

GREAT BROOK CONNECTION

A remarkable ecological-historical-educational project is in progress involving students and faculty at the Great Brook School. Although the motivating force was the creation of an integrated curriculum for middle school students designed for hands-on learning, specific products are emerging such as an historical study of the mills that once lined Great Brook and architectural plans for a Walkway and Pier in the wetlands adjacent to the school. Such projects are coming to fruition with the assistance of grants, working professionals and community members.

Reports on the project appear in this issue; *Hands Along the River* on page 6 and *Wetlands Walkway* on page 4.

The Conservation Commission comments: "The Great Brook Connection is a wonderful project. We are most impressed with students' concerns about anything affecting any part of the wetland area. Wetlands reduce flood damage, remove excess nutrients from runoff, are important groundwater discharge points and provide cover and food for many species of wildlife."

FROM THE STATE HOUSE

Representative Gordon Allen

Much has happened in Concord since my last report in February. Topping the list is:

1. Governor Merrill's surprising decision not to run again. This has not only opened up many races, but opens up the possibility of real discussion of our property tax problems in the election.
2. Two significant lawsuits challenging the unfairness of how we use property taxes for education have moved rapidly forward, including our own challenge to unfair cooperative district tax formulas, such as CONVAL's.
3. The House Finance Committee's (my committee!) courage to publicly admit that the state is running a budget deficit and bucking "politics as usual" by proposing that we sanely solve the problem now (including raising the cigarette tax) rather than waiting until after the November elections when we have a real crisis on our hands.

The Governor's Race and Property Taxes

I think you all know where I stand on this from the 1994 primary election. There are many candidates on the Republican side, but Fred Bramante is the only one in the race who publicly admits that the school property tax system for towns like Antrim is broken and needs to be fixed.

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LOWER PROPERTY TAXES

Phil Dwight School Board Member-Antrim

Of all the things voted on at the March meeting at CONVAL, for most Antrim property owners the important issue was the change in the funding formula, which will bring much needed tax relief. The change itself is estimated to reduce the School portion of the tax by 13%. As the school portion is 80% of the total tax, this would mean an overall reduction of about 10.5%.

While it is too early to make very accurate predictions, it would appear that other factors are also working in our favor. Antrim's School State aid may increase significantly and the number of Antrim's school-age children has decreased in relation to CONVAL's total enrollment. Considering these factors, plus the likelihood of a decrease in the Town and County portion of the tax rate, it is possible that Antrim's tax rate could decrease 15%.

Please remember that this decrease will not be reflected until the second-half bill—the portion due December 1, 1996.

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THE SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Peter Moore

Now that the State has given a clean bill of health to the old Goodell factory site, Ray Kulla, a representative of Chicago Cutlery, owner of the building, is meeting with an Antrim committee to discuss possibilities for marketing the property. Suggesting the start of an Economic Development Committee, the Antrim group includes Bob Edwards, Paul Hardwick, Ed and Dick Winslow, Town Business Manager Phil Dwight, and for the selectmen, Peter Moore. Larry Ross, director of Monadnock Business Ventures, will also attend. Mr. Kulla will also meet with three area realtors. Ideas and suggestions would be appreciated and valued.

The towns of Antrim, Bennington, and Frankestown have met to work towards bringing post-closure resolution to the old tri-town dump site in Bennington. It appears that within the 60-odd acres encompassed by this site, of which Antrim has a 40% share, there is a tremendous amount of gravel, sand and other aggregate, including top soil and loam, that is quite valuable. Not only is this mineral cache important for use in town (some say it is enough to take us well into the next century), but also for potential commercial use on state highway projects and the like. But with these riches also comes the obligation of reclamation of the site once the

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FROM THE STATE HOUSE

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A vote for Fred in the September primary is a vote to finally get beyond the empty platitudes and nonsolutions on property taxes that we have suffered for so long, and on to discussing real statewide solutions to what is a statewide problem. It's not enough anymore for gubernatorial candidates to be "against" high property taxes without taking any responsibility for the problem. The state—not the towns or the districts—created our current system for paying for schools. We need to fix the system so that it works for our taxpayers and kids.

Fred also has a simple plan to fix the worst problems without a sales or income tax. It helps the highest taxed towns the most (like Antrim) and our property taxes would go down by 30%! This is the same plan developed by me, Fred, and a Legislative Study Committee in 1993. It simply revives the flat statewide tax on property that we had for over 200 years, to pay for the state mandates for education. These amount to about \$4000 per pupil. All towns would pay exactly the same rate for the state mandates. This levels the playing field for the basics. Local control and the local tax base would then be used to pay for any school services that we decide to provide for our kids above the minimum required by the state. This brings Antrim's school rate down out of the stratosphere because all towns share equally in Seabrook and all other power plants we use, NH's unique vacation property, and economic development around the state. This is the same proven system that we have used to pay for our state highway system (a flat gas tax) for the past 75 years. It's simple and it works.

Please consider Fred Bramante in the September Republican primary for Governor and, in any case, don't let any candidates get away without offering real solutions to Antrim's property tax problems.

Also, don't let them get away with claiming our problem is "local control" and that our real problem is that our local officials are wild spenders who have paved our streets (and even our potholes) with gold! If this were the real problem, we would have solved it long ago and all by ourselves.

In the next issue of the LIMRIK, I look forward to summarizing the final results of this busy legislative session.

Lastly, I join all of you in mourning the recent passing of Jane Hill and my neighbor Ray Grant. When Mary and I first moved to town over 20 years ago, Jane and Ray were among the first to welcome and accept us. From them we came to understand very quickly what a solid, unique, and special place Antrim is.



NEWS DEADLINE



Contributors to the LIMRIK should provide copy to reporters by the 8th of the month preceding each issue. Issues are published in December, March, June, and September. Thus for the next issue, copy should be delivered by August 8, either to a staff member or to the Tuttle Library.

THE SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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area has been opened and aggregates removed. Our first task is to get an accurate assessment of the total amount of product on the site through an engineering study. We are seeking bids for such a soil survey and then we will know better how to approach some of the other issues such as equitable removal, phased excavation and monitoring usage.

Things are also changing at the Antrim Transfer Station. Long-time station manager Doug Tatro left his position to seek opportunities elsewhere leaving Bill Lang and Arthur Bryer to take care of business until a new manager is hired. They have been doing an excellent job maintaining the daily operation of the station and we appreciate their efforts.

Antrim Recycling Transfer Station

Sunday June 2 Extended hours 12 noon – 4 pm

Sunday hours will be effective until Labor Day.

For those who have been looking for a place to donate or discard old clothes (those unsuitable for resale at the Revival Shop at the Presbyterian Church) there is now a big red Salvation Army Clothes Collection Box, right next to the "Swap Shop". This is a terrific cause and a great way for the residents in town to cut down on the wastes which are so expensive to dispose of. Please use this source and also remember that separation and recycling of trash is not only a financially practical practice, but is also mandatory by law.

Public Service has been doing a bit of spring cleaning of its own around town. Clearing the path of power lines yields a great deal of wood. If there is usable wood down on your property which you do not want and it is accessible from the road, the Wood Bank, sponsored by the Antrim Presbyterian Church, will be more than happy to clear it away for you. Call 588-2209 and leave a message.

Finally, we would like to welcome Carol Smith as the new "freshman" member of the Board of Selectmen. Carol served as the Town Treasurer for many years so she is familiar with budgetary processes and the town's financial matters. She will be a real asset during her three year term.

Paula Clemente is the Chairman of the Board this year. We meet at the Town Hall most every Monday evening starting at **6 pm** to whenever we're done. Please feel welcome to come observe any time, or to stop in to give us your 2¢! Participation is always welcome.

LOWER PROPERTY TAXES

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In addition to this change the Elementary School Bond issue passed easily and as this is being written, the architect has been hired and very preliminary plans for buildings in Bennington and Frankestown have been presented to building committee members in both these towns. Work in Antrim is still three years away.

One possible change that the school Board will consider in the near future involves a change in the School calendar for the year 1997-1998. This major change would involve dividing the School year into trimesters, broken by the traditional Christmas vacation, but then by a two week vacation at the end of March instead of the current week break now occurring in February and April. If you have opinions about this possible change, please let me know.

RAY GRANT'S WONDER BEANS

Lyman Gilmore

This is not an obituary for Ray Grant. Although it is true that he died on the first day of spring this year, what I have been thinking about since that moment is not his death so much as his wonder beans.

But first I have to go back to the time twenty-five years ago when we moved in next door to Ray and Marion. When I met Ray over the stone wall that separated his beautifully bountiful vegetable garden from the scraggly plot I was struggling to start, Robert Frost's words from "Mending Wall" came to mind: Good fences make good neighbors.

Ray and I did not get off to a good start. My wife Cynthia and our young children Richard and Lisa and I had lived up on High Street for six or seven years, but despite our efforts to act like natives, we were clearly foreigners. I remember my first conversation with Ray. Leaning on our mutual hoes across that old wall, we eyed one another suspiciously. I don't know what he thought of me, a smart aleck college professor from the city who made pronouncements in Town Meetings, but I know that I was mad as the devil when he said that what the Beatniks and Hippies who were causing so much trouble needed was a shotgun loaded with rock salt aimed at their legs. Those Beatniks were my friends, the Hippies my students, and his comment got my back up. Good fences or no, I thought, we'll never be good neighbors.

Well, after a while I calmed down when it became obvious that there weren't very many Beatniks or Hippies in Antrim for me to defend against Ray's righteous 12 gauge pump, and anyway I began to suspect that maybe he had been pulling my leg all along and I was too wrought up to notice. Instead of my own righteous indignation, I found myself beginning to glance over the wall with envy and wonder at his peas and corn and beets.

As it turned out, that broken down old stone wall didn't separate us so much as provide a place to lean on every time we talked about the best planting weather or the black flies or how to mow with a scythe which he kept trying to teach me on and off for twenty years. Time passed, and every spring and summer and fall Ray would go about his business composting and planting and weeding and mulching and pruning and harvesting. Occasionally he would walk around the overgrown west end of the wall for a look at my garden, and I began to look forward to these visits, eagerly hoping for some positive comment like "You've got some good compost there." or "That's a nice row of beans." I felt as if I had finally passed some sort of invisible test the first time he called over the wall inviting me to transplant some of his butternut squash seedlings to my garden. And we were always delighted when he would come up on the back porch with a box of fresh raspberries or a giant cabbage or some of Marion's warm-from-the-oven cookies. "Just thought I'd drop this off."

Ray taught me more about farming than scythe mowing (which I finally caught on to, sort of), things like the best mulch for our soil, wiping out Japanese beetles and other hungry bugs, how to make perfect compost in plastic cans in the cellar, trapping pesky possum and woodchucks, and the right way to work the other tools of our trade.

I began to feel as if I was getting a lot more than I was giving to this relationship, and in my eagerness to be helpful to Ray—and to show him that I was getting right handy—I nearly decapitated him. When she heard about this, Marion was not pleased. What happened was this. Ray had a gnarled, old apple tree in his back yard, and there was a big side limb he wanted cut off. No problem, I thought as I trotted around the wall with my chain saw. Ray held the ladder as I fired up the saw and climbed to the limb high over his head. I leaned out a mite too far, and when I sliced clean through that limb and the saw no longer had any resistance, I discovered in a horrible split second that I was off balance and that saw with a wailing, screeching mind of its own was falling right toward Ray's neck.

Now, Ray was on the far side of eighty years of age at that particular moment, but in the nanosecond that it took him to understand what was about to happen, he moved quicker than a spooked brook trout. I did what I could to deflect the saw's path from certain amputation, but it was his lightning reflexes that saved him. And me. Ray never mentioned this incident afterwards, but he was always a tad wary when I was nearby with any sort of tool in my hands.

When Marion died a year ago, our friendship changed. All the time we had been neighbors, most of our contact with one another had been over and around that old stone wall or in his or my garden. Now I found myself dropping by the house almost every day. I liked going to see him. He seemed to appreciate my visits, and we had some good talks about gardens dug and trout caught and deer shot. He would lovingly show me his fly rod or that old 12 gauge shotgun he had gotten so much game with. Sometimes I would take him for a ride, and he would show me the place up in North Branch where his family's farm was before it burned when he was a child, or his favorite trout bog back in the woods, or the foundation of the old Antrim train station just beyond the river in Bennington. Of course, when he wanted something repaired in the house, he'd never ask me. He would call our neighbor Nandi Barsanti, who not only can fix anything made by human hands, but does it while laughing and whistling simultaneously. Ray was as mightily impressed with Nandi's handiness as he was apprehensive about mine. Often Nandi and I would pass one another coming and going to see Ray.

This is where Ray's wonder beans come in. Last spring, just after Marion died, Ray came around the wall and showed me a shoe box with a handful of dried beans. Huge and white with brilliant crimson stripes and patches, the beans were beautiful. I'd never seen any like them. Originally, he hadn't either. He told me that many years ago a farmer had given him some dried bean seed that the farmer had been growing season after season. Ray had planted a few, and they turned out to be the most prolific and delicious beans he'd ever seen. Year after year he saved a few beans from his fall crop and cultivated those beans the next spring, often wondering just what sort of bean they were. Once about ten years ago he sent a few off to the UNH Extension in Durham and got a report back that they weren't absolutely sure what species the beans were, but that they were a very old bean, and were "a wonder."

RAY GRANT'S WONDER BEANS *continued*

Holding the shoe box with the wonder beans, Ray told me that he had stopped growing them several years before. He couldn't remember why. Sadly he said he was sure the seed he had saved was too old and no longer any good. These were the last of the seeds, and the species had died out. I asked if I could try some. He said that I could, but it would be a waste of time and space; he knew they wouldn't grow.

Well, never before had I worked so carefully to rid the soil of weed and stone, to sift the compost I'd been making all winter, to cut and bury the poles so firmly in the ground. I did not harbor much hope. After all, everything I knew about growing vegetables I had learned from Ray, and always what he said, went.

But not this time. At first I was certain of failure because the seeds would not germinate. Every morning for weeks I'd go out to the line of bean poles and search unsuccessfully for a sign of life. Just as I was about to abandon all hope, a sunrise lit on one green shoot after another and I knew the wonder beans were growing. I was excited and happy.

And come the autumn harvest, so was Ray. I hadn't said anything to him about the beans until they were well up and wound firmly around the poles. He had told me to plant no more than one bean per pole, but fearing the worst, I ignored his advice and planted three to a pole. When he first saw my beans growing he too was excited that his wonder bean line hadn't died out, but he also lost no time in severely admonishing me for over planting. And indeed, they grew so thick that I had to pull up one or two vines per pole to prevent them from choking each other to death.

Every day Ray would visit the bean patch to watch their progress. He told me wonder beans are a late maturing variety, with the foot-long fat pods turning from deep green to bright red and white as frost approached. They still weren't fully mature when hard frost arrived, and I pulled all the vines to finish ripening in my barn. Ray and I agreed that those wonder beans were delicious.

As spring approached this year Ray began to fail, and I sensed that he was dying. He lay in bed and we talked about how wet the soil was and how much compost we had stored and when to begin getting the gardens in. I told him he would be up and about, giving me scythe tips and standing clear of my tools, but we both knew it would never happen.

And we talked about the wonder beans and how pleased he was that we managed to keep them going, reminding me that I should plant no more than one bean to a pole. I was a little worried because the last of the beans I'd saved for planting this spring had gotten wet and spoiled. But Ray told me he had a few left and that I could have them if I would be sure to get them into the ground when it was dry and warm.

After Ray died the first day of spring, the same day Marion died a year earlier, I wondered about those wonder beans. I felt good that he had seen his beans thrive again, and it seemed to me that I might be able to do one final thing for him, something I was pretty sure he would appreciate. I asked Wally, the wonderful woman who cared for Ray during his final month, if she could find the beans for me, and she did. I have them right here, huge and pure white and streaked with brilliant crimson. I aim to get them in the ground and then lean on that old wall and thank Ray for everything.



WETLANDS WALKWAY

Donna Fairbairn

The Great Brook Elementary School students who, with the guidance of architect Laura Campbell, worked on designs for a wetlands walkway last fall, may soon see their dreams come true. Plans and paperwork will soon be activated with the actual construction of a boardwalk and pier in the wetlands area adjacent to the school.

We need adults to help student builders with the heavier tasks and with supervision of the construction. Please contact me at Great Brook School, 588-6630 if you can help. Many thanks.

MARY McGRORY VISITS BEVERLY TENNEY

DATELINE: FEBRUARY 1996 THE WASHINGTON POST

Mary McGrory, Antrim's celebrated summer resident/syndicated-news columnist ran an article about the Heritage Heights retirement community in Concord where she had been invited by her long-time Antrim friend, Beverly Tenney. The focus of the article was on the views and opinions of the retirement community's constituency who are, (a) very Republican, (b) very concerned about Environmental and Educational issues, (c) therefore, on the basis of a straw vote, very apt to vote for Clinton come November. McGrory noted that views of seniors about political issues are important because "turnout from retirement homes is often 100%. Heritage Heights voters will go to the polls in their own bus."

JANE HILL

Jane Pratt Hill died at the end of April. In a sweet coincidence, her work as Antrim's telephone operator had been gratefully remembered by Dr. Chandler in the March Limrik and is again mentioned in this issue in Ed Robert's previously-written Folktale.

There are in fact many reasons to remember Jane with gratitude. She was the guiding spirit for Antrim's girl Scout troop during the many years when membership ran to 100 scouts. She served as Antrim's Health and Welfare officer, widely known for the energy and warmth with which she helped the needy. She operated a private kindergarten—loved by its children and appreciated by their parents. She taught Sunday School at the Presbyterian Church and was active with the summer daily Vacation Bible School. She was honored by the Grange as Citizen of the Year. And virtually single handedly, she held together the Alumni Association of the old Antrim High School.

We remember Jane for all such things, but most of all for the spirited warmth and kindness with which she moved through life.

ANTRIM-GROWN LAWSUIT

Gordon Allen

I have been working for several years with a core group of dedicated people to mount a constitutional challenge to unfair district formulas such as CONVAL's. It finally happened. Our "Antrim grown" lawsuit was officially filed with the State on February 20. It is based squarely in the NH Constitution's requirement that property tax rates have to be *equal* among taxpayers within the same jurisdiction, such as a school district. "Equal treatment of equals" is the fundamental standard of tax fairness in the NH Constitution. The suit simply asserts that it is unconstitutional for school tax rates to be unequal between towns in cooperative district.

If we win, this means all the towns in the CONVAL District would have to pay exactly the same school tax rate requiring costs to be apportioned 100% on the basis of each taxpayer's equalized property value. This would cut our taxes substantially (over 20%) and, as important, stabilize our tax rates since they wouldn't swing wildly when our number of students change.

The suit is moving rapidly and the State will have officially responded to it by the time you read this. All signs are positive and we are optimistic that we have a good shot at winning. Many thanks to Antrim plaintiffs Keith Boatright, Ben Pratt, Paul Ruess, and Twila Tenney who have joined with me in the suit and whose willingness to sign-on and work together has made it possible. Also, thanks to our long time ally Gordon Hale from Bennington and four colleagues from the Mascenic District who have also signed-on. It takes courage and real commitment to literally "put your name on the line" and challenge the state over this controversial issue. Thanks also to our quiet contributors in town who donated the \$8,000 we needed to get the suit off the ground.

We now need your donations to allow us to carry the suit through its final appeal in the NH Supreme Court. (We are assuming the State will appeal if they lose.) We will need another \$5,000-8,000, and it will show broad support and help our case if we receive a large number of donations.

A separate organization called Citizens for Constitutional Taxes has been incorporated to raise money for the suit. Please make your checks out to "Citizens for Constitutional Taxes" (CCT) and send them to CCT, 125 Airport Road, Concord, NH 03301. We need not release the names of those who donate, and while CCT is applying for tax exempt status, you cannot count on your donation being tax deductible. If you donate, CCT will send you a summary of the suit and regular updates. Your support is critical. Please call me (Gordon Allen) at home at 588-2742 (nights) or at work at 225-0900 (days) if you would like to help or want more information. It would be incredible if after all these years we could finally get a CONVAL formula that was fair to everybody and brought our district together.

In the old days, a farmer came to his local newspaper editor and offered to barter. "O.K." said the editor, "you bring me a load of cobs and I'll give you a subscription to my paper" to which the farmer replied, "If I had a load of cobs I wouldn't need your paper."

ANTRIM POLICE HANDICAP PARKING

Brian Brown, Chief of Police



There are people in Antrim who face hardship every waking hour, amongst them the handicapped, some of whom prefer the term "physically challenged". I myself have tried to imagine what this would be like; to get some ideas, I've plugged my ears and been blindfolded or attempted to maneuver around the house in a wheelchair. I realize how fortunate I've been not to have to live with such problems daily.

In an attempt to make life better for the handicapped, the state of New Hampshire passed into law RSA 265:691 (i) HANDICAP PARKING. These spaces are extremely limited and are clearly marked. The fine for a non-permitted vehicle to park in one of them is \$72. The spaces can be used only when the handicapped person is in the vehicle—otherwise there is a violation.

Just imagine yourself as a handicapped person for whom going even a short distance is painful. You come to a store and can't park near the entrance because a non-permitted vehicle is using the reserved space—how upsetting that would be. And imagine how badly you would feel parking in that space, knowing that your inconsideration had caused such a problem.

The Antrim police have been warning violators throughout the winter. Now, with the reserved areas clearly marked, we will be issuing citations to drivers of offending vehicles.

Let us all take the extra step (so to speak) of parking only in appropriate areas so that the handicapped have the access they are entitled to.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

THINKING ABOUT CHANGING JOBS? GOING BACK TO SCHOOL?
NEED TO UPDATE YOUR RESUME OR NOT QUITE SURE
HOW TO WRITE THAT COVER LETTER?

Su McKinnon, a graduate student at Keene State College, recently completed a Career Development course. She will be available at the Tuttle Library in Antrim to answer your questions regarding career or educational options. Also available will be information on career assessment instruments, occupational references, New Hampshire Wages Handbook, interviewing techniques, preparing a resume, and managing debt between jobs.

For more information call the Library at 588-6876.

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HANDS ALONG THE RIVER

Barbara Black

*"Reach out and touch somebody's hand;
make this a better world if you can."*

Last fall Anne Kenney and Barbara Black's fifth grade classes formed a partnership with CONVAL High School and the Harris Center for Conservation Education. The project was named Hands Along the River because it involved local businesses and conservation and community groups along the Great Brook and Contoocook River.

With the help of a NEIWPCC* grant, fifth grade students have been studying the history and monitoring the water quality of the Great Brook. Students have utilized all subject area skills in gaining an appreciation for the historical uses of water power and the need to protect water sources today.

Historical exploration quickly led to records of the more than 22 mills that once lined the shores of Great Brook from Gregg's Pond (Lake) through Clinton Village and South Antrim onto the flats where Great Brook joins the Contoocook. Buildings long gone and products outmoded by modern conveniences were ANCIENT history to 10-11 year olds, but by choosing one mill to "own", students became personally involved in exploring the past.

Ms Judith Pratt spent hours at Great Brook School sharing her memories starting when she was four years old. Using pictures loaned by the Antrim Historical Society and personal stories, she drew for the students a mental picture of the early 1900s.

"Smokey" Merrill fixed the locations of mills long gone by remnants of dams and mill ponds. He described the corduroy road that once led to the Butterfield Farm, pointed out the shell of the Hildreth Mill, and identified a field with a lone piece of rusting machinery as the site of the Holt Mill.

With the help of Chris Salmon and Lois Harriman, students found bubbles coming from an old penstock at the Bryer Mill site as well as remnants of the Paige Canal. They located a stone wall along Clinton Road which changed the course of Great Brook to increase power for the Silk Mill and Goodell Company.

Students have learned to read the marks left on the landscape. Rock walls jutting out into the brook and numerous water falls have taken on new significance through senses opened to the sights and sounds of the history.

THE FUTURE

The aim of this project, however, has been to influence the future. Early manufacturers did not always think of how the waste and byproducts they emptied into Great Brook would affect the health of the water. Students involved in Hands Along the River have learned they are caretakers of the earth's water supply.

Under the guidance of Susie Denehy from the Harris Center and Antioch student Jolynne Rostowsky, students have assessed the biological and chemical health of the Great Brook. Charting of invertebrates found in muck samples showed a moderate to clean water source.

Marion Baker (Harris Center) and Jon Manley's CONVAL high school students did coliform tests on water samples collected by GBS students at eight sites along the

Great Brook and Contoocook River. The CVHS presentation to GBS students indicated most of the water to be safe for swimming but not drinking. McCabe Forest and the pond behind Wayno's had higher Coliform levels, probably due to the abundance of wildlife in those areas (Remember that when you toss bread to the ducks.)

Water returned to the river from the Monadnock Paper Mills was very clean. Mike Butler of the Paper Mill and Tom White from the Department of Environmental services took the fifth graders through the water treatment process used at the mill (LIMRIK, March 1996).

Richard Tichko, Biologist for the NH Fish and Game Department, explained that in New Hampshire the public has rights to use of ponds and lakes over ten acres. Getting to these locations can be difficult as more and more owners of the land along the banks are reluctant to allow access across their land. That is why the state has bought some land to provide public access points.

REPORT TO THE PUBLIC

The purpose of the MRI grant program is to involve the public in stewardship of water quality. On June 1st, Great Brook and CONVAL students presented the results of their research and water quality testing to the public at Riverfest '96.

Fifth graders' mill quilt along with maps, illustrations, and reports conveyed the rich mill history of Antrim. Demonstrations and hands-on use of water testing equipment enable the public to better understand the graphs and charts depicting water quality monitoring results. CONVAL students explained the existing Contoocook River Management Plan. A wetlands newsletter chronicled the students' study through stories, poetry, reports, and sketches.

Hands Along the River is an on-going project to improve stewardship of our waterways. Many of the Riverfest projects can be seen at the Antrim Historical Society's Mill Products exhibit at the James A. Tuttle Library and at various Old Home Day celebrations throughout the summer. The fifth graders' World Wide Web Home Page will be updated as new data is collected. A family Clean-Up Day of Great Brook and the Contoocook will be sponsored with the help of the Harris Center in the fall. With the privilege of using the water our brooks and rivers provide comes the responsibility for maintaining their health and quality.

* Merrimack River Initiative Local Involvement Grant program through the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission and the U.S. EPA - New England.

NH HUMANITIES COUNCIL GRANT TO GILMORE

The New Hampshire Humanities Council has awarded Antrim's Lyman Gilmore a grant to give presentations on his biography-in-progress of poet and essayist Joel Oppenheimer in libraries throughout the state. Oppenheimer was a literary legend in New York's bohemian Greenwich Village from the 1950s through the 1970s. In 1982 he moved to Henniker where he wrote and taught until his death from cancer in 1988. An earlier version of Gilmore's presentation entitled "Village Poet: Joel Oppenheimer in New Hampshire" was held at Antrim's Tuttle Library this past fall.

ANTRIM

IN THE EVENING



This summer **Antrim In The Evening** returns with a full line-up of musical events. Many old favorites return, as well as some new groups and performers. There will be shows to please just about every musical taste. This summer's offerings also include a series of shows for the young and the young at heart. Most concerts will be on Wednesday evenings, with holiday and family shows on other nights, too. All shows will be at the bandstand in Memorial Park.

The **East Bay Jazz Ensemble** will kick off the summer at 7:00 pm on June 26. This 12 piece band from the Upper Valley performs the music of the Big Band Era. The Antrim Historical Society will be serving Strawberry Shortcake, too.

Independence Day, July 4, will see a full day of events (see news item on page 18) culminating in a performance by juggler Jon Parisi at 4 pm and music by the swing band **Ain't Misbehavin'** at 5 pm, featuring Antrim's own Gary Gagnon. The Lions Club will dish up an old fashioned Ice Cream Social. Come early, bring a picnic dinner and enjoy music and dessert before heading off to your favorite fireworks show.

On Thursday, July 11, **Trickster Fox**, a colorful multi-character clown, will come to town with a show that is sure to entertain young and old. Trickster's comic show is a combination of juggling, unicycling, magic, musical saw, stilt-ing, walking the globe and balloon sculpture. Audience participation adds to the fun.

The list of Antrim favorites continues with the **Jack Jackson Big Band** on July 17 at 7 pm. This will be the third year for Jack's band in Antrim. July 31 will feature the **Temple Band**, America's oldest town band and a local favorite. The final Wednesday concert will feature the **39th Army Reserve Band** of the New Hampshire Army National Guard based in Manchester. They will perform on August 14 starting at 7:30 pm.

The Red Wagon, a traveling children's theatre group from the University of New Hampshire, will pull their van up to the bandstand on Thursday August 8. Their energetic style of story telling has been delighting children in Antrim for many years. Their show begins at 1 pm.

The final family show for the summer will feature **Harry Lowenthal**, on Tuesday August 20 at 6 pm. Performing on voice, guitar, flute, and hand percussion, Harry presents a diverse variety of songs that have appeal to children and adults alike.

Closing out the summer concert season will be a Labor Day Blues and BarBQ Bash on September 1, featuring Antrim's favorite Blues Band, **Otis and the Elevators**. **Their** show will be accompanied by a chicken BarBQ provided by the Antrim chapter of the Odd Fellows. Music and BarBQ will begin at 5 pm. Rain date for this event will be Monday, September 2.

So, come on out for some fun evenings of music and community gathering. Dance the evening away on the tennis court, or spread your blanket on the lawn and soak up the summer evening. Bring a picnic dinner or enjoy refresh-

ments sold at each concert. Please note that parking will no longer be permitted adjacent to Memorial Park on Jameson Street. There is plenty of parking behind Wayno's and Rynborn, but please leave the front lots open for their customers. Parking is also available at the Town Hall, Primary Bank, and on adjacent streets.

For your convenience, Memorial Park will now be outfitted with bathroom facilities, improved lighting and easier handicap accessibility. Handicap parking will be reserved behind Wayno's, next to the foot bridge. In case of rain, concerts will take place in the Town Hall.

Antrim In The Evening is made possible, in part, by the generous donations of individuals and businesses in our community. **The Revival Shop** of the Presbyterian Church, **Contoocook Valley Telephone**, **Monadnock Paper Mill** and **Reade and Woods Insurance** have been generous in their support of this year's concert program, and there will surely be many more to thank by the summer's end.

For more information about **Antrim In The Evening**, call Jonas Taub at 588-6208.

FOLK TALES

Edwin Roberts

Editor's Note: Ed Roberts, brother of Antrim's Fred Roberts, grew up in Antrim in the 40s. He now lives in Pennsylvania.

Dick Brooks was a man of leisure who, fifty years ago, could usually be found meandering along the west side of Main Street sharing pithy philosophical observations with any one who would listen. He had been dubbed the "Mayor" because of his unusual grasp of local politics.

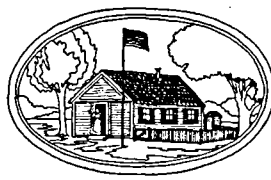
Pete Flood was the owner of the Texaco station in the center of town. Pete was also the Chief of Police, in those days less a job than a title. The Police Chief was expected to be seen in uniform on Town Meeting Day, but rarely on other occasions.

Pete's other claim to fame was that he had a glass eye, the result of an industrial accident, most likely while working for Texaco.

On one particular day in Spring, the news quickly spread around town that two escaped convicts were thought to be hiding in the area. Old people and women and children stayed home behind doors that were locked, perhaps for the first time. A Manchester radio station confirmed the report of the escapees.

No sooner had the convicts escaped, however, than they were apprehended by none other than the Antrim Chief of Police, Pete Flood. He found them—quite by accident—hiding in the woods somewhere along Route 202 between Antrim and Hillsboro. News of this heroic deed spread rapidly as the wondrous Jane Pratt, who was in charge of the local telephone switchboard, could spread information quicker than a mainframe computer.

As news of the astonishing deed reached Dick Brooks, the "Mayor", who was lounging in front of Proctor's Store, was heard to quip "Well whadda you know! Pete Flood caught them two crooks! Just think if he had two eyes! He'd prob'ly be President!"



NOTE from Barbara Black: All the GBS School News this month was written by students in my fifth grade class with the exception of one special piece by two eighth graders. Students did all the interviews themselves, sometimes returning to ask more specific questions. They then wrote and revised their copy until they were satisfied with the content. With the help of a computer, they did the final editing check and presented their articles for publication.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

By Austin Cottle and Krystal Kebler

What would you do if you were one smart person? Be student of the month, that's what. Great Brook students are very lucky. When it comes to "Student of the Month", every student can be one by working hard. How do Great Brook students get to be "Student of the Month"? Well, to begin with they must have at least two "white cards" for superior work. They must be in at least one extra curricular and do a minimum of four hours of community service. In the eight months since school started, approximately two hundred and fifty students have participated in the Student of the Month program.

Every month a dozen students are also selected in the "catch ya" card drawing. These students have been "caught" being honest, responsible, and/or cooperative. Sometimes they receive special prizes and sometimes they participate in the Student of the Month activity.

Some Students of the Month have gone swimming, bowling, to the art academy, and ice skating. Some also received free books at the Toadstool Bookstore.

Last month a former Disney cartoonist visited. Students had fun with Mark Mitchell who lives in Massachusetts and designs statues for Disney. He has traveled all over the country. He dreamed of becoming a cartoonist since he was nine years old.

MULTICULTURAL FAIR

By Tina Quinn & Cynthia Morton

The 7th graders are studying countries around the world. Each student is researching a different country. They are using resources like encyclopedias, computer encyclopedia disks, magazines, reference books, newspapers and almanacs. They started their research during the third quarter. The classes involved are Social Studies, English and Math. Students made masks, costumes and sculptures in art. In math they used information from their own country and four other countries in that region to make a graph comparing the various populations. Now students are cooking, putting the final touches on their projects and preparing their presentations. They meet for 20 minutes each morning to design what work their group will be doing that day.

The public is invited to the Multicultural Fair on Thursday, June 13, 1996.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

By Kate Chabot and Shannon Joseph

"So what's the Student Council been up to?" you might be wondering. Well, this is exactly what you've been looking for!

In early May the Student Council sponsored many activities that showed our appreciation for the adults at Great Brook School. One of those activities was an annual volunteer dinner. All volunteers were provided with baby-sitting and activities for their children while they attended the dinner. Every grade helped. Fifth graders created party favors; sixth graders busily made centerpieces; seventh graders made placemats. The eighth graders made banners and posters and also provided entertainment.

Other activities that week were a carwash and a luncheon for the teachers provided by the Student Council. The council decorated the L room for the meal with flowers and picnic tables.

The Student Council bought gifts for everyone. The secretaries got flowers. The kitchen staff received flowers and chocolates. Mrs. Grasso was given a plant, and the male custodians received ties. A very special person, Ms. Borry received a photo album and plants.

Great Brook School students hope this event helped show the appreciation we feel for our teachers, staff, and volunteers here at Great Brook School.

8th GRADERS' MEMORIES OF GBS

By Kathryn Card & Sarah Uhl

How does it feel to leave middle school and go on to high school? What lasting memories of GBS will you take with you? What do you expect high school to be like? These are the questions we asked Great Brook eighth graders from Mr. Drog's advisory. The majority of the eighth graders are looking forward to high school, although they know that with more privileges come greater responsibilities.

Jesse Allen mentioned that he thought Sargent Camp in fifth grade was weird but fun. He enjoyed seeing new faces and making new friends. The skits were a nice touch. Jesse thought the skits were fun because he liked working with classmates. All in all, Jesse thought the trip was worth while. He enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and the educational activities.

Abby Ross liked the seventh grade Multicultural Fair. She enjoyed cooking and presenting to the other students. Her class represented South America. Abby loved being able to work with her friends.

Some students felt they would have more freedom in high school. Eighth graders are looking forward to more choices, but seem to have a packed schedule. It seems that everyone is worried about leaving the security and comfort of GBS, but they think high school will be a lot of fun.

ARTS NEWS

By Tyson Harding and Robbie Lemieux

In June the seventh grade will have a Multicultural Fair. They started working on it in the third quarter and are still working on it now. The fair will be open to the public. For the art part of their project, they have made masks of plaster of Paris. They have painted murals of landmarks around the world and done drawings of animals. They had a lot of fun!

During the fourth quarter Mrs. Hewitt, the GBS art teacher, has been helping Mrs. Kenney's and Ms. Black's classes draw and study their individual mills and the history of the Great Brook. So far they have made plant sketches, posters for their Riverfest, pottery with one product that their mill produced sketched on it, and a drawing of a mill that they will paint.

On May 2 the Northern Lights Dance Theater put on a spectacular performance for the GBS community. They did a history of dance (4 dances). The show featured students in our school system: Emma Young, Rachel Hulse, Aisha Sanders, Kate McClure, Emily Langley, Shannon Wily, Hannah Maynard, and Alex Holding.

The National Junior Art Society show will be at the Corner Gallery in the SAU, in Peterborough, during the summer. The 7th and 8th grade students from GBS who will display their work are Brian Stacey, David Robbins, Sarah Buckley, Larrissa Powers, Jackie Robbins, Melissa Rodier, Heather Lawless, Shawn Shaw, Korrine Crafts, and Liz Bell. We hope you come!

THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!

By Peter Shipman and Joshua Sipe (Grade 8)

They're in your attic. They're on your windows. They're taking over your house, and you ask yourself, "Why"!

Looking for information about Ladybugs is not an easy thing to do, but we managed. Looking through insect books, encyclopedias and surfing the internet turned up nothing. So we took it upon ourselves to call around and ask questions. This is what we found.

The Ladybugs that are probably taking over your house are the multi-colored Asian beetle (*Harmonia axyridis*). They are virtually harmless insects that worked their way into New Hampshire from other states. They came to New Hampshire around 1994. In October, November, and throughout the winter, the tiny insects seek shelter. They usually gather by the dozens in your attic, chimney and other warm places in your house. They get caught on your curtains or window panes, leaving an orangery substance called the Ladybug "blood". To get rid of them simply sweep them into a dust pan or vacuum them up. Then put them outside (in the garden if you have one). Be careful you do not hurt them as you go about your daily business.

Ladybugs may seem like pests when they invade our home, but they are extremely beautiful and beneficial. When spring comes, they will exit your house so they can feed on scales and aphids which eat young plants.

We would like to thank the Department of Agriculture and Alan T. Eaton, an Entomologist from the University of New Hampshire, for their helpful information.



INTERVIEW WITH MRS. SNITKO

By Chris Dickie and Chad Durgin

It is Mrs. Snitko's first year of being a vice-principal. Mrs. Snitko came from being a music teacher to fill in as vice-principal at GBS. She said it is fun and busy. One of her main responsibilities is processing student behavioral plans (pink sheets). She said the pink sheets are an important part of the process for students to take responsibility for correcting their problems. When she is not busy, she fills in as nurse or does various other jobs.

Mrs. Snitko is going back to music next year. She has 21 years of experience in teaching music. Her favorite instrument is the baritone horn. Sometimes she teaches band.

Mrs. Snitko said GBS is a terrific school. Before she came to GBS, she taught at Marlborough. She has 2 children and she likes animals.

GREAT BROOK SCHOOL

By Molly Anderson & Jessica Brooks

Wetland studies, the Caribbean, Multicultural Fairs, walkways, sports - sound like a busy jumble? Lots of projects have been occurring at GBS this year. We interviewed Mr. Nannicelli about what has been going on in the school this year and what it's like to be principal; "It's a pleasure to work at Great Brook School because of the great teachers, great students, and wonderful parents." He believes that there is a lot of work to be done, but the GBS family is moving along. There is a good attitude about making changes, too.

Two of the biggest projects this year started with grants. One grant was issued so we could build a walkway behind GBS in the Great Brook wetland. This walkway will be for all people, not just GBS students. The second grant was given to two fifth grade classes to do a study of the Great Brook and to present their findings to the public. Projects like the wetlands and integrated studies are being worked on by other students too.

However, some changes from the last year weren't pleasant. Ms. Borry, the GBS assistant principal, has been battling a serious illness. She is planning to begin visiting the school regularly. She is recovering quickly and hopes to be back in the fall.

Looking into the future, Mr. Nannicelli wants GBS students to get into the community more. As a T-ball coach who serves on various town committees, he knows how great it is to be a part of the community. He would like to start a peer outreach program. This type of program would allow troubled kids the opportunity to have somebody their own age with whom to talk. Mr. Nannicelli would also like students to be able to work with a professional mathematician.

Although he misses teaching full time, Mr. Nannicelli does still teach eighth grade health. He thinks everybody has worked hard to make the school a better place and wants to thank the public for all their support. Mr. Nannicelli has worked at six different schools, and he says that of all of them, Great Brook School is the best.

MORE SCHOOL NEWS

\$ 75 AWARD

By JP Towne

Molly Anderson won \$75 for drawing a poster with "Clean up our Water" as the theme. Molly's picture shows a lot how hard work and effort. She won third prize and went to the 17th Annual Trade Fair.

Molly is in Ms. Black's class in the fifth grade wing. Molly is a great artist, and she enjoys it.

TRACK, FIELD, WHAT ELSE?

By Marcus Newbury and Jason Johnson

Sound the bells! The Olympics have started! GBS students are doing a track and field unit in physical education. Each class has been assigned a country, and everyone has picked his/her events. The students will compete in shot put, discus, long jump, frisby throw, hurdles, 50 yard dash, 100 yard dash, three relays and also the mile.

When all events have been finished, gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the top three boys and the top three girls in each grade. There will be 22 gold, silver, and bronze medals, so 66 medals will be awarded in each grade.

The school track team had their first two meets rained out, but they practiced hard all spring and ended up having a good season.

Last week Ms. Damelio started after-school volleyball for anyone in the school who wished to participate. She will start after school archery on June 3rd.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

By Elisabeth Miller and Garrett Lobacki

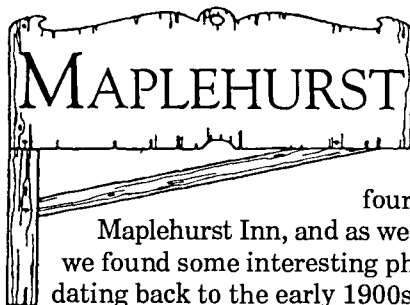
At GBS there is a great program which allows disabled students to take part in Olympic-like events. The "Special Olympics" were started by the well-known Kennedy family. GBS does four events a year. They have been doing this program for five years. Some of the events are cross country skiing, down hill skiing, soccer, basketball, skating and snowshoeing. All the coaches are volunteers. The coaches at GBS are: Ms. Pietrovito, Ms. Parker, Ms. SanMartino, Ms. Staley and Ms. Cook.

Saturday, May 11th, there was a meet in Keene. The students did running, long jump and soft ball throwing events. The students who participated were: Brian Gates, Alberta Vaynes, Amanda McCarthy, Samantha Hutchinson, Jeff Morrill, Patrick Hall, Chris Searles, Jeremy Greene, and Bill Elliot.

On May 31, June 1 and 2 there was a meet at UNH. Students took part in three different swimming events. They all slept in the UNH dorms. At UNH everyone won either a medal or ribbon. Everyone there deserved the gold!

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR JUNE

- 3 Archery begins
- 13 Seventh Grade Multicultural Fair
- 19 Last Day of School - For Students



NEWS

We've just opened the fourteenth guest room at the Maplehurst Inn, and as we moved furniture around we found some interesting photographs and registries dating back to the early 1900s. In fact, we came across a menu offered at the banquet celebrating the dedication of the Town Hall on March 8, 1894. It was a thirteen course meal! The menu, photographs and registries are now on display in the Parlor. If you've never seen the rooms before, we invite you to come and tour the inn one day this summer.

Our restaurant is gearing up for summer too, with expanded hours (see below) and the opening of the screened porch for outdoor dining. We're introducing a new "early bird" menu, offering lighter meals at a lighter price between 5:00 and 6:30 in the evening. Come and see for yourself!

Even the Tavern is getting in on the summer act, once again offering Summer Steamers and Pet's Wicked Ale on Wednesday nights. Our first Ladies Night was a big success, so we've decided that the last Friday of every month will be Ladies Night in the Tavern. We'll serve free hor d'oeuvres from 5:00 - 7:00 pm and the ladies will receive special drink prices all night long. So plan on joining in the fun.

Don't forget that the inn can help you celebrate all of the special events in your life. From baby showers to graduation parties and bridal showers to anniversary parties, we specialize in making memories! Last month we held a wedding, a 40th anniversary party, a 50th anniversary dinner, a birthday party, a baby shower, and a funeral lunch. The birthday party was particularly memorable as it was a 95 year old woman throwing a party for her two 79 year old friends!

Did you know that our Chef, Garret Sullivan, has another beautiful daughter? Ryane was born on March 12, 1996 and weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces. She looks a lot like her big sister, Erin, but has her Daddy's hair. Congratulations Cricket and Garret!

Summer Events at the Maplehurst

- Lunch** Wed, Thurs, Fri 11:30am-2:00 pm
- Dinner** Wed through Sat 5:00 pm-9:30 pm
- Sunday** "All You Can Eat" Buffet Brunch 10 am-2 pm

June 13 Cribbage Tournaments in the Tavern (and every other Thursday)

June 16 Father's Day Brunch

June (TBA) Wine Tasting Dinner

June 28, July 26, Aug 30 Ladies Night on Fridays

August (TBA) Murder Mystery Weekend

For more information you can contact the new innkeepers, Joe and Deb Burton, at the Maplehurst Inn, 67 Main Street, PO Box 155, Antrim, NH 03440 or call 603-588-8000.

Trish Overby, our previous innkeeper, moved to Pennsylvania in March to be with her family. We talked to her on her birthday and found that she is relaxed and in good health. If you would like to stay in contact with her you can write to her at: 29 Horseshoe Drive, Ephrate, PA 17552.



Dr. Tom Dowling, Great Brook Veterinary Clinic

Heat. It's not only a concern for reproductively intact, amorous females. All dogs are at risk to the dangers of heat as it pertains to high environmental temperatures.

Many people are aware of the threat of leaving their pet alone in a closed-up car on a warm day, but there are other situations to avoid as well. For example, dogs kenneled on concrete in full summer's sun, dogs tied out on a hot day, or overexertion can all result in serious problems.

Despite many owner's good intentions, heat stroke still happens. A hot dog can have life-threatening problems develop very rapidly. Dogs that are especially at risk include the type with short faces such as pugs, lhasas, bulldogs and the like, obese dogs, and older dogs with heart trouble.

When a vet sees a dog with heat stroke, the patient presents itself with red gums, racing hearts and rapid panting. What's really disconcerting is what is going on internally. A dog with heat stroke will develop generalized cell death which leads to severe acute kidney failure, clotting problems, shock, coma, and finally death.


The body's proteins are literally baked, and the brain swells rapidly.

If heat stroke is treated early enough, there is a reasonable chance for survival. Treatment by a veterinarian includes attempts to lower the body's core temperature without inducing hypothermia, using rapid and aggressive shock therapy with I.V. fluids and other drugs.

It only takes a little forethought to avoid dogs in heat. When traveling with your pet, if you need to leave it in the car, find a shady spot to park. Open the windows wide enough to provide good ventilation yet not wide enough for escape, and provide a dish of cool water to drink. For your intact, non-spayed female, a trip to the vet for a little "fixing" will alleviate *that* "heat" problem permanently.

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HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY DO I NEED IT?

Adapted from an article by P. Krueger, D.O., in the November 1995 issue of The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association.

A woman's decision to take hormone replacement therapy (HRT) during and after menopause should be made carefully. Factors unique to each individual along with various risks and benefits must be considered. It is appropriate for women to think about this issue prior to menopause and discuss it with her family physician.

HRT offers many benefits; relief from menopause symptoms, protection from heart disease, prevention of osteoporosis, and improved neurologic function. Relief of symptoms of menopause—hot flashes, irritability, insomnia, impaired urinary and sexual function—provides an immediate and obvious improvement in well-being. Much more critical, though, is the protective effect on the heart. Many women do not realize that heart disease is the leading cause of death in women, killing more than all forms of cancer combined. Estrogen lowers this rate of death by as much as 48%. Known risk factors for osteoporosis account for only 30% of cases—estrogen minimizes bone loss, resulting in a substantial reduction in hip and wrist fractures. Estrogen also seems to have neurological effects. Its replacement may prevent the increased dementia and decreased agility associated with age as well as possibly Alzheimer's disease (three times more common in women than men).

Risks of HRT include endometrial cancer, abnormal bleeding, and possibly breast cancer. Women are still 30 times more likely to die of coronary heart disease than of endometrial cancer. Progestin is added to estrogen to reduce the incidence of this cancer. However, side effects of continuous progestin therapy such as bloating, cramping, irritability, and irregular bleeding are the most common reason that women discontinue HRT. Theories of breast cancer caused by HRT are very controversial, with most studies showing no cause-and-effect relationship. In any case, lives saved from heart disease outnumber theoretical breast cancer deaths, even if the worst is to be believed.

Thus, overall, HRT should be considered by every woman as potentially beneficial. The decision to begin this therapy can be made carefully with counseling from her family physician. The physician will need to take into account many factors in this advice and may need to tailor hormone replacement strategies to individual needs.

A boy scout visited his sick aunt in her hospital room and sought to cheer her up by singing songs. When he finished he said, "Auntie, I hope you get better." To which she answered, "I hope you get better, too."

Did you know that ...

JEST FLOORING has moved to 20 Main Street? The building, owned by **Everett Judkins**, also houses the office of Greg Goff and Shear Locks Family Hair Care. On display at Jest Flooring is a wide variety of carpeting, vinyl flooring, ceramic tile, Oriental rugs, and hardwood. **Everett** does his own installations. For more information, call **588-3711**.



There is a new coffee shop in town? **THE GOOD TYMES**, owned and operated by **Julia Jimenez** (pronounce that J as H), is at 54 Main Street, next to Edmunds's Hardware. Breakfast and lunch are served daily—6:00 to 2:00 Monday thru Friday and 7:00 to 1:00 Saturday and Sunday. The dining area is bright and cheerful, as is the owner. The phone number is **588-4057** if you would like more information.

Clifton and Terri Chandler have opened a new store called **PENNY PINCHERS**? It is located near the Village Store, where Jest Flooring was located. Their stock is overwhelming—party favors, balloons, gifts, toys—some of everything. Their hours are 9:00 to 6:00 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:00 to 9:00 Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 9:00 to 5:00 Sunday. If you are looking for party favors, this is the place to go. And everything is priced very reasonable.

Gale Luby on Bennington Depot Road, near Blueberry Hill, has overwintered field-grown perennials at wholesale prices, plus medicinal and culinary herbs? Call her at **464-5161**.



SHEAR LOCKS FAMILY HAIR CARE has relocated to 24 Main Street? Michelle Sands is owner and operator of the salon and caters to men, women and children. For an appointment call **588-2111**.



Joe and Debbie Burton are the new innkeepers at the **MAPLEHURST INN**. They have come to Antrim from Tucson, Arizona. You may be asking yourself "Why?" Joe and Deb honeymooned in New Hampshire two and a half years ago and decided they would like to live and raise a family here one day. That day came a little sooner than they had imagined when Deb who was studying Hotel Management, received a call from a friend about a possible inn sitting position in Antrim. The Burtons jumped at the opportunity and have never looked back! Joe worked full-time for the Tucson Air National Guard and is currently serving with the Air National Guard Reserves at Pease one weekend each month. They are still getting settled in, but look forward to meeting our community and becoming involved in it. Please stop by and welcome them.

Would you like your business or craft listed in this column? Remember it's free advertising! Please call Gloria Schacht at 588-6338 or write to her at PO Box 143, Antrim. You can also contact any of the staff listed on the masthead of the Limrik (see the back page).



ABOUT TOWN

THE ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Members have been participating in the preparation/cleanup of the Aiken House for the Memorial Day viewing by the community and preparing refreshments for the volunteers.

The February/March display on **Politics** in the exhibit room at the Tuttle Library has been replaced by the fifth grade class project on the **Mills of the Past on Great Brook**. This has been under the direction of their teacher, Barbara Black. The exhibit, includes many products made by the various mills, that are in our collection. It is expected to remain on display throughout the summer months and can be viewed during library hours.

Parades and Promenades (\$15) and **Genealogy** (\$35) are available at the library for those interested in learning more about Antrim's history.

At the kick-off concert at the Bandstand in Memorial Park on June 26, the Historical Society will be serving traditional strawberry shortcake in honor of June's bounteous blessings. We hope this popular event will become a local tradition.

For many years the 4th of July was celebrated in Antrim in grand style, with parades, ball games and fireworks. But customs change; in recent years our residents have had to go to neighboring towns to celebrate our nation's birthday. The Memorial Park Committee has started what we hope will become another tradition—a 4th of July Family Day. Plan to start the day with complimentary coffee and doughnuts served by the Historical Society at the Bandstand from 9 am until 12 noon. Other events of the day are described in the Memorial Park Committee News, Independence Day, on page 18.

THE RAINBOW SOCKS PROJECT

Do you want to see a little of Croatia? Go to Anne Hennessey's Wool Room. Some 300-400 Bosnian women, living in refugee camps, were given yarn from America. These lifelong knitters, carrying the patterns of their foremothers in memory, make Rainbow Socks. Their Balkan-style, warm slipper socks and infant booties are then sent to the United States. Sale of the products, each signed by its maker, provides income for the knitters and a financial partnership with buyers.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION TOWN BEACH NEWS

The Antrim Parks and Recreation Commission is pleased to announce the appointment of Nancy Gladdings in the newly created position of Waterfront Director. Nancy will oversee all aspects of the Antrim Town Beach as well as teach a top-notch Red Cross swimming lesson program. Nancy and her husband Bob live in Bennington with their two children. Nancy has served as Waterfront Director in the town of Hancock since 1992. She also teaches private and semi-private swimming lessons at Hampshire Hills and Monadnock Bible Conference.

We are pleased to announce that Kevin and Carter Proctor will be returning as lifeguards this year. Kevin and Carter will be entering their sophomore and junior years at UNH in Durham. We wish to welcome our newest lifeguard, Danielle DeVincenzo. Danielle lives in Hancock and will be entering her freshman year at the University of Arts in Philadelphia majoring in modern dance. She was a lifeguard last year at Greenfield State Park.

The Antrim Town Beach will be open beginning June 30 and ending August 24 with lifeguards on duty from 10 am to 5 pm.

This year we will offer two sessions of swimming lessons for children ages four and above as well as a six week community water safety program for ages ten and above. The town of Antrim will not charge any fees for swimming lessons this year.

SWIMMING LESSON REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, JUNE 26-28, FROM 1 TO 4 PM.

Class sizes are limited. Registration will be on a first come first serve basis. Class times are subject to change.

SESSION 1: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
10 am to 1 pm
Beginning July 9 - Ending July 25

SESSION 2: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
2 pm to 5 pm
Beginning July 30 - Ending August 15

WATER SAFETY PROGRAM: Wednesday evenings
Beginning July 9 - Ending August 15

We thank Erin Proctor for her many years of service to the Town of Antrim as a lifeguard and swimming instructor. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

We also would like to thank the residents of Antrim who recently participated in our Beach Poll. A storage shed is in the process of being built. A special thanks to Phil Dwight and Carter Proctor for donating their time and labor to build the shed.

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding the Antrim Town beach, please feel free to call Cathy Burke at 588-8058 or Barbara Nichols at 588-6539.



GIRL SCOUTS

Dr. Tom Dowling, from Great Brook Veterinary Clinic in Antrim, was a guest speaker at Antrim Girl Scout Troop 310 meeting. He was asked to help us with our Pet Care Badge. Dr. Dowling, along with his two four-legged friends Gilbert, the dog, and Casper, the cat, demonstrated how to give medicine to pets so they won't spit them out. Dr. Dowling talked to us about floppy ears being a problem for some dogs, and how they need to be cleaned so they don't get ear infections. Dogs also have problems with fleas and should be brought to the vet if it gets real bad. We also learned how to take ticks off by using Vaseline. It's not a good idea to burn them off because you might burn the dog! Ticks carry Lyme disease, which makes the dog really sick, so it's important to always check for ticks. The tick will attach it's head into the animals skin, swell up and look like a piece of corn. People can get ticks and Lyme Disease too! We also learned about the different kinds of worms, like Heartworm and Tapeworm.

Cats may need to be wrapped up in a towel so that you don't get scratched when you give them medicine. Cats also get a disease called Feline Leukemia. If your cat doesn't want to eat and is getting really skinny, you should probably bring it to the vet to get checked for Leukemia. Cats can die from this disease if they don't get treated.

At the end, we got to ask Dr. Dowling some questions. One girl asked him if he ever cried when he had to put an animal to sleep. He answered that he always felt very sad when he had to do that. One girl even asked if it was OK for a mare to eat the afterbirth! Most of us didn't even know what that was. Dr. Dowling told us that after a mare gave birth it's important to check the afterbirth and not to let her eat it. Another girl asked if cats really have nine lives, and he thought that they probably do!

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Newly elected officers for the coming year are:

Commander Arthur Allison
 Sr. Vice Commander Robert Allison
 Jr. Vice Commander Steve Roy
 Adjutant Donald Paige
 Finance Officer Philip Lang
 Historian Arthur Bryer
 Chaplain Ted Brown

BOY SCOUTS

Several scouts have recently been promoted in rank. They include Jon Beige (Second Class), Ben Beige (First Class), and Jeff Kulpinski (Life). In addition to changes in rank, Arthur Heinzman and Topher Eppig were elected Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader.

The troop participated this spring in the Monadnock District Klondike, a "sled race" where the team must perform survival or first aid tasks as a group. The winter and spring camporees were canceled because of bad weather. The troop attempted to camp in the woods behind Martha and Dick Jennison's house on Old Hancock Road, but very cold weather encouraged an early evening departure.

The troop will attend summer camp at Hidden Valley in Barnstead during the week of July 8-12. They also have begun to plan the annual 50 mile hike in the White Mountains in early August.

The troop has been led this year by Scout Master Chester Heinzman with fun and enthusiasm, and the scouts are receptive to his guidance. The assistant Scout Master are Andy Linn, Dick Jennison, and Brian Burford. Brian was recently honored by Monadnock District Council of the Boy Scouts of America with the Annual Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations Brian!

For more information about scout activities, please call Chester Heinzman at 588-2968 or Brian Burford at 588-2920.

BASEBALL NEWS

Another season of Antrim Youth Baseball is under way. This year's turnout has swelled the ranks of young players to well over 100 participants. Antrim's young ball players range in age from 6 to 12 years old. The town boasts 7 youth baseball teams this year. Starting with the youngest players, there are two "Farm" level teams, two "Instructional" level teams, one Minor level team, and for the first time in history, we are fielding two Crotched Mountain Little League teams.

Local baseball fans can find these young competitors week nights at the Antrim ball fields. The season will continue through the months of May and June. Many thanks once again to the young players, their parents and all of the volunteer coaches who make this such a successful program.

The organizers of the baseball program would like to extend special thanks to all of our perennial in-town sponsors who help keep the program afloat. With such colorful team names, maybe you can guess who they are? "The Mighty Molars", "The Surfine Kids", "The Knotty Nines", "Safe at Home", "The T-Birds", "The Hot Shots", and "The Skeleton Crew".

Once there was a guy so old that when someone told him to "Act your age!" he died.

AIKEN HOUSE COMMITTEE

A community outside clean-up of the Aiken House took place on Saturday April 20. The lawn around the house was raked and some bushes pruned. Many loads of brush and leaves were delivered to the A.R.T.S. center. A small amount of outside work remains to be done when the ground is drier.

A general clean-up for the inside of the house was scheduled for Saturday May 18, in preparation for the Memorial Day Open House. The Aiken House Exhibit, prepared by the Antrim Historical Society, was placed there for the day to offer the community some background history of the location. A grateful committee thanks all who participated in the clean-up and a special thanks to the member of the Historical Society who prepared the refreshments.

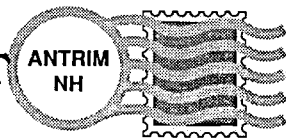
Watch the next issue of the LIMRIK for suggestions offered by the community after viewing the Aiken House.

ANTRIM-BENNINGTON LIONS CLUB

We are pleased to announce that the officers for the 1996-1997 year are as follows:

President..... David Cutter
 First Vice President Steve Schacht
 Secretary David Boule
 Treasurer Todd Joseph
 Membership Chairman Bob Flanders
 Lion Tamer David Boule
 Newsletter Chairman Sarah Edwards

The Lions Club is a non-profit organization whose primary focus is health services. We try to assist those in need of eyeglasses and hearing aids. Lions Clubs also are involved in Diabetes Awareness, Drug Awareness and Prevention and many other health related issues.



POST OFFICE NEWS

“Musical chairs” at the Antrim Post Office seems to have ended. Recent postmasters have been Bob Holmes, Glenn Sinclair, and officer-in-charge, Don Snow, but last March Bill Belanger took over and is set to stay with us. Prior to becoming the Antrim postmaster, he worked in that position in Dublin. Welcome, Bill—and thanks for seeing to it that the service desk is open right through the noon hour (which is an instance of his immediate goal of strengthening customer service).

Bill Belanger is a long-time resident of Henniker where he lives with his wife and two school-age children. He is a Henniker selectman and chairs that town’s Parks board.

Along with his duties as Antrim’s postmaster, he is part of a three-person team designated by postal management to create training videos for postal employees. This work takes him away from Antrim a couple of days a month.

Bill is pleased to be working with a fine staff at the Antrim office. This includes three rural mail carriers—Paula Morse, Don Currier, and Eric Langevin (with two substitutes, Pam Cleary, and John French); Two part-time clerks—Bob Black and Pat Rizzio; and one full-time clerk, Joyce Dunlap, who recently was honored with the prestigious Special Achievement Award.

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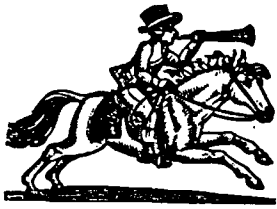
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MORE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

The Tuttle Library Gallery hosted its first 1996 art exhibit during the month of May with works by Fran Hewitt's GBS art students. Lauren Kirkpatrick of the Friends of the Library group, Fran Hewitt, and the library staff coordinated and set up the exhibit. We hope to make this an annual event.

The Friends of the Library group is up and running, and one of their many projects is the acquisition of a computer with CD ROM for the library. Projects already underway are: reading to AES students, planning and implementing displays in the Tuttle Gallery, planning fund-raising efforts, and volunteer work on Saturdays in the library. If you are interested in joining or for more information about the group, please call the library.

Many thanks to all our patrons who have generously donated books, CDs and videos. Our video collection is growing by leaps and bounds, thanks in part to these donations. We continue to encourage you to recycle items—books, audiotapes, videos, or CD's which you no longer want—by donating them to the library. Aside from clearing out your shelves, your donations are tax deductible too! Wait till you see the beautiful doll house donated by Jean Suomala. It will be on display soon.

Book displays planned for the summer months are:

June	<i>Great Summer Reading</i>
July	<i>Light and Easy Cooking</i>
August	<i>New Hampshire Authors</i>

SOME READING TIPS

- ⇒ While you are browsing, check out our "If you liked the movie, you will love the book" display. Tom Clancy, Louisa May Alcott, Michael Crichton, Terry McMillan, Jane Austen, and many more have had their books adapted by the film industry. (Some more successfully than others)
- ⇒ While you are waiting for Patricia Cornwell's new book to be published in July, fans of her mysteries featuring a forensic pathologist, might want to consider reading Aaron Elkins. His detective, Gideon Oliver, is a forensic anthropologist.
- ⇒ Diana Gabaldon's fourth book in her series about 18th century Scotland is now scheduled to be published in October.

NEW BOOKS to take note of:

BUSINESS AND COMPUTER: Digital Imaging For Visual Artists; Data Recovery Bible; Rules of the Net; Electronic Document Imaging Systems.

FICTION: Sharyn McCrumb, *Rosewood Casket*; Barbara Taylor Bradford, *Her Own Rules*; Terry McMillan, *How Stella Got Her Grove Back*; Judith Krantz, *Spring Collection*; Elizabeth Berg, *The Pull of the Moon*; Danielle Steele, *Malice*.

HISTORICAL FICTION: Nigel Tranter, *Price of a Princess*; Morgan Llywelyn, *Strongbow*; Randall Wallace, *Braveheart*.

BIOGRAPHY: *Dreams of Exile—Robert Louis Stevenson*; George Burns, *100 Years, 100 Stories*; Christopher Darden, *In Contempt*; W.H. Murray, *Rob Roy MacGregor*; R. Olmstead, *Stay Here With Me* (NH author).

MYSTERIES: Rita Mae Brown, *Pay Dirt*; Martha Grimes, *Hotel Paradise* (not her typical mystery); Mary Higgins Clark, *Moonlight Becomes You*; Anne Perry, *Pentecost Alley* (also available on audiotape); Antonia Fraser, *Political Death*.

Come in and check out our new audiobooks, videos, and CDs. Audiobooks are great for taking on family vacations, commuting, exercising, etc.

NEW VIDEOS: *Rob Roy; Flight of Dragons; The Joy of Bach*; and *The Shell Seekers*.

Kids! Get ready for a great summer reading program this year: *Reading...the Best Game Around*. Check the Library around the end of June for sign-up.

ANTRIM GRANGE

Recent meetings of the Antrim Grange have included Youth Night, with many visitors enjoying a program of fun and games; Deputy Instruction with Subordinate Deputy Tom Johnson in attendance; and a program on the history of the Antrim Grange, with members looking through old records. For example, minutes from 1898 were discovered; "Programme in the hands of the committee. First was a reading by the secretary. Second was a reading by Brother Mark Simonds. Third, the question "Does it pay to attend the Fairs?" was opened by the Worthy Master, followed by the Chaplain, Steward and others. Fourth, was a reading by Sister Leona Tenney. Fifth, a reading by Bro Simons. The members on the whole thought that it did pay to attend the Fairs."

Members have participated in many State Grange activities—bowling tournament, Get Away Weekend, NH-VT night, ME-NH night, and drill rehearsals.

The roof of the Grange Hall needs repair and members will undertake some fund raising efforts beginning with a yard-and-bake sale on Memorial Day weekend. Look for Antrim Grange exhibits at the Cheshire, Hopkinton, and Hillsborough County Fairs this summer!

CHURCH NEWS



Presbyterian Church

June 2 † Sunday Worship at 10 am

June 9 † Sunday Worship at 10 am

Rev. Dr. Glenn Miller of Bangor Theological Seminary will be guest preacher.

August 12-16  Vacation Bible School
9:00 - 11.30 am



Baptist Church

August 12-16  Vacation Bible School
9:00 - 11.30 am

Antrim Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School, an ecumenical program involving all churches in the area, titled "Seaside with the Saviour". Children aged 4 through grade 6 are invited to set sail for a cruise around the Sea of Galilee. Portside visits will begin at the Antrim Baptist Church each morning, Monday through Friday, and conclude there at 11.30 am. In the interim, there will be songs, snacks, games, and most important, Bible stories told by Peter, Andrew and others who experienced life with Christ.

Volunteers are needed to help "Michael Row the Boat Ashore", and donations of shells, nets, and other nautical items for crafts and decor will be appreciated. Contact the Presbyterian Church at 588-2209 or the Antrim Baptist Church at 588-6614 to leave your name or donation. Please pre-register your children as soon as possible so we will be sure to have enough sardines on hand!

We encourage families to plan vacations around the cruise dates, August 12-16, because we don't want anyone to miss the boat!

ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

On May 11, the Conservation Commission and the Woman's Club sponsored a spring roadside clean-up organized by Linda Bryer. Fifteen families collected more than 1000 beverage containers and 8 pickup-truckloads of trash! Lunch for participants was provided by members of the Woman's Club at the Baptist Church. Reports were that much trash had accumulated downtown, with a couple of streets really awful. Some streets, however, were in fine shape, particularly Main Street and Highland Avenue. There will be another Roadside Clean-up day next spring. Meanwhile, we're all urged to be our own picker-uppers.

CAMP CHENOA

The girl scouts' Camp Chenoa on Gregg Lake opens on June 23 for its first full summer of activities. The camp's director is Missy Long.

Nine sessions are being offered including one for four days and several for one week and two weeks. Costs vary according to length and activities—for instance, some sessions include riding lessons, some do not—with a range from \$95 for the 4-day period to \$405 for the most expensive of the two week meetings.

The new camp facilities include adirondack shelters or cabins with built-in bunk beds, a new wash house and shower house, an infirmary, arts and crafts space, a pavilion for rainy days, etc. For this first year, meals will be served in a "circus" tent.

The public is invited to an Open House on Sunday June 2 from 1-4 pm but, since space for camp sessions is limited, prospective campers are urged not to wait for this time to register. Phone 800-654-1270 for information. Camp sessions are:

June 23-29	One Week
June 23-July 5	Two Weeks
June 29-July 5	One Week
July 7-13	One Week
July 7-19	Two Weeks
July 13-19	One Week
July 22-August 2	Two Weeks
August 4-16	Two Weeks
August 17-20	Four Days

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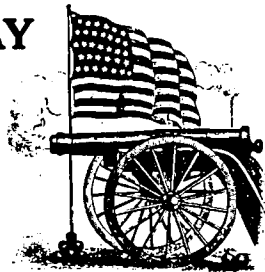
INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 4, 1996

A day of activities is planned for July 4 this year. Come on down to the Bandstand at Memorial Park for coffee, donuts and a social gathering, from 9:00 am until Noon. At 11:00 am, the Soap Box Derby returns to Summer Street. It's not too soon to begin building that soap box racer for the big event. For more information about the Soap Box Derby, call Gary Gagnon at 588-3095.

After the race, come on over to the ball field and cheer on the Little Leaguers. There will be a little league game, followed by a community soft ball game. All are welcome to participate. Last year's game was a big success.

At 4:00 pm, the activity shifts to the Bandstand at Memorial Park. The evening's show will open with juggler Jon Parisi. At 5:00 pm, the swing band Ain't Misbehavin', featuring Gary Gagnon, will take to the stage. The Lions Club will dish out an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social. Bring a picnic dinner, enjoy the show and an ice cream sundae for desert. The show will end at 7:00 pm, leaving plenty of time to get to your favorite fireworks show.



RECREATION CENTER

PAT MAYNARD, DIRECTOR

The Antrim Rec Center has had a busy winter, with increased attendance resulting in the addition of three adult chaperones on Friday nights and two on Saturdays. On Friday nights we frequently see over 80 kids and because Rec Rules allow them to be outside on surrounding grounds, we must monitor the outdoors too. These grounds include the GBS parking lot, the grass areas surrounding the gym, the front sidewalk and the rear drive. This does not include the playground or the two schoolyards. Kids found in these areas are Off Grounds and, after dusk, may be trespassing with a possible \$250 fine. Rec Rules tell kids exactly what their boundaries are, but parents are strongly urged to come get a copy and learn our policies. Kids are allowed to go downtown or to a friend's house if they sign out. If this concerns parents, please discuss it with your child so that he or she understands *your* feelings about it. We are supervising so many youngsters that we cannot enforce individual family values! Parents are not only encouraged to visit, they are very much needed to become volunteer helpers to ensure safety and a good time for everybody.

This past winter we had two concerts, basketball tournaments, dances, movies and a great Easter party. This spring we will purchase a new hockey game, video games, and sports equipment. We are hoping for community sponsors for replacing our tired and tattered curtains. Would anyone like to "Adopt a Window"?

Heartfelt thanks to Brenda Kulbacki, the long-time president of the Antrim Friends of Recreation. We really could not have survived without her selfless service and hours of dedication to the kids and our programs. Many thanks from all of us, and best wishes.

Finally, the Rec Center is awarding a \$500 scholarship to an Antrim student entering college this fall. Please contact us for information and an application.

ANTRIM WOMAN'S CLUB

The final meeting of the year was a luncheon at the Maplehurst Inn. The committee in charge was Anne Miller, President, Susan Taylor and Trudy Oesch.

Activities for the coming year will begin on Tuesday September 10 at 1:30 pm at the Fellowship Hall of the Antrim Baptist Church, program to be announced. For more information, please call our membership Chairman, Jean Berry, at 588-3762.



ANTRIM GARDEN CLUB

- Monday June 24 1:00 pm Antrim Baptist Church
Visit local gardens. Meeting and refreshments at the home of Paul and Anne Miller.
- Monday July 22 1:00 pm Antrim Baptist Church
visit the greenhouse of Dick Carlson in Temple. Meeting and refreshments at Doris Bryer's.
- Monday Aug 26 12 Noon Cookout at the home of Janice Brooks. Bring utensils. Plant swap.
- Monday Sept 23 1:00 pm Antrim Baptist Church
Visit the Franklin Pierce Homestead, then to Pillsbury State Park for meeting and refreshments.

FROM ANOTHER CHURCH BULLETIN

This being Easter Sunday, we asked Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.



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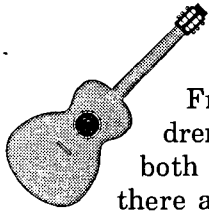
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Guitar Classes

Frank Wallace's new guitar classes for children ages 5 to 12 are now up and running in both Antrim and Peterborough. Currently there are openings in the following existing classes: 6 to 7 year olds in Peterborough and Antrim, 8 to 9 year olds in Antrim, and 11 to 12 year olds in Peterborough. Other classes are still forming. Classes are small (two to four per class) and are half-hour in length. Children play on small guitars, making learning easier. These guitars are available through Frank Wallace. For more information, call Frank at 588-6121.

Voice Classes

Nancy Knowles is now teaching weekly singing classes in Antrim. Currently there is a class meeting Friday mornings, 10:30 - 11:30 for beginning/intermediate women. An evening class for more advanced singers who have some sight reading ability will begin when enough people have shown interest. The group will sing early American and Renaissance part-music and eventually do some informal performances. For more information, call Nancy Knowles at 588-6121.

NORTHERN LIGHTS DANCE THEATRE

Northern Lights is offering the following dance programs during the summer:

TUESDAY NIGHT TECHNIQUE

June 25 - July 30 (6 weeks)

Intermediate Ballet 6:30 - 7:45 pm

Intermediate Modern/Jazz 7:45 - 9 pm

DANCE CAMP

July 15 - 19 8:00 am - 12 Noon

8 to 12 year olds; elementary level classes in ballet, modern/jazz and percussion. The group will work on an informal presentation for friends and family on the final day. Instructor is Pati Cloutier.

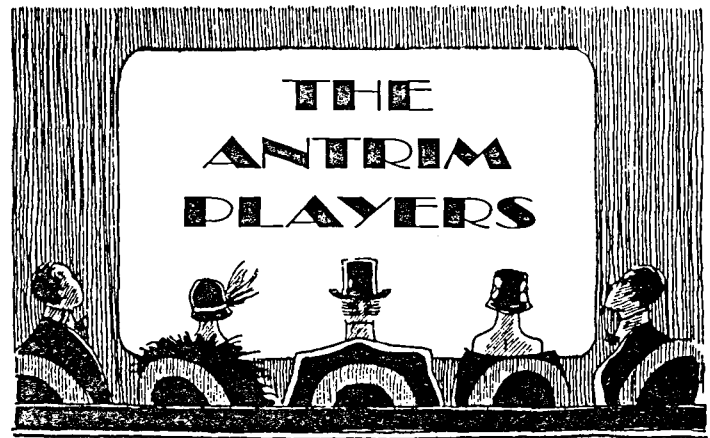
DANCE INTENSIVE

August 5 - 9 6:00 - 9:00 pm

12 year olds to adult; intermediate level classes in ballet and modern/jazz, including special stretch segment and choreography. Instructors are Renee Blinn and Pati Cloutier.

Please call 588-8055 or 588-6136 for more information or to register for any of the above. Deadline for registration: June 15.

A teen-ager said to her father, "Dad, I've got to go out. Would you do my homework for me?"
The father answered "Oh, it wouldn't be right" to which she said, "Well, give it a shot anyway!"



What do you do with old musical revues? "Recycle" them, of course. Ray Sweeney has promised to revive some of the favorite acts from his previous "Popcycle" shows, adding a few new surprises, for an Antrim Players' production in the fall. Details and dates will appear in the next LIMRIK.

Plans are in progress for a summer play to be presented on the second weekend in August. Bearing in mind that audiences like to laugh in hot weather (not to mention cold weather) several popular comedies are being considered, as well as some "whodunits".

Paul Dugan, a newcomer to the Players, has unearthed in the dark recesses of his home on Waverley Street, several backdrops from the 1870s. These were probably painted for the use of the Waverley Dramatic Society, an energetic but short-lived local theatrical group from that period. Even if these old scenes may not fit our contemporary plays, they will surely be displayed in the Town Hall at future Players' productions.

HOT TO TROT 4-H CLUB

Hot to Trot kids are heading into a summer with many activities. Our club is looking forward to the 3rd annual Hot to Trot 4-H Open Horse Show on August 11. Members will be collecting sponsors in June and July. Money will go toward the purchase of ribbons and a trophy for a class. And once again, our club will be having a 4-H Day Camp organized by our wonderful leader, Beth Merrill.

A few of our members will take part in State Activities Day in Durham on June 1.

We would like to recognize Megan Slater for doing a wonderful job on her dress for fashion revue. Another one of our members has done a superb job in the hippology phase of 4-H—that is when they test your Horse Knowledge. Great job, Olivia!

Our third trail ride to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital was a great success, with nine riders participating. Thanks to all. For more information about our club, contact Beth Merrill at 588-6615.

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JUNE

- 1 Blues at the Rynborn – *Loaded Dice*
- 2 Camp Chenoa Girl Scout Camp Open House – Gregg Lake – 1 - 4 pm
- 2 Antrim Recycling Transfer Station – Summer Extended Hours – 12 Noon - 4 pm
- 8 Blues at the Rynborn – *Two Bones and a Pick*
- 13 Multicultural Fair – Great Brook School
- 13 Cribbage Tournaments (and every other Thursday) – Maplehurst Inn Tavern
- 14 Blues at the Rynborn – *Big Jack Johnson*
- 16 Father's Day Brunch – Maplehurst Inn
- 19 Last Day of School – For Students
- 21 Blues at the Rynborn – *Blue Hill Kickers*
- 22 Blues at the Rynborn – *D.D. & the Road Kings*
- 23 Camp Chenoa Opens for Summer Camp Sessions
- 24 Antrim Garden Club Meeting – Baptist Church – 1 pm
- 25 Northern Lights Dance Technique Sessions Begin
- 26 Swimming Lesson Registration – Town Beach – 1-4 pm
- 26 Antrim in the Evening – *East Bay Jazz Ensemble* – 7 pm
- 27 Swimming Lesson Registration – Town Beach – 1-4 pm
- 28 Swimming Lesson Registration – Town Beach – 1-4 pm
- 28 Blues at the Rynborn – *Ed Vadas' Fabulous Heavyweights*
- 28 Ladies Night in the Tavern – Maplehurst Inn
- 29 Blues at the Rynborn – *Art Steele Blues Band*
- 30 Town Beach Opens – Lifeguards on Duty 10 am - 5 pm

JULY

- 4 Independence Day Celebration – Memorial Park Bandstand & Downtown Coffee & Donuts – Bandstand – 9 am - 12 Noon
- 4 Soap Box Derby – Summer Street – 11 am
- 4 Softball/Baseball – Ball Field – 1 pm
- 4 *John Parisi* – Juggler – Bandstand – 4 pm
- 4 *Ain't Misbehavin'* – Swing Band – Bandstand – 5 pm
- 5 Blues at the Rynborn – *Jacksonville Blues Band*
- 6 Blues at the Rynborn – *Lucille & the Steamers*
- 9 Session 1 Swimming Lessons Begin – Town Beach – 10 am - 1 pm
- 11 Antrim in the Evening (Family) – *Trickster Fox* – 6 pm
- 12 Blues at the Rynborn – *K.D. Bell*
- 13 Blues at the Rynborn – *Biggs Band*
- 15 Northern Lights Dance Camp – July 15-19 – 8 am - 12 Noon
- 17 Antrim in the Evening – *Jack Jackson Big Band* – 7 pm
- 19 Blues at the Rynborn – *Low Down Towne & Root Juice*
- 20 Blues at the Rynborn – *Loaded Dice* – 9th Anniversary Party
- 21 Blues at the Rynborn – *9th Annual Blues Bash at Wayno's Farm*
- 22 Antrim Garden Club Meeting – Baptist Church – 1 pm
- 26 Ladies Night in the Tavern – Maplehurst Inn
- 26 Blues at the Rynborn – TBA
- 27 Blues at the Rynborn – *Dave Maxwell's Blues Wizards*
- 30 Session 2 Swimming Lessons Begin – Town Beach – 2 - 5 pm
- 31 Antrim in the Evening – *The Temple Band* – 7 pm



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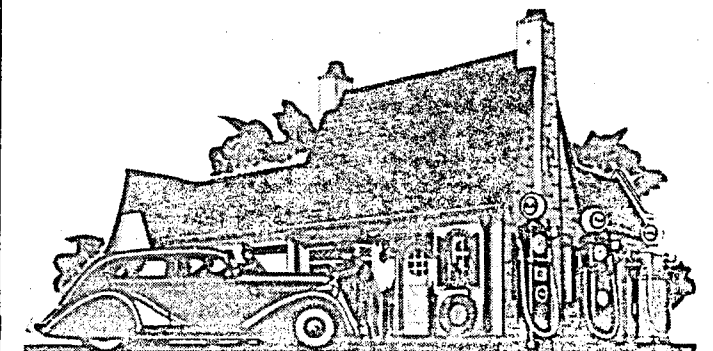
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Antrim Community Calendar

AUGUST

- 2 Blues at the Rynborn - *Blue Hill Kickers*
- 3 Blues at the Rynborn - *B.J. Magoon & Driving Sideways*
- 5 Northern Lights Dance Intensive - Aug. 5-9 - 6 - 9 pm
- 8 Copy Deadline - September issue of LIMRIK
- 8 Antrim in the Evening (Family) - *The Red Wagon* - 1 pm
- 9 Blues at the Rynborn - TBA
- 10 Blues at the Rynborn - *Vykki Vox & the Soul Searchers*
- 11 Hot To Trot 4-H Open Horse Show
- 12 Vacation Bible School - Aug. 12 - 16 - Baptist Church - 9 - 11:30 am
- 14 Antrim in the Evening - *39th Army Reserve Band* - 7:30 pm
- 16 Blues at the Rynborn - *Bobby Radcliff*
- 20 Antrim in the Evening (Family) - *Harry Lowenthal* - 6 pm
- 23 Blues at the Rynborn - TBA
- 24 Town Beach Closes - Lifeguards Off Duty
- 24 Blues at the Rynborn - *West End Blues Band*
- 26 Antrim Garden Club Cookout - Home of Janice Brooks - 12 Noon
- 30 Ladies Night in the Tavern - Maplehurst Inn
- 30 Blues at the Rynborn - *Mark Nomad*
- 31 Blues at the Rynborn - *Loaded Dice*

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Antrim in the Evening - Blues and BarBQ - *Otis and the Elevators* - 5 pm
- 10 Antrim Woman's Club Meeting - Baptist Church - 1:30 pm
- 23 Antrim Garden Club Meeting - Baptist Church - 1 pm



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