Hog. From there I stopped at the T-Bird, spoke with former AHS cheerleader and store manager, Debbie Mercier Barr, bought my usual Mountain Dew and headed for home. ☞



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"TOUCH A TRUCK" & FAMILY FAIR SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1

Climb inside the vehicles that intrigue and amaze young and old alike at the 4th Annual Grapevine "Touch-a-Truck" fundraiser at Great Brook School Saturday, September 1 from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Featured Wheeled Wonders include Robblee's big crane, an S.R. Jones truck, an Antrim police cruiser, fire truck and ambulance, Mike's Towing truck, Ryme's Pink Oil Truck, a school bus, a Hillsboro Ford, the ever-popular Ice Cream Truck, Wayno's '57 Chevy BelAir convertible, a moped, recreation vehicles from Livingston's, a Hardwick logging vehicle, a tractor and more. This year's attractions include a bouncy house donated by the Schachts and Hardwick's petting farm. The cost is \$5 per person and \$20 max per family, with proceeds supporting Grapevine children's programs. Lunch and other refreshments will be on sale. Bring your children, your grandchildren, or your neighbor's children to enjoy this event while you support The Grapevine!

Guiding Good Choices®, five Wednesday nights beginning October 17. If you're a parent of a 9–14 year old and you missed these workshops last year, you have another opportunity to build the family communication and refusal skills that will help your child steer clear of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. As one parent said, "This course helped me to talk with my son about drugs and alcohol in a way that he could understand, and to give him the skills he needed to deal with the peer pressure every kid will face." This program has been proven to be effective. Space is limited, so call now to reserve yours. Childcare and dinner will be provided. This is a partnership of The Grapevine, Great Brook and Antrim Elementary Schools and their PTOs.

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

- **Chris' Concert** organizers, volunteers, and sponsors, who raised \$7,300 for The Grapevine!

- **Greg Scerbinski**, for creating our new People's Service Exchange interactive website
- **Linda Bryer and Linda Fortune**, our extraordinary children's program volunteers
- **The many business owners, families and shoppers** who gave to the Learning Vine Yardsale and Raffle—raising over \$1,000 in preschool scholarships
- **The Webbers**, who hosted a blueberry picking morning with our families
- **Bruce at Antrim Village**, who delivered downed trees for the wood bank
- **The Parent Events Committee**, who organized this year's Touch-a-Truck!

The People's Service Exchange has a new website! Now you can find free services from the comfort of your own home computer, ranging from massage, yard work, financial advice and computer support, to light carpentry, resume writing, haircuts and rides. **Here's how it works:** One hour of service equals one hour of credit called a "time dollar." It's easy to become a member—call Nancy O'Brien at 588-2620 or email peoplesserviceexchange@hotmail.com for more information, or visit www.pse-nh.org.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS 2012-2013

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

WEEKLY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS BEGIN SEPT 4

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

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- Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:30–11:30 a.m. Better Beginnings playgroups and parent groups
- Wednesday and Friday 9:00–11:30 a.m. The Learning Vine preschool
- Friday 10:00–11:30 a.m. Better Beginnings for Babies—expectant parents welcome!

Better Beginnings playgroups and parent groups give children an opportunity to play in an enriching environment while parents enjoy time with each other in an adjacent room for coffee and tea, and discussions about child- and family-centered topics with our parenting educators.

Better Beginnings for Babies—New Group Forming!—for infants and their parents. Expectant parents are welcome, too. Parents have found this group a great way to meet other parents while their babies make their first friends. Discussions include infant development, nutrition, crying (and what to do!), sleep for baby and parents, and others of interest. This is no longer a “drop in” offering—please call to register.

Learning Vine preschool—Space Available for the 2012-13 school year!—for children 4 and 5 years old. This hands-on program focuses on social interaction and problem solving skills in a small group setting to help prepare children for school in a fun and engaging environment. Taught by Carol Lunan, MEd for the past eleven years. Both parent-cooperative and drop-off available.

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

Parents of Children with Special Needs meet at The Grapevine Wednesdays from 10:00–11:30 a.m. to connect with other parents, give and receive support, and invite guests from the school district and agencies serving families and their children. Call Beth for more information.

Wood Bank—Wood and Help Wanted! We’re looking for donations of firewood and fresh volunteers to work with our committed regulars to cut, split and stack firewood this fall. Experience is great, but not necessary. Trucks, chainsaws (with operators) and splitters always welcome. Please call 588-2620 and give us your number so that we can contact you for the next “wood party.” We’re expecting a lot of requests this winter—donations are greatly appreciated and tax deductible.

Family Hike in McCabe Forest Wednesday October 17 from 9:30–11:30 a.m., another in our *Babes in Backpacks-Toddler in Tow* series of outdoor adventures with Susie Faber of the Harris Center. Children and their grown-ups welcome, as we look for signs of forest critters preparing for winter. Free, call 588-2620 to sign up; let us know if you need a backpack.

Are you 60 or older and looking for a local, affordable, friendly way to maintain and increase your strength, balance and independence? Call us about Senior Exercise on Tuesdays and Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE GRAPEVINE...

- On site application for food stamps, Healthy Kids insurance and State other assistance
- Community Wood Bank—Opens November 1, call if you need wood, have wood to donate, or can help cut and split
- 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.



Children, from left: Lola Fanti, Stephen Simard, Paige Demure, Ceirra Valley, Lily Olson, Brandon Valley. Adults, from left: Front row—Kristen Vance, and event organizers Denise and Cheryl Barlow. In the back row are organizer Russell Novotny, and Chris Patten’s parents, Roland and Marcia Patten.

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