

# The Antrim *Limrik*

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*For, by and about the people of Antrim*

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## From the Selectmen

It is again time for Town Meeting and we would remind you all that **March 10th** is the last date to register to vote at the Town election of **March 14th** and even more important, to vote **YES** on the Conval Funding formula change on that date. (More about this elsewhere). Town Meeting will be Thursday evening **March 16th** at 7 PM at Great Brook School.

This year there is a contest for selectmen with Tom Lawless and Peter Moore seeking the three year term. Another contested position is for Library Trustee with Sharon Dowling and Tom Gagne and Ruth Zwirner running for the two open positions. The list of all candidates is posted in the window at Town Hall together with copies of the full Warrant and the Town Budget. The latter is a little less than last year's the Town Budget but slightly greater than actually spent in 1994.

Warrant articles include: (1) funding for a 4th full-time policeman instead of a special, (2) acceptance of a gift to the town of the Aiken Building and (3) funding of improvements to the causeway and bridge on Gregg Lake Road.

In other news everyone must now know about the sale of the Maruzen Campus and the end to the possibility of a prison being located in town. Hopefully the future of this site is now established and we look forward to working with our new members.

We would also like to bring you up to date on the status of the legal suit we have undertaken against the State

Department of Education. This action was to require the use of the "latest Equalized Valuation" in apportioning the school costs to the nine Conval Towns as called for in the articles of agreement. The use of two-year-old data, in light of the drop in Antrim's equalized value after the 1993 revaluation, would require payment of \$66,000 more in 1994 that we should pay. As of now the Town's attorney has filed for a summary judgement (a ruling by a judge as no "factual" matter is in dispute). Unless this request is contested by the State the court could rule on the case sometime in April.

**DON'T FORGET ELECTION DAY  
MARCH 14, AND A VOTE ON THE  
FUNDING FORMULA !!!!!**

## A Tribute to Rachel Reinstein

Rachel Campbell Reinstein died last month. Many in Antrim will remember her as the woman of magnificent spirit who, despite grave physical infirmities, served as a leading Selectperson for many years, maintained buoyant good cheer and brought to Antrim, literally, a world of experience since, as the wife of a diplomat, she had often lived abroad. Her roots in Antrim centered on the cottage at Gregg lake which her father, a New York lawyer, had bought at the turn of the century for summer use, and which Rachel, since childhood, had adored. She was an exceedingly distinguished person.

## Conval Funding Formula Vote

On March 14th there will be another vote to change Conval's funding formula to one based more on "ability to pay" than on a tuition basis.

As you may remember last year it was proposed that we change the formula from 75% average daily attendance and 25% Equalized Value to the reverse. That vote was almost successful, receiving 61% of the vote but not the 66 2/3's needed.

This year the School Board has unanimously voted to support and work for a change, over two years, to a formula that would be based on 60% equalized value and 40% ADMS. The effect of such a change would be a 6% reduction in Antrim's school assessment in 1995-96 and a 13% reduction in 1996-97, all other factors being equal.

Volunteers are needed to help publicize this election not only in Antrim but elsewhere in the District and also to "get out the vote." Also funds are necessary to help pay for mailings etc. Your check payable to "Conval Funding" can be mailed to Phil Dwight Post Office Box 217, Antrim, NH 03440. If you have time available call Paul Ruess 588-6573 or Phil Dwight 588-6285.

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE**

**YES**

**ON MARCH 14TH !!!!!**



## TALES from TUTTLE LIBRARY

Now's a great time to come to the Library to check out one of the newest best-sellers. There are new works by such favorite authors as P.D. James, Robert Waller, Susan Howatch, Jonathan Kellerman and Iris Rainer Dart. New videos include *The Firm*, *The Flintstones* and *Black Beauty* as well as two musical performances - *Barbra Streisand in Concert* and *The Three Tenors*. A collection of classic science videos will be featured in March and a new video collection on Native Americans in April.

April also means income tax time. Stop in if you need forms or informational publications. Free assistance with filling out tax forms will be available on the following Saturdays - March 4, March 11 and April 15 from 10am noon, on a first-come-first-served basis.

An Itty-Bitty Story Hour will be offered on April 12th at 10am. Please phone ahead to register.

When you come to the Library, please check to make sure we have your correct mailing address. We're trying to keep as current possible.

## Chamber of Commerce

The General Assembly and election of officers took place January 26th. The Board for 1995 will be: President, Michelle Sands; Vice President, Everett Judkins; Secretary, Trish Overby; Treasurer, Bob Wilson. Directors are David Cutter, Madeline Dusky, Greg Goff, Stephen Schact and Paul Hardwick - with Alternates Michaela Ali-Oglu, Teri Verville, David Penny and Dick Millard.

Board of Directors meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7pm at the Maplehurst Inn. The public is encouraged to attend. For more info, please call 588-2888.

The Christmas Decorating contest was won by Mr. and Mrs. Merle Aborn, with 2nd place going to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong of Rte 47 and 3rd place to James La Mothe of Elm Ave. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to all who participated.

## An Editorial

Let us remember that when, earlier this winter, a major crisis threatened Antrim there was an admirable community response - energetic, highly organized, skillfully implemented and highly effective. The crisis, of course, was the threat that the Hawthorne College Campus would be taken by the State for use as a minimum security prison housing up to 650 drug and sex offenders. That the threat evaporated at the last minute when the Campus was purchased for use as a Meditation Center should not diminish our admiration for and gratitude to the group called **Antrim Citizens Against the Prison (CAP)** who mounted an extraordinary campaign. Signs appeared all over town with the slogan *ANTRIM IS NOT A PRISON TOWN*. There was a handout of professional calibre listing in sobering detail the nature of the threat and providing names, addresses and phone numbers of some 14 State government officials - the governor, members of the Executive Council and the Joint Corrections Study Committee - to whom protests might be addressed.

When an Open Meeting was held in the Antrim Town Gym, over 400 people jammed the space and heard eloquent comments, perhaps symbolized by Tom Lawless who said that placing a prison in Antrim would be a "grave mistake that would sweep away the identity and spirit of the greatest town in New England." And when the Legislature's Joint Corrections Study Committee held a session to hear recommendations about choice of a prison sight, more than 40 people from Antrim travelled to Concord to sit in attendance. They were not allowed to speak, but their silent presence was clearly powerful and persuasive.

A hearty thanks to people who were active in the CAP campaign, amongst them Tom Lawless, Jan and Keith Boatwright, Nancy Knowles, Rich Bloch, Erik Nycklemoe, Kristen Cleveland, Mary and Bruce French, Bob McNeil, Martha and Charles Martin, Pam Veenstra, Dwight Hyde, Brian Hennessy, Shelly Nelkins, Jim Kelly, Phil Dwight and Gordon Allen.

No one knows what would have happened had the Hawthorne campus not suddenly been purchased by the Maharishi School but, for sure, the Concord decision makers would have thought long and hard before settling a prison in Antrim over the eloquent, meaningful protest mounted by **Antrim Citizens Against the Prison**.

## Lion's Club News

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of Antrim citizens, the Antrim-Bennington Lion's Club was able to provide Christmas for over sixty children in 1994. As most people know, part of the profit from the sale of the Christmas trees at Tenney Farm goes toward the **Operation Santa** project which benefits children in the community. We also received cash donations in the amount of \$170 which were applied to the project.

In addition to the regular requests for clothing and toys, we received an emergency request from the Police Department and were able to respond and make Christmas happen for two children. Being able to do this made the trunks and boxes stored from year to year all worthwhile.

We had a letter from one family indicating that "while we are very grateful for anything we get, clothes and toys are not what we really need." The letter went on to say that they really needed beds. Thanks to the generosity of many, we were able to provide four twin beds, mattresses, sheets and blankets. I wish all who participated would have been there when they picked up the beds/gifts. They were overwhelmed -- I even got a hug from the "Mom" who is herself physically challenged. She was most anxious that everyone know how grateful they were for the extra boost.

A thank you is also in order for the Board of Selectmen and those who work at the town offices for allowing us to turn the Little Town Hall into Santa's Workshop every year.

As we look forward to the arrival of Black Fly Season, we are planning our annual Walk-a-thon to be held in May. This is one of our major fundraising events for the year. When a Lion asks for your pledge, please remember that by pledging you are helping your neighbors in many ways. Lions Clubs help with hearing impairments, diabetes, the MICE program (for Blind Babies), DARE and the Quest Program in the schools. Lions Clubs assist with actual health situations as well as education in these areas.

# about town

If you would like to be a part of this worldwide service organization, please call Bob or Sarah Edwards at 588-6861 for more information.

*Alycamae Flanders*

## Antrim Grange

Three members of Antrim Grange attended the National Grange Session in Peoria, IL. Carryl Davis was the New Hampshire representative to the Youth Ambassador program. Arthur and Beth Merrill also attended the session. Beth was a member of the group that placed third in the Sing-A-Song contest.

The annual Twelfth Night Party, co-sponsored with Price Farm School, postponed twice, will be held on Friday, March 3.

Antrim Grange will observe National Grange Week with a special meeting open to the public on Wednesday, April 26, at 7:30pm at the Grange Hall. The Community Citizen Award will be presented at this meeting. Everyone interested in rural living, family values and community services is invited to join the celebration.

## Antrim Food Pantry

Lawrence C. Davis, Food Pantry coordinator, would like to thank the community for splendid support - perhaps especially the post office employees who picked up food donations at mail boxes and delivered them. "We were overwhelmed by all the donations," said Mr. Davis. "The support was greatly appreciated."

## Odd Fellows

The Antrim Oddfellows will hold their Annual Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, March 18th, 1995. The proceeds from this dinner will go to the N.H. chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. All funds donated to this chapter are utilized in fighting this crippling disease, statewide.

Waverly Lodge #59 of Antrim has the distinction of being the largest contributor of NH Oddfellow Lodges during 1994 Arthritis telethon. The Lodge received an award recognizing their contributions at the 1994 National - I.O.O.F. Independent Order of Odd Fellowship Convention.

Help them surpass last year's donation, by coming to their Public Supper on Saturday, March 18, 1995.

*Annual Roast Beef Dinner  
Dining Hours 5-7pm  
at the  
Antrim Presbyterian Church*

*Adults \$6.00  
Children under 12 \$3.50*

*Menu  
Roast Beef Dinner  
with homemade desserts*

All are welcome, families are invited. Please join us for an evening of great food, great prices, great service and great fellowship.

Look for our early bird ticket sales or tickets available at the door. For further information - Call: 588-2442 or 588-3294.

## Church News

### Ecumenical Luncheons:

- March 1 Antrim Baptist Church  
Richard Palmer
- March 8 Antrim Baptist Church  
Daniel Poling
- March 15 Antrim Baptist Church  
Robert Williams
- March 22 Antrim Baptist Church  
Evangeline Poling
- March 29 Antrim Baptist Church  
Richard Palmer
- April 5 Bennington Congrega-  
tional Church  
Donald Maughan

Luncheons are at 12 noon. Bring a sandwich. Beverage and dessert will be served.

### Holy Week Services

- April 13 Maundy Thursday  
6:30pm Presbyterian Church
- April 13 Maundy Thursday  
7:00pm Baptist Church
- April 14 Good Friday Service  
7-8:00pm Bennington Congrega-  
tional Church
- April 16 Sunrise Service  
6:30am On the green in front of  
Antrim Baptist Church  
Richard Palmer
- April 9 Palm Sunday Service  
10:30am Baptist Church  
10:30am Presbyterian Church
- April 16 Easter Service  
10:30am Baptist Church  
10:30am Presbyterian Church

### St. Mary's Parish, Hillsboro

St. Mary's Parish has returned to the winter Mass schedule:

- Saturday 4pm  
Sunday 8am and 10:30am  
Daily Mass or Eucharistic service  
8am

The summer schedule begins on Memorial Day weekend; check the local papers for the schedule or call Rev. John Wright, pastor, at the rectory (464-5595) for information. St. Mary's will participate in the ecumenical service being planned among the Hillsboro churches for Good Friday. For details call the rectory or check the papers.

## A Letter to Antrim from the Maharishi Vedic School

*Dear People of Antrim,*

Thank you all for the warm and cordial welcome you have extended to us. As we meet community members, town officials, neighbors and former students at Nathaniel Hawthorne, our delight at becoming part of your beautiful community grows. It is our sincere desire to develop a mutually beneficial relationship with you which will bring long-lasting benefits to both of us. We would like to share our hospitality with you and introduce you to our programs, courses and philosophy. We would also like to invite everyone to attend informational sessions on the Vedic Sciences

and the Vedic Approach to Health.

There will be an informational session on the Transcendental Meditation Program, the practical aspect of the Vedic Sciences on Friday, March 10 at 7:30pm in Peabody Hall Meeting Room. The Transcendental Meditation technique is an effortless technique for development of consciousness, stress management and improving health. Information on courses in Vedic Science, the study of consciousness based education will also be given.

An informational session on the principles and practices of the ancient, prevention-oriented health care system known as the Vedic Approach to Health will be given on Sunday evening March 5 at

7:30pm in the Meeting Room of Peabody Hall. The Vedic Approach to Health recognizes that the mind and the body are intimately connected and that development of perfect health is dependent upon development of consciousness.

Finally we hope that you may plan to be our guests at the inauguration of the Maharishi School of Vedic Sciences on Saturday, March 25 at 2pm at the campus.

Thank you again for so warmly welcoming us to your community.

*Joan M. Braley, Director*

## Antrim Medical Group

Do you know what the degree D.O. stands for after Dr. Schorschinsky's name? It stands for a different breed of physician - doctor of Osteopathy. Osteopaths are physicians who receive the same rigorous schooling and training as their M.D. colleagues, with some additional benefits. One of the osteopathic mottos is "treating people, not just symptoms." They are taught to focus on every aspect of a person's life in delivering medical treatment, not just a symptom, in a caring manner with a healthy dose of listening. As far as medical treatment, they are uniquely trained in techniques called osteopathic manipulation (different from that used by chiropractors), working with the muscles and skeleton of the body to relieve many symptoms when drugs may not be desirable or necessary. A study by the U.S. Agency for Health Care Policy and Research in December 1994, for example, outlines such manipulation, moderate exercise, and certain drugs as recommended over bed rest and surgery for acute low back pain, especially if performed in the first month of symptoms. Finally, osteopathic physicians may specialize in any area of medicine, although a high percentage do choose family practice as a natural outlet for their efforts. Dr. Schorschinsky and his staff would welcome the opportunity to further acquaint you with his training and practice and a chance to provide every aspect of preventive and symptomatic care to keep your whole family healthy!

## The New Innkeeper

When Trish Overby, the Maplehurst's new innkeeper came to Antrim from North Carolina last fall, she expected to stay only briefly, as an Inn Sitter, while owners Steve and Leslie Crowell located a permanent person. "But, she says, "by early December I knew I wanted to stay permanently and was thrilled when the Crowells invited me to do just that. Becoming a member of such a fine

staff has been a wonderful experience for me, and I love the Inn itself - it has a great feeling of history." She also feels rewarded to share in the Crowell's sense of community. "I feel that keeping the Inn as well as I possibly can is another way to serve the community," she says.

Trish has initiated displays of works by local artists at the Inn - presently by the stained-glass artist Richard Millard but changing to a new artist each month with a reception to meet the artist.

And - free poetry readings will be offered on the last Sunday of each month, 7-8pm. Folks are invited to share their own verse, or to read from old favorites.

Finally, Trish is proud to report that chef Garret Sullivan was recently notified that the Inn and Restaurant has received the Triple A's three diamond award.

## Peterborough Savings Bank

Julie Hebert, long-time manager of the Antrim office of the Peterborough Savings Bank, has been transferred to the Bank's main office in Peterborough where she will be Assistant Branch manager. Congratulations to Julie on the promotion. She will be missed in Antrim.

The new Antrim manager is Tiffany Shute, originally from Maine but a N.H. resident since her college days. She holds a B.A. in economics and served in a number of positions with the Peterborough Savings Bank prior to coming to Antrim this past December. Welcome to Tiffany Shute.

## Thanks!

A special Thank You to the wonderful community which was there for us at a time of need. It would be impossible to list all of the friends who gave us the support needed when tragedy strikes (in this case, fire). But most of all, thanks to the Antrim Elementary School children whose cards and letters will live in our hearts forever.

*Ruth and Bob Halverson*

## Holiday Mural Contest

Five Holiday Murals from Fran Hewitt's classes at Great Brook Middle School were entered in a contest, each mural having been made by several students. Participants were Ben Vayens, John Arnold, Jesse Allen, Peter Dumont, Jacob Timm, Shawn Shaw, Jason Hamlin, Tom Holmes; Sara Virks, Emily Langley, Jen McInnis, Joy Worthington, Larissa Powers, Karl Beck, Brian Stacy, Andy Chabot, Sadie Anderson, Jessica Seøger and Lia Olsborg.

The work of Andy Chabot, Sadie Anderson, Jessica Seøger and Lia Olsborg won the contest.

## Cornerstone Restaurant

Looking for casual family dining? Big portions at affordable prices? Maybe you just don't feel like cooking breakfast at 5:30am? If this sounds like you, check out the Cornerstone Restaurant on Main Street, next to the Town Hall. Bill and Tamara Simonds have a table set just for you!

The Simonds arrived in Antrim by way of Manchester. There they ran a successful catering business. Bill has also worked for the state in food service and management for many years. Now all their efforts are going into the Cornerstone and it's paying off. Breakfast and lunch are being served Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday starting at 5:30, plus Sunday breakfast from 7am until noon.

Dinner is available Thursday (pasta specials), Friday (fish specials) and Saturday (prime rib). The restaurant is closed only on Tuesdays.

The menu offers a wide variety; poultry, fish, beef, homemade soups and chowders, a "liter side," children's menu, homemade desserts, Green Mountain coffee, a beer and wine list, senior citizens discount and carry out.

So next time you take the family out for breakfast, lunch or dinner keep the Cornerstone Restaurant in mind. Bill Simonds said it best, "Meals, portions and prices that would make a frugal Yankee smile!"

## Antrim Fire Department

The Antrim Firemen's Association elected their officers for 1995 at the December monthly meeting. Leading Company 1 in the captain's position will be Doug Cottle, joined by Todd Bryer as 1st Lieutenant and Bill Nichols as 2nd Lieutenant. Company 2 (North Branch) voted in Marshall Gale as their Captain, and Matt Rabideau and Ken Fales as 1st and 2nd Lieutenants respectively. Continuing at the helm for both companies is Chief Marshall Beauchamp with Dick Edmunds and Bob Bethel as Assistant Chiefs.

Your Fire company has recently acquired a Carbon Monoxide Level Sensor. This new piece of equipment will be used to test levels of Carbon Monoxide, Carbon Dioxide, Oxygen and Methane (for those of you who keep livestock in your basements). Seriously, Carbon Monoxide contamination has increasingly become more of a concern, particularly in newer, more efficient air-tight homes. Propane heaters, wood stoves and malfunctioning furnaces may be the cause of this domestic air pollution. Often the inhabitants are not aware that this dangerous condition exists until it is too late. The fairly recent introduction of home Carbon Monoxide detectors, (not unlike common household smoke detectors), now allow the home or business owner to warn themselves against the potential problems that these difficult-to-detect gases may cause.

At the Fire Department we have established a standard procedure in response to alerts from Keene Mutual Aid. If your detector should activate your first action should be to contact Mutual Aid at 352-1100 and inform them of the problem. Then, leave the structure immediately, leaving all doors and windows CLOSED. (This will enable us to get a more accurate reading of the gas levels and help us to more easily and accurately pinpoint from where the leak is occurring). The Fire Department will respond at low profile with one engine and one ambulance. If you choose, we will transport you to the hospital for

a blood-gas level check. If you elect not be transported and tested we will request that you sign a release of liability. During this period we will be investigating the level and source of the problem so that you may contact someone for appropriate repair.

Members of Company 1 are still offering house numbering services to those who have yet to comply with Antrim's new street numbering procedure. In the late spring, early summer, our town will become a 911 access community. Proper residence numbering will greatly enhance the rapid location and response to those who need help by police, fire and ambulance personnel. If you would like assistance in the proper numbering of your home or business please contact Bill Nichols at 588-6539.

Lastly, Antrim's Firemen's Association is always looking for a few dedicated men or women to help us maintain our full-force strength. We'll provide the training and equipment if you'll provide your sincere interest, time and enthusiasm. Interested people can contact any association member for more information on how you can serve your community.

Peter Moore, Secretary  
Company 1

## Antrim Rescue Squad

The Antrim Ambulance Squad (AAS) thanks everyone who has supported us this past year. We look forward to continued support, just as we look forward to assisting with medical emergencies.

The AAS, a volunteer group of professionally trained individuals who are part of the Antrim community, also takes this opportunity to publish its policy regarding ambulance calls: we respond to medical emergencies without charge! However, we gratefully accept donations, since we are continuously training and updating equipment.

New members are always welcome. If you have medical training and are interested in joining the AAS, please contact Pat Lovering, chairperson, at 588-8075, or Lisa Olson at 588-6308.

Finally, the AAS will be raffling off a beautiful hand-made blanket chest made by Bob Varnum. Tickets are available through AAS members and at Edmunds' Hardware Store. The drawing will be just before Mother's Day - and what a nice gift it would

## Folk Tales

In the 50s, Stanley Tenney had a beautiful herd of Jersey cows. He was bringing them along carefully and improving the herd each year. I was interested in his choice of Jerseys, and he taught me a lot about different breeds of cows. For example, Holsteins were great milk producers, but their milk was low on butterfat, while Jerseys produced less milk but it was richer and could be mixed with the Holstein milk. However, I think the real reason Stanley raised Jerseys was that he thought they were beautiful.

Because I was interested, Stanley invited me to a Jersey show in, my recollection may be faulty, Contoocook. He was showing a cow, and Eric was showing a calf. Eric was about nine or ten at the time, a handsome, quiet, rather shy boy. I can still see his face -- round, red and sweaty as he stood in the ring with his calf. He looked at his father with an expression that said, "Get me out of here!"

I don't remember if Eric won a ribbon or not, but I do know he was happy to get it over with.

Albert Ullman

## Historical Society

Spring meetings of the Antrim Historical Society will focus on the Aiken House which has been offered to the Town of Antrim by owner Jim Rymes.

On Monday, March 27 a panel of representatives of other historical societies will discuss the joys and problems of caring for an historical building.

Monday April 24, will feature recollections of living in the Aiken House during the 20th century by former residents.

"Show and Tell" on Monday, May 22 will be an opportunity to examine the artifacts owned by the Society that need a home in which to be displayed.

The meetings will all be at 7:30pm, in locations to be announced at a later date. Watch the local papers for these details.

## NE Heritage Tour

On March 11, 1995 from 10am to 2pm, a car wash will be held at the Antrim Fire Station. The fund raiser is being headed up by Mike Caswell, Antrim resident and group leader for

the 1995 New England Heritage Tour. NEHT is a history tour coordinated by the Cheshire County YMCA in Keene and participated in by 7th graders from Great Brook, South Meadow and Jaffrey-Rindge Schools. The students are encouraged to earn their own money for the trip as well as hold a fund-raiser, better known as "World Service Project," to raise money to aid affiliated YMCAs in other parts of the country or world.

Sandy Martin and Pam Caswell, both from Antrim are also group leaders for NEHT and held their group "World Service Project" (a bake sale) at Winterfest at GBS on February 11th.

## Parasite Problems in Pets

Every living creature, plant or animal, man or mouse, big or small, has the potential for dealing with parasites.

A parasite by definition is an organism living in or on another organism to the detriment of the latter. The harm caused by a parasite can be serious or subtle. Injury to the host may be simply a swelling due to a bug bite or a serious life-threatening impaction of the intestine due to a mass of round-

worms. Weight loss and a poor coat condition can be due to parasites.

Young animals like puppies and kittens are the most susceptible to parasite problems, but it can happen to animals at any age. At Great Brook Vet Clinic all kittens and puppies get dewormed at least twice as part of their regular preventative health program. This deworming takes care of the common nematode parasites (roundworms and hookworms), but does not cover other types of parasites such as whipworms, tapeworms, or protozoan (single-celled) parasites such as coccidia or giardia.

It would be wise to have a fecal (stool specimen) analysis run on puppies and kittens about one month after their second deworming treatment to be sure treatment has been effective and they have not picked up any more worms. An annual check is a good idea too.

Heartworms are detected from a blood sample which should be done every spring prior to mosquito season and starting preventative medication.

There may be no escape from parasites, but fortunately there are things to be done to control them and keep our pets healthy.

T.W. Dowling, V.M.D.

## Letter to the Editor

*NOTE: This letter arrived just too late for the December issue, but its content would be welcome any time.*

*Editor*

Early this fall on a rainy Friday morning, leaving for work later than I had planned, I reached the end of my long driveway to find it blocked by a fallen tree. "Great!", I sputtered quickly assessing that driving myself to work was no longer an option. I turned my car around, returned to my house, notified my office I'd be late, and

called a friend to drive me to work.

As I walked down my driveway to meet my friend I noticed that the tree was gone!! Vanished! No, my vision is not exactly what it used to be so I did a double take, and sure enough it was not there! At the same time I noticed a pickup truck leaving. When the driver saw me approaching, he came up the driveway to identify himself.

It was Wayne Nichols, who earlier had noticed me turning around at the bottom of my driveway, saw the fallen tree, and instead of proceeding on his path to work, turned around, went to his house, got his chainsaw, and had

this tree gone before I returned!! Shock, joy, and amazement overtook me at once and I just stood there in the rain with my mouth open, so touched by such kindness!

Where else but in small town New Hampshire do people have pick-up trucks, chain saws, and more important, caring hearts that take the time to get involved! Thank you, Wayne!

Lucille Roberts

# school news

by Barbara Black

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH - National Youth Art Month

- 7 - AIDS Video and Discussion for Parents & Community GBS 7:00 pm (Call to confirm)
- 14 - GBS Chorale sings at State House, Concord
- 25 - Odyssey of the Mind competition, Keene
- 29 - GBS Glee Club and Chorus sings at Maplehurst
- 30 - Multi-cultural fair at GBS — call to confirm date

### APRIL -

- 8 - New Hampshire All State Music Festival, CONVAL
- 13 - "Robin Hood" GBS gym, 7:00 pm
- 13 - Effective Parenting Workshop (1) 7:00-9:00
- 14 - "Robin Hood" GBS gym, 7:00 pm
- 19 - Exchange Concert w/SMS, GBS gym, 7:00 pm
- 20 - Effective Parenting Workshop (2) 7:00-9:00 pm
- 27 - Effective Parenting Workshop (3) 7:00-9:00 pm

### MAY -

- 4 - Effective Parenting Workshop (4) 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- 11 - Effective Parenting Workshop (5) 7:00-9:00 pm
- 18 - Effective Parenting Workshop (6) 7:00-9:00 pm
- 23 - Solar Car Race - Concord
- 26 --28  
NHDI Performance -Brickyard Pond - Keene State college

## "HIT THE ROAD, JACK"

GBS musicians are once again on the move. On March 14th the Chorale, under the direction of Pam Snitko, will travel to Concord to perform at the statehouse in celebration of National Music Education in the Schools Month. Also in March, Marge Moran will take the 5th grade Glee Club and sixth grade Chorus to sing for "The Old Crocks" luncheon at the Maplehurst Inn.

South Meadow School musicians will be traveling to Antrim on April 19th for an exchange concert. The students will rehearse during the day, perform for the student body, and then offer an evening performance for the public. Reserve 7:00 pm on the 19th for an extraordinary evening of fine music.

## THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Willard at the Toadstool for giving each December Student of the

Month a free book. Students were given time to browse in the Peterborough store and select a book up to \$4.00. This was a great way to celebrate these children's achievements.

January Students of the Month are grateful to Crotched Mountain for treating them to breakfast and a swim in the school's pool.

Each month students are recognized for their citizenship and academic accomplishments. Students must collect 4 "caught ya" cards for exhibiting honesty, cooperation, and responsibility, 2 white cards for examples of academic excellence, and 4 hours of community service. In addition, students must have a B or above average.

## ON LINE!

How much does a Big Mac cost in China? What is the favorite soft drink of students in Germany? The GBS computer lab is moving rapidly along the informational highway. A modem and the accompanying software have opened communication with other schools, not only in this country, but around the world. The scientific and cultural exchange possibilities are boundless. In addition the school now has access to a variety of news and information services.

Another new feature this year is a computer photography unit which allows students to put pictures directly into their work. This allows students access to a multi-media writing process and enhances their finished products.

The next session of the GBS Computer Club begins after the February break. If you are in need of graphics for your organization or for a special event which require a minimal amount of typing, call Ruth Behrsing at GBS (588-6630) to make arrangements for this community service.

## SUN POWER

Rev your engines and hope the sun does shine! May 23rd top eighth grade solar car designers will take their vehicles to Concord, there to be judged against the best the state has to offer. Design and construction are part of the 8th grade IT class. Preliminary races will be held in the GBS parking lot to determine the best of the GBS contenders.

## LOCAL HISTORY

GBS eighth graders recently completed Civil War magazines as a culminating activity to their study of this period in United States history.

Mrs. Salmonson and her eighth grade class wish to offer special thanks to Eric

Tenney and Ann Hennessey for their help. Mr. Tenney visited the class twice to share his knowledge of local involvement in the Civil War. Mr. Tenney has done extensive research and was able to highlight specific battles for the students.

At the age of 15 Mrs. Hennessey's great-grandmother traveled from Virginia to New Hampshire immediately after the outbreak of the Civil War. Mrs. Hennessey showed the class dresses her great-grandmother wore on that journey, as well as a number of letters between her great-grandmother and a male cousin who was serving as a physician in the Union Army at Bull Run and other notable battles. It was thrilling for the students to see the actual letters. The students greatly enjoyed the Civil War memorabilia and the information Mrs. Hennessey shared.

Community involvement is greatly appreciated. Later in the year the eighth graders would like to have speakers who were involved in Vietnam, either in combat or protests or other roles. Please call Ellen Salmonson (588-6630) if you would be willing to share your experiences.

## ATLANTIS

Ivs, Oz, Gilligan - where can you find these three together? The mythical land of Atlantis holds the key in the seventh/eighth grade Odyssey of the Mind skit. The young heroes travel in time back to the past, then to the present, and the future, trying not to disturb history in the process. Students will work at the school during vacation to create the scenery and tape the music needed for their presentation in Keene on March 25th.

The public is welcome to attend the competition and see these great minds at work.

## CHAMPION OF THE COMMON MAN

"Robin Hood, Robin Hood, riding through the glen" will stop at Great Brook School on April 13th and 14th. Rehearsals start immediately after the February break for the annual GBS musical. Under the direction of Pam Snitko, GBSers will again strut their stuff upon the stage. Students from grade 5 through 8 will join their talents to present a show you will not want to miss.

## HYPER WHAT?

HyperCard, as in computer programming. Through the use of logo and HyperCard middle schoolers are learning the art of creating computer programs. They compile information from research which other students can then access. Meeting this state requirement in the middle school allows the high school computer program more flexibility in programs it offers its students.

## BEHIND THE GLASS

The GBS display cases are a wonder to



behold. There you will find student craft work such as weaving, pottery, Paris craft masks, paintings and mandalas. Mandala - definition - a geometric projection of the world reduced to an essential pattern, something circular. Students have created their patterns using positive and negative space, cut paper, geometric shapes, and beans and seeds. For quality and variety, check out the fine student creations.

### 6,000 HOURS PLUS

Grat Brook School bids a fond farewell to Catriona Beck who will be moving to Hong Kong with her family. For the last two years Mrs. Beck has been the mainstay of the blue ribbon award winning volunteer program at GBS. Volunteers have contributed over 6,000 hours to the Great Brook children in those two years. Mrs. Beck was honored at a volunteers' tea on February 8th. She will be missed by the GBS students and staff; we wish her well.

### MANNEQUINS NEEDED!

88 GS eighth graders have earned their certificates in infant, child, and adult CPR. Great Brook is among the few schools in New Hampshire who have staff qualified to teach this program. Assistant Principal Betty Borry and school nurse Marge Hobbs teamed up to teach the class. This year the school was fortunate to be able to borrow CPR mannequins from the Peterborough Fire Department.

GBS is trying to raise the \$1500 need to purchase a set of infant, child and adult mannequins for the students to practice the CPR process. The Paper Mill and Adams Construction have both generously donated to the fund. If you or your company can help with donations, please call (588-6630). Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

### DEAR EDITOR,

Orditors, to be more exact. Eighth graders are gearing up for the 1994-95 GBS yearbook. With the help of advisor David Dodge, the eighth graders will compile material gathered by 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade reporters. Each year the yearbook staff strives to capture and hold those fleeting memories of youth.

### WHAT'S BEYOND THE TELESCOPE?

The Extended Learning Program at Great Brook School has taken a new form this year. The first half of the year teacher Dona Fairbairn worked with teachers and students on special projects by grade level.

The second half of the year special interest modules will be offered during the specialists blocks. Students will be selected to participate based on their application and

their academic performance.

Students will be expected to become the "experts" in their fields of study and to present culminating projects which include musical, artistic, and written components.

For the first four days of each module, Mrs. Fairbairn will provide instruction that the students will need to do the task. For the remainder of the unit, she becomes the facilitator with the students taking on increasing responsibility for their research and project.

Three areas of study will be offered this spring, some twice, so students can decide when they want to become involved. Astronomy will explore the concept of space and what is out "there." Planet Earth will explore the three elements of water, wind, and fire. Which has the strongest effect on earth? Oceanography will be the third area of study and will explore the vast kingdom below the water's surface.

### CONVAL PLAYS HOST

The New Hampshire All State Music Festival will be held at Con Val High School on April 8th. 400 plus high school musicians from throughout the state will gather for an afternoon and evening of top notch music. Watch local papers for performance times.

### MOM, DAD, CAN I GET AIDS FROM...

What is AIDS? Who gets it? How does one get it? Tough questions which not all parents are prepared to answer. The week of March 13th is AIDS awareness week for GBS 7/8th graders (A 5/6th program will be provided at a later date). The objectives are to, through the use of speakers and videos, develop an increased awareness that AIDS is touching many lives, develop a sensitivity to the illness, and to provide education on how AIDS is NOT transmitted.

A video and discussion for parents and interested community members is tentatively scheduled for March 7th at 7:00 pm at GBS. To confirm date and time, get more details, or if you would prefer to talk to someone one on one, please call Deb Damelio at GBS (588-6630).

### SPORTS FOR ALL

GBS has a strong intramural sports program for 5-8 graders of all skills levels. Presently 50 students attend after school floor hockey. Badminton is planned for March and Volleyball for April. Archery will be the offering in June. The New England School of Archery will demonstrate archery skills and equipment to 5th and 6th graders.

### SWAMP BIKE

The bicycle and the baby buggy looked like rejects from the dump, or worse. What could their purpose be in the small store-

room filled with animated students and odd collections of unrecognizable objects?

Scientific Safari, an Odyssey of the Mind problem-solving activity, calls for students to create a car and trailer which can hold at least one person. Added to the challenge is the need to create a mechanism to pick up and load "animals" into the cart. Total cost of materials must be \$100 or less. This includes estimations of the value of those free dump and swamp picking finds even though no money has actually been spent.

Seven sixth graders were selected for their creativity from the 35 who tried out. These seven along with advisor Nancy Berringer have been meeting after school to prepare for the regional competition in Keene on March 25th. If the team scores in the top 1 or 2 at that competition, they will go on to the state level. The winner at that level goes to Tennessee this summer for the nationals.

### FABRIC NEEDED

March is here, can spring cleaning be far behind? Time to clean out all those bits and pieces of cloth that you really aren't going to use. All students in the Consumer and Family Studies Classes are working on sewing projects. They can use lots of scrap fabric for simple projects and practice sewing. If you have any amount of fabric you'd like to get rid of, please drop it by the school.

### EFFECTIVE PARENTING WORKSHOP

**Adolescence: The Wonder Years** is the title of Lee Burwell's workshop for parents of 11-18 year olds. This is a time of great growth and testing for young people and often one of frustration and self-doubt for parents. The workshop will address adolescent behavior and development. Issues will include self-esteem, peer pressure, sexuality, and alcohol and drug use. Ways for parents to facilitate communication, set limits, handle anger, and foster responsible decision making will be presented.

The program runs for six Thursdays from 7:00-9:00, starting April 13th. Healthsource and Matthew Thornton cover 100% or the \$75 fee. For those without insurance, the United Ways sponsors most of the cost, asking the participant to pay just \$10.00.

If you have questions, please call GBS guidance counselor, Ellen Foley at 588-6630.

### TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Do you have plans to upgrade your computer and really won't get anything for an older model for trade in? The GBS library is looking for any type of computer or printer (especially one for a PC). National Geographic magazines are also always in demand. Remember, gifts to the school are tax deductible.

## WAY OUT WEST

Come Memorial Day weekend, NHD students from around the state will again gather at Keene State College to present an evening of unmatched entertainment. GBS students have been practicing Wednesday afternoons from 1:05-2:00 since October. The theme for this year will be the West. GBS dancers have been preparing two individual numbers as well as two entire cast routines.

Holly Wilson, Elvis Miller, Dan Holmes, and Tom Holmes have been chosen to participate in the SWAT team. This honor recognizes the exceptional ability of these students. Saturday practices prepare these dancers for advanced routines.

Students are holding a raffle to help raise money for the costumes and props needed for the production. If anyone would like to support the program by purchasing raffle tickets, contact any dancer or advisor Nancy Robbins at GBS (588-6630).

Tickets for the Friday, Saturday, Sunday (May 26, 27, 28) performances go on sale at the Brickyard Pond Theater in Keene early in April.

## RECORD BREAKING WEIGHT

GBS seventh graders have just completed the annual bridge construction challenge. With 108 inches of 1/4" by 1/4" white pine strips, each student constructed a bridge with a minimum width of 14 inches and at least a 12 inch span. Jason Williams' had the winning design, a bridge which supported over 260 pounds.

## ARTS FOR THE AGES

March is National Youth Art Month. Why not treat the family to a production at the Palace Theater or a visit to a local museum? There are many local cultural events to appeal to the whole family.

The seventh graders are busy working on a multi-cultural fair. Students are looking at all aspects of cultures throughout the world and will share their new-found knowledge with each other and the public in March.

## NEW PAPER CLIP DESIGN!

Are inventors born or created? GBS fifth and sixth graders will have a chance to try their hand in Mr. Sweeney's innovations and inventions industrial technology class. From designing a new, improved paper clip to supporting a golf ball on a 50 plus inch tower made from three sheets of newspaper, students will have a chance to experiment before they invent and present their own models of new products. Who knows what the future holds for these young inventors?

## AES IS BUSY!

AES has been very excited about all the wonderful programs that have been sponsored by our PTO. This fall the Hamstead Players came to entertain all of our students. They performed Nicholas Nickleby, a Charles Dickens play. Samantha the Skunk visited our kindergarten classes with a program demonstrating the bad results of smoking. A Native American Presentation took place in several classes. Students learned first hand about our native cultures. Harry Lowenthal provided a special music presentation to all our students. He is an artist who teaches the value of good listening through music and words of songs. Two members of Plimouth Plantation spent the entire day demonstrating the language, tools, and clothing from our original settlers. Ted Link, a local naturalist, brought in several animal skulls for students to observe as part of their science program. This spring all of our students will be attending a presentation in Peterborough by the New England Marionettes. In addition, the PTO has purchased bean bag chairs for our nurse/counselors office, owl pellets for the second grade owl program with the Harris Center, a beautiful frame for our personally autographed illustration by Eric Ingraham, and sponsored the Winterfest in February.

AES is also very appreciative to their community for all they provide to us. Our fund raiser was very successful. As a result our students will be able to take field trips to wonderful places. The kindergarten classes have gone to the Monadnock Children's Museum and will be going to the Friendly Farm and Stonewall Farm. First and second grade classes will be going to Boston to see the Franklin Park Zoo and the John Hancock Tower. The third graders will enjoy Boston as well and they will visit the Museum of Science and the New England Aquarium. Fourth grade students will take a step back in history as they visit Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, Mass.

Our faded and worn classroom flags have been replaced thanks to the generosity of the local V.F.W.

Last spring the Read-A-Thon fund raiser provided enough support for us to purchase two sets of encyclopedias, numerous volumes of Young Scientists and other reference materials for students to use. In addition, our school district budget has allowed us to replace dictionaries, maps, globes and atlases in our classrooms. One map that was replaced dated back to 1927!

Our teachers are also very involved in district-wide curriculum projects. Most of our teachers serve on at least one committee that is helping other teachers keep current on the most recent learning materials. Recently, Mrs. Morse and Mrs. Swan provided a demonstration lesson to all the other teachers in our school district. They gave hints of how to teach students problem solving in math and how to apply calculators and computers to difficult math problems.

We now have 46 operating IBMs. Many of them are very old and not capable of doing very advanced games. But all of them are capable of word processing. Students are able to write their stories on the computers and then print them out. The first and second grade classes have started using the computers this year along with the third and fourth graders. Our school received a \$5000 grant from the State of New Hampshire for teachers to learn more about how the computers can be used in many different ways to enhance learning. As a part of this grant, our teachers and students will be holding special AIMING HIGH nights this spring where parents will be asked to come in and work with their children on the computers doing math and science experiments.

Kindergarten Orientation will be held in the spring. If you are new to the area please contact Antrim Elementary School for information.

## Antrim Scout Troup 2

Troop 2 held its annual "Winter Adventure" weekend in January. The scouts met on Saturday morning at the home of Dick and Martha Jennison, and ventured into the cold woods to set up tents and build their fires. The scouts included Christopher Bacon, Levi Burford, Christopher Eppig, Matt Hall, Arthur Heinzeman, Adam Jones, Richard Kebler and Jeff Kulpinski. The Troop made the easy climb to the site of Greystone Lodge, sledged, and cooked meals over open fires. Parents were invited to join the troop for an evening campfire and to join in skits, singing and good company. Six of the scouts slept overnight in tents with Scoutmasters Linn, Jennison and Burford. The temperature was about 4 degrees above zero at daybreak, and water had frozen in the cook pots overnight. A breakfast of hot oatmeal and hot chocolate were of great help in getting everyone started.

The Scouts wish to thank all those in our community who supported Troop 2 before Christmas by buying a wreath. Each scout who sold wreaths received credit toward summer camp.

The executive committee and parents of Troop 2 covering Antrim, Bennington, Frances town, Hancock and Hillsborough are looking for a scoutmaster to lead the troop. The Troop has about 20 boys who participate in Boy Scout programs all year long. We need a leader who will lead and teach, to fill the shoes of retiring Scoutmaster, Andrew Linn. During the tenure of Mr. Linn, the scouts have done several camping trips, including canoe lessons,

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swimming, summer camp, canoe camping trips on Gregg Lake, and fifty-mile hikes in the White Mountains. This is an opportunity to make a difference on our community by helping these boys grow into constructive adults and concerned citizens. If you are interested, or know someone who is interested, please contact Brian Nelson Burford (588-2920) or Dick Jennison (588-2687).

## Hot to Trot 4-H Club

The Hot-to-Trot 4-H club was happy to meet and welcome T.F.Y.E. exchange student, Carmen Galdona, from Paraguay, in December. Hew Hampshire I.F.Y.E. exchange students Merrill Santy (Latvia) and Kerry Harman (Netherlands) will be in Hillsborough County in March. Anyone interested in hearing of their experiences should call 627-5635 for dates and times. They are also available to speak to groups for a minimal donation to the program.

Kerrah Cutter, Brigitte Gutgesell, Angie Huntington and Ryan Richard attended Kids' Night at the Farm and Forest Expo in Manchester. They educated the public on the parts, colors and uses of the horse with posters that they prepared.

"Trotters" entered two teams in the State 4-H Quiz Bowl at Belmont High School. Both teams held up well under stiff competition.

Currently, the 4-H members are working on their speeches and demonstrations for Presentation Day on March 18. Trotters

also are preparing for the state Hippology contest which will be at UNH in April.

Plans are being made for a Model Horse Shoe and 4-H cookies are available from any member, or by calling 588-6615.

## Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Boxes of Girl Scout cookies will be available for sale at Antrim Town Meeting in March, at Great Brook School. The delicious cookies are made especially for the Girl Scouts once a year. Boxes are \$3 each and freeze well so extra tasty morsels can be stocked up for the months to come. In addition to your old-time favorite flavors, a new low fat iced oatmeal raisin cookie is being offered. For further cookie information call Betsey matthes at 588-6145.

## Northern Lights

Northern Lights Dance Theatre will present its annual Spring Dance Concert this year on Sunday, April 23 at Brickyard Pond, Keene State College at 6:30pm. The general school will present an original dance theatre version of "End of Winter," followed by four new works performed by the advanced teenage dance company, including one piece choreographed by student Sarah Goff. Call 588-8055 for info.

## 1995 Antrim Youth Baseball

The Antrim Youth Baseball League provides instruction and games for children between the ages of 6 through 12 with various levels of instruction. Signups for the 1995 season will be Saturday, March 25 or can be done through the mail. For children between the ages of 9-12 there will be a skills day on Saturday, April 1st. The sign up fee will be \$8 per child and checks should be made payable to AIYL. Completed sign up forms may be sent to **Bob Holmes, 16 N. Main St., Antrim NH, 03440**. For questions please call 588-6314.

### 1995 Antrim Youth Baseball - - - Sign up/Permission Form

**Player release:** We the undersigned parents of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby release the Town of Antrim and the Antrim Baseball league and its directors, coaches and all other personnel connected with said league from all claims actions, causes of actions, suits, damages, costs, expenses and any and all claims, demands and liabilities whatsoever of every name and nature of the law and in equity arising from any injury to any child as a result of his/her part in said league. I give permission for my son/daughter to play on the Antrim baseball team during he season.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## *Did You Know That. . . .*

**Suzette Lamoreux** is experienced in electrolysis? She has a home office at 129 Clinton Road in Antrim and an office at 82 Washington St. in Keene. She emphasizes that this is "hair removal, not transplant." This problem exists in both men and women and can be corrected with treatment by a qualified person. For more information, call 588-2627.

**Kate Syn Reilly** is owner and operator of "Framer of the Lost Art"? She provides framing of your favorite prints and photos. If you call 588-2344 she would be happy to make an appointment with you. This would give you an opportunity to see some prints she has to offer. Her address is 27A West St., Antrim.

(And speaking of **Reilly) Richard**, at 588-2344, also on West St., is involved in all phases of interior and exterior painting, wall-papering and stenciling. Spring is coming -- time for some freshly painted walls, etc.

**Pat Maynard** draws under the name of "Penpals"? Children's name signs are hand drawn and painted. Pat also has her own cleaning service. As if that isn't enough to keep one busy, she is also coordinator for the Antrim Recreation Program. For diversified talent, call Pat at 588-2104.

"House made of Dawn" is **Juli Utter**? She is involved in selling Navajo and other Southwest tribes silver and turquoise jewelry. Custom designs are welcomed. She belongs to the Navajo Tribe and also does presentations for schools in the area. Another of her "avocations" is residential cleaning. If you are interested in any of these three areas of "House Made of Dawn" give her a call at 588-2749, 10 Summer St., Antrim.

Valley Construction is owned by **Dan Valley**? He is quite capable of helping with your spring and summer projects -- new decks, new siding, new roof, and yes, new homes are included in his abilities. He also is proficient in interior repair work. For a free estimate, call Dan at 588-6182.

Old Hancock Glassworks on Route 9 is making fancy glassware (goblets, candlesticks, vases and bowls) being sold all over the U.S. and now France, Saudi Arabia, Japan and Canada? They also make commemorative and stock pressed glass, recently making a piece for the "Antrim Main Street" celebration and a medallion for the 1995 Governor's Inaugural Ball. Now after years of delays, the new Route 9 studio should be ready. "Please, please let it be ready" says owner **Chris Baker-Salmon**. Phone number is 588-4000.

L & L Communications is operated by **Larry Graffam** and provides residential and commercial telephone services? This includes the sale and installation of small business systems. Larry has been in business for himself for the past three years and brings twenty-seven years of experience to the community. He can be reached at 588-2600 (FAX 603-588-2781).

**Dr. Robert Schorschinsky** of the Antrim Medical Group on Elm Street has been in practice in Antrim for one year? Recently board-certified in family medicine, Dr. Schorschinsky is currently accepting new patients. A variety of free health screenings and educational events are planned for the coming months. For more information please call 588-4200.

*We would like this column to portray the many and diversified services available in Antrim. 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 Conval School District Annual Meeting will be held at 10am on Saturday, March 25th at Conval High School in Peterborough.

This meeting will be one of the most important in the past several years, because there are several major issues that will be decided that day.

Actually, the first item of business will take place two weeks earlier, on March 14th, because that is town election day, and voters again will have the chance to change the School District Funding Formula. If the formula is changed, costs will be shared more fairly across the district, and Antrim's share of school costs will drop significantly. But this change requires a two-thirds approval by everyone in the District who votes on March 14th, which is why it is so important for everyone in Antrim to be sure they are registered to vote, and then to vote YES to the funding formula question on March 14th.

The major business on March 25th will take place in the following order:

**1. Elementary School Building Program.** The Board is recommending that the District vote to approve a building program and bond issue to replace and upgrade all eight elementary schools in the District. The total cost for the program is \$16.1 million, and it will take 7 years to complete, as only one school will be built each year.

Most of the current elementary schools are overcrowded and in poor condition. They do not meet current standards for

safety and handicapped access. Every year we are making emergency repairs and building more temporary classrooms. It is clear that we cannot ignore our elementary building problems, and the longer we wait the more it is going to cost.

Even though construction would begin later this year, bond payments would not begin until the 1996-97 fiscal year. There are no elementary construction payments included in the 1995-96 budget. Also, because money will be borrowed only as it is needed, costs will be spread out over 15 years and there will be no costly "spike" in the school budget like there was with the Middle School building program.

**2. Operating budget for the 1995-96 school year.** The proposed net budget for 1995-96 is \$17,983,000, which is an increase of \$361,500 over this year's budget. The main reasons for this 2% increase are increased enrollment (up 2.5%) which requires additional staffing, and additional costs for site development work on the new technology center at the high school. As a member of the Budget Committee, I want to assure you that the Board is very aware of the concerns of taxpayers as well as the needs of our students, and we continue to keep our spending in line as best we can.

**3. Teacher Salaries.** Last June, voters rejected the proposed teacher salaries for both the 1994-95 and 1995-96 fiscal years. In accordance with legal procedures for contract problems like this, an

independent fact finder studied Conval's situation and he issued a recommendation that the voters again be asked to approve 4% raises for these two years.

Thus there will be a warrant article that calls for approval of \$381,000 for salary increases for 1994-95 (the current fiscal year) and \$397,000 for 1995-96.

**4. Computer Technology.** There will be a warrant article asking for \$157,000 as part of a long-range computer technology plan for all schools in the district. At last year's District Meeting, the Board was asked to form a committee that would consider how we should be using computers in our classrooms. The committee has issued a 40 page report and mapped out a multi-year program, with the bulk of this year's appropriation being used at the High School.

**5. Heating System Conversion at Conval High School.** Currently, the high school is heated by electricity, which is obviously very expensive. We have identified a way to convert the heating system to oil, and pay for the cost of conversion through savings on the cost for electricity, without any increase in taxes. This has finally become possible because it can be done at the same time work is being done on the new Technology Center.

The Conval Board recommends approval of all of these articles. The Board is also doing its best to inform you about all of these issues in a cost-effective way, and in the weeks to come you will receive additional information in the mail. Please keep an eye out for these mailings, and read them carefully. **Finally, I urge everyone to attend the District Meeting.**

## Report from the State House

by Rep. Gordon Allen

The 1995 Legislative session is in full swing and has been unusually fast-paced. There are fewer bills than last session, but we are all waiting anxiously to start on the biggest bill of them all - the State Budget. By the time you read this, the Governor will have presented his budget (February 15th) and the House will have started work on it. I am pleased to have been appointed to the new House Finance Committee which is the committee that deals with the budget. But this honor is tempered by the huge deficit we face - about \$100 million per year for the next two years if we don't make substantial cuts, raise revenues, or both. New Hampshire will have to make up for the \$40 million deficit it's running this year and possible cuts to the Federal

Budget. (We are #8 in the nation in depending on federal money in our state budget- 31% of our revenues are from federal sources. In addition, due to our smallness and relative economic prosperity, we do poorly under most of the block grant formulas being proposed in Congress.)

As I mentioned in the last Limrik, I fear there may be attempts to balance the budget by cutting basic state services to our needy elderly residents, mentally and physically disabled citizens, poor families, and our abused, neglected, and troubled kids. I hope the state will not balance the budget at their expense. This state must live up to its fundamental responsibility to provide for the basic needs of our truly

needy neighbors and not pass off the costs to the towns for their care. Our property taxes are far too high as it is without taking on another big responsibility from the state.

By and large, we do a pretty good job in providing these basic services in NH for those who really need them. Unlike some other states, there's not much waste anybody can find. We have one of the lowest rates of people on welfare in the country (48th, about half of the rate of Vermont or Maine), our administrative cost per family we help is way below average (38th) and we are 48th in State & Local employees per capita. While there's always room for increasing efficiency,

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## Historic Antrim House Movers by Dave Hurlin

Have you ever marveled at the skill and power required to lift a whole house onto a truck and move it to a new location? To be sure it's no easy task, but it's an old, old practice, one which took place a number of times in Antrim's earlier days. Consider how much more difficult it must have been without hydraulic jacks and "come-alongs", and worse yet with no rubber tired trucks to drive over well surfaced roads. The *difficult* seems to turn into the *impossible*. Yet with only the advantage of the fulcrum and levels houses were "jacked up" onto log rollers (or, if it happened to be winter, into sleds) and pulled, rolled and/or pushed incredible distances to a new site.

There is no record of how many houses in town were relocated, but here are a few (with apologies to present occupants if they are not identified).

In 1837 Samuel Abbott bought the homestead of Dea. James Boyd, who first settled the farm where the Webbers now live at the end of West Street. The building was moved to Clinton village where it still exists as part of the house just west of the Caughey's red barn. There is no record of how much was added onto the original house, but there is a story told by Rev. Cochrane that the original shingles "that had done service for over forty years were turned over and relaid on the back side, and are doing good service now (1877)" and for all we know they are still there.

One of the early settlers, Dea. James Nesmith first settled what has for years been known as Liberty Farm. In about 1790 he sold it and started a new farm on the east side of Meetinghouse Hill near the bottom of the east branch of the old road. He lived there in a small house which, it is told, his children felt was too modest. Unfortunately they convinced him that they were right and he started to build "a mansion" next door, which he couldn't afford to finish. In 1838 Jacob Tuttle, for many years a storekeeper and a leading citizen of Antrim, bought the unfinished building and moved it

to North Branch Village adjacent to his home (now McNeil's antique shop). In 1840 William "Plummer" Little opened a "Public House" which he maintained until his death in 1869. The building was destroyed in the great fire of 1888.

About 1835-40 Woodbury Fairbanks built a house for his aged father, Zaccheus, on Pleasant Street on the plain before the road starts up around the curved beginnings of Nahor Hill. In 1857, some twenty two years after the elder Fairbanks died, the house was moved. Frank Roach, a tailor in town for many years, recalled that at age six he was allowed to ride one of the oxen pulling the house all the way to its new location up the hill to the old Parker place which, later became home for several generations of Munhalls, and more recently the Hennessey place.

The Herbert and Doris Bryer house on Old Hancock Road had its beginnings west of Gregg Lake on the "John Robinson Farm." It's not known if it was the original set of buildings which Rev. Cochrane described as being "long gone," but the house that was moved was owned and occupied by a lumber dealer named James E. Tenney who, sometime after 1866 moved bag, baggage and house to the present location.

One of two replacements for the first school in Antrim was built about 1794-97 just east of the Phinney house on North Main Street. It faced the street, which at that time, ran in a straight line from the top of "Goodell Hill" to the "Boyd place" (Now William MacCulloch's). In 1801 it burned to the ground with the school children barely escaping the flames. It was rebuilt and continued as a school until "it was all used up" and replaced in about 1870, at which time John Smith "fitted it up for a dwelling" and moved it to its present location on the north-east corner of Elm and Wallace streets.

So, whenever someone tells you they are "going to move" it isn't completely foolish to ask if they are going to take their house with them!

## State House, continued

there's just not much fat. This means every cut we make in the health and human services budget cuts a basic service to a person or family who needs it - sometimes to survive. My hope is that New Hampshire will rise to the occasion in the budget as we did in Antrim over the last two months in fighting the prison. The state needs to reaffirm its core human values and then make a budget that preserves and protects them.

As for the whole issue of the prison, it is now crystal clear to the NH Legislature that "Antrim is NOT a Prison Town" but IS a town with community spirit, caring, and pride. I cannot begin to express my admiration and appreciation for how wonderfully so many people came together for a common cause, how focused and organized and effective the effort was, how we reaffirmed our true family values and community strengths, and how we ended up dazzling the whole state by taking the high road. The high compliments we received as a town from the Legislators on the Prison Study committee, many other legislators, the press, and even the consultant are unprecedented. In hindsight, it is incredible that we went from being a definite site in the preliminary report on December 6th, to in effect being off the list on January 18th! In the end, the prison consultant changed his mind and agreed with us that his prison proposal was not good for the town. A round of applause is overdue to the CAP steering Committee and all the many, many others who worked so hard.

Our next challenge is the vote on changing the CONVAL school funding formula to 60-40. The vote is on Tuesday, March 14th at Town Hall (the same time we vote to elect Town Officials). This funding shift would help our taxes and district greatly, and I think there is a serious chance of its success this year, if we can really turn out the vote. It would be a wonderful present for Paul Ruess, who is retiring from the CONVAL Board this year after serving us so well for the past seven years. Thanks, Paul, and I hope to see everyone at the voting booth on the 14th.

## Antrim Planning Board

The Planning board has placed three zoning amendments on the ballot for March Town Meeting.

**Amendment No. 1** was brought to our attention by the Board of Adjustment in response to a case brought before the Board. This would allow uncovered decks fronting on the water in lakefront Residential Districts if they do not extend closer to the water than those of their neighbors.

**Amendment No. 2** allows the temporary use of manufactured housing units such as construction trailers or temporary housing while construction is taking place on the same site.

Responses to the Planning Board questionnaire taken a year ago indicated that 74% favored business

development along the Route 9 Highway Business District. Very little of this land is suitable for commercial uses because of extensive wetlands along the river in the north and rough terrain on the south; therefore, the Board has proposed **Amendment No. 3** to extend this area in the vicinity of North Branch Village just north of Stacy Hill Road and River Road. This includes the most buildable portions of the college property, which has more potential for development than most areas in town.

Judith Pratt, Chairman



*Please Note change  
in the Town Clerk's  
hours on Monday  
nights to 6-8 pm.*

## Mark your Calendars!

**March 10** \_\_\_\_\_

*last day to register to vote*

**March 14** \_\_\_\_\_

*Town Elections*

**March 16** \_\_\_\_\_

*Town Meeting*

**March 25** \_\_\_\_\_

*Conval School District Annual Meeting*

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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: Tuesdays,  
7:30 pm, Town Hall, as needed

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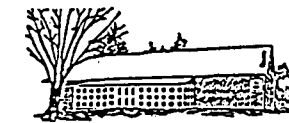
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# Antrim Community Calendar

## MARCH

- 3 Twelfth Night party (Grange Hall)  
Blues at the Rynborn - Otis and the Elevators
- 4 Blues at the Rynborn - West End Blues Band
- 9 Blues at the Rynborn - SPECIAL -- Jimmy Johnson from Chicago - \$12
- 10 Last Day to Register to Vote  
Blues at the Rynborn - Art James & Co.  
Car Wash - NH Heritage Tour - Antrim Fire Station
- 11 Blues at the Rynborn - Art Steele Blues Band
- 12 Itty-Bitty Story Hour - 10 am, Tuttle Library
- 14 Town Elections
- 16 Town Meeting
- 17 Blues at the Rynborn - DD and the Road Kings
- 18 Odd Fellows Roast Beef Dinner  
Blues at the Rynborn - Biggs Band
- 24 Blues at the Rynborn - Blue Hill Kickers
- 25 Conval School District Annual Meeting, 10 am, Conval High School  
Blues at the Rynborn - Loaded Dice
- 27 Historical Society, 7:30pm
- 31 Blues at the Rynborn - Bobby Radcliff

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### APRIL

- 1 Blues at the Rynborn - Little Ronnie and The Sloan Sharks
- 7 Blues at the Rynborn - Two Bones and A Pick
- 8 NH All State Music Festival, Conval  
Blues at the Rynborn - Toni Lynn Washington
- 9 Palm Sunday Service, 10:30am, Baptist Church and Presbyterian Church
- 13 Maundy Thursday - Presbyterian Church 6:30pm, Baptist Church 7pm
- 13, 14 Robin Hood, GBS Musical, 7pm
- 14 Good Friday Service, Bennington Congregational Church
- 14 Blues at the Rynborn - Fenton Robinson Special Chicago Show \$12 adv
- 15 Blues at the Rynborn - Radio Kings
- 16 Sunrise Service, Antrim Baptist Church Green  
Easter Service, 10:30am, Baptist Church and Presbyterian Church
- 21 Blues at the Rynborn - Stovall Plantation
- 22 Blues at the Rynborn - B.J. Magoone Driving Sideways
- 23 Northern Lights Dance Theatre Spring Concert - Brickyard Pond, KSC, 6:30pm
- 24 Historical Society, 7:30pm
- 26 Antrim Grange Open Meeting, 7:30pm
- 28 Blues at the Rynborn - Renee Radall Blues Band
- 29 Blues at the Rynborn - Biggs Bank

### MAY

- 5 Blues at the Rynborn - Otis and the Elevators
- 6 Blues at the Rynborn - Dave Howard & The High Rollers
- 12 Blues at the Rynborn - Art James and Company
- 13 Blues at the Rynborn - West End Blues Band
- 19 Blues at the Rynborn - Stovall's Plantation
- 20 Blues at the Rynborn - Art Steele Blues Band
- 22 Historical Society, 7:30pm
- 23 Solar Car Race - GBS at Concord
- 26-30 New Hampshire Dance Institute - Brickyard Pond, KSC
- 26 Blues at the Rynborn - DD and the Road Kings
- 27 Blues at the Rynborn - Loaded Dice



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