

The Antrim *Limrik*

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For, by and about the people of Antrim

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Main Street Centennial Hailed and Detailed

by Izi Nichols

From the morning of August 3rd when Main Street was adorned with flags and bunting by the Chamber of Commerce, to the final spectacular burst of fireworks at Gregg lake on the night of August 14th, there was an air of euphoria touching every person and every activity in Antrim. You felt it when people smiled, even as they craned their necks to look at and admire the murals on the Town Hall Tower; you could see it as people trudged across the new Peace Bridge carrying folding chairs, on their way to enjoy a band concert at the bandstand; especially you could hear it in the voices of children as they cheered for their favorite racer in the soapbox derby or a float in the memorable parade.

The gods smiled down on us: hundreds of visitors joined townspeople to take part in events that went off as planned, for the most part, to the amazement of committee members. Even the weatherman accommodated with little rain and some perfect summer days and nights. The Antrim Players' production of *Alice* was an artistic and financial success, with five performances playing to capacity houses. Eleven-year-old Elvie Miller, who understudied the more experienced Mary Rose Potter as Alice, delighted the Saturday matinee audience with a nearly faultless performance. One reviewer went away feeling "reinforced with a powerful sense of community, which for me is what good theatre is all about." This community of 36 actor-singers, as well as many behind-the-scenes workers, are profoundly indebted to composer Dick Winslow and director Lucy Winslow for making this a production to be proud of.

The artists who spent many hours in the firehouse painting the four murals of local scenes must have been greatly relieved to see their works of art placed on the Town Hall tower skillfully and without incident by the Public Service Company workers. Project administrator Peter Moore is planning a street level exhibit with

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IMPORTANT MEETING CONVAL'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Thursday, October 6

On Thursday, October 6 a presentation will be made on the possible replacement of and/or alterations to each of the eight District elementary schools.

This meeting to begin at 7pm at the elementary school in Antrim will focus on needs in Antrim, but there will also be a brief discussion of problems and possible solutions in the other district elementary schools.

The architect hired by the Conval School Board's "Small Schools" Committee, who will outline the problems in Antrim's school, and other solutions, is seeking input from the community on which of those solutions might best meet its needs.

From the Selectmen

It is difficult to refocus our attention to this fall after the wonderful two weeks of the Centennial Celebration. Once again all those involved are to be thanked. However, it is time to look forward, while still holding the memories of those eventful days.

Perhaps many of you have already heard about the probable gift to the town of the building just south of the Library. If all goes as planned, by the time you read this article, the donor will have acquired the property and will then donate it to the town next summer.

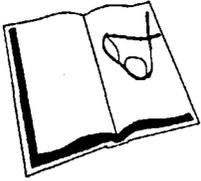
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Limericks for the Antrim Limrik

*Thoughts for Main Street's
Bi-Centennial Celebration
in 2094 A.D.*

The Oracle, asked if Bev Tenney'll
show up at our grand Bicentennial,
Answers "Oh, my!
It sure looks like she'll try -
And it seems that, as well, Dotti Penny'll!"

Readers are invited to submit limericks on Antrim-relevant topics. They may be mailed to the LIMRIK at PO Box 30, Antrim NH 03440, or left at Tuttle Library, c/o the LIMRIK.



TALES from TUTTLE LIBRARY

Staff and friends of the Library were active participants in Antrim's Main Street Celebration. For our entrant in the parade, *The Magic School Bus*, many thanks to Connie Kirwin, Hope Bousquet and their helpers. For a special, extended Book Sale that netted a record sum (nearly \$400), special thanks to Maura Pascucci and other volunteers. Help, by the way, would still be welcomed for dismantling the sale display.

A mural for the Children's Room, designed and executed by Hope Bousquet, will be unveiled in early October. The mural pictures characters from popular children's books. In conjunction with the display, there will be a contest for young patrons to see who can identify the most characters in the mural.

Overdue-book Amnesty Week will be September 19-26. Return your

overdue books and clear your conscience, all at no cost.

New books at the library include:

A Woman's Life

by Susan Cheever

Driven to Distraction

by Edward M. Hallowell

The Tomato Imperative

by Sharon Nimitz.

New fiction titles include:

Eternity

by Jude Devereaux

Twelve Red Herrings

by Jeffrey Archer

Everything to Gain

by Jonathan Gash

New Orleans Beat

by Julie Smith

Agatha Raisin and

The Potted Garden

by M.C. Beaton

Antrim Library Shares Literacy Program

For the third year in a row, Fuller Public Library in Hillsboro has received a Federal Library Literacy Grant for Project LIFT, its adult literacy program. The \$34,880 grant award for 1994 through 1995 will allow the program to continue to provide literacy services for adults at the Antrim, Bennington and Hillsboro libraries.

Training for new volunteers will begin this fall, and volunteer tutors will then be matched with a student. Tutoring will occur at one of the libraries, or at another site, mutually agreed upon by the student and tutor. Previous teaching experience is not required of volunteers. If you would like more information about Project LIFT, or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call Martie Majoros at 464-5285.

Chamber of Commerce Update 588-2888 or 588-2265

The Antrim Main Street Centennial Celebration was a success, and many of us take away fond memories of the events, the fun and the people we saw. It was a wonderful time.

The Chamber of Commerce, along with the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club, sponsored the tent on Touchwood Square. Thanks to those people who rented their space from us under the tent. Their sense of humor, and willingness to make the best of a less than ideal situation was most appreciated. (In case you missed it, we chose to have the tent set up to protect us all from the weather; instead we collected what seems to be every drop of rain water that fell on Main Street, and kept it all

safely tucked away under our tent.) We were pleased that fifteen of our members were represented under the tent.

We welcome inquiries from individuals or businesses with questions or need for referrals. We encourage you all to attend one of our Board of Directors meetings; please call 588-2265 for information concerning meeting dates and times. Watch for our Business After Hours socials in the future. Come see who your neighbors are, and the fine products and services available right here at home.

Chamber of Commerce Spotlight

Gregg Goff, General Business Services

Greg does tax preparation for individuals and businesses of all types. Electronic filing available to individuals. Services include tax planning, business counseling, business plans, loan packages, manual and computerized book-keeping, payroll service, financial statements and record keeping systems. He does make house calls and the first consultation is without charge. Phone numbers to reach him are 588-3222/588-3231/588-2008 (FAX) and his hours are 8am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

Antrim Woman's Club

The Antrim Woman's Club is a civic-minded organization with membership from Antrim and Bennington. It is part of an organization which is federated at national, state and district levels. In addition to monthly meetings, it has committees in which members participate. New members are welcome. A person interested in becoming a member often attends a meeting as a guest before joining. Membership Chairman is Jean Berry, 588-3762.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month from September to May, unless otherwise noted, in the Fellowship Hall of the Antrim Baptist Church at 1:30pm.

SEPTEMBER 13: Luncheon at 12 noon, hosted by the executive committee. Two representatives of our local public schools speak on special programs provided by the Club.

OCTOBER 11: Ginger McCartin speaks on Financial Management.

OCTOBER 12: Luncheon, 12 noon, at the Maplehurst Inn. The Club hosts the annual fall meeting of the Keene District.

NOVEMBER 8: Gif Russell speaks on painting with water colors.

DECEMBER 12: Luncheon, 12 noon, at the Maplehurst Inn, this being a Christmas party for members. Chris Platt sings, Beth Merrill "signs."

On Fridays and Saturdays between Thanksgiving and Christmas the Club sponsors collections at Wayno's Store for the benefit of the Antrim Rescue Squad.

For information on any of the above, call Evelyn Perry at 588-2113.

Antrim Garden Club

Mon, Sept 26 Visit the Chase Sanctuary in Hopkinton. Meet at the Baptist Church, 1pm.

Mon, Oct 24 "Show and Tell." Meet at the Antrim Village Administration Building, 1pm.

Mon, Nov 14 Visit Plants Alive greenhouses in Bennington. Meet at the Baptist Church at 1pm.

Mon, Dec 12 Christmas Fun party, share food, exchange gifts. Home of Evelyn Perry, 12pm.

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Church News

PRESBYTERIAN: Worship service will return to 10:30 am on September 11. Christian Education Rally Day will be held at 1:15am, September 11. The Presbytery Institute for Congregational Evangelism will meet 9/22/-9/24 at the local church. Presbytery Meeting of Northern New England will be held 9/24 in Antrim.

ST PATRICKS' CHURCH, BENNINGTON: In June, Father Andre Bedard came to the church from St. John the Baptist in Suncook, NH. He was born and raised in Goffstown, NH and graduated from St. Anselm's College in Manchester. He became an ordained priest in 1957.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, BENNINGTON: On June 26, 1994 Dr. Daniel and Evangeline Poling celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and Dr. Poling's 60th anniversary of ordination with a reception at the church. Our sincere congratulations on both events.

ST. MARY'S, HILLSBORO: The parish community is sponsoring a parish pot-luck supper on Saturday, September 17th, after the 4pm Mass. All are invited to attend the Annual Apple Pie Festival on Sunday, October 9th. Watch your local paper for further details or call Diane Hines, Chair, at 478-3642 or Fr. John Wright at the rectory, 464-5565. The summer Mass schedule changes after September 4th. The Mass schedule will then be:

Saturday 4pm

Sunday 8am and 10:30am

Daily Liturgy is at 8:30am, Monday-Friday

Bishop Leo O'Neil invites all couples celebrating their 25th, 40th or 50th wedding anniversary in the year 1994, to a special anniversary mass and reception on October 2nd. For further details, please call Fr. John Wright at St. Mary's in Hillsboro, 464-5565.

Vet's Corner

Dogs that don't come when they are called may need a visit to the vet's, not a scolding. Ear problems are often at fault, not the pet's behavior.

OTITIS is the medical term for inflammation and/or infection of the ear. This could involve the ear flap only, the ear canal, or deeper structures in the middle or inner ear.

About one out of every five dogs is affected with some form of otitis. Some cases are more serious than others and many cases of otitis can progress to deafness if left untreated.

A variety of things cause ear problems in pets. Excessive head-shaking or scratching at the ears is what most owners notice first. Sometimes it's a horrible smell. These dogs **HURT** and may need professional attention.

*Thomas W. Dowling, V.M.D.
Great Brook Vet Clinic*

Neither Rain, Nor Snow..

The Pictorial Cancellation which took place August 3 to August 5 was a great success. It was interesting to see Antrim's Cancellation in the Postal Bulletin, which is sent to approximately 40,000 post offices nationally. Although the cancellation was correctly printed, the mailing address given for mail requests read: Antrim, New Hampshire 03340. A copy of this bulletin can be seen in the historical room at the library.

I wish to commend Nancy Haggarty for doing an outstanding job designing the Pictorial Cancellation stamp.

Since Bob Allison retired on R.R. 1, Paula Morse, the former rural carrier on Rt 2, is the new carrier on RR1. Don Currier is now the new permanent carrier on Rt. 2. Both Paula and Don are outstanding employees.

Glenn St. Clair, Postmaster

Main Street Centennial Celebration, continued from page 1

pictures and information about the artists and their work. Meanwhile, visitors and locals alike will enjoy for many years the churches of Barbara Shea, Main Street 1894 by Gay McNeil, and the skating and Gregg Lake scenes of Gif and Russ Russell, assisted by Lois Harriman.

Summer Street was newly paved by the town road crew to give the soapbox derby competitors the smoothest possible ride on Saturday the 6th. Local winners included the Gagnon brothers, Ben and Dan, and Jess Cutter. On Sunday, following a 200th birthday/barbecue party on the lawn of the Maplehurst Inn, the new bandstand was officially christened by spitvalves of the brass section of the Jack Jackson Big Band, recreating the sounds of the 50s. Oldies such as Count Basie's "April in Paris" were much applauded by the large and enthusiastic audience. The ducks on the pond seemed perplexed by this onslaught of festivity in what had previously been their territory, but by the end of the week they were able to take it in stroke.

The charming Live Oak duo presented a varied program of strings and songs in the Town Hall on Monday, and Tuesday Mary Desrosiers and "Mr. Mac" MacQuillan led parents and children together through the intricacies of contra-dancing on the tennis court. On Wednesday night a large gathering witnessed a moving dedication of four war memorial plaques, and heard a rousing concert by the 39th Army Band.

Thursday night the bandstand was the scene of a Blues Jam, with local blues artist Otis (Bob) Doncaster and his group. Young and not-so-young alike kept the session going long after dark.

Friday, after the spaghetti supper at the Presbyterian Church aimed at fortifying Saturday's runners, Gary Gagnon emceed a variety-talent show at the Town Hall for a standing-room-only crowd. With Ray Sweeney at the piano, favorite local singers entertained the audience, along with several stars of the future. A particular crowd pleaser was Patti Silva, charmingly decked out in Scotch tartan, playing violin and singing "Maybe" from the show "Annie." After two unsuccessful attempts to get going right, Emcee Gagnon encouraged her to try once more, and this time she sailed through to the end with confidence and stage presence indeed.

Although held up for a half-hour by rain on Saturday morning, hundreds of runners took part in the Centennial 5-mile road race, including Robert Hager of television news fame. Local harriers who turned in top times were Aaron Zwirner, Stanley Dutton, Ethan Bagloe, Dee Boucher and Sherry Gould.

People took advantage of the time between the finish of the road race and the start of the parade to view the Historical Society exhibits, organized by Carole Webber and her committee and located all along Main Street. Lunch was available on the Presbyterian Church lawn, and craftspeople and vendors sold their wares from under a large tent at Touchwood Square, desperately trying to keep their feet out of water which accumulated after the morning's heavy rain.

Following a fife and drum corps concert in front of the Maplehurst Inn, the Centennial parade started from North Main Street shortly after 1:00pm, led by grandmarshals Nina Harding and Izi Nichols. Superbly organized by

Allison brothers Bob and Art, and Kathy Chisholm, the finest display of floats and bands to be seen on Main Street in many years was enthusiastically applauded by the crowds along the route. Town Moderator Bob Flanders announced each entry as it passed the judges' viewing stands.

Threatening clouds caused everyone to hurry to the bandstand where the Temple Band *in toto* managed to fit instruments and players under the minaret-style roof. While they played familiar marches, long lines gathered on the tennis court to partake of the Lions' Club ice cream social. Bob Allison, assisted by Miss New Hampshire Shannon Hastings, awarded parade prizes as follows:

Businesses: a tie between cabinet maker Don Dunlap's enormous ice cream sundae, and the Maplehurst Inn's old-fashioned bedroom.

Civic organizations: The Historical Society's miniature bandstand and bridge, 1st, and the rescue squad's emergency room, 2nd.

Families: The Sawich family's replica of their home, built by Enoch Paige in 1894, 1st; the Chauncey Farm entry with 2 yokes of oxen, 2nd.

After the bandstand was officially turned over by the builders to the Selectmen, the rain would hold off no longer. The Temple Band cut short its concert, and the evening's karaoke was held in the Town Hall. Several talented young people entertained the audience, accompanied by recordings provided by Rich Montone.

Sunday's rain caused the sports events and barbecue to be cancelled, but the Fireman's parade and muster went on as scheduled. A flurry of last minute action took place at the silent auction in the Little Town Hall, and \$1,200.00 was added to the celebration treasury. The model of the band-

stand, made by Bruce Cuddihy, was awarded to high bidder Selectman Phil Dwight, who, it is rumored, will present the model to the Historical Society. Parade Chair Bob Allison acquired the mirror bordered in stained glass by Tom Meyers, and Concessions Chair Martha Pinello made the highest bid for the gourd intricately carved by Ed Sprague. The lovely pitcher and four glasses donated by Wit's End generated feverish bidding, and General Chair Cindy Haskins finally won out. Altogether, the Centennial committee members made out well. Bob Flanders has added the framed cut-out of the bandstand made by Mary Sawich to his extensive collection of Antrim visuals.

Although severe weather conditions threatened the area, the gods continued to smile, allowing the glorious display of fireworks to take place over Gregg Lake. Control of traffic was master-minded by Chief Brian Brown, and hundreds of people enjoyed the festive end to the 12-day celebration. It is hard to imagine a better location than Gregg Lake for viewing fireworks.

Although the activities resulting from a year's planning are behind us, the Tuttle Library has generously consented to continue selling souvenirs. For anyone who doesn't yet have enough T-shirts, mugs, pins, sun-catchers and program booklets, the Library is a good place to do your Christmas shopping.

The celebration committee is most grateful for the support and cooperation from townspeople, organizations and visitors. As we listen to the music at future concerts, and crane our necks admiring the Town Hall tower, we'll remember the summer of 1994 and how it boosted our Hometown Pride.

Antrim Fire Department

The MUSTER was a success. Antrim won three first-place trophies.

Fire Training Sessions will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays during October, 6:30-8:30pm. For information call Mike Beauchamp at 588-2068.

Knitter's Guild

Nationally known knitter Nancy Bush will be the guest speaker at the next Knitters' meeting - which will be Tuesday, September 27, 7pm in Antrim's Tuttle Library. Nancy Bush is editor of Knitters' magazine and author of a newly-published book on knitting socks.

The Monadnock Knitters' Guild was formed in 1989 to encourage the skill of knitting. Our intent is to promote this traditional art through group sharing of ideas, sponsoring speakers and workshops, and participating in community projects.

We are open to all knitters of the greater Monadnock area and encourage those interested of any age and ability level from novice to expert to join our monthly meeting. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the James A. Tuttle Library in Antrim (no meeting in December).

Annual dues of \$5 includes a newsletter mailed three times a year to all members. For more information please call Anne Hennessy at 588-6637. Lorraine McGinchee at 525-6695, or Lorraine Carey Block at 588-2552.

Police Department

Busy schedules are commonplace. However, motorists must not try to make up for lost time while traveling.

Increased complaints from Antrim residents prompted the Antrim Police to apply for a traffic enforcement grant - which was subsequently awarded to Antrim by the N.H. Highway Safety Agency. This pays for a car to be out on patrol at various times during the week, monitoring and enforcing motor vehicle laws on Antrim's roads. For the next couple of months you may see both Antrim Police Cruisers out at the same time. One will be handling the needs of the community, while the other will be responsible for traffic enforcement.

We will be concentrating our efforts Town-wide, especially at those times when complaints have indicated a need. Motorists should note that, with school in session, children are walking the streets at commuting times, and standing alongside roads while waiting for or leaving school buses - which make frequent stops.

LET'S ALL CONCENTRATE ON SAFETY!

*Brian A. Brown,
Chief of Police*

Antrim Rescue Squad

The 50/50 RAFFLE was won by Dan Valley. The Rescue Squad will sponsor monthly Raffles: watch for the Ads.

An E.M.T. Refresher Course will be given September 9, 10 and 11 at the Fire House. For information, phone Richard Atkinson at 588-2692.

Antrim Girl Scouts

The old Camp Sachem on Gregg Lake, now Camp Chenoa, was purchased two years ago by the Swift Water Girl Scout Council whose office is in Manchester, NH. This summer, as part of site preparation for a new facility that will eventually accommodate some 150 campers, 18 girls from all over NH and Vermont spent two weeks in a Dream Builders session that saw the completion of four adirondack shelters. During the building process, the girls learned building skills from professionals - among others, National Guardsmen who, on weekends, were present to work with plumbing, electricity and welding as well as to operate bulldozers for demolition of old buildings and land clearing.

On Wednesday August 3rd, Camp Chenoa had a Open House which included a campfire, tours of the site, a picnic and a building-dedication ceremony. The four new shelters were named with Indian words: Mi-ni (water, O-eh-da (earth), Tah-tai (wind) and Pai-tah (fire). Some 60 visitors attended this Open House.

During their two-week stay, the girls slept in the old Sachem boathouse ... and were bused to the Great Brook School to use the showers.

This reporter found a visit to the Chenoa site eye-opening. Of the some 60, mostly cabin-sized, buildings that went with the Sachem property, all are being demolished except the Administration Building, the Boat house and the Director's Cabin. Land is being cleared so that the new

center of camp activity will be up a hill, away from the lake front. As well as swimming and boating and forest activities there will also be farming and gardening. A road into this new camp center is being opened up.

It is hoped that in four or five years Camp Chenoa will be fully operative. Anyone interested in visiting the new site should phone in advance to Tom Farnum, the Council's property specialist now living at Camp Chenoa in a trailer: 588-8009.

Northern Lights

Northern Lights Dance Theatre will premiere a major original musical this autumn. Written by the school's theatre teacher Christine Stabile, and musician Steve Staines, the show will run for two weekends at the Peterborough Players in December. Bob Lawson (Franklin Pierce College, Peterborough Players, Andy's Summer Playhouse) will co-direct with Ms. Stabile.

Auditions are open to the public, and will occur September 6th and 8th. The cast includes adults as well as children 7 and up with some combination of singing, acting and dancing skills. Anyone interested in receiving more info about auditions and the show should call Christine at 525-4133.

Classes in preschool, ballet, modern/jazz, tap, morning aerobics and yoga begin September 7, for all ages. Call 588-8055 for a schedule, or drop by during Open House Thursday, September 1, 3-6pm or Saturday, Sept 3, 10-1pm.

Antrim Art Academy

Congratulations to all "art-campers" who attended this summer's ART CAMP. Some really great art work went home. Please keep your very best to exhibit at the next art show in February 1995.

Schedule for 1994/95:

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN: ages 3-6 will start September 6th, Monday - Friday from 9-12 with extended day care between 8am and 5:30pm available.

DAY CARE AND AFTER SCHOOL: Our afterschool program will continue this year for children from the elementary school and especially kindergarten students who will be dropped off at the Academy by the Antrim school bus. Mon-Fri., 8am-5:30pm.

ART CLASSES:

Our flyer (included in this issue) will give you detailed information on our art class schedule.

SPANISH:

For beginner and advanced young students and adults.

Please call Michaela at 588-2444 for more information.

Wool Arts Tour

The 11th Annual Wool Arts Tour will take place October 8 and 9, from 9-4. Visit farms and studios in Frankestown, Antrim, Hillsboro and Henniker. For more info call 588-6637 Anne Hennessy, Woolroom at Meadowbrook Farm, RR2, Box 324, Antrim, NH 03440.

For more information, map or for scheduling an informal talk with your group (after January, 1995) please call Susan Bartlett at 588-2544.

The next edition of the *Limrik* will include an article on a walk to the old site of the Greystone Lodge.

TALES AND TRAILS

by Susan Bartlett

Do you, your family, neighborhood, club or class have a favorite trail in Antrim, or an area that you would like to get to know better? Do you have a few spare Saturdays, a love of nature and outdoor work and an interest in making a tangible contribution to your community? Consider adopting a trail in one of Antrim's many scenic and wild areas.

Adopting a trail in Antrim would mean:

- * Training in trail maintenance by experienced woodsmen/women.
- * Trail designing, cutting, blazing, maintenance and sign placement.
- * Recognition of your group in the *Limrik* and other local papers and in a trail guide.
- * Membership in a trail association, with annual meetings, cookouts and outings.



ART IS HERE

at the Antrim Art Academy
call Michaela 588-2444

Multimedia Art

for elementary and middle school students

These classes, grouped by age and ability, offer a variety of artistic media to develop the creativity of each student and experience the freedom of expression through the arts. Program also includes a study of the artworks of famous painters and various painting styles. A great variety of art materials are used adding new media and interesting projects every month.

One and 1/2 hour class per week on monthly basis
elementary classes Tues. & Thurs.: 3:30 - 5:00

Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:30

middle school classes Mon. & Wed.: 2:30 - 4:00

Tuesday: 4:00 - 5:30

Thursday: 3:30 - 5:00

Tuition: \$35 per month (basic materials included)

Kinder-Art

for 4, 5 and 6 year olds

A fun class for the "young artist" to bring his/her full artistic potential out. We use a multi variety of natural materials; leather, glass, metal, feathers, beads, clay, slate, fibers, and more. All materials and paints are non toxic.

One hour class per week on monthly basis

Tuesday & Thursday: 2:15 - 3:15

(a combination with a dance class at the dance studio is available from 1:15 - 2:15)

Tuition: \$30 per month (materials included)

All art lessons taught by Michaela Ali-Oglu,
Director of the Antrim Art Academy.

Various guest teachers and visiting artists
will be announced through the year.

Family-Art

for ages 3, 4, 5 and 6

A new class designed for a parent-child art experience, come and work, observe, cooperate with your "little artist" on a masterpiece project. A very important class for parents to understand the value of art in a child's education and development.

One hour class per week on monthly basis

Saturday: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuition: \$35 per month (basic materials included)

Spanish

for high school students and adults

Introductory level or intermediate to polish up your basic skills. Reading and writing as well as conversation will be covered. Please call to arrange for an appropriate group.

One hour class per week (10 week session)

Tuesdays or Thursdays: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Tuition: \$80 per 10 week session

All classes start September 6th, and continue
thru June 95.

Art classes are arranged on a monthly basis,
space is limited to eight students per class.
A registration fee of \$15 applies to all classes.
Please call for more information and
appropriate selection of the classes.

**REGISTRATION
OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, Sept 1: 3-6 pm
Saturday, Sept 3: 10-1 pm

Annual Art Exhibit: February 95

ANTRIM ART ACADEMY

PO Box 128, Main St., Antrim, NH 03440 • 588-2444

FOLK TALES

by Dariel Peterson, Frankestown

They say that 60% of people in the U.S. believe there is such a thing as Guardian Angels. I never did until recently when I lost my wallet.

I had stopped at Antrim's T Mini mart for gas and put my wallet on the car roof while I pumped the gas, and then - you guessed it - drove off with the wallet still up there. It was not until miles away in Bradford when I went to pay for something that I realized what I had done. Horrors!

I returned to Antrim on Rte. 202, driving very slowly so I could watch the side of the road, hoping to see the wallet. Trucks tooted at me, and flashed their headlights and made rude gestures as they passed. I finally got back to the T Mini Mart and searched there. No Luck! So I parked at Wayno's and walked down Concord Street all the way to the cemetery, looking in all the ditches.

By that time I had figured out that my whole life was in that wallet - my driver's license, credit card, medicare card, check book, calendar and money. Where would I start replacing everything?

I went to the Antrim Police Station to ask what to do about my driver's license, and police chief Brian Brown said "Are you Dariel Peterson from Frankestown? We have your wallet. Where have you been? The police in Frankestown have been trying to reach you to say that a gentleman found your wallet and its contents spread all over Rte. 202. He picked up everything he could find."

Yes, it was all there, everything including the money. The man who found it and turned it in didn't want to be acknowledged in any way.

Do I have a Guardian Angel? Well - maybe I do after all.

Did You Know That. . . .

Jane Miller directs a private, non-sectarian elementary school on Gregg Lake Road? Established fourteen years ago in the old Price Farm, this school offers a complete curriculum to approximately fifteen children in grades 1-6. To reach Jane, call 588-2655.

Ruth Benedict is a graphic design engineer, providing design, typesetting and illustration for individuals and businesses? services include logo and business design, letterheads, brochures, stationery and invitations. She also works on catalog advertising and journal publication. She can be reached at 588-6208.

Stuart M. Gross provides light excavation and septic system work? He works with owners or contractors on a cost-plus time and materials basis. He is state licensed and operates on "how the job should be done." For more information call him at 588-2382.

The DuBois Family operates two home ventures from the Ernest McCulloch house on Main St.? Alicia has been a CPA for 13 years. She has a Bachelor's Degree in accounting from C.W. Post of Long Island University. She provides general accounting and tax services at very reasonable rates, and can be reached at 588-2741.

Keith DuBois operates Monadnock Environmental Services, started in April, 1994? MES is an environmental consulting firm, providing a variety of environmental consulting services from site assessments to underground storage tank closures and remediation. MES provides quality services at very competitive rates. For more information call 588-4810.

Ann Hennessey owns and runs the Wool Room at Meadowbrook Farm, one and a half miles up Pleasant St.? This is a knitters' and spinners' shop where you will find colorful N.E. yards and supplies for all levels. Hand knitted items are also available, with some being made from Meadowbrook sheep. Classes are always available and the shop is open daily 10-5 (Tuesday by chance). Visitors are always welcome and Ann can be reached at 588-6637.

The Sunrise Studio features photography and paintings by Jane Lauber and is located in her home on Pierce Lake Road, Antrim? Subjects are primarily nature, local scenes and family groups. Her photo cards are available at Wayno's Supermarket. For appointment, call 588-2801.

Joseph Smith, Sr. owns and operates B&L Construction? He is a general contractor doing truck and tractor work of all kinds and also does snowplowing. He is located on Buttercup Lane and can be reached at 588-6844.

We would like this column to portray the many and diversified services available in Antrim. We will have another group in our next newsletter. If you would like to be included in a future issue, please call 588-6338 or mail information to Gloria Schacht, P.O. box 143, Antrim, NH 03440.

Report from the Conval School Board

Paul Ruess, School Board Member from Antrim

The beginning of school this September marks the first time in many years that the teachers in the Conval District will be working without an approved agreement on their salaries for the 1994-95 school year.

This is because the voters who attended the special District Meeting on June 1st rejected the proposed salary agreement that would have increased overall teacher salaries by 4% in each of the next two years.

As a result, representatives of the Conval School Board and the Conval Education Association (the bargaining unit that represents the teachers) met to resume salary negotiations. However, both sides realized that further negotiation would not result in a new agreement, and it was decided to go to the next step in the negotiation process - fact finding. In this procedure, which will take place in October, an independent person will hear testimony from both sides (the Board and the CVEA), and will also obtain other information about this negotiation process.

The Fact Finder will then issue a report which will contain specific recommendations on salaries for Conval's teachers for 1994-95. Then, another special District Meeting will be held, and the voters will again have the chance to approve or reject the recommended salaries. Even if the Board or the CVEA disagrees with the Fact Finder's report, the matter must be voted on at a District Meeting.

If the proposal is again defeated, the negotiation process

will begin all over again, until an agreement is reached and approved by the voters. Until that time, all teachers will continue to be paid at the same salary they received in the 1993-94 school year.

Despite the many different opinions and arguments about how much teachers in the Conval District should be paid, we must all remember what an important responsibility we have given to our teachers, for it is in their hands that we have entrusted the education and future of our children, grandchildren, neighbors and entire community. Even though we each have a different vision on how to achieve a top quality school system, we nevertheless owe all teachers our respect and support for doing such an important and often difficult job.

New construction will also begin soon in the Conval District! If all goes according to plan, work on the new Technology Center at Conval High School will begin next spring. There may even be some preliminary site preparation work this Fall. This construction will greatly expand the size of the High School as well as the number of technical and vocational programs available to all students over the next several years. The cost of constructing and equipping the Center will be \$5 million, and is being paid for by the State of New Hampshire.

You will also be hearing about another construction program in the Conval District in the next several months. As a result of

money that was allocated at the District Meeting in March, the Small Schools Committee has been busy this summer evaluating and developing plans for most of the elementary schools around the District. These are only the first steps in the process of deciding what needs to be done to fix the problems of many of the elementary schools in Conval. Since Antrim Elementary School was refurbished at the same time Great Brook School was under construction, we will not see any construction work in our town whenever the building program is approved by the district's voters. Phil Dwight, and before him Wes Enman, have been actively involved in the Small Schools committee, giving Antrim a voice in the process.

In addition to the major issues of salary negotiations and construction programs, over the next few months the Board will begin to study the question of a longer school day and school year. There probably won't be any recommendations or changes for a while to come, but nevertheless we feel it is necessary to continue to look at every way to improve and strengthen our educational program, including keeping school open longer each day, as well as re-structuring and even extending the school year.

Finally, work will soon begin on the budget for the 1995-96 school year. Both of Antrim's Board Members are on the Budget Committee, giving the Town substantial representation in this important process.

Report from the State House

Property Tax Relief is Not Dead by Rep. Gordon Allen

While the Legislature has been quiet since the session ended in June, the debate over property tax relief has grown hotter. And at the heart of the debate is my school funding reform bill providing property tax relief to 78% of NH citizens and 73% of NH businesses. No one (including the Governor) has been able to find any real holes in the plan and two candidates for Governor - one from each party - are running on it this fall.

Fred Bramante of Durham is the Republican candidate for Governor who is basing his entire campaign on House Bill 1584, which I introduced in January and which he helped draft. Our plan achieves tax relief and fairness simply by paying for the state minimum school standards through an equal statewide property tax rather than through the current system of unequal local property taxes. Fred strongly supports the "level playing field" and the tax relief for high-tax towns (like Antrim) which results when a reasonable statewide property tax replaces unreasonable local ones to pay for the first \$3576 per student. Fred is a member of the State Board of Education who served on the bipartisan legislative committee that developed this bill. He is an ex-teacher and successful entrepreneur, who founded and runs Daddy's Junky Music Stores - a 13-store chain grossing over \$15 million. He decided to run at the last minute and only after he was unable to get Governor Merrill to even consider my bill. (Fred had been a strong Merrill supporter in the 1992 election.)

In spite of his late start, Fred has done what everyone thought was impossible - he has succeeded in getting warring taxpayers associations and school supports to AGREE. He has done it by offering the statewide property tax plan as a practical solution. Taxpayer groups agree it protects taxpayers by providing real relief and caps, especially to hard-pressed towns like Antrim. On the other side, parents and school supporters agree that it provides the stable and basic funding we need to improve and maintain our

schools. It has been fulfilling to see people coming together to agree on solutions.

Fred Bramanti faces Governor Merrill in the Republican primary on September 13th. I have been working with Fred and providing him with the town-by-town data he needs on my bill. This has been a privilege. Fred is one of those rare people in politics who honestly wants to solve a problem and has no hidden agendas. Even though we are in different parties, Fred and I (along with most of my colleagues in the Legislature) agree that property tax reform is a bipartisan problem which desperately needs a bipartisan solution. A vote for Fred sends a strong message that it's time to stop ignoring the school property tax problem and time to solve it. For Antrim, a vote for Fred and this plan means a cut of \$5.63 in our school tax rate (\$563 on a \$100,000 house) and, because of the cap, any future school tax rate increases would be capped at 36 cents (\$36 on a \$100,000 house). It means we would at last be out from under the unfair ConVal formula.

In the Democratic side, as I write this (August 20th) gubernatorial candidate Sen. Wayne King is about to announce his tax relief plan. Wayne's plan also includes a statewide property tax to pay for the first \$3500 per student and it has a homestead exemption which gives extra tax relief to all residents with modest homes. I have also been helping Wayne with his numbers. He is unopposed in the Democratic primary, which means the debate on the statewide property tax solution will go on through the general election in November, regardless of how Fred does on September 13th.

Speaking of elections, new laws we passed this year make it much easier to register to vote and to change your party affiliation. First, you can now register on the same day of the vote, right before you vote. Second, you can now change your party affiliation on election day right after you vote. For example, if you are an Independent you can now vote in the primary of either party and then switch back to being Independent on your way out. This should encourage voting in primaries.

I have gotten several inquiries on the new children's health insurance plan passed in June. It provides Medicaid health insurance coverage to all children up to age 18 whose family income is less than 185% of poverty (about \$27,000 for a family of four.) This is a great help to those who have lost family coverage at work.

Finally, I'm pleased to report that two bills I wrote passed this session. The most significant is HB 1233 which closes a huge loophole in health and other benefits provided through employers. I first became aware of the problem when I got a call for help from a family that had been denied coverage for an expensive operation because their employer had not paid the insurance premiums. The employee was paying 100% of the premium, which was deducted from her salary, even though the company hadn't paid the premium for four months. Nobody told her the insurance had been cancelled, so she assumed she was covered.

When I tried to help, I was outraged at how little the family was protected. I found out that the only recourse the family had under NH law was to get back the premium deducted from her salary the company had misappropriated. This was little help to the family who was out over \$20,000. What's worse is I found this was not an isolated incident. The NH Department of Labor reported an average of five similar complaints ever week!

My bill solves the problem by making the employer liable for ALL benefits lost by the employee when they don't pay the insurance bills. Further, if the insurance companies don't notify the individual employee within 30 days of cancellation, they must provide coverage if the employer is bankrupt or can't cover the cost. In spite of opposition from insurance companies, the Labor Committees in the House and Senate were as outraged as I was and unanimously supported the bill. The bill passed handily and I am most pleased that this loophole has been closed. It's too bad common decency has to be legislated.

selectmen's office

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A committee consisting of members of the Library Trustees and Historical Society will develop plans for the use of the property. At Town meeting a vote can be held on the acceptance of the gift and those plans. The town will certainly be indebted to the benefactor.

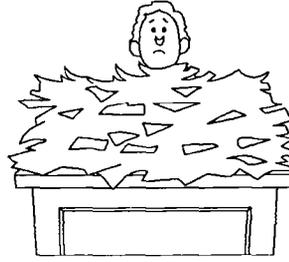
In mid August, at a public hearing, plans were presented to the town on the procedures to be used to develop plans for the cleanup of the Chicago Cutlery site. Geo Insight, an environmental firm hired by the owners, presented the plans that have been approved by the State Department of Environmental Services. The actual plans for the cleanup should be ready by no later than mid October and after approval by the State will be presented at another public hearing. Depending on the extent of the necessary steps, the site should be available no later than next summer. Hopefully some of those potential buyers who had expressed interest in the property, but were put off by the possible contamination, will now actively pursue their interest.

A piece of news that certainly caught us by surprise was that Antrim's Maruzen Hawthorne College was being considered a possible site for a prison. While that information is essentially correct, what is happening is this. A statewide study of New Hampshire's entire prison system was commissioned by a joint committee of the State Legislature. A private consulting firm was hired to do this and the head of that firm recently met with one of the selectmen and an abutter to the college.

Based on that discussion, the process has a long way to go before any recommendations are made and it certainly appears that the opinions of the residents of any possible site would be a major factor in deciding on a location. If Antrim ended up being recommended (and the consultant had not at this point even reviewed the campus) there would be ample opportunity for us to be informed of what might happen and for us to express our approval or disapproval. The report is not due until mid November. If we hear more, we will certainly keep everyone informed.

Phil Dwight, for the Selectmen

news from Town Hall



voting days. . . .

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- 1 First Day of School
- 2 Rynborn Blues *KAT IN THE HAT*
- 3 Rynborn Blues *LOADED DICE*
- 4 Rynborn Blues *SPECIAL SHOW ROM CHICAGO JIMMY JOHNSON*
- 9-11 EMT Refresher course, Fire House
- 10 Rynborn Blues *TWO BONES AND A PICK*
- 13 Antrim Woman's Club, lunch 12 noon
- 16 Rynborn Blues *ART STEELE BLUES BAND*
- 17 Rynborn Blues *TONI LYNN WASHINGTON*
- 20 Chamber of Commerce Meeting, 7pm, Maplehurst Inn
- 20 GBS Girl's and Boy's soccer, Keene away 3:30
- 22-24 First Presbyterian hosts Regional Evangelism Conference
- 23 GBS Field Hockey, home 3:30pm; girl's soccer Southmeadow, away
- 23 Rynborn Blues *OTIS AND THE ELEVATORS*
- 24 Rynborn Blues *RADIO KINGS*
- 26 Antrim Gardon Club, (Chase Sanctuary Hopkinton) 1pm
- 26 GBS Field Hockey, Kearsarge, away 4pm; girl's and boy's soccer Kearsarge home, 4pm
- 27 Knitter's Guild hosts speaker Nancy Bush at Tuttle Library, 7pm
- 28 GBS Field Hockey, Murdock, home 3:30pm
- 30 GBS girl's and boy's soccer, Monadnock, away 4pm

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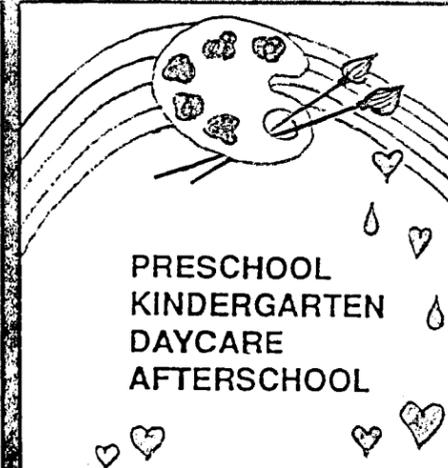


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- 3 GBS Field Hockey, Jaffrey, home 3:30pm
- 4 GBS girl's soccer Southmeadow, home 3:30pm; boy's soccer Boynton away 3:30pm
- 5 GBS Field Hockey, Southmeadow, away 3:30pm
- 6 GBS girls and boy's soccer, Murdock, away 3:30pm
- 7 GBS Field Hockey, Kearsarge, home 4pm; girl's and boy's soccer Kearsarge, away 4pm
- 8 Rynborn Blues: *LOADED DICE*
- 8&9 Wool Arts Toor 9am-4pm
- 10 GBS Field Hockey, Boynton, home 3:30pm
- 11 Antrim Woman's Club
- 11 GBS boy's soccer, Jaffrey Away, 3:30pm
- 12 Antrim Woman's Club luncheon, noon, Maplehurst Inn
- 13 GBS girl's and boy's soccer, Keene, home 3:30pm
- 15 Rynborn Blues: *LUTHER "GUITAR JR." JOHNSON*
- 17 GBS Field Hockey, Murdoch, away 3:30pm; girl's and boy's soccer, Murdoch, home 3:30pm
- 20 GBS girl's and boy's soccer, Monadnock, home 4pm
- 22 Rynborn Blues: *ART STEELE BLUES BAND*
- 24 GBS Field Hockey, Jaffrey, away 3:30pm; boy's soccer Boynton, Home 3:30pm
- 24 Antrim Garden Club "Show and Tell", 1pm
- 25 Knitter's Guild, 7pm, Tuttle Library
- 26 GBS Field Hockey, Boynton, away 3:30pm; boy's soccer, jaffrey Home 3:30pm
- 29 Rynborn Blues: *TWO BONES AND A PICK*
- 29 GBS girl's soccer, Wilton Tournament TBA

NOVEMBER

- 4 Rynborn Blues: *OTIS AND THE ELEVATORS*
- 5 Rynborn Blues: *TONI LEE WASHINGTON*
- 12 Rynborn Blues: *LOADED DICE*
- 19 Rynborn Blues: *DD AND THE ROAD KINGS*
- 26 Rynborn Blues: *LITTLE RONNIE AND THE SLOAN SHARKS*

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